

The Good Life...

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May 2024

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Monday, May 6-10:30

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, May 8 – 4:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 28 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, May 15 – 3:00pm

Garden Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, May 14 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, May 8– 5:00pm

Welcome Committee

Thursday, May 9 – 6:30pm

Event Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Living the Good Life Since 1974

It's 2024 and we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Tamarack Trails!

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Calendar— The big event is happening on **Friday, June 14**. This outside event is to take place at the flagpole in the Clubhouse parking lot. Expect to see some local dignitaries, maybe some former residents; a new US Flag will be raised with a bugler and of course speeches, speeches, speeches, group photos and treats. **Other monthly events include:** Pickleball Tournament (September), Community Garden Tour (August 14), Family-friendly Sidewalk Chalk Art Fest (July 13th), Staff Appreciation Lunch (June 14th), Legacy Tree Planting, Time Capsule and Historic Clubhouse Sign (October), and more through year end!

Fundraising! Merchandise for Sale — **Check** out the Pre-Order form in this Good Life issue. You can pre-pay and pre-order notecards (\$10 for pack of 6); T-shirts and caps with the 50th Anniversary Logo are available at \$20 each. To fund the planned events and upfront costs of this merchandise, we're looking for pre-paid orders as the 2024 budget only included \$2,000 for the year-long celebrations. These items will also be for sale at most of the 50th anniversary celebration events!

Volunteers— As details of events are confirmed, we will be looking for residents to help in carrying out some tasks on a given day. This may be set up/clean up, selling merchandise, placement of event signage, making treats for an event or even picking up items at local vendors.

Thanks to Residents Who Have Responded to Our Asks— Each time the committee includes an article in the Good Life, a few Tamarack residents contacted us and are helpful in providing names, sharing memories and even back issues of the newsletter for our review. Everyone helps in recreating our history.

New Member of the Committee-- Welcome Marge Anderson!

Feel Free to Contact Us: Co-chairs Christina Finet (cfinet3@gmail.com) and Jean MacCubbin (citizenjean2@gmail.com); Board Liaison Ginny White (ginnywerginwhite@gmail.com).

Activities and Events

JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF THE WHIMSICAL ART AT EPIC

-Date: Saturday, May 25th. Meet at the Tamarack Clubhouse @ 10am to carpool

-Two-hour free self-guided walking tour (RAC members will lead tour) may include some stairs/elevators also available.

-1:30pm Lunch @ Sugar River Pizza in Verona/self-pay

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The tour will be limited to 12 people / 1st come 1st served.

Reserve a spot by filling in the attached form and handing it to Jean Hilgers @ Tamarack Trails office by Friday, May 18th

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I would like to go on the Epic Tour

Name/s _____

Phone _____

I/We will attend tour _____

Will attend tour & lunch _____



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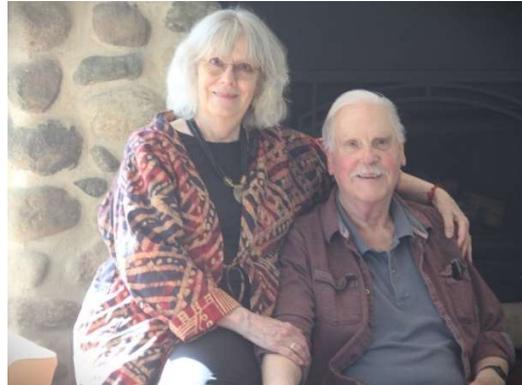
The RAC will let you know either way if you are first twelve to respond.

Sponsored by the Resident Activity Committee

<p>Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2024 Season</p> <p>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.</p> <p>*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*</p>		
<p><u>Morning Classes</u> 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday</p> <p>For dates and details contact: Jean jean.hilgers@tamarack.com or Patti psponem@gmail.com 608-279-3149</p>		<p><u>Evening Classes</u> 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday</p> <p>For dates and details contact:, Pat pjmaddox1@charter.net or Teri teriedman@yahoo.com</p>
<p>New and Returning Participants always Welcome!</p>		

Tam Talk Thank You

The Residents Activity Committee would like to thank Ginny White for her very interesting and informative presentation titled, Living the Good Life Since 1974. She researched the topic for months and uncovered and shared many long, forgotten facts with us. She was aided and supported in her research by her husband, Larry White. Ginny generously offered to give her talk twice and we are so grateful that she did! Approximately 120 people attended and learned a lot about the history of Tamarack Trails. Thank you, Ginny, for teaching us so much about the wonderful community we all enjoy living in!



We need your help!

Our annual Spring Potluck is coming up, and we need a little help with setup and grilling. We could use about 6 folks who would be able to help set up tables and chairs before the event. Also, we need 3 folks to grill brats and burgers. We are renting a grill this year, so no one needs to provide theirs - just show up with your best apron and show off your grilling chops! In both cases, please report to the pool area at 3:00 on Sunday, June 30 to join in the fun. If you're willing and able to help, please confirm by email to Diane Jungblut at swissdmj@gmail.com. Thanks!



Westside Budget Engagement Event

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m (in person)

Vel Phillips Memorial High School, 201 S Gammon Rd, Madison, WI

Alders Involved: Alders John W. Duncan (District 1), Nasra Wehelie (District 7), Nikki Conklin (District 9) John P. Guequierre (District 19), and Barbara Harrington-McKinney (District 20)

Featured guest: **David Schmiedicke, Director of Finance**, will present the 2025 City of Madison budget outlook and the general fund structural deficit.

The City is facing a significant budget shortfall this year that will impact services. What City services do you value the most? What is your vision for the future of Madison?

To learn more about the 2025 City budget outlook, please visit
www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget/2025/outlook.

Board and Committee Business

Board Meeting Notes – April 23, 2024

This is an informal report about the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. Official minutes will be posted on the Tamarack website after approval by the Board.

Six Board members (Foley, Jesien, Larson, J. Meyer, Steinbach, G. White) and Stacey Haberman were present. Keith Findley attended via Zoom. Twelve residents attended in person and another nine by Zoom.

Stacey Haberman reported on several items, including:

- A. Mowing will start next week, and mulching will begin this week
- B. Due to the need to repair aging underground wiring, trenching equipment may need to be rented.
- C. The 2023 Audit is complete, and the auditor will meet with the Finance committee at its May meeting.
- D. All fire hydrants in TT passed inspection with one needing repair, but none needing replacement.
- E. Staff are working on rodent prevention, and we are still recruiting for an additional maintenance technician, all lifeguards from last year have been contacted.
- F. Pool cleaning and preparation for repairs will be underway when the weather permits so that the pool will be ready for this summer.
- G. Pool meeting discussed the possibility of widening the stairs and the needed lift.
- H. Requesting approval from the BOD on the following contracts: Ziegler, Greenscapes, Boley and Waste Management
- I. Thanks to Janet Hirsch for updating the 2024 Summer Recreation Policy, requesting BOD Approval.

Larson, Board Treasurer and liaison to the Finance Committee, gave the financial report: The reserve fund balance at the end of February is estimated at \$1,120,000, an increase of \$60,000 from January. U.S. Bank investment balance for the end of February reflects a \$13,000 increase.

Larson, Board liaison to the Architectural Review Board (ARB), reported that the ARB approved one request to shorten porch fence rails, and deferred another request for the installation of concrete steps for additional information.

Meyer, Board liaison to the Maintenance Committee, reported that the Committee voted no on a proposed energy efficiency policy. The matter will be referred to the Amenities and Finance Committees for their consideration and will be discussed again at a future Board meeting. The Maintenance Committee requested, and the Board approved new contracts with Waste Management, Ziegler (for rock wall construction), Greenscapes (for drainage projects), and Boley Tree Trimming (to cut down and grind tree stumps).

White, Board liaison to the Resident Activities Committee, reported on the successful Tam Talks by Ginny White on the history of Tamarack Trails, and that upcoming activities include Tour of Epic and the June 30 Potluck dinner.

The Greenway Action Team (Foley, Meyer, and White) reported that a series of five meetings will be held on a possible referendum to remove the state limit on property taxes, which the City is endorsing to address a large (\$27 million) and likely-to-grow City budget deficit. A meeting on the matter will be held May 6th at Val Philips Memorial High School.

White reported on activities related to the Association's 50th Anniversary. The Board approved a motion to purchase and install a moveable, commemorative metal plaque, inscribed with "Tamarack Trails, Es. 1974". The Board also approved appointment of a new member, Marsha Anderson, to the 50th Anniversary Committee. The Board expressed its thanks to Ric Genthe for his work converting a series of paintings of Tamarack Trails to note cards, which the Association is now selling in packets of six for \$10 to help raise funds for 50th Anniversary activities. Finally, Caryl Terrel has made six Oak tree saplings available, which she obtained at an Earth Day celebration, to be planted as part of our 50th-Anniversary activities.

Finally, the Board approved an initial version of the Association's Recreation Policy for 2024 (which sets forth rules governing use of recreational amenities), with the proviso that the policy is being submitted to the Amenities committee for review and possible suggestion of changes.

The next monthly Board Meeting will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Architectural Review Board (ARB) Updates!

Welcome Barrett Karabis! It has been a while, but we now celebrate that the ARB no longer has vacancies! Barrett joins these other appointed residents: Pat Maddox, Chair; Izzie Popic, Vice Chair; Eve Siegel, Recording Secretary; Jean MacCubbin; Corresponding Secretary, Debra Chritton; Barb Hughes and Dave Larson, Board Liaison.



A reminder that the ARB is back to their regularly scheduled monthly meeting day/time— it is the second Wednesday of the month. at 4:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

Spring Has Sprung and Many Reminders are In Order

Annual ARB Walk Around: Members of the ARB are teaming up to do their annual walk around; expect to see them out these next few weeks walking around all sides of all units. We wear yellow vests so you can easily identify us!

Daylight Saving Time has Passed: Any decorative white lights you may have strung for safety seasons must be removed. See the Book of Standards (BOS)-IV-15 for more information. Seasonal lighting should also be removed. Check the BOS for allowances of security lighting.

Now is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke alarms and CO2 detectors; if you need help with these, submit a work order for staff assistance. Most of these items have a 10-year expiration; check the dates when looking to change the batteries.

Window Replacements: There are two types of window installations when updating existing “same for same” windows—Full Frame is one, and the other is Insert or Pocket installation. The Insert or pocket installation results in a smaller window and does not include an inspection of the existing frame and trim work. Full frame window replacements, **which Tamarack is now requiring**, opens the entire window frame providing for an adequate inspection. This results in replacement of any rotted framing materials and adequately seals the new window to the elements, leaving you with near worry-free installations. You are encouraged to work with bidders or contractors and share window/door replacement specifications as included in the Book of Standards. All unit owners should contact the Office when considering window/door replacements. Having staff inspect installations adds value to your unit; they can determine if any water intrusion or wood rot has taken place requiring repair or replacement.

Thinking of Updating your unit's 'Curb Appeal'? ARB has approved (entry) door colors to coordinate with the siding color of your building. The color samples are available for viewing at the Office and the paints are from Sherwin Williams.

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR — Florence Hsia

The main word that was going around in my mind as I interviewed Florence Hsia, my neighbor at 3 White Pine Trail, was Wow. Florence is intelligent, well educated, and an easy person to talk to.

Florence is the only child of Edward S. & Cecilia H. Hsia, who were born in China, emigrated to Taiwan for their college education, and then came to America for further study at the University of Cincinnati. They stayed there after getting their degrees, joining quite a few other Chinese families, so Florence was born & raised in Cincinnati. Lucky United States to attract & retain such special immigrants.

She spent eight years in Catholic schools in Cincinnati (her parents had converted to Catholicism while in Taiwan), and then it was off to Princeton for four years, getting her BA in East Asian Studies. While there, she played in a quartet, and the orchestra, becoming its manager in her senior year. (She has studied piano since the age of five, and the violin since the age of six.)

Florence did not end her education at Princeton, but next used a Fulbright Scholarship in Hong

Kong for one year. A chance meeting there at a concert led to a two-year job as a manager of a violin shop in Hong Kong where she dealt with many types of stringed instruments — keeping them in tune, etc. She said that she left because she wanted more decision making. I also asked Florence at this point what language she conducted business in at the shop, and she said that in Hong Kong, Cantonese, English, & Mandarin were spoken.

On to the next, and the next was Grad School at the University of Chicago. She was six years getting her PhD in the History of Science which seemed like a long time to me, but she told me that many programs take longer because of language requirements.

Her next move was to her first job, this being at Wayne State in Detroit in the History Department. She had very good things to say about this school as well as the dedicated students, but she was only there a short time when she saw the posting for the job, “History of Science before 1800” here at Wisconsin.

Since it was exactly what she wanted, she accepted the job when it was offered to her. That was in 2001, and she has been here for 23 years. She currently spends 50% of her time teaching and advising, and 50% with two other positions: 1) Associate Dean in the Graduate School; 2) Associate Vice Chancellor for Research in the Arts & Humanities. Lucky UW that she chose to work here.

For 10 years, Florence commuted between Chicago and Madison so she rented a place to live here in Madison at a friend's parent's home, but in 2019 she decided to buy a dwelling. After looking at many locations, Tamarack won out. Why? Well, Florence likes to swim so she says the pool tipped the scales, however, she says that she also likes that her condo is close to the bus line, has green space and walkable areas, plus the people are welcoming. Lucky Tamarack that she chose to live here.

Florence has other aspects to her life besides work. She does have a cat to keep her company, and she really likes to read fiction, but has little time for it since there are so many professional things to read. I asked her about a bucket list of places that she would like to visit, but she couldn't come up with one because she travels so often to wonderful places for work. For example, she is currently at Penn State; November she goes to Edinburgh; later in the year to Berlin.

Currently, she likes to listen to classical music (which is really no surprise), and plays the piano for her own enjoyment, but she does not participate in any outside musical groups, as she has done in the past.

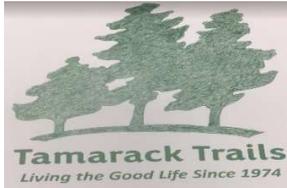
She has written a professional book titled, *SOJOURNERS IN A STRANGE LAND: Jesuits & Their Scientific Missions in Late Imperial China*. University of Chicago Press, 2009. She is also the author of many scholarly articles.

As I mentioned earlier, she likes to read, and is in a book club being organized by a colleague at work. They are currently reading *HORSE* by Geraldine Brooks, a book about horse racing during the Civil War era. She is not on our pool committee, but she is very interested in the remodeling of the Tamarack pool. She also likes walking, as well as playing mahjong, a game that her parents knew and enjoyed.

This about sums up my neighbor at 3 White Pine Trail. She says that since retirement is some years away, she has some time to think about where she might land. She might choose to retire right here in Madison though she has considered the San Francisco area for she has relatives there. It is a fact that where ever Florence choses to settle, she will be an asset.

Joyce Hasselman Waldorf

11 White Pine Trail



Tamarack 50th Anniversary Fundraising Merchandise Pre-order Form



Unisex 90/10 cotton/poly
Sizes S to 2X



Description NEEDED
See samples at the
Clubhouse.

Note Cards	(pkg of 6)	\$10 each		
Number:	_____		TOTAL	\$

T-Shirts	Blue with Gold Logo	\$20 each		
Unisex Size	S M L 1X 2X			
Number:	_____	_____	_____	TOTAL
				\$

Baseball Caps	Blue with Gold Logo	\$20 each		
Number:	_____		TOTAL	\$

NAME	
ADDRESS	
CONTACT INFO.	
AMOUNT DUE	\$

Drop your completed order form in the lock box or at the Office. Include AMOUNT DUE payment (in cash) by May 22nd in a sealed envelope marked 50th Anniversary.

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