

The Good Life...

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Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 19 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 18 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, March 11 – 7:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, March 10 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 25 – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 24 – 6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

Monday, April 20 – 10:30 am

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

Spring Brunch

Saturday, April 18 – 11am

Tamarack Bridge

Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

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Current News

Request for By-law Revision

At the request from members of the Resident Activities Committee, the Board of Directors is considering a revision to our by-laws which would eliminate term limits for members of their committee. Currently, all committee members can serve up to three two-year terms. At that time, the individual must wait two years before rejoining the committee.

The proposed revision to Article X, Section 1 Standing Committees is:

(d) Committee members will serve up to three two-year terms. At the completion of the third two-year term with the exception of members of the Resident Activities Committee, a member must wait two years before reapplying for appointment.

The board is seeking comments from residents. This request will be reviewed at the March board meeting. Comments can be sent to board members or to the office.

Notary Services Available

Jean Hilgers at the Tamarack office is a Notary Public. Her services are available to Tamarack residents at no charge.

Keep Alert

Recently there were two unauthorized attempts to enter a residence through the patio door. Please make sure that you have your sliding doors and windows secured.



Welcome, Daryl Larson!

From the Board of Directors

Thanks to a community-wide effort, we are excited to report that our new on-site manager, Daryl R. Larson, is on board. He shares our common goal to maintain, preserve and add value to our property.

We are looking forward to working closely with Daryl. The board will be tapping into his knowledge of association management and his 28 years of experience managing multiple home owner associations in Wisconsin and at Villas West in Green Valley, Arizona.

As a professional member of the Community Association Institute (CAI), he has served on the boards in Wisconsin and Arizona and received national awards and recognition for his work. Through experience, education and examination, Daryl has achieved CMCA designation. We support his efforts to continue expanding his knowledge and his professional expertise.

As Daryl settles in, he will get to know the uniqueness of Tamarack. He is ready to work fairly and respectfully with all of us. Daryl will work to make sure that all owners feel at home in Tamarack. For those who were unable to attend the "Meet and Greet" on February 3rd, we encourage you to reach out and introduce yourself to Daryl.

Watershed Study Public Input meetings

Spring Harbor Watershed study meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 24th from 6:30 – 8:30 PM AT Muir Elementary Gymnasium, 6602 Inner Drive.

Pheasant Branch Watershed study meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. at Blackhawk Church, 9620 Brader Way, Middleton.

Completed, new, drainage model of existing flooding conditions will be presented. Watershed residents are invited to ground-truth the model results. Additionally, it will be another opportunity to ask questions and hear about our next steps.

There are not any proposed solutions at this time.

Activities & Events



Come and have some fun
with your neighbors.

Bring your favorite game and a snack to pass.

Where: Tamarack Clubhouse

When: Sunday, March 15th at 1:30

RSVP: Judy Bluel at 829-3663 or judybl@tds.net

Gerry Clancy at gerryclancy44@gmail.com



Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Please Clean Up After Your Pet

The following Madison General Ordinance pertains to the pet Owner's (your) responsibility for cleaning up after your dog.

- You must **ALWAYS** carry equipment sufficient to clean up your dog's feces. Dog feces should be flushed down your toilet.
- You must not allow your dog to defecate on any property, public or private unless you immediately remove, and properly dispose of the waste.
- You must not allow dog feces to accumulate on your property.
- You must keep your dog leashed **at all times**.



Dog feces can pose health risks to people and pets. Failure to follow these rules may result in citations. Keep our Association clean and safe. Please pick up after your dog while out on your walk. If you see someone in violation of the ordinance, kindly remind them of the city requirements.

Landscape/Maintenance Update

We are all working on snow when it happens, which seems like a lot recently! Jeff has been working with the Bobcat to clear areas for trash and pushing piles and moving piles. Jeff has also been helping me in Oak Creek dormant pruning when the weather isn't so bad. Ryan has been helping salt sidewalks and those tricky driveways that have ice buildup. Ryan is also working on fencing around the property along with Mitch. Mitch has been painting boards to keep Ryan busy and he's also working on dryer vent cleanings and billable jobs. I have been working on keeping the crew busy, sending out RFPs for upcoming jobs, EAB letters, Arborist list and plant replacement jobs. Residents please let me know if you would like to change your status on the NO mulch, No Herbicide and/or NO trim list!

Think Spring!!

Angie Swan – Landscape Superintendent

Board and Committee Business

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Thank you again for your participation in the new manager selection process. If you haven't yet met Daryl, you're in for a treat. He is a wonderful addition to our Tamarack Trails family.

One of the lessons that the Board took away from the selection process was the importance of involving as many residents as we can in our community deliberations. One way to do this is to broaden the participation of owners on our committee structure. Have you ever thought of serving on one? We have a number of committees including policy committees and community committees. The policy committees include Finance, Maintenance, Human Resources, Amenities and the Architectural Review Board. The community committees include Resident Activities, and Garden and Welcoming committees. Some of these committees have openings now or may have openings during the year. We also intend to create some ad-hoc committees this year to focus in on specific issue areas such as assessments and insurance issues. More on those later.

We would like to request that residents serve on no more than one policy committee so that we can expand the number of people who can participate overall.

Interested in serving? If so, please let a board member or the office know.

Your Board: Janet Hirsch, Amy Kell, George Meyer, Anne Rohr, Dean Ryerson, Bob Jacobs & Larry White

Tamarack News and Tidbits



A new resident on **Winterberry Trail**?
An appropriate home for the month of February.

This March be sure to respond to the Census! Households will receive an invitation in the mail to answer 9 questions online or by phone about everyone living in the home. The Census is a once-per-decade count of all people living in the United States that is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. An average of \$2,000 per person per year of federal funding is distributed using census information. An accurate count helps secure funds to pay for things like affordable housing, childcare, healthcare, education, transit, roads, and more. An accurate count will also help ensure equal representation for drawing local, state, and federal electoral districts.

Windows Upgrade

How to upgrade to windows 10

Ice Melt

Ice No More (a calcium/potassium chloride blend of ice melt) can be purchased through the Tamarack office. The ice melt is available in 20-pound bags at a cost of \$6.00 each. Please use the form below to order your ice melt. We keep the salt on hand for sale throughout the winter.

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Tamarack Trails Salt Order Form

Please submit this form along with your payment to the Tamarack office.
The salt will be delivered to your doorstep the following day.

Address _____

Qty _ 20 lb. Bag(s) @ \$6.00 = \$_____