

# The Good Life...

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## In This Issue

Lots to Read and Do!

### Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

#### Finance Committee

Wednesday, Nov 11 – 4:00 pm

#### Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, Nov 11 – 4:00 pm

#### Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, Nov 18 – 4:00 pm

#### Board of Directors

Tuesday, Nov 17 – 6:30 pm

#### Welcome Committee

#### Resident Activities Committee

### Event Calendar

*Please mark your calendars*

#### 2021 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Oct 28 – 7:00 pm

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday  
9 am – 4 pm  
Or by appointment

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## Current News

### Finance Committee Seeking Members

The Tamarack Trails Finance Committee is seeking two new committee members. The term will begin in January 2021. Terms are for two years with the option of continuing on the committee for a total of 6 years. This committee meets once a month with the exception of December when there is no meeting. Typically, the committee meets at 4:00 on the third Wednesday of the month. Meetings usually last 1.5 hours. It is helpful if committee members have experience working with budgets and financial reports, but there is no requirement for committee membership other than being an Association owner. The committee is responsible for monitoring Tamarack's finances, including the Association's Investment Fund, making recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding financial matters, identifying financial issues and participating in the development of the annual budget. The Association is currently on solid financial footing so the workload for new committee members should not be taxing. Please send an email to the committee chairperson, Prudy Stewart ([Prudystewart@tds.net](mailto:Prudystewart@tds.net)) to let her know of your interest or if you have any questions regarding the committee.

### LCEC Food Pantry volunteers Needed

Lussier Community Education Center is in need of volunteers for the Food Pantry distribution on Wednesday evenings 5:45 to 8, and 10:45 to 1PM on Saturdays. Also, for food sorting on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Contact Shawna at [shawna@lcecmadison.org](mailto:shawna@lcecmadison.org).

## **Activities & Events**

### **Announcing the Tamarack Food Drive for the Holidays!**

**Sponsored by the Recreation and Activities Committee to benefit Lussier Community Food Pantry.**

**Volunteers will pick up items on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please place your donations on your doorstep by 9 A.M. of that day.**

**Household items are the most critically needed donations. For example:**

- Wipes and sanitizer
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Cleaning supplies
- Lotion
- Baby wipes
- Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)
- Pull-ups (2T, 3T, 4T, 5T)
- Toilet paper
- Board games
- Kid's activities (age 3-12)
- Craft supplies
- Laundry soap
- Paper towels
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Bath soap
- Tampons
- Pads
- Dish soap
- Cat food
- Dog food

**Non-perishable, non-expired food items may also be donated. Examples include olive oil, vegetable oil, large cans of hearty soup, mac & cheese, baked beans, cereal, baby food and baby formula.**

**Questions? - Contact Mary Sue Foreman: 440-263-7011**

**Thank you for participating in this event!!**

**FYI: Did you know over 687,000 people in Wisconsin have food insecurity, which is a lack of affordable, nutritious food? This is a chance for Tamarack to pitch in and help the Madison community.**

## Seasonal Reminders & Projects

### Miniature White Lights Guidelines ...

For safety and security purposes, homeowners may install miniature, non-twinkling, white lights between October 25<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>. (After that date, the lights must be removed, not simply turned off.) The lights may adorn trees, shrubs, fences and light posts on the owner's property (lot). If requested by TT staff, the owner is responsible for removing the lights from a tree or shrub to facilitate winter pruning. Tamarack Trails may also install miniature, non-twinkling white lights on common areas for safety and security.

### ... and Holiday Decoration Guidelines

In addition to white lights you may install and enjoy seasonal decorations observing the following guidelines:

- All outside seasonal decorations must be confined to the homeowner's home or within 4 feet of the building, sidewalk, patio, decorative fence or post light.
- All exterior decorations must be removed within two weeks of the calendar holiday.
- Strings of lights or garlands are discouraged from being attached to the building, particularly if nails are used. Lights or decorations on a tree on Association common property are discouraged. If such decorations are used, the tree must be no more than fifteen (15) feet from the homeowner's lot line.
- Please note that all neighbors must give permission to decorate a tree in the vicinity of their home.

In both cases:

All extension cords must be marked and protected so that letter carriers, snow shovelers and others will be able to see the cord and avoid an accident. Homeowners must assume the responsibility for any accidents involving such extension cords.

*(from Policy Resolution IV-400, Section III)*

## Board and Committee Business

### Architectural Review Committee

The ARB is charged with monitoring the integrity of the external design and visual appearance of structures within TT and to monitor the appearance of community properties.

Members of the ARB, in accordance with TT Restated Declaration Article VI, conduct an annual walkthrough of TT Phases to observe compliance of TT residents with the ARB Standards. **This year the walk through will take place between October 26 and November 8.**

Members conducting the walkthrough will be in pairs, wearing a vest designating them as volunteers, wearing a mask, and more than likely carrying a clipboard.

The walk through and ARB Standards are not intended to infringe on any resident's ability to enjoy the use of their property, but rather to ensure that TT continues to be an attractive community and that its architectural unity is maintained

## **Tamarack News and Tidbits**

### **Tamarack Trails is a planned unit development (PUD). What is that?**

A planned unit development combines the advantages of condominium living with private home ownership. When you buy a home in a PUD community, you are deeded a lot along with your residence. In addition, you are granted the right to enjoy and use the common areas and recreation facilities.

### **How is Tamarack Trails governed?**

Every unit owner is a member of the Tamarack Trails Community Services Association, Inc. The community is governed by a seven-person Board of Directors elected by Tamarack's 320 owners. The Board hires an Association Manager who, in turn, hires a Maintenance Superintendent, Landscape Superintendent, and Administrative Assistant to assist in running the operation. Additional permanent and temporary staff are also employed.

Tamarack has ongoing contracts with outside professional firms for landscape maintenance, snow removal, and trash/recycling management. In addition, contractors are hired for special projects such as major residence structural work, roof repairs, stormwater remediation, asphalt and cement work, etc.

# The Recreation and Activities Committee Presents the First

## 5K Tamarack Turkey Trot / Walk

To help us all keep fit and encourage a sense of community in this era of COVID, we are sponsoring a 5K / 3.1 mi walk/run for Tamarack residents. **The 1<sup>st</sup> 30 registrants will receive a commemorative 2020 Turkey Trot medal!!**



**Who may participate?** : Tamarack Residents

**When:** November 20<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Walk or run your own course any time from Nov. 20-29th. You may complete the trot/walk in one day or over several days.

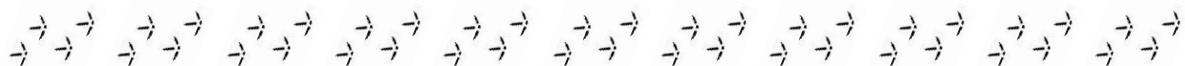
**Registration:** To register, print and complete the form below. Return the form and a \$5 registration fee by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> to the office. After expenses, all proceeds will be donated to the Lussier Food Pantry.

After completing the 5K, please e-mail your name and address to Georgiana Koska (see contact information below). You will then receive a certificate of completion and your name will be published in The Good Life! You may also text or email her a picture of yourself or your group taken during your trot. If pictures are received, they will be included in a PowerPoint for your enjoyment.

Medals will be delivered to the first 30 registrants the week of Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. Certificates of completion will be delivered the week of Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Georgiana if you have any questions.

Georgiana Koska - cell #: 630-777-9525, email: [wkoska@ameritech.net](mailto:wkoska@ameritech.net).



Please return this form to the office along with your \$5 registration fee. Checks should be made payable to Tamarack Trails.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_