

The Good Life...

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July 2021

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, August 18 - 3:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, August 11 - 4:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, August 10 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 24 - 6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

Monday, Sept. 27 -10:30 am

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, August 11 - 4:00 pm

Amenities Committee

Tuesday, August 3 -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

Final Review of Odana Area Plan

The Odana Area information can be viewed at:

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

The Odana Area Plan was introduced at the July 6, 2021 Common Council meeting and is now in the official review and approval process. The following boards, commissions and committees will review and provide advisory recommendations on the June 22, 2021 [draft plan](#) before it returns to Common Council for final action. The anticipated approval schedule is below, however dates are subject to change.

- Economic Development Committee: July 21 (*Video available for viewing at www.cityofmadison.com.*)
- Board of Park Commissioners: August 11 @ 6:30 pm
- Transportation Policy and Planning Board: August 16 @ 5:00 pm
- Plan Commission: August 23 @ 5:30 pm
- Common Council: August 31 @ 6:30 pm

You can provide written or oral comments about the plan to each of the City of Madison committees, our alder and to the Tamarack board.

Contact board members: Dean Ryerson, James Steinbach or Janet Hirsch

Transit Metro Routes Redesign

There is still time to share your input about future Metro bus routes. For more information visit [Transit Network Redesign](#)

The New Large Item Collection System Needs your Help!

Please continue spreading the word about the Streets Division's New Large Item Collection System. Many residents still do not know about it, based on feedback provided to the Streets Division. Schedule large item pickups at www.cityofmadison.com/LargeItemWorkOrder. The Streets Division has a [large item collection page](#) dedicated to answering residents' questions.

The dates to put your large items on the curb for the Tamarack area are:

- August 1
- September 5

Let's Talk About Streets

The City of Madison wants to know what you think about the streets you use to work, live and play in the City of Madison. Please visit the City of Madison's [Let's Talk Streets website](#) and take the [Community Survey](#).

Activites and Events

Jazz at Tamarack

MIDDLETON JAZZ will be performing traditional jazz tunes from blues to big band arrangements.



When: September 8th at 6:15 p.m.

Rain date: September 9th at 6:15 p.m.

Where: On the lawn near the clubhouse.

Bring: Your own chair and a beverage if desired.

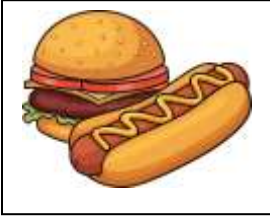
(No glass please.)

Sponsored by the Tamarack RAC Committee.

Raging Grannies Performance, a Bit Hit

The Raging Grannies performance on June 21st was a success. There were close to 100 in attendance.

The Resident Activities Committee contributed to the Madison Public Library in their name to thank them for their performance.



SUNDAY, FUN DAY

Neighborhood Picnic in the Park

Sunday, August 22, 2021
1:00 to 4:00 pm
Haen Family Park
7702 Tree Lane



The neighborhoods are getting together this summer for food, fun and games. Everyone's invited! The Community Resource Officers from the Madison Police Department will be grilling hot dogs and brats and bringing a bounce house for the kids. The Tamarack neighbors are providing ice cream. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.

We need you to help make this a success. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Volunteer to help at the picnic. Provide a much appreciated cash donation; they will be accepted at our office. It takes all of us to bring our neighborhoods together. Looking forward to a Fun Day.

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND JUMPING WORMS IN YOUR YARD?

*Yes, jumping worms have been found in some areas of Tamarack.
That doesn't mean that they are everywhere.*

How will I know if jumping worms are in my yard? You will notice their appearance (dark, firm, and turgid) and behavior (thrashing, jumping, with snakelike crawling), and the fact that they are usually found in considerable numbers. You will never find just one jumping worm; they mass together. Their populations grow very large as, unlike European worms, they can reproduce several times during a single growing season. They dwell in the surface of the soil or just below – they do not burrow deeply as do some European worms. They produce a unique soil signature - a granular texture that some say resembles that of used coffee grounds or tapioca pearls.

- **Don't panic.** By taking precautions, we can continue enjoying our yards and gardens.
- **Take precautions to avoid spreading them.**
 - Educate yourself about jumping worms;
 - Watch for jumping worms and signs of their presence;
 - ARRIVE CLEAN, LEAVE CLEAN. Clean soil and debris from vehicles, equipment, shoes and personal gear before moving to and from an area;
 - Do not buy or share plants and gardening materials unless you are sure that they are free of jumping worms; and
 - Only use compost that was heated to appropriate temperatures and duration following protocols that reduce pathogens.
- **Remove and destroy jumping worms when you see them.** Simply seal them in a bag and throw it in the trash – they will not survive long. Reducing the adult population will eventually reduce the number of egg-carrying cocoons in the landscape.
- **Keep your chin up.** Research is moving forward to find ways to control jumping worms. Until a solution is found, learn to live with these unwelcome pests.

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/invasives/fact/jumpingworm.html>

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.

Tamarack News and Tidbits

How do I sign up for Committee work?

Call the Association Manager (833-1615) about your interest. In turn, they will connect you to the appropriate Chairperson who will invite you to the next scheduled meeting if there is an opening for a new committee member.

Food Pantry Update

Thank you to all that have generously donated. Donations can be dropped off at the clubhouse and are taken to Lussier food pantry on the third Tuesday of each month.

Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails/Lussier Center Food Pantry Coordinator