

The Good Life...

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November 2020

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Lots to Read and Do!

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

No Meeting in December
Wednesday, Jan 20, 2021 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

No meeting in December
Wednesday Jan 6, 2021 – 4:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, December 8 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, December 22 – 6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

Resident Activities Committee

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

Tamarack Trails-Walnut Grove Safety Meeting

December 8 – 6:30pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Current News

Annual Meeting Review

The Annual Meeting of the Association took place on Wednesday, October 28th via ZOOM. George Meyer, Treasurer, reviewed our proposed budget, reserve fund and investment account. He noted that we are in good shape financially. As of 10/26/2020, the value of our USBank Investment Account is \$620,029. President Janet Hirsch spoke about the role that each of us has in making Tamarack a community and the need for all of us to work together. In his report, our new Association Manager, Daryl Larson, assured us that, in spite of a challenging year, our operations are running smoothly; planned projects are being completed.

The Nominations and Elections Committee announced that three candidates will move forward as directors: Janet Hirsch, George Meyer and James Steinbach. They will serve a two-year term.

New Board Takes Office

Following their November meeting, the new directors and newly elected officers assumed their responsibilities for the 2020-2021 term.

Janet Hirsch	President
Amy Kell	Vice-President/President-elect
Dean Ryerson	Secretary
George Meyer	Treasurer
Bob Jacobs	Director
James Steinbach	Director
Larry White	Director

A special thank you to Anne Rohr for her past service as Secretary.

COVID-19 and Clubhouse

Public Health Madison & Dane County has enacted Executive Order #10 which is in effect until December 16th. It includes new restrictions which impact our use of the clubhouse. Until further notice, indoor gatherings are not permitted. Everyone entering the clubhouse or maintenance buildings MUST be wearing a mask and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Offices closed for Thanksgiving: November 26-27, 2020.

Activities & Events

TAMARACK FOOD DRIVE = 1,251 lbs to Lussier!!

Our food drive on November 7th was a big success. Many people participated and we took a huge supply of food and household goods to the Lussier Food Pantry. Thanks to all of you who were so generous!! It made a huge impact on the Lussier inventory. We can all feel good about helping our neighbors in need.

A special thank you to all the people who helped with planning, collecting and delivering the food. This would not have been possible without you.

Mary Sue
Rise Futterer
Janice Gratch

Ryan Hahm
Maryanne Huttleston
Pam & George Jesien

Gloria Kelly
Georgiana & Wayne Koska
Bob Lenburg

Dee Seyfarth
Caryl Terrell



We donated 1,251 lbs of items! It was 616 lbs of food and 635 lbs of household items.
That's amazing!

Additional Donations to Lussier Food Pantry

Let's keep their pantry filled. Leave your Lussier donations and financial contributions at the Tamarack office. Our Tamarack volunteers continue to take your donations to Lussier on a regular basis. See their wish lists of household and food items at: <https://lccmadison.org/eat/>
Dee Seyfarth – Tamarack Trails/Lussier Center Food Pantry Coordinator



Walk-tober at Tamarack Trails was a success! People explored the community, enjoyed nature and met new people. The pictures submitted were awesome and will be shared in a powerpoint for all to enjoy in the near future! The Recreation and Activities Committee would like to extend our congratulations to the 3 winners of the \$25 gift certificates! The winners were Matt Nagel, Cathy Andrews and Judy Bluel. We would like to thank all the participants who helped to make this event a success!

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Attention Snowbirds

If you're going to be away for a while this winter, you might want to review the Vacation Checklist on the Tamarack website. The checklist was compiled by the Welcoming Committee and contains ideas for preparing to be gone for an extended period. You can find it at <http://www.tamaracktrails.com> > Resident Information > Documents.

Snow Removal Procedures

Sand barrels and snow plowing markers will be placed on the Trails by mid-November. The sand barrels are available for resident use on their sidewalks and drives.

What to Expect with Snow: **Plowing and Shoveling** contracts start November 15th. Plowing and Shoveling are performed after any snowfall greater than 1". Plowing of the Trail centers normally starts about one hour prior to the end of the snowfall and should be completed within 1 or 2 hours of snowfall end. The Trail centers include all of the Trails and cul-du-sacs except for the 320 individual driveways. The plowing of the Trail centers is performed by Maple Leaf using a pickup truck with a plow blade. During a major snow event the Trail centers are plowed after each accumulation of 5" of snow. Plowing the center of all Trails should occur prior to the clearing of any of the individual driveways. If this is not done, it slows down all other plowing and shoveling operations. If you need to get out during a major snow event, please call the emergency number (259-2750). Clearing of the individual drives does not start until the snowfall has ended and only occurs once during each snow event. In a normal snowfall (1 to 6") all driveway clearing should be completed in 6 to 8 hours. In a heavier snow event, clearing of driveways can take 10 to 12 hours.

Shoveling Individual Walks: Shoveling of individual walks is performed when the snow depth is greater than one inch. Half of the shoveling is performed by Hauser Tree Care and the other half by Tamarack staff. Shoveling is normally completed by noon for an overnight snowfall or within six hours of the snow stopping during a daytime snow event. Normally the walks and porches will be shoveled to the full width and length, snow will also be shoveled three feet in front of garage doors. Please cut perennials back so they are out of the way for shoveling.

Walking Paths and City sidewalks: Walking paths and city sidewalks are done by Tamarack staff after all individual walks are done. This is performed no later than noon the day following any snow event or within a few hours of snowfall end if a daytime event. This year we are using

a power broom for any snowfall less than two inches. If the snow gets too deep on the sides of the sidewalks, we are unable to use the broom. It can clear the walks to bare concrete and has greatly reduced the amount of salt used on the city sidewalks. We will also be using a Bobcat snow blower for any snow over 2 inches. During any snow event with less than 1" of snow; No shoveling of individual sidewalks or plowing will occur. The Tamarack staff will clear the city walk and salt hilly drives, curves and stop signs. Residents are responsible for clearing their walk and salting between snowfalls less than 1".

If you are unable to maintain your walk please contact the office for assistance (833-1615).

Salting: Salting is performed by Tamarack staff also. During a snow event, we salt all the hilly drives and Trails in Tamarack to keep them safe. We also salt driveways and Trails that are shaded and don't melt without a little help. We maintain a map of the hilly areas and a copy of this map is posted on the Tamarack website and info board in the clubhouse. This salting is performed with a truck mounted spreader for double drives and by hand for single width driveways (to reduce salt usage and waste). The day after a snowfall and during freeze thaw cycles Tamarack staff will check Trails, drives and city walks for icy areas. To reduce salt usage (and help save our lakes) snow pack on flat driveways and Trails will not be salted as part of our normal routine.

Board and Committee Business

2021 Budget Update

At their November meeting, the board of directors approved our 2021 budget. The Total Operating and Reserve Expenses for next year is \$1,591,154. We expect to be busy!

Architectural Review Board

As was noted in an email sent to residents as well as in the last issue of the Good Life, the ARB recently completed a walk around of the TT property. We would now like to share some of the most common findings we documented.

By far, the most prevalent observations were of maintenance issues, including damage or rot to trim and fascia, torn screens, clouded windows and damaged garage doors. While those are not strictly ARB concerns, we would like to encourage all residents to take a walk around your unit and make note of any need for attention. TT is responsible for maintaining siding and trim. Owners are responsible for maintaining doors, windows and garage doors. If you note a need for maintenance of an item for which TT is responsible, please submit a maintenance request. While the maintenance staff does make observations about what needs their attention, this is a large campus and your assistance in keeping it well maintained is essential.

ARB observers also noted a number of features that do not comply with TT architectural standards as outlined in the Book of Standards. These included non-conforming railings, screen and storm doors, sidelights and exterior lighting. While we do not mandate that these deviations be corrected, please be sure to review the Book of Standards whenever making any changes to your property to make sure that guidelines outlined there are followed and that a request is made to the ARB for approval if needed.

Lastly, many observations were made of deviations from neighborly standards, also contained in the Book of Standards. Common observations were of clutter in yards or on patio or porches, extensive use of garden fencing, and lights. We acknowledge that these standards are difficult to enforce and are, in some instances, subjective. Nonetheless, the expectation is that out of

respect for neighbors and for the community of which we are all a part, residents will comply with them.

All observations are being documented as well as forwarded to the TT office. We will then hopefully be able to track issues that carry over or recur from year to year.

If you would like to know if observers noted any concerns about your own unit you may contact the ARB chair, Tricia Gavin, by email at arbinfo14@gmail.com or other member of the ARB.

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Tamarack Trails-Walnut Grove Safety Meeting – Tuesday, December 8, 2020 @ 6:30

Mark your calendars for the second neighborhood safety meeting. Captain Tim Patton and Lieutenant Reggie Patterson will show us how our neighborhood can work together with the Madison Police Department and to understand the concept of community policing.

Here is the link to the recording of the first Tamarack-Walnut Grove Safety Meeting on November 5, 2020:

<https://media.cityofmadison.com/Mediasite/Play/a17f30e826914e5880e016763c124c701d>

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 Lutzow at shawna@lcecmadison.org.

Thank You from the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools

The following was received by Dean Ryerson from the Foundation for Madison Public Schools in appreciation for the support from so many regarding the recent Madison School District's successful referenda:

"We're incredibly grateful to the people of Madison for voting YES to invest in our public schools, students, and staff. Because of you, more sustainable and equitable schools are in sight. The work does not end here. We encourage everyone who cares about the future of our community to get involved with our local schools through the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools and, alongside our new Superintendent Dr. Carlton Jenkins, help us continue to shape a Madison that uplifts all its residents."

Steering Committee Co-Chairs:

Melinda Heinritz, Executive Director of the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools

Julianna Baldo, MMSD Student

Zach Brandon, President of the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce

Dave Branson, Executive Director of the South Central Building Trades Association

Alder Sheri Carter, President of the Madison Common Council

Sandy Morales, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County

Julie Underwood, Former Dean of the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE TURKEY TROT/WALK AND RECEIVE A MEDAL!!

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 1st 30 registrants will receive a commemorative 2020 Turkey Trot medal!!**



Who may participate? : Tamarack Residents

When: November 20th- 29th

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.

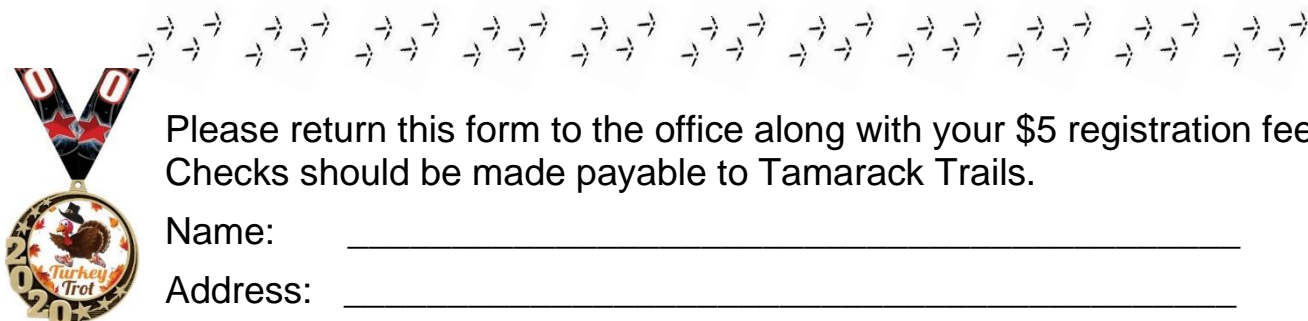
Registration: To register, print and complete the form below. Return the form and a \$5 registration fee by Nov. 20th to the office. After expenses, all proceeds will be donated to the Lussier Food Pantry.

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. 16th. Certificates of completion will be delivered the week of Nov. 30th.

Please contact Georgiana if you have any questions.

Georgiana Koska - cell #: 630-777-9525, email: 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: _____

Ice Melt

Safe Step Ice Melter 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 located at the end of this newsletter 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 = \$_____