

The Good Life...

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December 2021

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

No Meeting

Architectural Review Board

No Meeting in December

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, Dec 14 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, Dec. 28- 6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

No Meeting

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, Dec 8 - 4:00 pm

Amenities Committee

No Meeting.

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Current News

New Board Takes Office

Following their November meeting, the new directors and newly elected officers assumed their responsibilities for the 2021-2022 term.

Dean Ryerson	President
Bob Jacobs	Vice-President
George Meyer	Treasurer
Larry White	Secretary
Janet Hirsch	Director
Paul Skidmore	Director
James Steinbach	Director

Thank you

The Board of Director's would like to say a special thank you to Amy Kell for her service on the board over the past years, she will be missed. The board would also like to thank Prudy Stewart and Don Haasl for their years of service they provided our association on the Finance committee. To all our volunteers, Thank you for your time and service.

Angie Swan will be staying on at Tamarack in her new role as Landscaping Supervisor.

For those of you who did not know, Angie had been offered an attractive position with the Bruce Company which she had verbally accepted. When word got out around here, we heard some things from folks, and we went to work. Angie's job description was restructured to focus more on landscape management and supervisory responsibilities as well as interfacing with vendors through the RFP bidding and evaluation processes. These changes mean that we will be using Angie's skills in a much better way while freeing up a full-time landscape staff position which we hope to fill soon.

We are very grateful to Angie for accepting our offer as we continue to build our team here at Tamarack.

If you see Angie and her retriever out on the cart some morning, please welcome her back.

Activities and Events

Tamarack Holiday Party

Out of an abundance of caution, the RAC has decided to postpone the Holiday Party for a couple of months until we can all be together safely. We are disappointed but don't want anyone to get sick during the holidays. Watch the Good Life for further information. We wish you all the best for the holidays.

Walktober/Biketober Event



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Walktober/Biketober event. We hope you had fun while you explored Madison on foot or by bicycle.

Congratulations to the following 3 people who are the winners of the three Brennan's \$25.00 gift certificates. They are **Dee Seyfarth**, **Cailin OConnor**, and **Julia Heusinger**.

The five residents who completed the most activities are **Matt Nagel (31)**, **Maria Nagel (31)**, **Annie Pfahning (31)**, **David Pfahning (31)**, and **Tricia Gavin (30)**.

Bravo to these 5 intrepid exercisers and everyone else who participated.

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Perennials and Yard Waste Pick up

For ease of shoveling please cut down perennials if they are on the sidewalks.

The final yard waste pick up was on November 15th. Please bring your yard waste to the landscape dumpster. No plastic bags or containers should be placed in the dumpster.

Please remember that masks are required when entering the maintenance building or clubhouse.

Seasonal Decorations

All outside seasonal decorations must be confined to the homeowner's house and within homeowner's lot line.

Strings of lights or garlands are discouraged from being attached to the building, particularly if nails are used.

Lights or decorations on a tree on Association common property are discouraged. If such - 9 - decorations are used, the tree must be no more than fifteen (15) feet from the homeowner's home.

Extension cords must be marked and protected so that letter carriers, snow shovelers and others will be able to see the cord and avoid an accident. Homeowners must assume the responsibility for any accidents involving such extension cords.

All exterior decorations must be removed within two weeks of the calendar holiday.

Snow Removal Procedures

Sand barrels and snow plowing markers have been placed on the Trails. The sand barrels are available for resident use on their sidewalks and drives.

What to Expect with Snow: **Plowing and Shoveling** contracts start November 15th. Plowing and Shoveling are performed after any snowfall greater than 1". Plowing of the Trail centers normally starts about one hour prior to the end of the snowfall and should be completed within 1 or 2 hours of snowfall end. The Trail centers include all of the Trails and cul-du-sacs except for the 320 individual driveways. The plowing of the Trail centers is performed by Maple Leaf using a pickup truck with a plow blade. During a major snow event the Trail centers are plowed after each accumulation of 5" of snow. Plowing the center of all Trails should occur prior to the clearing of any of the individual driveways. If this is not done, it slows down all other plowing and shoveling operations. If you need to get out during a major snow event, please call the emergency number (259-2750). Clearing of the individual drives does not start until the snowfall has ended and only occurs once during each snow event. In a normal snowfall (1 to 6") all driveway clearing should be completed in 6 to 8 hours. In a heavier snow event, clearing of driveways can take 10 to 12 hours.

Shoveling Individual Walks: Shoveling of individual walks is performed when the snow depth is greater than one inch. Half of the shoveling is performed by Viktors Painting and the other half by Tamarack staff. Shoveling is normally completed by noon for an overnight snowfall or within six hours of the snow stopping during a daytime snow event. Normally the walks and porches will be shoveled to the full width and length, snow will also be shoveled three feet in front of garage doors. Please cut perennials back so they are out of the way for shoveling.

Walking Paths and City sidewalks: Walking paths and city sidewalks are done by Tamarack staff after all individual walks are done. This is performed no later than noon the day following any snow event or within a few hours of snowfall end if a daytime event. This year we are using a power broom for any snowfall less than two inches. If the snow gets too deep on the sides of the sidewalks, we are unable to use the broom. It can clear the walks to bare concrete and has greatly reduced the amount of salt used on the city sidewalks. We will also be using a Bobcat snow blower for any snow over 2 inches. During any snow event with less than 1" of snow; No shoveling of individual sidewalks or plowing will occur. The Tamarack staff will clear the city walk and salt hilly drives, curves and stop signs. Residents are responsible for clearing their walk and salting between snowfalls less than 1".

If you are unable to maintain your walk, please contact the office for assistance (833-1615).

Salting: Salting is performed by Tamarack staff also. During a snow event, we salt all the hilly drives and Trails in Tamarack to keep them safe. We also salt driveways and Trails that are shaded and don't melt without a little help. We maintain a map of the hilly areas and a copy of this map is posted on the Tamarack website and info board in the clubhouse. This salting is performed with a truck mounted spreader for double drives and by hand for single width driveways (to reduce salt usage and waste). The day after a snowfall and during freeze thaw cycles Tamarack staff will check Trails, drives and city walks for icy areas. To reduce salt usage

(and help save our lakes) snowpack on flat driveways and Trails will not be salted as part of our normal routine.

Board and Committee Business

Architectural Review Board

Miniature White Lights Guidelines ...

For safety and security purposes, homeowners may install miniature, non-twinkling, white lights between October 25th to March 15th. (After that date, the lights must be removed, not simply turned off.) The lights may adorn trees, shrubs, fences, and light posts on the owner's property (lot). If requested by TT staff, the owner is responsible for removing the lights from a tree or shrub to facilitate winter pruning. Tamarack Trails may also install miniature, non-twinkling white lights on common areas for safety and security.

... and Holiday Decoration Guidelines

In addition to white lights, you may install and enjoy seasonal decorations observing the following guidelines:

- All outside seasonal decorations must be confined to the homeowner's home or within 4 feet of the building, sidewalk, patio, decorative fence or post light.
- All exterior decorations must be removed within two weeks of the calendar holiday.
- Strings of lights or garlands are discouraged from being attached to the building, particularly if nails are used. Lights or decorations on a tree on Association common property are discouraged. If such decorations are used, the tree must be no more than fifteen (15) feet from the homeowner's lot line.
- Please note that all neighbors must give permission to decorate a tree in the vicinity of their home.

In both cases:

All extension cords must be marked and protected so that letter carriers, snow shovelers and others will be able to see the cord and avoid an accident. Homeowners must assume the responsibility for any accidents involving such extension cords.

(from Policy Resolution IV-400, Section III)

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Food Pantry Update

A suggestion...with the holidays approaching, perhaps Lussier Food Pantry participants would appreciate ingredients for holiday baking and cooking.

Dee Seyfarth Tamarack Trails/Lussier Food Bank Coordinator

Ice Melt

Ice No More 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 Ice Melt Order Form

Please submit this form along with your payment to the Tamarack office.

The ice melt will be delivered to your doorstep the following day.

Address _____

Qty _____ 20 lb. Bag(s) @ \$6.00 = \$_____