

The Good Life...

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March 2021

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Lots to Read and Do!

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 21 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, April 14 – 4:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, April 13 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 23– 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 27-6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, April 21 – 4:00 pm

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

Daryl Larson, CMCA
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Current News

Political Signs

Our country is in a divisive time with lots of opinions and various ways to express those opinions. It is no different in our community.

We have all chosen to live in Tamarack and in homes that are in close proximity to each other. With that decision comes the responsibility to be respectful of our neighbors and tolerant of their opinions.

Tamarack policies prohibit the display of signs, including political, on any lot or common area without prior consent of the board. The Association cannot restrict the signs that are appearing in windows. We can ask that each of us is considerate of our neighbors regarding the placement and duration of any signs. Let us make sure that those signs are removed after the election.

Dog Park Cleanup on Saturday, April 3rd, 9-11am

Join others in a special cleanup day at dog parks throughout the county. Volunteers assist with spreading mulch, picking up litter, trimming around the fences, and scooping up dog waste. Supplies provided include trash bags, gloves, and buckets. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves, scoopers, and additional bags. Weather and park conditions determine which dog park locations are included in the volunteer project. Select Register to see hours and locations.

Activities & Events

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2021 Season

It is time to think about making a Big Splash and gaining some health benefits* while exercising with your Tamarack neighbors right here at the Tamarack Pool.

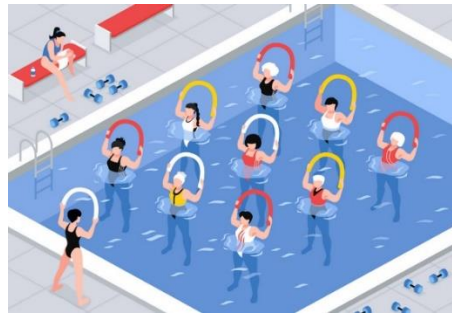
*Hours of Fun * Increased Range of Motion * Stronger Muscles * Improved Physical Health* Improved Mental Health * Better Heart Rate * Social Distancing * Time Spent Outside *

Morning Classes

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

For dates and details contact:

Jean jean.hilgers@tamarack.com
or Patti psponem@gmail.com



Evening Classes

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

For dates and details contact:

Jean citizenjean2@gmail.com,
Pat pjmaddox@chater.net or
Judy judybl@tds.net

Outside Tamarack Fitness Classes on the Tennis Courts

Forever Fit Total Body Fitness

Low intensity Total body workout: warmup, cardio, strength, balance, stretch

Mon. Wed. Fri April 2 -May 28 2:00-2:45

No class on April 14 and Memorial Day

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.

Workout and have fun doing it!

Potential other payment options (limited availability)

Please call Patti Sponem 279-3149 psponem@gmail.com

Cost \$76.00

 <p><i>Let's get outdoors!</i></p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">2nd Annual Tamarack Earth Day Clean-Up</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thursday, April 22, 2021 9 to Noon</i></p> <p>Join your Tamarack neighbors <i>anytime</i> between 9 and noon.</p> <p>We will concentrate on the central swale that runs between Oak Creek Trail and the parking lots. It's big enough to keep us all separated beyond the 6'.</p> <p>This what we can do...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. General clean-up to remove leaves, weeds, and trash. 2. Cut back the cattails. 3. Clean around the rocks by the bridges. 4. Put rocks where they belong by the bridges. (Angie says that the water current has moved some of the smaller rocks.) <p>Bring your own tools, gloves and shoes/boots that can get wet.</p> <p>Be sure and invite your neighbors to join us.</p>
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Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Dog Concerns

Some residents have reported dogs being outside and not leashed. This is against Tamarack and City of Madison policies. The unleashed dogs may run after leashed dogs or residents walking nearby. This could lead to an unpleasant result if the dog becomes aggressive while unleashed. For both you and your pet's safety, keep him or her leashed.

Pet Policy - Many homeowners have pets in Tamarack. Pets are limited to two dogs or two cats or one dog and one cat. Dogs/cats must be on a leash and always accompanied by their owner. Owners must clean up after their pet. Dogs cannot be tied up outside your home and cats are not permitted to run loose. For complete details see "Control of Pets" Policy Resolution I-100.



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 when off your property.

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.

Board and Committee Business

Board Actions-Great News!

Following the recommendations of the Finance Committee, the Board approved transferring \$50,000 into our investment Account. This account is part of our Reserve Fund which is used to avoid special assessments. Thank you to the Finance Committee for their diligent oversight of our finances.

Revised Book of Standards

We emailed everyone on Wednesday, March 17th with the red-line attachment of the revised draft copy of the Book of Standards.

It is IMPORTANT that we receive owners' input and or comments before they bring it to the board consideration for approval on April 27th.

Awnings, on page#12, the ARB is considering a change to the awning policy pending a presentation by the awning vendor Gallagher. We would certainly appreciate more guidance from the community regarding their feelings for or against awnings.

Please review and read all the red-lined changes, any input or comments please email to me at daryl.larson@tamaracktrails.com no later than April 12th. I will be forwarding your input and comments to the ARB as I receive them.

The ARB will review all your input and comments at their ARB meeting on Wednesday, April 14th at 4pm.

HELP US SAVE THE BEES!

A new Maintenance Committee work group is getting organized to look at how we can enhance TT's ornamental plantings and turf policies by reducing the use of harmful chemicals on our lawns and gardens (See Feb Good Life article for more information).

This work group has met a couple times with members representing ~~from~~ each of the Tamarack Phases.

Current members are: Jim Waeffler, David Reed, Caryl Terrell, Elizabeth Farnham, Jean MacCubbin, and Nancy Korda.

They still need a member to represent Phase VI (Tree Lane and Randolph). If you are interested, please contact Jim Waeffler (608-831-2759).

The group is still in early phases of organizing and sharing ideas. Generally, the protocol will be to bring proposals for changes to planting or turf procedures to the Maintenance Committee and then the Board of Directors. The committee will engage TT residents with a Zoom Meeting to keep residents informed and to solicit ideas and opinions for future actions. We will send out a date and time for this Zoom meeting in the next two-three weeks. If you already have suggestions, questions, or comments please contact Jim Waeffler (number provided above).

In the meantime, keep a look out for all the beautiful spring flowering plants, bushes and trees already included in plantings around Tamarack. Plantings that encourage pollinators, and birds to visit and enhance the vitality of Tamarack Trails. Enhancing this kind of vitality for the future is part of what this planning group hopes to accomplish.

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Odana Area Plan Update

We support an overall vision for the Odana Area Plan which will bring cultural and economic diversity and strength to the area. The City Planning Department is continuing to refine their plans and provide more detail. They have been presented to the Plan Commission (March 8), Transportation Policy and Planning Board (March 15), and the Economic Development Committee (March 17) to obtain feedback. As the process continues, they will be presenting to the Board of Park Commissioners at their April meeting.

Information on the project is at:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/odana-area-plan/3296/>

Following the February 23, 2021 meeting of the Tamarack Board, a letter was submitted which outlines some of the areas of concern to Tamarack:

- **Places to Live:** We advocate for affordable housing that is attractive to a range of households, especially families. We are particularly concerned that “the missing middle” has not appeared in any of the presentations.
- **High Density:** The plans will increase traffic in and through our largely residential area. We are particularly concerned about the negative effects that a Westfield Road extension will have on Tamarack and the neighboring communities.
- **Building Heights:** Building heights and mass shown in earlier meetings reference 8- to 12-story buildings along Mineral Point. We believe this size and scale would adversely alter the character of the neighborhood.
- **Environmental Impact:** Green space, natural areas and stormwater management are important to us on our own properties. We encourage prioritizing these features as the Odana plans develop.

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Thank you to all our residents who have participated in the many public engagement events and remain engaged in our neighborhood. If you have additional thoughts, comments or questions, contact Board members: Dean Ryerson, James Steinbach or Janet Hirsch.

What should I do with my yard waste?

Weeds, clippings, and small branches are collected every Monday morning April – October.

Yard waste should be placed at the end of your driveway. Alternately, yard waste may be deposited in the specified dumpster located just to the north of the tennis courts.

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