

The Good Life...

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April 2021

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 21 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 19 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, May 12 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, June 9 – 4:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, May 11 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 27-6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, May 12 – 4:00 pm

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

9 am – 4 pm

Or by appointment

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Office Manager
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Current News



Let's get outdoors!

2nd Annual Tamarack Earth Day Clean-Up

Thursday, April 22, 2021

9 to Noon

Join your Tamarack neighbors ***anytime*** between 9 and noon.

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'.

This what we can do...

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.)

Bring your own tools, gloves and shoes/boots that can get wet.

Be sure and invite your neighbors to join us.

Activities & Events

April is Poetry Month and the RAC is Sponsoring: Poetry in the Age of Covid

Poetry offers us a way of distilling our feelings of joy, sadness, frustration, and hope. As we emerge timidly from one of the most difficult years in memory, the RAC invites Tamarack residents to contribute a poem that expresses your feelings about the past year or that gives you comfort at any time. This can be your own composition or a poem by someone else, known, or unknown. Are you drawn to Wordsworth, Louise Gluck or the raucous rhymes of Shel Silverstein? The RAC will then host a "POETRY SLAM" via ZOOM in June. If you choose to participate, you will present your poem for all to hear. If you prefer to listen, rather than submit, that's fine too.

Here's how to participate:

1. Choose or compose your poem.
2. Submit your name, not your poem by May 28th to: Maryanne Huttleston, maryanne@hddesign.com
3. Wait for confirmation of the scheduled ZOOM meeting.

WILDFLOWER WALK

Spring is finally here and so are the wildflowers! The RAC invites you to join Pat Maddox and Jim Waeffler, for a walk through the woods to see all the beautiful wildflowers that surround us and learn more about them. Our walk will be Friday, April 23rd from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. We will meet at the pavilion in Walnut Grove Park and then walk back to Tamarack Trails through the conservancy. Jim and Pat recommend that you wear long pants and socks on the off chance you encounter a hungry tick. In case of rain, the walk will be postponed to Monday, April 26th at the same time. Do not miss this special treat!



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

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

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Group Air Conditioner Checkup

The staff at the Tamarack office has arranged for and will coordinate a group air conditioner cleaning and inspection for Tamarack residents. *R.A. Heating* will perform a 15-point annual inspection and cleaning of the cooling system for a discounted rate. The rate depends on the number of homeowners that sign up. A minimum of 10 residents must sign up for this offering to move forward. The normal rate for this service is \$125 and the group rate will vary with the number of participants (starting at 101 + tax per inspection with 8 residents and decreasing to \$96 + tax per inspection if more than 10 sign up. If you are interested in participating, please email Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com or contact the office at 833-1615.

The price includes - cleaning the air conditioner unit, a "Summer Cooling 15 Point Inspection", and the installation of a new standard 1" filter. The price does not include – Space guard, Air Bear, or any highly efficient filters. Highly efficient filters (if needed) will be billed out at \$42.20 a piece at the time of the inspection.

Board and Committee Business

GL Amenities Committee— Updates and Wish List

While the days were shorter, the snow was falling and most of us were keeping our distance, members of the Maintenance Staff were bringing new life to the lower-level meeting room at the Clubhouse. What was once a dark and infrequently used space has been brightened up with white paint, LED lighting, a new sink and cabinet as well as updated flooring. In addition, a large meeting table and two white boards are now available for your next committee meeting or coffee get-together. The Amenities committee which includes Sue Albert, Jean MacCubbin, Izzie Popic and Anne Rohr is extremely grateful to staff — recognizing their skills, input and keeping the project on track. So, please stop by and look for yourself, and give a shout out to staff.

The Committee too has a small wish list to make the space more inviting. We are looking for a donation of a coffee pot, countertop paper towel holder, battery-operated wall clock, and any suitable artwork that could bring some color to this now bright, all white room. If you find you can help here, please drop off the item(s) at the Office.

The Committee has accepted the resignation of Carol Prugh who has given her time and valuable input to this committee. A big Thank You to Carol is in order! Meanwhile, we are looking for a resident to volunteer for the vacancy. The Committee meets on an as needed basis and generally has oversight of the Clubhouse, Pool and Tennis Courts. Please contact Amenities Chair Izzie Popic at (608) 203-9674 with any questions or to join this committee.

Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack

On the evening of April 15th, the NGT (Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack), a newly formed work group of the Maintenance Committee, held a Zoom meeting to share its mission and goals with the Tamarack community. (For more information about the group, see articles entitled “Help us save the bees” in the February and March issues of the Good Life).

Of particular importance to the work group is the goal of engaging Tamarack residents in every aspect of this ecological effort, from the planning and implementation to the evaluation of pilot projects. To this end, please find below a list of the group’s members and their contact information. You will see that Phases I through VI are represented, so that you can contact the member who lives in your area to ask questions, provide comments and suggestions, and offer assistance. For those living in Phase VII, Jim Waeffler will be your contact.

The NGT committee members look forward to hearing from you!

Jean MacCubbin	citizenjean2@gmail.com	... 836-4863 ...	Phase I
Liz Farnham	lizinmad@charter.net	..... 833-3756 ...	Phase II
Caryl Terrell	carylterrell@gmail.com	..... 833-8828 ...	Phase III
David Reed	kdkmreed@yahoo.com	..... 630-4920 ...	Phase IV
Jim Waeffler	jim.waeffler@gmail.com	..... 831-2759 ...	Phase IV
Nancy Korda	kordanan@yahoo.com	..... 833-4258 ...	Phase V
Lynnie Clemens	lclemens@tds.net	..... 345-3771 ...	Phase VI

Spring News from the Maintenance Committee

Spring has sprung and our busiest season begins. While the spring yard cleanup had a few hiccups, the mulch has already been blown in and looks great.

Concrete, timber/rock wall, deck, and asphalt projects are scheduled and ready to go. The Pine Ridge asphalt replacement is planned for mid-June. Affected residents will be kept informed every step of the way.

Painting has begun on Gray Birch and Hemlock. Our maintenance staff will continue their work on chimney caps, trim replacement, and deck repair. If you notice rotted wood, put in a work order.

Staff will be doing power washing, landscape work, painting, and other projects will be grouped together and completed by. It is more efficient for them to work this way rather than skipping around the property. You do not need to put in a work order for this work. Of course, any safety issues or emergencies will be dealt with first.

Here are some things owners should do to improve safety and comfort.

Dryer vents – In the past, Tamarack staff has done complete dryer vent cleaning. Staff can no longer do this. They will check the exterior where the vent leaves the house, but owners are responsible for having the interior portion cleaned. This should be done at least every other year. If enough people are interested perhaps, we can organize a group buy.

Attic/ceiling insulation – Insulation is an owner's responsibility. Adequate insulation, professionally installed and vented is the greatest deterrent to ice dams and interior water damage. Please have yours assessed (there is a contractor many owners have used). Once completed, Tamarack staff has been installing trim vents where appropriate.

Chimney dampers/sweeping – Owners should have their chimneys inspected and cleaned by a professional each season to lessen the chance of fires, animals taking residence, and catching any deterioration of the flue. Tamarack staff and contractors have been replacing the chimney caps and screens. They report some dampers are rusted and in need of replacement. It makes sense that this be done while they are working on the chimney - and cheaper - than having a contractor come back to do it later. Staff will discuss this with you when your chimney cap is being replaced.

We have a busy summer ahead and it is the Maintenance Committee's intention to keep everyone as up to date as possible. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Tamarack News and Tidbits

If I would like to do any landscaping around my home, do I need approval?

Yes, for some flower garden, shrubs and trees. Although each unit includes the surrounding lot, the Association maintains the lot. The Association Manager and/or the Maintenance Committee must approve any landscaping changes. The Association is responsible for the maintenance, trimming, and replacement of trees and shrubs. Additional plantings are done at the homeowner's expense once approved. Flowerbeds (annuals and perennials) within an owner's lot are not installed or maintained by the Association. The Association does not water during the summer, although residents are encouraged to water trees and shrubs around their unit. Please refer to Policy Resolution V-500, Landscaping Policy.

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

Food Pantry Update

Volunteers for Tamarack Trails Earth Day swale cleanup project, consider bringing a contribution for the Lussier Food Pantry. A box will be provided for your convenience by the clubhouse front door. Thank you!

Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails/Lussier Center Food Pantry Coordinator

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