

The Good Life...

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Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, May 20 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, June 17 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, May 13 – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, June 10 – 7:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, May 12 – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 10 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 26 – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, June 23 – 6:30 pm

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Current News

Dear Neighbors,

To say that the past six weeks have been tumultuous would be an understatement of great proportion. Covid-19 has changed our landscape in ways that few could have anticipated. Yet we are weathering the storm, sheltering in place, and keeping the safety and security of our community in the forefront of our minds.

This edition of the Good Life focuses entirely on the Covid-19 pandemic and how it has impacted Tamarack Trails. As our Association Manager Daryl Larson told us, it is important that you read all of the articles contained in this newsletter because they address a number of community issues.

First things first: To ensure the health of our residents, TT is working hard to comply with Governor Evers' Safer at Home orders. As provisions of the order are lifted over time, we will make adjustments accordingly and will notify the community in either email blasts and/or GL articles.

As of April 30th, the tennis courts/pickle ball courts have been locked in accordance with state requirements. The courts will be reopened when we are given the green light to do so. By the same token, the pool will not open on Memorial Day as is typically the case. As soon as it is safe to do so, the pool will be re-opened as well.

At TT, we are a social bunch and love to interact with each other. But, during this time, we request that you not go into the office. Many issues can be successfully resolved over the telephone. As a reminder, our office number is 608-833-1615. We also request that you not go into the maintenance facility at this time.

Meanwhile, our staff and contractors are busy accomplishing tasks and projects to the benefit of us all. Painting is ongoing, the blown-in mulch is complete for this year, and last night the BOD approved contracts for further painting, repairs to the tennis courts, repairs to concrete throughout the community, and rock wall projects. While maintenance staff cannot do work inside resident's homes at this point, they are busy doing exterior and common grounds maintenance work.

We encourage you to think of creative ways to get together virtually or safely by social distancing. Some residents on Oak Creek are planning to do a Jump Around on Saturday afternoon in one of our cul-de-sacs. A virtual coffee hour or cocktail party could be arranged on Zoom. The Board meeting was conducted on Zoom last night, and it went very well. We could set up folding chairs six feet apart at Walnut Grove Park and enjoy the warmer weather together. Or we could arrange for people to take walks together while social distancing. If these activities sound interesting or if you have other ideas, please let us know!

Thank you all for your cooperation during this very challenging time.

Your Board of Directors,

Janet Hirsch, Amy Kell, George Meyer, Anne Rohr, Dean Ryerson, Bob Jacobs, and Larry White

Stone Drainage Area Not a Walkway

The stone drainage area between 7330-7332 Cedar Creek Trails is not a walkway. Please avoid using this area as a short cut and abide by the posted by signs.

Slow down and watch for pedestrians

Due to CO-VID 19 there is an increase in pedestrian traffic on the trails. People are getting out and walking for exercise. Residents have been observed walking in Tamarack with the assistance of canes and /or walkers. Several drivers have been seen speeding through Tamarack. Please slow down when driving through Tamarack. It is difficult for elderly people and dog walkers to quickly get out of the way of a speeding vehicle. Since we do not have sidewalks in Tamarack it is necessary for pedestrians and cars to share the road.

Vista West Senior Living Community

In light of Covid-19, the closing for this property along our eastern border has been pushed back. In the last several weeks, work has been done at the site to relocate electrical lines that crossed the property. Capri Communities expects to start construction on June 1st.

We have received some updated site plans. Happily, for our residents on Honey Locust and Mountain Ash, it appears that several of the existing trees will remain and provide a visual and acoustic buffer. A new street which will run south from Tree Lane into the property will be named Bella Vista Drive.

Group Air Conditioner Checkup

The staff at the Tamarack office has arranged for and will coordinate a group air conditioner cleaning and inspection for Tamarack residents. *R.A. Heating* will perform a 15-point annual inspection and cleaning of the cooling system 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. The normal rate for this service is \$125 and the group rate will vary with the number of participants (starting at 101 + tax per inspection with 8 residents and decreasing to \$96 + tax per inspection if more than 10 sign up. If you are interested in participating, please email Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com or contact the office at 833-1615.

The price includes - cleaning the air conditioner unit, a "Summer Cooling 15 Point Inspection", and the installation of a new standard 1" filter. The price does not include – Space guard, Air Bear, or any highly efficient filters. Highly efficient filters (if needed) will be billed out at \$42.20 a piece at the time of the inspection.

Radon Testing Information

<https://www.channel3000.com/researcher-pushes-for-regulation-to-control-exposure-to-cancer-causing-gas/>

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Landscape/Maintenance Update

Please pick up after your dog!!!! Please do not put dog poop bags in the compost bin, we get charged for garbage that is left in the compost bin or we have to go dumpster diving!!! Also, please keep your dogs out of the flower beds.

Please remove tags to your pots or any compost that we pick up on Mondays.

If you have a concern about the way sub-contractors are doing their job, please contact the office and they will contact the Superintendents. We want to have less interaction with the orders that are given to the subcontractors from residents.

We are working on seeding work orders and damage from our snow plowing. The plant order will be here in a week or so. Please be patient, I am going by when the work orders were put in. I will be putting blue flags out where the plants will go and where Diggers has to mark. So please leave the flags. Annuals will be here in no time!!! Bring on Spring!!!

Angie Swan – Landscape Superintendent

Board and Committee Business

Notice from the Garden Committee

Notice from the Garden Committee: It is Spring, and the ground has thawed so it is time to get the gardens ready for this year's crops. You will notice many of your fellow Tamarack residents have started to fence and plant out at the Community Gardens. This is Tamarack property (at the corner of Westfield and Tree Lane) that has been permanently designated as Community Garden space. It is supervised by the Tamarack Garden Committee. This year we filled the garden space earlier than usual so there are no spaces available now, but we encourage you to stop by and enjoy viewing the bounty as it develops this summer. If you have questions please email Nancy Korda (Chair) at kordanan@yahoo.com. We look forward seeing you out there

Architectural Review Board

GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS *and...*

... the Book of Standards has been reviewed and discussed at a recent meeting of the ARB. This short article should provide more clarification to residents, staff and ARB on any changes to fences. Most units have a white, 2-horizontal board fence that either defines the space of that unit, defines a space between units, or is provided in areas where a drop-off or change in elevation may pose a hazard. Staff inventories fences before upcoming maintenance (either to upgrade or paint) and may need to determine if the position, length or angle continues to meet the initial design and location as reflected in the standard. **Residents and staff are encouraged to contact ARB prior to any changes to fences.** The Book of Standards text follows:

- A. Fences: Removal or Shortening Length

1. Fences at owner units in Tamarack provide the contour of the land area associated with each unit. The perpendicular angles and length of fences contribute to defining the general space for each unit and are not to be equated with the lots' measurements. This policy applies to the white horizontal boards consistent with TT's Book of Standards (page 3— "Distinctive Elements of TT's Architectural Style", #5) and is consistent with TT's "Sea Ranch" style).
2. Any homeowner who wishes to change the contour and/or length of an existing fence must submit a written request to the ARB for consideration.
3. The ARB needs to be informed, on a case-by-case basis, when a maintenance staff person is considering the shortening or removal of a fence in the process of doing a project. To prevent undue delay in completing a project, the maintenance staff person should contact the ARB chairperson who will select other ARB members to meet as a sub-committee as soon as possible. The purpose of this sub-committee is to review for safety, aesthetics and maintenance cost. This sub-committee can act on the designated request and communicate the results to the maintenance staff person involved in the project.

Submitted by Architectural Review Board, ARB

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Earth Day

Thank you to the residents who used their rakes, clippers and brute strength to give the central swale a spring cleanup.

