

The Good Life...

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July 2023

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, July 12 – 4:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, July 11 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, August 10 – 5:00pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 19 – 3:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, July 25 – 6:30pm

Amenities Committee

Monday, August 28 – 1:00pm

Event Calendar

(Please mark your calendars)

Too Sick Charlie Concert

July 13 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Tamarack Fall Breakfast

September 10

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

9 am – 4 pm

Or by appointment

Stacey Haberman
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Current News

West Area Plan - Upcoming Public Meetings

Project Website:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/west-area-plan/3896/>

Join the West Area Plan project team at an upcoming public meeting as we share what we've heard thus far via surveys, interactive mapping, and previous public engagement, along with how feedback is shaping the drafting of West Area Plan recommendations:

- [July 18, 2023, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Public Meeting \(virtual\)](#)
- [July 26, 2023, Noon-1:00 p.m. Public Meeting \(virtual\)](#)
- August 2, 2023, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Rennebohm Park Shelter (staff is working on making this a "[Carts in Parks](#)" event - check the [project web page](#) closer to the meeting date for additional information)

Speedbumps

Several residents have expressed interest in asking the city to install more speed bumps on Westfield and Tree Lane near Tamarack homes. Our local experts advise that the most effective approach is for individuals to send notes to our Alder and the city engineering department (addresses below). Ideally, thank the city for the new speed bumps near the park, express a concern (e.g. difficulty crossing the street, older residents, canes and walkers) and give suggestions for where speedbumps might be useful.

Alder Nikki Conklin:

Phone: (262) 693-2058

Email: district9@cityofmadison.com

Mailing address: 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 417 Madison, WI 53703

City Engineering Department:

Phone: (608) 266-4751

Email: engineering@cityofmadison.com

Mailing address: 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Room 115 Madison, WI 53703

Activities and Events

Tamarack Trails Summer Concert Series Presents



Too Sick Charlie

Too Sick Charlie's distinctive blend of regional blues music is like a slow-cooked gumbo on a late summer evening; deep, flavorful, satisfying. Too Sick's live performances combine a genuine one-man band with compelling stories that make his shows captivating. A performance from Too Sick Charlie is truly "good for what ails ya!"

When: Thursday, July 13th from 6:30-7:30

Where: Tamarack Trails Poolside

Who: Eric Heiligenstein M.D. (AKA Too Sick Charlie)

Bring: Your own chair and beverage if desired.

(No glass please.)



Sponsored by the Tamarack Resident
Activity Committee.



Summer Kick-off Potluck

Tamarack had a very successful potluck in June with over 100 people attending! We would like to thank all the residents that contributed so much delicious food! RAC would also like to thank the volunteers who helped make the event so enjoyable for everyone! That includes those who helped with set-up, take down, clean up, bar tending, grilling, organizing, and everything else. We appreciate the time you spent to help RAC make the event such a success. We truly could not have done it without you! Thanks again!!



Our Happy Grillers!



Save the Date

The Tamarack Fall Breakfast will be on Sunday morning, September 10th. Everyone is invited. Watch the Good Life for more information!

(The Packers game starts at 3:30.)

Pop Up Art Display

Beth Goulette has some of her Art on display once again at the Clubhouse Lower Level Room. Beth was the first of our residents to show her work and offered to do so again this summer. Beth is self taught and has many new works to see so when you find yourself at the Clubhouse stop downstairs to see her wonderful work.



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

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Summer Landscape Staff

Jean Munyampama moved here from Rwanda in March and is super excited to be here for his first summer! Jean enjoys biking, going on runs and baking! He's had a great summer so far and hopes everyone has too!

Mike Roach is a returning summer landscaper for Tamarack Trails. In the fall, Mike will return to Boston College to continue studying business. He enjoys baking, basketball, and creating. He's looking forward to the summer here!

Jack Giles is a sophomore studying finance at the University of Wisconsin Madison. This is his second summer working on the landscaping crew. Teammates have described him as "a fearless warrior". When he's not at Tamarack you can find him golfing, fishing, or playing basketball. Jack is ecstatic to be here this summer!



Zach Revord is going into his second year at the University of Minnesota and studying business and communications there. This is Zach's second year apart of Tamarack, last year being on the maintenance team - this year he's on the grounds crew! Zach enjoys golfing, fishing and hanging out with friends! He's super excited to be here and hopes it's a great summer for everyone!

Meet Our New Maintenance Superintendent - Rollie Remhof



My name is Rollie Remhof and I come to Tamarack with thirty years of industrial maintenance engineering experience, along with fifteen years of being a general contractor. In my free time, my wife and I enjoy fishing, gardening, time in our pool, along with relaxing time at our lake cabin. I look forward to bringing my experience to Tamarack Trails and am confident I will make a positive impact.

Board and Committee Business

2024 Budget Process

The Finance Committee has announced the schedule for developing Tamarack's 2024 budget and the Budget Team which will put it together. The Budget Team consists of Stacey Haberman (Association Manager), Tom Ferris (Finance Committee Chair), Larry White (Treasurer), George Jesien (Board liaison to the Finance Committee), Don Haasl, George Meyer and Prudy Stewart.

The team will spend August and September meeting in closed session with chairs of Tamarack's various committees to develop a 2024 budget that addresses Tamarack's short- and long-term needs. The team will hold an open meeting for all residents in mid-October to present the draft budget and gather resident comments. After considering resident comments, the team will present the draft budget to the Board of Directors at its meeting on October 24th. The budget will then be presented at Tamarack's Annual Meeting of residents and the finalized budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at its meeting on November 28th.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact Stacey Haberman at 608-833-1615.

Board Notes for 6/27/23 meeting

The Board of Directors met in-person and by Zoom on May 23, 2023. 7 Directors and Association Manager Stacey Haberman were present, as were 26 residents. The major discussion topics were speedbumps, clubhouse use fees and a new office for the landscaping supervisor.

Maria Nagel asked if Tamarack could request that the city put speedbumps on Westfield Rd. in our immediate area. After discussion, it was concluded that individual residents would have more impact than the HOA. President Ryerson requested that a notice be put in The Good Life encouraging residents to contact Alder Conklin and the city. (See the notice in this issue.)

Association Manager Stacey Haberman reported on several items including staffing and maintenance. Major points:

- Our new Maintenance Superintendent, Rollie Remhof, started on June 5th. He is already a great asset. Work orders are being completed and documented in a very efficient manner.
- All work orders are tracked using AppFolio. If you need a work order you can enter it yourself, or let the office know and we will enter it for you.
- Exterior painting is completed on Oak Creek Trail, our staff also replaced rotted wood during this time. The office will send out maps of the Oak Creek paving schedule.
- 46 residents signed up for Fish Window Cleaning to be done the last week of June.
- The elevator in the Clubhouse has been repaired.
- Several contractors will be providing quotes for deck repairs.
- The 2023 Tamarack directory is available at the office. Treasurer White reported that Tamarack finances are in good shape.

There was considerable discussion about a proposed policy change to charge non-residents \$3 for participating in ongoing Tamarack activities (e.g. yoga or Majong) and no longer charge residents. Those in favor noted that it's reasonable to ask non-residents to help support the Clubhouse, while residents have already done so with HOA fees. Those opposed noted that it's not welcoming to charge our guests; that it would be better to phase it in over several years; and there was no procedure described for collecting fees. Stacey Haberman said it would be managed on the honor system. The motion to approve the change effective August 1, 2023 was approved. It was also noted that there needs to be better information available (the web site?) about ongoing activities so more residents can participate. A schedule is posted outside the office.

There was considerable discussion about a proposed new office in the landscaping shed, for the Landscaping Supervisor. There were widely divergent views on whether this was needed, and how the process had been managed. A motion was made to defer any action until the July meeting. The motion was approved.

In other business, President Ryerson reported that in preparation for the Board of Directors election in October, the Nominations and Elections Committee will begin work soon. All residents are encouraged to consider running for the Board. Treasurer Larry White reported on the 2024 budget preparation process. The budget will be presented to residents for comment in October. (See the article in this issue). Larry White and Bob Jacobs reported on proposed changes to several by-laws. Mostly minor adjustments in wording, these were accepted by the Board.

The next monthly Board Meeting is July 25 at 6:30, in person and on Zoom.

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">A Mid-Summer Update</h3>
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While our gardens and lawns are barely surviving during this moisture deficit, we see staff and our neighbors out watering and tending to the much-loved landscape here at Tamarack. Thank you all for helping out, whether it's watering a newly planted tree or giving a neighboring gardener's plot a much-needed soaking. **It truly does Take a Village.**

And back to what has been keeping NGT busy ...

1. The No Mow May and Low Mow May sites are back on the regular mowing schedule. Kudos to Angie Swan for coordinating this project with the new landscape vendor. Many thanks to residents who participated by coordinating a site, encouraging friends to tour them, and giving NGT permission to designate a site. At month's end, NGT members collected data: grass height, pollinators seen— bees, birds or butterflies, identifying flowering species, as well as making various correlations between first year sites and returning sites. Prior to May there was adequate soil moisture therefore we found grass heights range from 5 to 21 inches, keep in mind that most of these sites had received the usual spraying and fertilizing before NMM. Violets were observed at most sites with some dandelions, creeping Charlie and grasses gone to seed.
2. Members also reviewed and summarized the surveys from residents. Thanks much to those who completed the electronic survey! We will summarize the results at upcoming Maintenance Committee and Board meetings.
3. The next project which NGT is embarking on is the development of two Pollinator Gardens on Common Area. We've been given the OK by the Board to move forward in submitting a grant to Dane County, Plant Dane, for securing a mixture of plants compatible to each site. Both sites are in highly visible locations; the goal is that residents could learn about pollinator species bloom throughout the growing season and trigger a desire to plant a few in their own gardens.
4. Like most of you, NGT plans to skip a few biweekly meetings and gear up for the fall when we will be preparing the sites and planting these pollinator gardens.

Look for future NGT communications on workdays where you too might join us!