

The Good Life...

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August 2022

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, August 10 – 4:00 pm

Resident Activities Committee
Wednesday, August 10 – 5:00 pm

Maintenance Committee
Thursday, August 11 – 4:00 pm

Amenities Committee
Tuesday, August 16 – 10:30 am

Finance Committee
Wednesday, August 17 – 3:00 pm

Board of Directors
Tuesday, August 23 – 6:30 pm

Event Calendar
(Please mark your calendars)

Annual Meeting
Thursday October 27

Too Sick Charlie Concert
Wednesday, August 24
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Tamarack Pool Party
Sunday, September 11
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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

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Current News

Nominations & Election of the Board of Directors

At their July meeting, the Board of Directors appointed the following residents to the Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC):

- Marguerite Cronin-Tree Lane
- Eileen Kramer-Oak Creek Trail
- John Oaks-Cedar Creek Trail
- Carol Prugh-Red Oak Trail
- Sue Rapa-Oak Creek Trail
- Jan Robertson-Bayberry Trail

As outlined in our By-laws, the task of the Committee is to nominate at least one candidate for each open Directorship. The election will occur in October with the newly elected directors taking their seats at the end of the November board meeting.

Directors may serve two 2-year terms. This year, the election will fill three of the seven director positions. Two of the current directors will term out this year. One director is eligible for re-election.

If you are a Tamarack owner, please consider running for the Board

The Nominations and Elections Committee encourages you to think seriously about whether this is the right time for you to contribute to our community as a Director. Your service would be a rewarding way to engage your skills and talents to benefit the community.

What's required? Directors must be a Tamarack owner in good standing with an interest in serving the Association.

How to apply? Contact a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee or the office. Suggestions of potential candidates are encouraged. Names can also be submitted with the self-nomination form which is available at the office.

Candidates will be asked to prepare a brief statement that will be provided to all owners. Candidates will be provided additional information. Attending a board meeting is suggested.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars, the annual Board of Directors meeting is October 27th.

Activities and Events

Tam Talks

Do you have a hobby or an area of expertise that others might be interested in?

Would you like to share “A Trip of a Lifetime Experience” with your Tamarack Neighbors?

Are you a Tamarack resident author who would like to give a book talk?

Are you a historical reenactor who would like to perform for your neighbors?



The Residents Activities Committee is exploring the possibility of sponsoring Tam Talks (patterned on Ted Talks) where Tamarack residents can present personal areas of knowledge or experience that would be of interest to their neighbors. We envision the talks to be 15 to 45 minutes in length with time at the end for questions. The talks would be held at the clubhouse.

If you are interested in being a presenter or would like to nominate someone to present, please contact Georgiana Koska at gmikoska@gmail.com or (630) 777-9525.

Forever Fit Fun Exercise Class

Location: Tamarack Tennis Courts/Clubhouse

Dates: Oct. 3 – Nov 30 M-W-F 3:00 – 3:45

NO CLASS: Oct. 24 – Oct. 31

Cost is: \$70 Due Sept. 14th

Class Description:

Warm up Movement/Stretch

Light Cardio

Hand Weights and Resistance Bands

Balance Flexibility

Cool Down Movement Stretch

Questions call Patti Sponem 608-279-3149





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: August 24th from 6:30-7:30

Rain date: August 25th 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 RAC Committee.

Middleton Jazz was back!

They performed a selection of jazz tunes for the community, taking us from the origins of jazz to modern jazz. It was the perfect way to spend a beautiful summer evening, relaxing poolside enjoying live music!!

Our next concert is August 24th featuring regional blues by local performing artist Too Sick Charlie. Hope to see you there!!



Join the Facebook Fun!

The **Tamarack Trails Neighbors** Facebook Group is up and running and all Tamarack residents are encouraged to join for camaraderie and neighborly advice. In recent weeks, we've gotten to know new residents, offered items for free, shared photos of the Jazz Night, asked for help finding an escaped pet, and given each other tips. It's a lot of fun!

If you are a Facebook member, joining the Group is simple. You can [click here](#) for instructions to join the Tamarack Trails Neighbors Facebook Group. The name you tap is **Tamarack Trails Neighbors**. Then tap **Join Group** when you get to the page.

Ellen Foley, Tamarack resident and moderator, will verify your residence in Tamarack and approve your membership in the group within a day or so. Our group is private, which means only members can see who belongs and what they talk about.

If you are not yet a Facebook member, [click here](#) for easy instructions to join Facebook. You will need to share your name and your email. You can make up a pseudonym such as Joseph Robert or RetiredGal Sam. You will need to submit a working email. You do not have to fill out a profile or give Facebook any additional information to join the Group. Once you are a member, [Click here](#) to get instructions on how to join a group. The name you tap is **Tamarack Trails Neighbors**.

Ellen can walk you through this on Zoom if needed or she can come to your home. For questions, contact Ellen Foley at ellen.madaline@gmail.com or 608-444-7065.



You are invited to
the Annual
Tamarack Trails
Pool Party!

Join us for drinks, dinner and music!!

Date: September 11th

Time: 4:00-7:00 PM

Price: \$26.50 per person

Social Hour from 4:00-5:00.

Dinner will be served at 5:00.

RSVP by August 26th

(Deadline requested by caterer.)

**All Tamarack residents are
invited!!**

NAME _____

Dinner will be catered by:

North and South

Entrée:

Brisket, Pulled Pork & Pulled
Chicken

VEGETARIAN OPTION:

Chipotle Black Bean Burger with
Lettuce, Tomato and Feta Cheese

*The vegetarian option will only be
available to those who request it
by writing their name(s) below:*

Name(s) _____

Sides:

Smokehouse Beans, Mac n Cheese,
Garlic Buttered Green Beans,
Coleslaw and Fruit Salad

Dessert:

Cake

Drinks:

Beer, Wine, Soda and Water

**Please print this flyer and return it
with your check to Jean Hilgers at
the office by August 26th. Extra
flyers will be available at the
office. (Make checks payable to
Tamarack Trails.)**



**Sponsored by the Tamarack
Resident Activities Committee.**

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

	<h3>You Can BEE Friendly in Your Own Flower Garden</h3> <p>Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack</p>
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Now that No Mow May has passed, there are various annuals and perennials that you can plant and enjoy to BEE Friendly or watch the Monarchs as they hatch and pass through our area.

Always thinking first about planting native species such as asters, coneflowers, bergamot, and lobelia. June and July blooms include: poppies, cosmos, hydrangeas, roses, day lilies, lupines, dahlias, and zinnias. Native species include bluebells, phlox and milkweed. Then on to August and if watering is consistent thru fall, think of including these species in your gardens: begonia, petunias, bachelor's buttons, clematis, and geraniums.

Looking just to attract monarch butterflies? There's always milkweed (stop by and see the plantings in clubhouse parking lot), prairie drop seed, yarrow and lavender, and of course favorites from local nurseries— bee balm, butterfly weed and salvia. These few plants, too, will provide you with a nice mix of color throughout the growing season and you too can BEE friendly!

Board and Committee Business

The Board Notes

The Board of Directors met by Zoom on July 26. All directors were present and nineteen residents joined the call. The Treasurer reviewed Tamarack's financial reports and board liaisons reviewed minutes of committee meetings. Major discussion topics were the search for a new Association Manager, the pool and the city's proposed recycling fee.

We received 29 applications for the Association Manager position. The five residents in the screening group have reviewed those and recommended several applicants for interviewing. The seven residents in the interview group will conduct those interviews and recommend the best candidates to the Board

The Board discussed two pool-related issues. The first issue is our current effort to contract pump replacement and fiber-optic inspection of the piping. The second issue is the need to clarify who should constitute allowable guests in the pool. Two directors will research current uses of the pool and bring a recommendation to the August Board meeting

The City of Madison will soon implement a \$4.08 per month charge for residents who use city recycling. Annually, the new charge will equal Tamarack's current \$50 per year charge for recycling by Waste Management. The Board discussed the possibility of collecting the recycling fee through Tamarack's monthly assessment in 2023. The proposal was tabled until the August meeting to allow further research of the impact of the change.

Several other issues were addressed. The Board approved Marguerite Cronin as a new member of the Resident Activities Committee. The Board also approved six residents to serve on the Nominations and Elections Committee later this year. The asphalt project on Cedar Creek was completed. The Board approved a resident's request to sponsor a free paper shredding event in the parking lot and it will be scheduled later this summer. Nino Amato explained the history and current activities of the Strengthening Neighborhood Ties group which is not an official Tamarack committee.

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

City Updates Outdoor Lighting Code—ARB

In a previous Good Life article, ARB listed where additional lighting could be installed on your unit. The City recently adopted changes to the outdoor lighting code, MGO 10.085(3)(a)2., in an effort to be dark sky compliant in reducing light spillage, glare and excessive light onto neighboring properties, both residential and commercial.

So how does this change affect you? The new language applies to only unshielded, outdoor fixtures installed after 1993 and dictates the maximum bulb wattage— for example, 40W for incandescent and 10W for LED, both warm white.

How will this local code affect ARB and the Book of Standards? When a resident request is received for updating existing outdoor light fixtures, ARB will remind residents of the local code and, where applicable, provide options that will confirm to the local code.

Where can you find more information on City's dark sky initiatives? The Resolution accompanying the updated ordinance is available at:

<https://madison.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=10903097&GUID=FC143471-B0A4-427B-B2F8-CD91AAA5FE9F>

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Food Pantry Update

ALERT: Last month our food donations for the Lussier Food Pantry were VERY low. Let's make up for that in August. Remember, contributions can be left on the cart inside the clubhouse entryway. Donations will be taken to Lussier on the third Tuesday of the month.

Dee Seyfarth Tamarack Trails/Lussier Food Pantry Coordinator