

The Good Life...

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Lots to Read and Do!

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 16 – 4:00

Wednesday, Oct 14 – 4:00

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, Sept 9 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct 14 – 4:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, Sept 8 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sept. 22 – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Oct 20 – 6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

Resident Activities Committee

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

9 am – 4 pm

Or by appointment

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Current News

Resident Activity Committee Openings

The Resident Activities Committee (RAC) is seeking new members to help plan events and parties throughout the year. The main goal of the RAC is to create and implement ways to foster a sense of community among Tamarack Trails residents. New event ideas are always welcome.

We hope you will consider joining our RAC committee and help with this very important work on behalf of our entire community.

Please contact our office at 608-833-1615 or email Jean at jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com if you are interested in joining.

Nominations and Elections Committee

The Board of Directors appointed Jean Allen, Joan Lerman, Harry Miles and James Steinbach to the Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC). They will work with Vice-President Amy Kell to supervise the nomination and election of three Directors for two-year terms.

As noted in the email sent to residents on July 31, 2020, the committee has requested a change to the Restated By-laws. The change would require ballots for directors to be received at the Tamarack office two business days before the annual meeting to allow more time to count the ballots. The wording would be:

“Election shall be by secret ballot received in the Tamarack Trails office no later than two business days prior to the annual meeting.”

Current by-laws allow ballots to be received at the office on the day of the annual meeting or cast at the annual meeting.

The Board will vote on this change at their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Please feel free to contact the office, the Board or the members of the Nominations and Elections Committee with any comments or concerns. Watch for additional information on the election process and the annual meeting.

Political Signs

Before you get carried away with support of your favorite candidate, you need to know that Tamarack has a policy that prohibits placing signs on our property:

POLICY I-103 STATEMENT:

No signs of any type shall be displayed to public view on any lot or common area without the prior written consent of the Board...

Make your neighbors happy and consider a t-shirt or bumper sticker, instead.

New Dates for Fall Meetings

In order to comply with our governance documents, we've had to change the dates of several important meetings and events.

2021 Budget Hearing for Residents	Monday, October 12, 2020 @ 7pm
Finance Committee Meeting	Wednesday, October 14, 2020 @ 4pm
Board Meeting	Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @ 6:30pm
Annual Meeting	Wednesday, October 28, 2020 @ 7pm
Finance Committee Meeting	Wednesday, November 11, 2020 @ 4pm
Board Meeting	Tuesday, November 17, 2020 @ 6:30pm

We are planning to hold all of these events virtually. They are open to Tamarack residents.

Vista West Construction



The construction of the senior housing on Tree Lane is well underway. Completion is scheduled for fall 2021. Vista West will feature Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care apartments. Find out more about the project and watch a recording of the June 26th webinar at:

<https://www.capricommunities.com/locations/vista-west/>

Trash Collection on Saturday 9/12 Labor Day Week

With the Labor Day holiday, Friday's trash collection will be delayed until Saturday, September 12. Also, if leaving for Labor Day weekend, please make arrangements to have your containers returned to your garage.

Activities & Events



TAM LUNCH PICNIC

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH @11:30

WALNUT GROVE PARK SHELTER

Join friends and neighbors for the first Tam Lunch of fall.

Details: 1. Bring your own lunch and chair. (A few picnic tables are available)

2. All safety guidelines will be observed.

3. For questions, Maryanne Huttleston 608-347-2675

maryanne@hddesign.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!

2- Outside Tamarack Fitness Classes

NEW Class: Stretch & Flex Fitness Class On the Tamarack Tennis Courts

*Gentle Stretch similar to basic Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi
Bring Yoga mat, resistance band*

2 week trial: Tues. & Fri. 9/1 - 9/11

Tues: 12:00-12:45 Fri. 11:00-12:00

Please Pay Patti Sponem \$12.00 608-279-3149

Forever Fit Total Body Fitness Class on the Tamarack Tennis Courts: **Low intensity Total body workout: warmup, cardio, strength, balance, stretch**



Mon. Wed. Fri Aug.31-Oct. 31 10:00-10:45

On The Tennis Court No Class Labor Day Sept. 7)

Testimonials:

Sheila Coyle-Forever Fit is a warmup/cardio strength, balance & stretching class, You bring resistance bands, weights, Yoga mats to class. Close by and affordable

Jean MacCubbin: Take your fitness & flexibility seriously. Love the music, routines, options when appropriate. Plus news & gossip.

\$75.00 Please pay Patti Sponem 279-3149 psponem@gmail.com

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Pool Schedule and Closing Date

Our summer days are dwindling down to a precious few. The pool will remain open through Sunday, September 20th.

The pool hours are:

- Until September 7 10:00 am – 8:00
- Sept. 8 - Sept. 20 2:00 pm-7:00 pm weekdays &
10:00 am – 7:00 pm on weekends
- Monday, Sept. 21 10 am – 1 pm (Dogs Only Swimming)

Hours are subject to change based on lifeguard availability and may close earlier when it is too dark for the lifeguards to see the bottom of the pool. Any changes will be posted at the entrance gate to the pool.

The COVID policies will remain in place through the end of the season. With the restrictions and COVID policies, we owe a big thank you to our residents, lifeguards and staff for making this a successful season.

Our Trees Are Thirsty!

Do you hear that? The subtle crunch of brittle blades of grass underfoot as you walk outside. Notice the tumbleweeds gently bobbing down the sidewalk. The sun is beating down on you as you hustle back into air conditioning. Suddenly, ice cream sounds ideal. If you haven't noticed, it's really hot and dry here in Madison!

Since we all love our trees, please consider this a friendly reminder to water your trees (*and any other nearby plants*).

Trees that are especially thirsty include stressed or trees planted in the last two years. Your tree will be healthier when well-hydrated, allowing it to fend off pathogens effectively.

A few helpful tips when watering in dry weather:

- Give the soil out to the drip line of your tree a good soak every other day.
- If it is affected by a disease or pest (magnolia scale, emerald ash borer, apple scab, etc.) it is especially important to water.
- The best time to water your tree is in the morning or late evening.

Especially if you are working from home, spend a little extra time with your trees to brighten your day!

Board and Committee Business

ZOOM...We Miss Our In-person Meetings

In the next couple of months, we have several meetings which we encourage residents to attend. These will all be done virtually, so we'll miss your smiling faces. To make these meetings as informative as possible, the board is looking for a resident who can assist with the creation of Powerpoint or slideshow presentations. If you or a neighbor have these skills, please contact Janet Hirsch (jhirsch@chorus.net) or Jean Hilgers at the office.

Tamarack News and Tidbits

How is trash collected?

Waste Management picks up trash every Friday. Place your green Waste Management cart at the end of your driveway by 7:00 AM. During major holiday weeks, collection is delayed by one day and occurs on Saturday.

Use city services for large items that don't fit into your Waste Management trash cart. These include appliances, furniture, carpeting, mattresses, plumbing fixtures (toilets, sinks, etc.), and other items too heavy to be lifted safely by a single person. You must purchase a sticker to attach to appliances left at the curb on Randolph Drive, Millstone Road, Westfield Road or Tree Lane. Stickers are available at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/appliances.cfm>.

Special disposal rules and fees apply to tires and electronic devices (televisions, computers, cell phones, etc.). Check the city's website for information or download the current issue of the Recyclopedia:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/Recyclopedia2019-web.pdf>.

How is recycling collected?

There are two options for recycling:

1. You may use the City of Madison recycling service. To do this requires a special green cart provided by the city. Carts must be placed at designated curbside locations on Randolph Drive, Millstone Road, Westfield Road or Tree Lane for pickup by the city every other Wednesday. There is no separate fee for this service. OR
2. You may use the recycling service provided by Waste Management. Waste Management recycling carts (green with a yellow lid) are available through the Tamarack Association office. Carts must be placed at the end of your driveway every other Friday. There is a \$50 annual fee for this service that is paid through the Tamarack office.

If you have any questions regarding your trash or recycling pick up, contact the Tamarack office.

What should I do with my yard waste?

Weeds, clippings, and small branches are collected by Tamarack staff every Monday morning April - October. Place yard waste at the end of your driveway. Alternatively, you may deposit yard waste in the specified dumpster located just to the north of the tennis courts.

Food Pantry Update

Please remember: The Tamarack/Lussier Food Pantry continues to depend on your support.

Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails/Lussier Center Food Pantry Coordinator