

# The Good Life...

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July 2022

## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

### Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, July 12 – 4:00 pm

### Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, July 13 – 4:00 pm

### Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, July 13 – 5:00 pm

### Finance Committee

Wednesday, July 20 – 3:00 pm

### Board of Directors

Tuesday, July 26 – 6:30 pm

### Amenities Committee

Tuesday, August 16 – 10:30 am

## Event Calendar

(Please mark your calendars)

### Middleton Jazz Concert

Pool Side

Wednesday, July 20 – 7:00 pm

### Tamarack Pool Party

Saturday, 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

### City of Madison Recycle/trash pick up day changed

Starting in August 2022, the City of Madison trash/recycling for our neighborhood changes to Friday.

### Recycling Fees

In May, the Common Council voted to approve a new fee for recycling to fund the City's recycling operations. Cryptically, it's named a Resource Recovery Special Charge. For residences and select businesses who use City recycling, it will be included on the monthly Madison Municipal Services Bill.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/ResourceRecoverySpecialCharge.cfm>

The City has contacted the Tamarack office and has asked for a list of homes which use a private recycling company. For us, that's Waste Management.

*How does this affect you?*

**My recycling container has a yellow lid:** You will not be charged the Resource Recovery Special Charge. You are paying \$50/year to have Waste Management collect your recycling.

**My recycling container has a green lid:** The City picks up your recycling when you place your all-green container on Millstone, Westfield, Randolph or Tree Lane. For the remainder of 2022, you will be charged \$4.08/month. The fee for 2023 has not been determined.

Find out more at:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/ResourceRecoverySpecialCharge.cfm>

If you have questions or concerns about the special charge, you can call the Streets Division Special Charge Hotline at 608-243-5899. They will return your call as soon as they can. Or you can send an email to [SpecialCharge@cityofmadison.com](mailto:SpecialCharge@cityofmadison.com)

## Activities and Events

### Learn about a growing lawn game: Kubb.

Kubb is a Scandinavian lawn game where the object is to knock over wooded blocks by throwing wooden batons at them. The game can be described as a combination of bowling and horseshoes. Every summer the national championships are played in Eau Claire. Join in on the fun as the game will be demonstrated at 6:30 pm on July 12. Bring a lawn chair to the flagpole by the clubhouse. The game will be played on the grass on the common area near Westfield by the club house. Join a demonstration team. No experience necessary. Questions? Email Dean Ryerson at [dryerson@tds.net](mailto:dryerson@tds.net)

### *The Tamarack Brunch was splendid!*

Residents enjoyed relaxing poolside with delicious food, friendly people, and cooperative weather on a pleasant Sunday morning! A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who helped set things up and take things down. A wonderful time was had by all!!





### 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](mailto:gmikoska@gmail.com) or (630) 777-9525.

## Seasonal Reminders & Projects

### Work, Work, Work

Summer is here and our staff is busy! The next few months will be filled with Tamarack work like power washing, painting deck rails and light posts, and fencing. Decks will be built, trim replaced and foundation coverings repaired, etc. Landscape projects are underway. In addition, both Supervisors will spend considerable time coordinating with and directing vendors doing contracted work on the property.

What this means is that little time is left in the near future to do those personal work orders and billable projects. Unless it's a safety issue such as a post light, the project will have to wait until bad weather or winter downtime. If you need something that can't wait, perhaps a neighbor can help or can refer you to a nearby handyperson. Please do not call the staff to do these projects.

In other news: **Asphalt repaving on Cedar Creek will begin July 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> weather permitting.** The road will be blocked off during the work and owners will not be able to drive or park on it for a few days after completion. Each residence along the section to be repaved will be kept informed with more specific information.

### Landscape News

Residents, debris pick-up is Monday & Friday mornings starting at 7:30 am. Please put your debris out before this time. We will not be picking up midweek.

We will be pruning soon and starting in phase 4.

### Expanding Your Flower Bed???

*..... You May Need Approval*

It's great to walk through Tamarack and see the amazing variety of flowers and perennials throughout the property. Before you start digging near your own home, please make sure that you are following our policies:

*New planting areas **extending beyond 4 ft.** from a foundation wall, sidewalk, patio, or decorative fence or in any other area (such as along a driveway, street, or in the middle of a turf area) that would replace existing turf **require approval**...*

Go ahead and be inspired, but please stay within the guidelines and out of the turf.

## Board and Committee Business

### Can You Help Out?

The Nominations and Elections Committee needs your assistance.

Per our legal documents, we are forming the Nominations and Election Committee to find members to run for the Tamarack board. The work will include talking with residents about the roles and responsibilities of board members, answering questions, and developing the slate of nominees. The final task of the Committee will be oversight of the election of the directors in October.

We would like the Committee to represent a cross section of our residents. If you are interested in participating, please contact Janet Hirsch, the Tamarack office, or any of the current board members.

## **The Board Notes**

The Board of Directors met by Zoom on June 28. All directors were present and fifteen residents joined the call. The Treasurer reviewed Tamarack's financial reports and board liaisons reviewed minutes of committee meetings. In addition, major discussion topics included the search for a new Association Manager, the pool renovation, the proposed policy regarding chimney caps, painting issues and status of the main swale.

The Association Manager position has been re-posted and applications are now being received. In July, a screening committee will review the applications and recommend who should be interviewed. A separate committee will interview selected candidates and make recommendations to the Board. The screening group includes Sharon Genthe, George Jesien, Eileen Kramer, Izzie Popic and Rosemary Stenback. The interview group includes Christina Finet, Don Haasl, Paulette Harder, Barbara Hughes, Jayne Meyer, Julia Pierstorff and Prudy Stewart.

After reviewing research done by the Maintenance Committee, the Board agreed to defer pool resurfacing and approved a fiber optic inspection of the 50-year-old pipes under the pool deck. After the inspection and any necessary repairs, Tamarack will consider replacing portions of the deck and resurfacing the pool. There are currently no detectable leaks or problems in the pool.

The board approved a policy that affects only chimneys which need external cap or flue repairs or replacement (about 10 caps per year). In those cases, residents will be required to have an internal inspection performed at their expense because chimney contractors require it. Any requirement to inspect and clean other flues (including differences between gas and wood fireplaces) will be further researched and will be the topic of a future listening session.

The bioswale plants are becoming established after a slow start this spring. The recent heavy rain did not damage the upper two-thirds of the swale, but a washout occurred near the bottom end because of the increased water volume below the lower bridge. The landscape architect who designed the swale inspected the damage with the board and will be considering alternatives for the lower portion.

The recently formed ad hoc communications committee is working on several fronts. It recommended including a summary (like this!) of board meetings in The Good Life. Another is an unofficial social media outlet for Tamarack residents in the form of a Facebook Group. Ellen Foley is developing the site and will act as the administrator initially. A third is further improvements to the Tamarack website with the help of Wayne Koska.

Other board actions included approval of Connie Newton to the Resident Activities Committee and agreement to pass a final billing discount from 3rd Generation Painting to a resident who needed to hire a different painter. The Cedar Creek asphalt project will begin July 18.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26.



### **Adding Security Lighting-- ARB**

As many of you are aware, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) schedules a Walk Around on an annual basis and looks for items that do not conform with the Book of Standards or are items that are “becoming a trend” here at Tamarack. One such trend that has been observed on numerous occasions, and we totally understand why, is the addition of security lighting on or near one’s unit.

While these items or fixtures are NOT prohibited the Book of Standards (BOS), the BOS does provide requirements for what can be installed, where installed and if such installations require a request for an exterior addition or alteration from the ARB. [See BOS section 11.]

For fixtures requiring special electrical or other service connections: No wiring or other similar protrusions shall be allowed on the exterior of the unit without ARB approval. In this case for example, it may be a NEW light fixture near a door or replacement of an existing light fixture. When adding additional lighting, Unit Owners must consider light spillage on to neighboring properties.

For fixtures that are battery or solar powered: Any exterior installation, such as added security lighting (no matter the size) and affixed by nails, screws, bolts or similar means, also must receive approval from the ARB. Solar or battery-operated lighting should be white, non-hard wired and located in allowed areas on the Living Unit. Any such lighting, such as in garden beds, needs to be in areas that do not obstruct routine lawn maintenance.

With regard to WHERE and WHAT: For any exterior installation, the Unit Owner must be mindful of the maintenance of the desired location of such fixture; ask maintenance staff if you are unsure. Tamarack light standard is “warm white light,” and LED bulbs are recommended. Regarding the fixture itself, white is required; any color other than white must receive preapproval by the ARB.

### **Proper Removal and Disposal of Abandoned Fixtures—ARB**

As per the Book of Standards (BOS) when a fixture or appurtenance is no longer in use, it is the responsibility of the Unit Owner to properly remove and dispose of such fixture as well as make any repairs to the exterior of the Living Unit where the fixture was previously installed. Examples of such fixtures or appurtenances include, but are not limited to, added lighting no longer in use, antennas, satellite dishes, wiring to/from satellite dishes or telephone connections, and exterior speakers or security system items. The cost of removal, disposal and repair is the responsibility of the Unit Owner.



## **Swale Tale and Update**

Despite plant growth about 3 weeks behind normal, warm weather the past week has seen many of the plants in the swale jump in size. New growth is also seen near the bases of some of the later summer plants.

Last week Jeffrey from David J Frank came to inspect and inventory plants lost over the winter and the damage that occurred during rain events. The lower quarter of the swale again sustained washing damage during the hard rain about two weeks ago. Instead of replacing the engineered soil again, DJF will be filling the washed-out west end of the bioswale with granite cobblestone. They will plant the slopes to maintain the aesthetics of the bioswale.

Residents can help by not walking on or cutting through the swale, not trimming or picking any plants, and discouraging others from doing the same.

## **Tamarack Trails Neighbors Facebook Group**

Make Friends and Influence People with our new Facebook Group! Please use the instructions below to join Tamarack Trails Neighbors, a Tamarack community effort on a private Facebook Group. It's easy and a good place to keep up friendships and meet some new people. We will help each other and have a few laughs. Only members of the Group will be able to see what we are talking about. Best, Ellen Foley (Tamarack resident and moderator of this Facebook Group.)

Instructions to join can be found on the Tamarack Trails website ([www.tamaracktrails.com](http://www.tamaracktrails.com)); click "Residents" on the upper right and then "Resident Dashboard" and log in with your user name and password.

## **Tamarack News and Tidbits**

### **Tamarack Trails July Featured Artist--John Oaks**

John's interest in art began at the Woodward School in Brooklyn NYC and at Saturday classes at Pratt Institute. Decades later and after a career in science, studies with printmaker Larry Welo launched John's interest in etching. Upon retirement from the University of Wisconsin's School of Veterinary Medicine, John partnered with Burt Wagner to open Crooked Line Etching Studio on Sutherland Court on Madison's eastside. Most of John's intaglio prints are created using acid-etched copper plates and printed on his 105+ year old Kelter etching press, a method used by Rembrandt and his contemporary artists. Recently John has been combining etching with wood block printing, screen printing and photography. Please check out a sampling of John's amazing work which will be on display at the Clubhouse Lower-Level Meeting Room.



**Congratulations to Tamarack's Landscape Tech Becca! She is a cutie.**



Emmery Lee Baker was born on May 29th. She weighed 7lbs 7oz and 19.5 inches long. Both mom and baby are doing great. Her big sisters and brother, love her lots. Congrats again and we look forward to your return August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Food Pantry Update**

THANK YOU to the following Tamarack Trails residents who have reliably delivered food from the Tamarack Office to the Lussier Center food pantry the past twelve months: Ruth Wagner, Janice Gratch, Sandy Drew, Marge Miller, Pam Jesien Toby, Prudy Stewart, Cathy Andrews, Sara Lee and Bill Hinkley, Diana Shaw, Bev Mazur and Sybil Letzing.

THANK YOU, also, to the loyal Tamarack residents who have food at the clubhouse by the third Tuesday of each month to be taken to the Lussier food pantry.

We have made a difference!

Dee Seyfarth     Tamarack Trails/Lussier Food Pantry Coordinator