

The Good Life...

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August 2023

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, August 9 – 4:00pm
Wednesday, Sept. 13 – 4:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, August 8 – 4:00pm
Tuesday, Sept. 12 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, August 9 – 5:00pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, August 16 – 3:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 22 – 6:30pm

Amenities Committee

Monday, August 28 – 1:00pm

Event Calendar

(Please mark your calendars)

Tamarack Fall Breakfast

September 10 – 10am-12pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Current News

Seeking Candidates to Fill Vacant Board of Directors Seats

The Nominations and Elections Committee of Tamarack is seeking three candidates to fill upcoming vacant seats on our Board of Directors. Directors may serve two 2-year terms. The final list of candidates will be distributed on or before October 5 in preparation for the election at the October 26 Annual Meeting of the Association. Any residents interested in self-nominating for a seat must submit a petition to our office stating their intent and signed by six members of the Association on or before September 14. Other candidates will be nominated by the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Why should you consider running for a Board position?

Being part of the Board gives you the chance to share your gifts and talents in service to our community; in other words, to give back to the Association for all the benefits you enjoy from living in Tamarack. A bonus is that Board members make new friends! Through serving, they become acquainted with the many talents and skills of others who are also contributing to the ongoing work here, all ensuring that Tamarack remains the wonderful community and place to live that we all enjoy and value.

Worried about conflicts due to Tuesday evening meetings? Not a problem! The Board determines when meetings can be held to meet the schedules of its members.

Think that spending time living in other locations for part of the year would prevent your attendance at meetings? Thanks to technology, all Board meetings can be attended either in-person or online.

Don't believe that you're an expert in finance, maintenance, drainage, or other issues so you don't have the skills to serve? Again, no worries! The Board is a policy-making body, not a group of experts. The Board relies on our committees and the Association management team to provide expertise and input to the Board.

In seeking candidates, the Nominations and Elections Committee considers factors including (but not limited to) representation on the Board from various Phases and locations within the Association, a person's experience, and length of time in residence. In addition, the Committee is interested in a diversity of skills, age, ethnicity, gender, and a diversity of perspectives.

If you have questions about serving on the Board, feel free to contact one of the current Board members or a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee listed below:

Dean Ryerson: (715) 459-1892
Bob Jacobs: (608) 841-2059
Larry White: (608) 821-0056
James Steinbach: (608) 347-0234
Jayne Meyer: (608) 516-1610
Paul Skidmore: (608) 829-1921

John Oaks: (608) 203-9376
George Meyer: (608) 516-5545
Joan Foster: (608) 576-7217
Eve Siegel: (608) 836-3858
Les Mirkin: (608) 334-5720
Sue Rapa: (608) 841-1255

Activities and Events

Summer Concert Series

By popular request **Too Sick Charlie**, Eric Heiligenstein MD, was invited back to Tamarack for our summer concert series. He is a one-man band and performed regional blues music using an acoustic cigar box guitar, electric drums, and the harmonica. We had a nice gathering, and it was a great way to spend an evening with Tamarack neighbors and enjoy some wonderful music as well!! Hope to see you at our next concert on Wednesday, August 16th!



Tamarack Trails Summer Concert Series Presents



Fixed Income

Fixed Income is a rock and roll band that performs music from the 60's, 70's, and 80's! The band features Tamarack Trails very own Pete Albert! Come enjoy an evening of music that takes you through the decades with your favorite songs!!

When: Wednesday, August 16th from 6:30-7:30 pm

Where: Tamarack Trails Poolside

Who: Fixed Income

Bring: Your own chair and beverage if desired.

(No glass please.)



Sponsored by the Tamarack Residents
Activity Committee.



Come and Join Your Friends and Neighbors at the Tamarack Fall Breakfast!!

Sept. 10th, Sunday
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
RSVP by Sept. 1st
(Required by Caterer.)

Date: Sunday, Sept. 10th
Time: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Where: Poolside by the Tamarack Clubhouse
Menu: Scrambled Eggs
Hashbrowns
Sausage and Bacon
Assorted Pastries
Market Fresh Fruit
Coffee (regular and decaf.), Tea, Orange Juice
Cost: \$10 per person
RSVP: By Sept. 1st (Required by caterer.)



Fall Breakfast RSVP

(Please return to the office by Sept. 1st)
(Required by caterer.)

Date: Sunday, Sept. 10th

Cost: \$10 per person (make checks payable to Tamarack Trails)

Name(s): _____

Sponsored by the Residents' Activity Committee

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Cars, Cars & More Cars

We've been getting more comments about cars and vehicle parking on our property. Yup, we've got rules about that: *Policy Resolution I-102 Vehicles and Other Large Equipment Kept in Community*

Summary: Vehicles should be parked in your garage. The number of vehicles allowed is determined by the spaces that can be accommodated by the garage and driveway space directly adjacent to the garage.

Owners with a one car garage are permitted to park no more than two vehicles on the property and only one may park outside of the garage at any time. Owners with a two-car garage are permitted to park no more than four vehicles on the property and only two may park outside of the garage at any time.

Restricted vehicles should be parked in the garage. They are not allowed on the trails, driveways, or guest parking spaces. Included on the list of restricted vehicles are commercial vehicles, RVs, trailers, boats and campers.

Any vehicle parked on our property should be on the asphalt, not the grass. This includes the vehicles of guests and service providers.

Board and Committee Business

Board Notes for 7/20/23 special meeting & 7/25/23 regular meeting

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was held in person and by Zoom on July 20, 2023. 6 Directors and Association Manager Stacey Haberman were present, as were 6 residents. Director Skidmore was excused. There were two business items.

First, then Board approved including the revised Book of Standards (BoS) into Policy IV-400. This policy gives the Association Manager, the Architectural Review Board, and the Board of Directors the authority to implement and enforce the provisions of the BoS.

Second, there was a discussion to identify barriers to residents volunteering to be involved in Tamarack governance, and possible solutions. Among the issues considered: people are too busy, a lack of clear understanding of committee and Board roles, a reluctance to deal with conflict, a sense that their views weren't really considered, and a preference to simply live at Tamarack without further engagement. It was also noted that this is a broader issue across organizations. More details will be reported in the future.

The group also saw the 50th Anniversary as an opportunity for more people to become involved.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held in person and by Zoom on July 25, 2023. All Directors and Association Manager Stacey Haberman were present, as were 20 residents.

The major discussion topics were the upcoming Board of Director election, how city ordinances and Tamarack covenants relate, and the 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Residents expressed concern about rabbits and gypsy moths. There's little the association can do about these issues, but there will be information forthcoming about moths.

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

Major points:

- Rollie Remhoff is completing CPO (Certified Pool Operator) training and is also taking courses to be able to pull permits on our own. New part-time maintenance employee (Julio Galvez) started July 24th. We are running ads for our Maintenance Technician openings.
- Scheduling lifeguards for August and September is problematic as students return to school. We are looking to add additional lifeguards. (Note that this is a local and national problem.)
- Beginning July 31, 2023, Appfolio will no longer be waiving the resident eCheck transaction fee. Resident payments made by eCheck will include a fee of \$2.49 per month. There are two ways to avoid this fee added by Appfolio: bring payments directly to the Tamarack office or contact your bank and set up an automatic bill pay with them.
- Poblocki Paving & Affordable Concrete should start concrete work the week of 7/31 for concrete work. Asphalt will begin after concrete is complete.
- Greenscapes liquid fertilizer/herbicide is now August 3 and 4 depending on weather.

Treasurer White reported that Tamarack finances are in good shape but noted that we expect a \$4,000-\$5,000 increase in insurance premiums next year due to rising property values.

In other business, the Board approved a contract to address wood rot on Mountain Ash Trail. President Ryerson reported that the Nominations and Elections Committee has been formed: Joan Foster, George Meyer, Leslie Mirkin, John Oaks, Sue Rapa, Eve Siegel. All residents are encouraged to consider running for the Board. Ryerson also noted that attracting and retaining a good staff is essential, and the HR Committee will do a deep dive into how improve staff retention. The Board approved a resident survey about the Tamarack web site. Larry White reported that the Amenities Committee would bring a proposal for additional benches on the trails. Bob Jacobs and Larry White reported on proposed changes to several by-laws. Mostly minor adjustments in wording, these were accepted by the Board. Jayne Meyer led a discussion about how city ordinances and Tamarack covenants relate. This is an evolving process that requires ongoing Board attention. Finally, there was discussion about Tamarack's 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2024. A committee is being formed to develop plans, opportunities, and information for all residents.

The 2024 Budget Hearing will be October 10th at 6:30 pm, in person and on Zoom.

The 2023 Annual Meeting will be October 26th at 7:00 pm at Vista West, in person and on Zoom.

The next monthly Board Meeting is August 22nd at 6:30 pm, in person and on Zoom.



Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack

Come Into the Air-Conditioned Clubhouse and See More Updates on the NGT Bulletin Board



The Spread of the Spongy Moth Here and Nearby-- The existence of these moths (previously called gypsy moths) have been found in Tamarack on a handful of trees. The trees are being treated to reduce the spread and the life cycle of the egg masses. It's too late this season to see any caterpillars, but moths and egg masses may be visible. Angie Swan, Landscape Superintendent, would like you to contact her should you find any evidence on any trees here.

Currently, there is no need to begin a volunteer effort like the City has begun. We all value the lovely mature trees here and we will keep a close watch on this new invasive early next spring.

These photos show the moth with the egg masses and the caterpillar stage. There are eradication methods that can be taken early to reduce the spread and destruction. For more information, check out this article: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/news/city-asks-for-volunteers-to-help-with-spongy-moth-outbreak>

NGT Bulletin Board— Take a minute to pop into the Clubhouse and review materials posted by NGT. Articles posted are generally in more detail than articles in the Good Life and timelier on NGT activities and projects. We'd love to hear from you, especially if you have pertinent informational materials or photos you'd like to share. Feel free to contact NGT communications: Stacey Campbell, Paulette Harder, and Jean MacCubbin.

**Look for future NGT
communications on our
workdays, and where.
and when you too might
join us!**