

The Good Life...

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June 2021

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 21 - 3:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, July 14 - 4:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, July 13 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, June 22 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 27- 6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, July 14 – 4:00 pm

Amenities Committee

Tuesday, July 13 – 10:30 am

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

Pool Party

Sunday, Sept. 19

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

9 am – 4 pm

Or by appointment

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Current News

Summer Safety

Madison Police Department (MPD) is implementing Neighborhood Policing Plans to reduce crime and quality of life issues. Stolen autos, theft from autos and hazardous driving are priorities in our neighborhood.

As we develop our community partnership with MPD, we will have opportunities to engage with them and develop problem-solving techniques to reduce crime and disorder issues. To date, it has included parking police cars near the four-way stop and walking on our streets and trails. Feel free to introduce yourselves. The officers are eager to get to know us and hear our concerns.

We all play a part in eliminating crime and keeping Tamarack safe. It starts at home. Here's what we can do to reduce the number of crimes of opportunity.

PROPERTY CRIME
YOU CAN HELP
PREVENT IT

 LOCK IT Ensure your car doors and all doors to your residence are kept locked.	 REMOVE IT Removing valuables from your car is better than hiding them. This includes garage door openers and spare keys.
 LIGHT IT Leave exterior residence lights on at night or utilize motion detecting lights.	 CLOSE IT Keep your garage door closed and double-check it is closed at night.
 HIDE IT Keep valuables in your garage, car, and home out of sight.	 REPORT IT Report all criminal & suspicious activity immediately.

FOLLOW US
#NightlyLockup

MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT
NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH | (608)255-2345
www.madisonpolice.com



Let's all work together to have a safe summer!

Save the Date Tamarack Trails Pool Party September 19, 2021

More information to follow!

*Sponsored by the Tamarack Trails Recreation and
Activities Committee*



Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Dogs on Decks at Tamarack

Some residents have been leaving their dogs unattended on their decks. While the decks may be completely fenced or have gates, they do not prevent dogs from barking, whining or otherwise disturbing neighbors. We ask that if you let your dog out on the deck, please be sure someone is with the dog, or can respond quickly if the dog begins barking.

Your neighbors and other residents will appreciate it.

NO-MOW-MAY PROJECT COMPLETED: THE RESULTS ARE IN!!

The No-Mow-May demonstration project, sponsored by Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack, was conducted during the month of May. During that time, the grass in the common area behind 40, 42, 44, 46, and 48 Oak Creek Trl was left unmowed. The purpose of leaving the grass unmowed was to provide a food source (clovers, dandelions, etc.) for pollinators (mostly bees and butterflies) during a time when other food sources are scarce. During this time, Maple Leaf also refrained from doing its springtime pesticide application in the trial area. Tamarack was one of numerous other communities in Wisconsin and around the country in doing this.

The objective of the Tamarack No-Mow-May demonstration project was to determine resident acceptance of the No-Mow-May concept for possible limited application elsewhere in Tamarack in the future.

During the project, residents were invited to visit the trial area and to complete a questionnaire (available on site, in the Office, and in email communications to the community) to provide their feedback. The Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack team would like to thank all of who responded to the questionnaire.

Forty-one residents returned questionnaires. Here is what they had to say in answer to two key questions:

“Would you support the limited adoption of No-Mow-May next year (2022) on common land elsewhere in Tamarack?”

- Yes: 35 (85%)
- No: 2
- Undecided: 4
- Residents who could see trial area from their condo: 7 of 7 said “Yes”

“Would you support the limited adoption of No-Mow-May next year (2022) on common land adjacent to your condo?”

- Yes: 30 (73%)
- No: 7
- Undecided: 2
- “NA”: 2
- Residents who could see trial area from their condo: 7 of 7 said “Yes”

If you would like to see the complete results, including representative comments made by residents, please contact David Reed at kdkmreed@yahoo.com or Jim Waeffler at jim.waeffler@gmail.com.

Board and Committee Business

Finance Committee seeking new members.

Dear Neighbors,

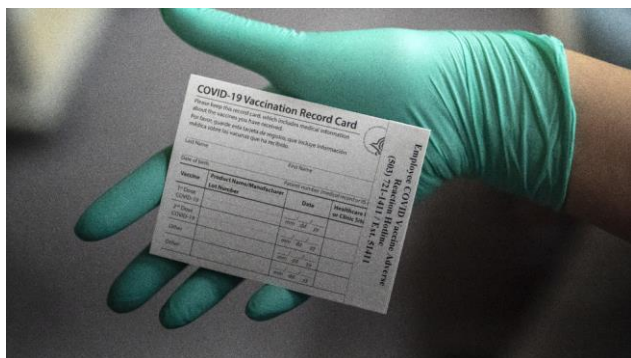
As we begin to leave our “nests” and venture out into the world again, I hope you will give some thought to how you can support the Tamarack community. Many of our committees need volunteer assistance. As the current chair of the Finance Committee (FC), I know that starting in January, we will need to fill two vacancies on the committee. The FC is actively involved in preparing the Annual Budget, maintaining the Association’s 30-Year Budget and determining the Annual Assessment each year. We also monitor the monthly financial statement, review the annual audit and keep a close eye on our Investment Fund. We always try to support funding for the various needs of our committees as well as ensure that TT staff are paid competitive wages and receive excellent benefits. The committee meets once a month except in December when we’re on holiday break. We can report that TT’s finances are probably in the best position they have been in for some time. So, would you consider joining us next year? You don’t have to be an accountant to be a member of the Finance Committee. You just have to be willing to donate some time, a bit of effort and a commitment to TT’s financial well-being. To volunteer or if you have further questions, please email Prudystewart@tds.net. Thanks for your consideration.

Volunteer Opportunity: Nominations and Elections Committee

Here is an opportunity for you to become involved in our community for a short but important assignment. At least 12 weeks prior to the annual meeting, which is scheduled for October 26, 2021, the Board must appoint a Nominations and Election Committee. It is the duty of the Committee to supervise the nomination and election of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws, procedures and resolutions as adopted by the Board. You will be involved in finding candidates, disseminating information about the candidates, and counting ballots. Sound interesting? Please contact Amy Kell at 608-841-1092.

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Laminate Your Vaccine Card



Fully vaccinated?

Office Max will make a copy of your COVID-19 vaccine card and laminate it for free. This promotion is offered through July 25, 2021.

How do I get work done on the exterior of my house?

Maintenance requests can be submitted in three ways: 1) Access your private portal on AppFolio and enter your work request. 2) Contact the Association office at 833-1615 to manually enter the work order for you. 3) Maintenance request forms are available in a white box near the front door to the Association clubhouse. You can fill one out and drop it at the office.

Food Pantry Update

The following Tamarack Residents take the generous donations you leave by the Tamarack Trails office each month and deliver them to the Lussier Food Bank: Ruth Wagner, Janice Gratch, Sandy Drew, Marge Miller, Pam Jesien Toby, Prudy Stewart, Cathy Andrews, SaraLee and Bill Hinckley, Diana Shaw, Bev Mazur, Dee Seyfarth and Sybil Letzing. We thank them for the gift of their time and assistance.

Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails/Lussier Center Food Pantry Coordinator