

The Good Life...

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Lots to Read and Do!

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 17 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, March 10 – 4:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, March 9 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 23– 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

Election Info

There is one more election in 2021. It will be packed with items that are important to you, our neighborhood and Madison. This includes candidates for judge, state superintendent, alder, MMSD.
Tuesday, April 5-Spring Election

Absentee Voting

Request an absentee ballot for 2021 at myvote.wi.gov

Your absentee ballot can be returned by mail to the City Clerk's office, dropped securely at the VOTE drop boxes at most City fire stations or taken directly to your polling place on election day.

Additional information at:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/elections-voting>

New landscape Employee

We are pleased to introduce our new landscaping employee, Rebecca (Beca) Baker to the TT staff as of February 23, 2021.

Beca comes with years of landscape experience and she is excited to be here. She will be a good asset to Angie our Landscape Supervisor and our association.

Please say hello and welcome her when you see her around the property.

Trash/Recycle Bin Placement

In the past we have removed snow from the tree terraces for trash and recycling bins. As of right now we will clear the curb areas for trash bins instead of the tree terraces. We have asked the city if it can be done, and they said yes if it is not a plowing event. This will save the terrace from damage and reduce man hours.

Activities & Events

Tamarack Turkey Trot/Walk

The Tamarack Turkey Trot /Walk was a BIG success!! 25 people put on their “trotting shoes” and endured the elements to complete the 5K! All the money collected was donated to Lussier Food Pantry, and they were presented with a check of \$160 from the Tamarack Community. The Recreation and Activities Committee would like to thank everyone for their participation in this event!

Participants included:

Linda Holmes
Pam Jesien Toby
George Jesien
Mary Sue Foreman
Ruth Ann Shields
Sandy Drew
Brian Shore
Janet Hirsch
Wayne Koska
Georgiana Koska
Dee Seyfarth

Larry Nagel
Maria Nagel
Matt Nagel
Judy Bluel
Sue Bogen
Don Haas
Jan Haas
Gerry Clancy
Antonio Galvin
Tom Whitemarsh
William, Ellie, Celine, and Enzo Huttleston

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Ice Dam Awareness

Ice Dams occur mainly due to the lack of insulation and proper venting of eaves or soffit areas. Tamarack trails recommends attic insulation inspections. When there is proper venting of soffit areas on your eaves and proper vents installed in attic along with sufficient insulation it greatly reduces ice dam formation. This will divide cool air from attic area and warm area of your ceiling minimizing melting of snow on your roof. The soffit area venting is now being looked at by maintenance.

Please refer to see the heat wire policy in the Tamarack policy procedure manual in Section # V-502. I have noticed the heat wires seemed to be working for the most part, this is not a 100% solution but will require homeowner to do proper insulation of their home.

We hope this information has been helpful and finds you well.

Is there community garden space available?

Yes. Tamarack has a well-maintained area located on the corner of Tree Lane and Westfield Road for growing individual resident vegetable/flower gardens. The Garden Committee assigns and marks the plots for individual gardeners. Information comes out in *The Good Life* in the spring notifying residents of this opportunity and lays out timelines for applying for a plot, rules and policies for use, and the fee associated with the garden plot.

* From FAQs handout given to new residents by Welcoming Committee.

Board and Committee Business

Architectural Review Board Seeks New Member

The ARB has an opening for an interested person to join us. We currently have six members. The ARB meets monthly to review resident requests consistent with the Book of Standards. All owners and especially new residents are encouraged to apply. If you find the architectural integrity is something that attracted you to Tamarack, we would like to hear from you! Please send an email noting your interest and any expertise that would complement the Board's charge, to Christina Finet, chair, at cfinet3@gmail.com; phone 608-347-3703.

HELP US SAVE THE BEES!

Chemicals from pesticides and fertilizers, like the ones we put on our lawns and gardens at Tamarack, are in our rivers and lakes, and in our drinking water.

Research shows these chemicals may have significant health and environmental consequences. Just one example, the use of Roundup appears to be a factor in the decline of honeybee colonies.

Recently, the Maintenance Committee did a review of our use of pesticides. Based on their research, the Board has adopted a policy aimed at reducing Tamarack's use of pesticides

Which is where you come in!

The Maintenance Committee is forming a work group to help implement this new policy. We are looking for residents who want to join us. We will be developing ideas for demonstration projects for presentation to the Board, for example using native plants in rain gardens. And we will be assisting staff with the implementation of those projects, for example, with the planting and maintenance of those areas.

If you are interested, please contact David Reed at reed_design@yahoo.com , or Jim Waeffler at jim.waeffler@gmail.com.

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Food Pantry Update

Looking for suggestions for donations to the Lussier Food Pantry? Go to "Lussier Food Pantry" online. The next food pick up from Tamarack Trails to Lussier will be Tuesday, March 16th. Thank you for your support.

Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails/Lussier Center Food Pantry Coordinator

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.

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