

The Good Life...

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January 2023

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, January 11 – 4:00pm

Maintenance Committee
Tuesday, February 14 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Finance Committee
Wednesday, January 18 – 4:00pm

Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 24 – 6:30pm

Amenities Committee
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 – 10:30am

Event Calendar
(Please mark your calendars)

OFFICE HOURS
Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Association Manager
Stacey.Haberman@tamaracktrails.com

Jean Hilgers,
Office Manager
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Current News

Meet Our New Manager

Residents are invited to attend one of two "Meet the New Manager" sessions. The first opportunity to meet with Stacey Haberman, our new Association Manager, will be an in-person session on Wednesday, January 11th, at 1:30 pm. The second opportunity will be a Zoom on-line meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 17th. The Zoom link for this session will be emailed to residents on the 17th. Each session will be approximately one hour in length. We hope you will be able to attend one of the two sessions.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Time to take down the tree. Tamarack staff will be collecting your "naked" tree through January 31st.

- Remove all tree stands, regardless if they are metal or wood.
- Remove all tree decorations such as lights, ornaments, or other metal objects.
- Remove any tree bags, and any other foreign object.

What about wreaths?

Do not place wreaths, evergreen rope, garlands, and boughs out for tree collection. These belong in the trash. They contain wires or metal that can damage wood chipping equipment.

Update Your Contact Information for the Office and 2023 Tamarack Directory

We would like to update both our phone number and email contact information for all residents. An information update form appears at the end of this newsletter. If you are a new Tamarack resident or recently changed your phone number or email address, please fill out the form and return it to the Tamarack office by February 10th. Your name and contact information can also be submitted via email to: jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com. **Email addresses are not published** and are used only for Tamarack internal communications.

Ice Melt

Ice No More (a calcium/potassium chloride blend of ice melt) 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.

Board and Committee Business

The Board Notes for 12/27/22 meeting

The Board of Directors met in-person and by Zoom on December 27. All directors were present, and 19 residents joined the meeting. The Treasurer reviewed Tamarack's financial report and board liaisons reviewed minutes of committee meetings. This month the major discussion topics centered on the employment offer for Association Manager, financial issues, and maintenance projects. President Ryerson also commented that several board members had attended a virtual seminar on HOA legal issues organized by Barb Hughes.

Tamarack's Treasurer, Larry White, discussed the latest financial report. The operating expenses for 2022 are expected to be under budget because of lower insurance costs and staff vacancies. Reserve funds are below the target minimum because of this year's stock market performance but we expect our long-term strategy will accommodate the downturn. As planned, the Finance Committee has transferred \$225,000 from the checking account to Edward Jones for investment in various instruments to maximize the returns on that money until needed.

Janet Hirsch, interim manager, reported on several issues including updates on pool maintenance, mulch, chimney caps, and snow removal. She also noted that residents do not ask contractors to adjust their work – they have instructions from management. Also, Jean Hilgers has sent the city a list of residents who have changed to Waste Management for recycling. The city will begin billing residents. For those using the city recycling program, the charge will be \$4.08/month in 2023.

Jayne Meyer, liaison to the maintenance committee, made several motions including approval of new member Julie McLaren and approval of various chimney cap, rock wall, drainage, and timber stair replacement projects. The board also approved the change in language clarifying resident and association responsibilities for water and sewer lines, as presented at the public hearing on November 28. Jean MacCubbin commented that the new policy mirrors city policies.

President Ryerson reported that an offer has been made and verbally accepted for the position of Association Manager. Ryerson thanked the screening committees for excellent work. (Editor's note: see the formal announcement elsewhere in this issue of The Good Life). In addition, some staff restructuring has been approved and will be announced soon.

Other topics included approval of the code of ethics for the board, discussion of the Solar Energy Task Force, and introduction of the 2022-23 board assignments: Dean Ryerson as President, Bob Jacobs as Vice-President, Larry White as Treasurer and James Steinbach as Secretary. Other directors are George Jesien, Jayne Meyer and Paul Skidmore.

The next board meeting will be at 6:30 pm on January 24, 2023.

BOS 101: ARB Mini Series Scheduled in January

Prior to the complete rollout of the rewrite of the Architectural Review Board, Book of Standards, a few mini sessions are planned. Consider attending one or more presentations depending on your interest in the topic.

Each mini presentation will be conducted prior to the required Public Hearing on the Book of Standards rewrite. Each session will be held in the Clubhouse upper meeting room and last about one hour with time allocated for questions.

Come and meet one or more members of the ARB. Bring along your warm beverage, a pen, and your questions and comments; leave with a better understanding of the ARB processes, owner responsibilities and how the design standards affect you, your unit and the Tamarack Community as a whole. **The goal is to educate residents on various elements of the ARB process and introduce some of the refinements to the document rewrite.**

- . BOS 101: What's New-- Friday January 27 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- . BOS 101: Project Planning-- Saturday January 28 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- . BOS 101: Resources, Non-Compliance and Consequences--
Monday 1/30 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Each mini session PowerPoint will be posted on the Tamarack website as a .pdf document. Hard copies of the PowerPoint slides presented at each session may be made available on request. For more information contact: Jean MacCubbin at citizenjean2@gmail.com

Know ARB Meeting Dates and Request Deadlines

The Architectural Review Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month and the deadline for receipt of completed requests is 14 days prior.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

Meeting Date (4:00 pm Clubhouse)	Completed Requests Due
January 11	Date has passed
February 8	January 25
March 15 (rescheduled due to lack of quorum)	March 1
April 12	March 29

Completed requests using Form 1 or Form 2 may be submitted via AppFolio, or emailed to the Office or ARB Chair, Christina Finet at cfinet3@gmail.com.

Notice of Public Hearing— ARB Book of Standards Rewrite

A 30-day notice is hereby given by the Architectural Review Board and the Book of Standards Workgroup to hold a Public Hearing on the proposed rewrite of the Book of Standards.

To accommodate resident schedules and to attract all interested residents, two presentations are planned— one in-person and one via Zoom.

	<p>Thursday, February 16, 2023. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Via Zoom</p> <p>Saturday, February 18, 2023. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. In-Person @ Clubhouse Meeting Room</p>
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A Zoom link will be sent to all email addresses on record at least two days before the public hearing; the email will include a .pdf copy of the meeting handouts.

Briefly, each presentation will include an overview of the reorganization of the document, introducing any new and refined text, as well as noting items that remain the same. Overall, the

goal of the rewrite is to make the document more user friendly, clarify existing language, incorporate new items, and reflect how we now live while still maintaining ARB Design Standards. [These Standards have been enacted by the ARB to maintain a harmonious relationship among structures and the natural vegetation and topography and to maintain the integrity of the external design and the visual appearance of Tamarack Trails.]

Each presentation will allow for questions and comments; a form to submit written comments will be available and should be dropped off at the Office no later than Friday, February 24th.

See also in this issue a listing of **BOS 101: Mini Series** to be held during the month of January as a precursor to the planned public hearings.

Draft copies of the proposed Book of Standards rewrite will be posted as a .pdf on the Tamarack webpage, TamarackTrails.com and by request before and after each presentation.

Activities and Events



The annual Holiday Party was back again this year. Delicious food and festive drinks, including the Signature Tamarack Holiday Cocktail, were enjoyed by the all the merry attendees! It was a great way to celebrate the holiday with friends and neighbors.

TAM TALKS THANK YOU!!

The Resident's Activity Committee would like to extend our sincere thanks to **George Jesien** for his presentation on electric vehicles for the Tamarack residents. The talk was very informative and helped many of us gain a better understanding of the technological advances that are occurring in the automotive industry. Soon we will all be affected by the changes that are happening right now!



The 2022-2023 Tam Talks Series

Dean Ryerson Shares Travel Stories About Poland

Dean Ryerson will share experiences he had in late September and October on a Friendship Exchange to Poland. During his stay in 4 different homes in Poland Dean learned about Polish life, culture, foods, and vodka! He will also share conversations he had with Ukrainians being supported by Poles and organizations in Poland. This illustrated presentation will share reflections on the challenges his hosts explained to him about their lives and sharing a border with Ukraine and Russia.



When: Thursday, January 12th

Time: 7 PM- 8 PM

Where: Tamarack Clubhouse

Sponsored by Tamarack Resident Activities Committee

***Power comes not from knowledge kept but from knowledge shared.
Bill Gates***

(Reminder: Tam Talks are loosely patterned on Ted Talks. It gives Tamarack residents an opportunity to share personal areas of knowledge or experience that is of interest to their neighbors. The talks can vary in length from 15 minutes to 60 minutes and can be on any topic: a trip of a lifetime, a work experience, a hobby, etc.)

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

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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 = \$ _____