

The Good Life...

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May 2023

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, May 10 – 4:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, May 9 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, May 10 – 5:00pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, May 17 – 3:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 23 – 6:30pm

Amenities Committee

Monday, June 26 – 1:00pm

Event Calendar

(Please mark your calendars)

Potluck

June 11

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
Jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com

Group Window Washing for Tamarack Residents

Fish Window Washing will be offering a group discount for window washing. The prices are as follows: _

Inside and out window washing - \$5.00 per pane of glass

Per screen \$1.00 per screen.

Outside Only window cleaning - \$3.

****Billing to be done through individual owners**

****Work will be completed during a given 2-5 day window depending on interest**

If you are interested in participating in this group window cleaning please email jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com or call 608-833-1615. Deadline for signing up is May 15th.

Tamarack Safety Meeting.

Mark your calendar for a Tamarack Safety Meeting on Wednesday, May 17th from 6pm-7:30 at the Tamarack clubhouse. Officer Tyler Hess and Captain Kelly Beckett will talk about neighborhood crime and how we residents can take preventative measures to avoid incidents and protect ourselves.

This is a presentation and we ask that attendees listen and save questions for the end of the presentation.

2023 Events Planned by Resident Activities Committee

Summer Kick-off Potluck: June 11 (rain date June 12), 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Tamarack Pool

Summer Outdoor Concerts: July and August

Breakfast: September 10

Tam Talks: November to March/April, annually

Holiday Party: December 6

Board and Committee Business

Board Notes for 3/28/23 meeting

The Board of Directors met on April 25. All directors and 23 residents were present and 19 residents joined by Zoom. The Treasurer reviewed Tamarack's financial report and board liaisons reviewed minutes of committee meetings. Major discussion topics were maintenance, finance, the architectural Book of Standards and clubhouse user fees.

The Board approved contracts for maintenance work in 2023 by Viktor's Painting, Poblocki Paving and David Frank Landscaping. The Association Manager reviewed on-going efforts to address significant damage from wood rot found in a home on Mountain Ash Trail.

The reserve fund balance is again above the expected minimum balance. All field work for the annual financial audit is complete. At the Finance Committee's request, the Board approved temporary suspension of spending on drainage, rock wall and clubhouse projects until the cost of wood rot repair becomes more certain.

The Board approved the revised Book of Standards presented by the Architectural Review Board. This completes an extensive two-year review and revision of the standards. A portion of the Book of Standards will replace Tamarack's current Policy IV-400 after a 30-day notice.

Several speakers addressed the current practice of charging fees for use of the clubhouse by groups that meet weekly or monthly. After discussing the rationale for the practice and its perceived inequities, the issue was referred to the Amenities Committee to recommend appropriate action to the Board.

Other discussion topics involved the Board's goals for 2023, difficulties with the Zoom sound system, the Facebook page used by Tamarack residents, and an alternate energy survey.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23.

2023 Board Goals Developed

At a special meeting in April the Board of Directors established Board goals for 2023. The Board will seek to complete work on the following goal topics by the end of 2023:

- To develop a plan to manage Association building deterioration issues
- To complete a revision of Association policies and by-laws
- To improve resident communications through the Association website, "The Good Life", and Zoom technology
- To increase resident participation in governance and committees
- To enhance the Board's role in policy implementation and long-range planning
- To develop a plan for the creation of long-range Association goals
- To monitor and act on City of Madison ordinance changes relating to the Association
- To create, implement, and analyze a comprehensive resident survey
- To prepare for the Association's 50th anniversary that will take place in 2024
- To establish an Association foundation

The Board is now working to develop specific timelines and objectives for each goal. Progress on the goals will be reported during each of the Board's regular meetings.

Earth Day Cleanup A Success

"The environment is where we all meet; where all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share."

—Lady Bird Johnson

About 16 volunteers from Tamarack came out on Fri., April 21 to get their hands dirty pulling invasive plants such as Garlic Mustard and Buckthorn out of 2 wooded areas designated by our grounds superintendent, Angie, for this Spring cleanup effort. It was a great way to celebrate Earth Week, meet other neighbors, learn about why these invasive plants are a problem and make a difference too. If you did not get a chance to come out this time, contact Scott Butler at botscutler@gmail.com to be added to the Clean-Up Crew email list, and watch for details on our Fall cleanup in upcoming issues of the Good Life. Here are a couple of photos from the event.



No-Spray List Sign Up

If you are thinking about joining more than 80 of your Tamarack neighbors who have already signed up for the No-Spray List, you have several options:

- No herbicide/no fertilizer on your lawn
- Fertilizer but no herbicide on your lawn
- No RoundUp to control weeds in your flower gardens or ground covers

For more information, see our article in the April Good Life. To sign up, please contact Angie Swan, Grounds Superintendent, at Angie.swan@tamaracktrails.com. Red flags are available to pick up in the office to mark your no-spray area.

It's No Mow May

There are 8 sites throughout the Tamarack community designated as No Mow May sites to help our pollinators thrive. These sites were listed in the April Good Life. You can pick up a site map and questionnaire in the Office beginning the first week in May. Maps and questionnaires will also be available in information boxes found at individual sites and should be returned to the office by Fri., June 2. There is one Low Mow May site in the mix which will be mowed once in the month as part of a test to see how this compares to the No Mow sites.

Join Us!

Want to learn more about NGT? We hold meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month (some exceptions) at 10 AM at the Clubhouse. Meetings are open to any interested resident. The committee is specifically seeking a resident from Phase VI (Tree Lane area) to serve on the committee. Reach out to Jim Waeffler, jim.waeffler@gmail.com, for more details and meeting dates.



Activities and Events

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2023 Season

It is never too early 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 * Time Spent Outside *
 * Getting Some Vitamin D * Getting to Know Your New Neighbors*

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
 608-279-3149



Evening Classes

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, and
 Thursday

For dates and details contact:
 Pat pjmaddox1@charter.net or
 Teri teriedman@yahoo.com

New and Returning Participants always Welcome!

Tamarack Trails Recreation Ongoing Activities

Activity	Day	Time	Contact for more info
Duplicate bridge group	W	6:00 PM to 10:00 PM	Marge Morgan BridgeatTamarack@gmail.com
Forever Fit	M, W, F	3:00 PM to 3:45 PM	Pat Sponem psponem@gmail.com
Mah jongg	Th	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Sara Lee Hinckley saraleehinckley@gmail.com
Makers and crafters monthly meetup	M Sat	4:30 PM to 7:00 PM 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Geri Gibbons gericlaire@gmail.com
Water aerobics*	M, W, F	9:00 AM to 9:50 AM	Pat Sponem psponem@gmail.com
Water aerobics*	M, T, Th	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Pat Maddox pjmaddox1@charter.net
Yoga	W	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Ginny White lgwhites@gmail.com

* In season

Tam Talks Thank You!!



The Residents Activities Committee would like to thank Greg Mickells and Bev Mazur for their presentation on their trip to The Gambia as part of a delegation from Madison. After a very long flight the delegation arrived in the city of Kanfing. Representatives of Kanfing showed them how they incorporated ideas gathered from previous visits to Madison into their city government and municipalities. Currently they are working on building small libraries using cargo containers to put in various locations to make books more accessible to people. Bev and Greg also shared their experiences with the food, culture, and music of the country and Bev modeled the traditional clothing of the The Gambia!! It was very informative to hear about their adventures! Thank you, Bev and Greg!!!

You are invited to the Tamarack



Potluck Kick-off!

Please provide a dish to share. Residents Activities Committee will provide burgers, brats, beer, wine, water, eating utensils and plates.

When: Sunday, June 11th from 4 PM - 7 PM
(Rain date - Monday June 12th from 4 PM - 7 PM)

Where: Tamarack Pool Deck

Who: All Tamarack Residents

Cost: \$5 per person and a dish to share

RSVP by: Wednesday, June 7th (If you plan to attend, please return this invitation with your name and \$5 per person to the office.)

Questions: Contact Mary Sue Foreman at (440) 263-7011 or marysuef4@gmail.com

Name(s): _____

Total amount included: _____

