

The Good Life...

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Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 25 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct. 23 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, Oct. 2 – 7:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 10 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 1 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sept. 17 – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 15 – 6:30 pm

Welcoming Committee

Monday, Sept. 9 – 10:30 am

Resident Reserve Study Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 24 600 – 830 pm
Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes

Budget Hearing (rescheduled)

Monday, Oct. 7

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 29
High Point Church

Event Calendar

Tamarack Bridge

Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

Pool Party – Sept. 15

Sunday, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Pool Closes Monday, Sept. 23rd

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

Current News

TAMARACK BOARD CANDIDATES SOUGHT

The Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking Tamarack owners who are willing to serve on the Tamarack Board of Directors. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. There will be four seats up for election at this meeting.

The Nominations and Elections Committee encourages you to think seriously about whether this is the right time for you to contribute to our community in this way. This service would be a rewarding way to engage your skills and talents to make a difference in our community while working side by side with other dedicated people on the Board, its committees, and staff.

What's Required? To be part of the seven-member Board, you must be a Tamarack owner available to attend meetings. Beyond that, you can expect to do a minimum of 5-6 hours of work per month, on Board work, and as a liaison to a Board committee. When the Board undertakes a major initiative, more time may be required. Board terms last two years, with a two-term limit.

Not Required but Useful. Often, Board members have practical expertise, and occupational or civic-volunteer experience useful in overseeing Tamarack's activities. However, many leaders come to the Board as enthusiastic generalists, keeping the broad picture in everyone's focus.

What are the Rewards for Being on the Board? Tamarack continues to be one of Madison's premier places to live. You will have opportunities to perfect leadership skills and have the satisfaction of giving back to others what they have given to you.

Process. By September 17, 2019, via phone call or email, owners suggesting possible nominees should contact a member listed below. Suggested nominees will be contacted. The other route is self-nomination, which involves acquiring and submitting a nomination form available at the Tamarack office and on the Tamarack website by September 17th.

Subsequently, as a Candidate, you will be asked to prepare a brief statement that will be provided to all owners and that you attend a meeting where the roles and expectations of being a board member will be discussed. Attending a Board meeting is also suggested.

Nominations and Elections Committee:

Jean Allen	827-0446	jeandjo@tds.net
James Steinbach	347-0234	jbsteinb@gmail.com
Harry Miles	234-1330	harry@harrymiles.com

New Dwelling Insurance Carrier

As of September 1, 2019, Tamarack has a new dwelling insurance policy. The insurance deductible remains at \$10,000 for the next year. The agent is Ansay & Associates and the carrier is Acuity Insurance out of Sheboygan, WI. If you require an insurance certificate, email Bri Hauge at bri.hauge@ansay.com.

Watershed Study Walking Tour

The City of Madison Engineering Division is working on the Pheasant Branch Watershed Study. They are scheduling the first round of Flooding Focus Group meetings, including one at Tamarack. This is an outdoor, walk-and-talk event, which will be an information-gathering opportunity for the City.

Friday, September 27th, from 9:00 - 10:00 am.

Meet at the Tamarack Trails Clubhouse.

The meeting will occur rain or shine, so please dress appropriately. We will be walking around outside, so please be aware of your surroundings.

For more information on the watershed studies, please visit:

www.cityofmadison.com/live-work/extreme-weather/flooding

Or the Pheasant Branch Watershed Study at

www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/madison-pheasant-branch-watershed-study

The far eastern section of our property is part of the Spring Harbor Watershed Study. Links to that study are available online. [Note: This is a City-led tour, not a Tamarack activity.]

Activities & Events

Co-ed Bowling Leagues Forming

Schwueglers bowling alley is starting its fall season. On Tuesday mornings starting at 9:15 there are openings on co-ed teams. The cost per week is \$10.00 and includes 3 games plus coffee and friendship. If you have any interest in this fun sport, please call Pat King 608 576-8200 to find out more details.



REMINDER! The last day the pool is open is Sunday, September 22nd 10 am - 7pm.

September Pool Hours:	Monday - Friday	Saturday/Sunday
	2:00pm – 7:00pm	10:00am-7:00pm

Dinner by the Pool!



Music • Food • Drinks • and Friends

September 15, 2019 • Sunday, 5:00 - 8 pm

RSVP by September 11 Refreshments begins at 5:00

Let's show appreciation for our "Good Life" by bringing a non-perishable donation for the Lussier Food Pantry. (Two large receptacles will be placed near the entrance gate or your donation).

Enjoy live music, tasty food and meet new residents at the Pool Party.

Meal includes your choice of the following hot sandwiches: Rib Eye Steak, BBQ Pork, Marinated Chicken Breast or Vegetarian Burger plus potato salad, coleslaw, fruit salad, lettuce, onion, tomato, condiments, lemonade, iced tea, and dessert.

[Reservation Forms are available at the clubhouse and attached to the end of this newsletter.](#)

Forever Fit Fitness Class at Tamarack



Monday & Wednesday 4:00-4:45 - from Sept 30 - Jan. 15
(No class Nov. 18, 20, Dec. 25, Jan 1)

Testimonial: "Forever Fit exercise class is a fun, affordable way to get or stay in shape. Patti always makes class fun but varied. We use exercise balls, weights, mats, and stretchy bands. It's a great way to improve one's strength, fitness, flexibility, and balance. Join us!" Jan Haas!



Payment due by September 4 - \$84.00

Please call Patti Sponem - 279-3149 or Email: psponem@gmail.com

Seasonal Reminders & Projects



Mike Rohr, David Reed and Anne Rohr (Liz Farnham not pictured).

A small committee this year, formed by Anne and Mike Rohr, David Reed and Liz Farnham completed the measurement and then a compilation of all the concrete patios, decks, porches and linear feet of the rock walls within the Tamarack community. The group feels they are pretty darn accurate in their numbers and notes that there are several more decks than originally thought. Would you believe we have 32,000 square feet of deck space, over 23,000 square feet of concrete patio, and over 4,500 linear feet of rock wall within Tamarack! Our thanks to all the curious residents who came out to check on us and chat about our progress.

Grounds Update

Our seasonal help finished at the end of August and it is back to just Jeff and me. Jeff is working on drainage and grading issues. When the fall plant order gets in he will be planting that. I changed out some of the annual pots for fall plants. I am also watering nursery that was planted this spring and pruning shrubs and trees for another round. We will be doing a dominant seeding on some troubled areas around the property plus an aeration.

Boley is behind the schedule this season and will be doing tree work in November or December.

Side notes: Please help us out and ask your guests and subcontractors to stay off the grass. Some weeds love compaction!!! Also please don't let your dogs urinate on the annuals. I had to remove some of them early because of the urine.

Happy Fall!! Angie Swan – Grounds Supervisor

Maintenance Update

Please Welcome Rich Vernier – Our New Maintenance Supervisor!



Hi! My name is Rich Vernier, I graduated from Sun Prairie High School. After graduation, I attended Northern Michigan University for computer programming. After college, I entered the Army and served initially with the 50th Airborne Battalion and completed my service with the 9th Infantry Regiment. While in the military I married my wife Tami, whom I met in college; we have been married for 32 years.

After leaving the military I began my career in the field of building maintenance where over the course of 29 years I became experienced with HVAC, plumbing, electrical, small appliance, carpentry, roofing, and home remodeling. Additionally, I have experience with automotive and small engine repair.

I look forward to being part of the Tamarack Trails Team and meeting all of you! Rich

Mitch is continuing to work on fences and Ryan is working on the painting work orders.

Tim and Rich are working on the work requests and everything else that pops up.

Work Orders and Reserve Projects:

The Clubhouse is being painted by Viktor Painting and will be completed by September 15th, weather permitting.

Poblocki was awarded the bid for Asphalt this year and is doing Tree Lane and Randolph Rd. driveways. We are waiting for the City to be done with their work on City sidewalks and for Affordable Concrete to complete their work at 7389 Tree Lane and 7409 Tree Lane before the asphalt goes in.

Affordable Concrete will be doing the concrete work this fall at the following addresses: 6 and 8 Pin Oak, 53 Red Oak, 5 White Pine, 7389 Tree Lane, 7409 Tree Lane, 7436 Cedar Creek, 7435 Cedar Creek. We will notify owners when this work gets scheduled.

Board and Committee Business

At the BOD meeting of 2019-07-16 the following actions were taken:

1. Approved recommendation of Amenities Committee to increase Clubhouse rental fee from \$25 to \$40, beginning in 2020.
2. Discussed next steps in reviewing the Full Reserve Study. All residents to receive a link to the report. Request comments from BOD and Committee Chairs/committees. Schedule face-to-face meeting with Reserve Advisors (completed). Develop a communication plan for residents. (ongoing)
3. Approved 2 appointments to Nominations and Elections Committee: Harry Miles, James Steinbach.

4. **The 2020 Budget Hearing** previously scheduled for Oct. 9th is being rescheduled due to Jewish holiday. **THE DATE IS MONDAY OCT. 7th.**

Reserve Study Presentation for Residents – Tuesday, Sept 24th 6:00 – 8:30 pm.
Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes - 444 Grand Canyon Drive

Board and Finance Committee members will be presenting an overview of the highlights of the Reserve Study. Come and learn more about the study, how the recommendations and results will be used for budgeting and policies.

Welcoming Committee

Frequently Asked Question: How is the annual monthly assessment fee (AMA) determined?

A: Each year the Finance Committee, after consulting with other committees, recommends a budget to the Board of Directors. The Board sends a summary of the budget to each resident and holds a public hearing. After the budget is adopted, residents receive notice of their annual monthly assessment (AMA), which is unique for each residence. Common area expenses, such as the clubhouse, are shared equally among all residents. All other expenses are distributed among individual units depending upon the units rebuilding cost, the replacement cost for each building component, or upon the density of units in its phase. Complex spreadsheets are used for this purpose.

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Group Furnace Inspections

We are working on a group furnace inspection for Tamarack residents. RA Heating will perform a furnace cleaning/yearly inspection for a discounted rate. The rate depends on the number of homeowners that sign up. A minimum of 10 residents must sign up for this offering to move forward. If 10 to 20 residents sign up the rate will be \$96+tax per inspection (21+ homes \$91+tax). Price does not include highly efficient filters. If interested in participating, please email Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com or contact the Tamarack office at 833-1615

Tennis Court and Pickle Ball Access and Sign Up

The tennis/pickle ball court is locked at all times. To gain access you need a key. Each unit owner is allowed to purchase two keys for \$10 each. Keys are only available through the Tamarack Office. The sign-up sheets are available at the tennis court gate for tennis and pickle ball reservations. Residents may sign up for a one and one-quarter hour session at a time, up to three days in advance.

	Appfolio Updates and Statistics (2019-09)
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76% Residents Activated Personal Portal 35% Residents have no email on File
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Note: with the Appfolio's private portal, the Tamarack Office no longer has access to your banking routing number or account number. This provides added security that we did not have in the past. It is a far more secure option for auto payments.

Beginning in January the late fee will be assessed post the 5th of the month.

DINNER BY THE POOL

SUNDAY SEPT. 15TH 5:00 – 8:00 PM---

Reservation and Payment Form

Deadline: September 11 @ Tamarack Office

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number of orders for the following hot sandwiches:

_____ ***Rib Eye Steak \$25.00***

Name of person(s) ordering _____

_____ ***BBQ Pork \$20.00***

Name of person(s) ordering _____

_____ ***Marinated Chicken Breast \$20.00***

Name of person(s) ordering _____

_____ ***Vegetarian Burger \$20.00***

Name of person(s) ordering _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to TAMARACK TRAILS

Meal Includes: potato salad, coleslaw, fruit salad, lettuce, onion, tomato, condiments, lemonade, iced tea, and dessert. Refreshments provided by the RAC!