

The Good Life...

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September 2022

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 13 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, Sept. 14 – 4:00 pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 14 – 5:00 pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 21 – 3:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sept 27 – 6:30 pm

Amenities Committee

Tuesday, November 29 – 10:30 am

Event Calendar

(Please mark your calendars)

Annual Meeting

Thursday, October 27 – 7 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

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 through September 16, 2022. 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.

Group Furnace Inspections

We are working on a group furnace inspection for Tamarack residents. RA Heating will perform a furnace cleaning/yearly inspection for a discounted rate. A minimum of 11 residents must sign up for this offering to move forward. The discounted rate is \$96.00 plus tax. Price does not include high efficient filters. If interested in participating, please email Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com or contact the Tamarack office at 608-833-1615. **Deadline for signing up is October 1st.**

September Pool Hours

The pool will be closing on Sunday, September 25th. Until then, the hours are:

September 6-18, 2022

Monday-Friday: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

September 19-25, 2022

Monday-Friday: 2:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00 am-6:30 pm

All dates and times are dependent on weather and lifeguard availability

Activities and Events

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



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.

Mark your calendar for Tamarack's first Pet Parade!

Whether your pet has fur, fins, or feathers, the Tamarack Pet Parade is the place for them to be Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m. on the north side of the clubhouse parking lot. All well-behaved pets are invited to take place, led by residents and their families, including grandchildren.



Parade participants will parade across the bridge, be introduced, show off any tricks (optional), and receive their goodie bag, complete with their Participant Award. Pets may walk on their own, or ride in a stroller or wagon. Costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Along with the parade of pets, we will be enjoying cider and donut treats, along with the special music of Eric De Los Santos. Eric is a well-known local marimba musician who performs at many events throughout the city.

See attached flyer for details regarding the Pet Parade. All participants should return their completed form to the clubhouse by October 9 so that their pets may be properly introduced. Everyone attending is also asked to RSVP to Lynn Waishwell by October 9 so that we are able to plan treats for everyone.

Seasonal Reminders & Projects



October Fall Cleanup Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack

Tamarack residents have suggested a fall cleanup day as a follow up to the cleanup we did in early June. It will be scheduled for early to mid-October. Again, Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack will sponsor the event.

The group has identified two priority sites. If we get a sufficient number of volunteers we will add a third site. One site will be the small, wooded area off the walking trail between Sugar Maple Trail and Red Maple Trail. A second site chosen is the rock gardens near the Tamarack entrance sign on Tree Lane facing Vista West. Depending on the number of volunteers, a third site will be the Red Maple shady drainage area just off Westfield.

We will be sending more specific information on the fall cleanup day in the near future.

If you are interested in participating in the fall clean up please contact Paulette Harder at paulettejah@gmail.com or 262-385-6148.

Landscape News

Someone has been leaving bags of dog feces on the Trails and sidewalks in Tamarack. Please properly dispose of dog feces.

Yard waste pick up in at 7:30 am on Monday and Friday until mid-November.

We have another lawn application coming up. Please let the office know if you want to be on the "No Spray" list. If you want to make sure your lawn doesn't get sprayed, please come pick up red flags at the clubhouse to mark your grass.

The grounds crew is trying to control the weeds, but we are shorthanded. We are also behind in pruning. TT has hired David J Frank to finish the rest of the property for shearing

Please keep off the newly seeded areas. Don't walk or drive on them. Thanks!!

Board and Committee Business

The Board Notes

The Board of Directors met by Zoom on August 23. All directors were present and thirty-one residents joined the Zoom meeting. 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, Tamarack's insurance policy and approval of two Fall maintenance projects.

Seven residents interviewed two candidates forwarded by the resident screening committee. Although both candidates had good credentials, the interview group did not think that either candidate met our current needs for an Association Manager. The board will broaden the recruitment search and report on progress at the September meeting. That search could involve the engagement of a search firm.

The Board discussed issues Tamarack has had with lifeguards this pool season and reviewed two recent incidents at the pool. The two pool incidents both involved clubhouse rental and will be followed up on. One guard's employment has been terminated. As remaining guards return to school in the Fall, the Board will work to achieve full coverage during the remainder of this challenging pool season.

The proposed 2023 premium from our existing insurer was a substantial increase. The Finance Committee formed an ad hoc committee to investigate insurance market options. One of the members, Dave Larson, a former insurance professional, obtained and presented a proposal from Rural Mutual. Rural Mutual deals exclusively with Wisconsin properties and was able to offer better coverage at considerably less cost. The Board approved the Rural Mutual proposal and that annual coverage will begin September 1, 2022.

Due largely to salary savings in 2022, the Finance Committee anticipates an operating budget surplus this year. The Board approved transferring a portion of the expected surplus to two important maintenance projects this Fall. The first is contracting out required pruning made necessary because of landscape maintenance crew shortages this year. The second is masonry repair of the clubhouse chimneys to address leakage.

Other discussion topics included a water main break at Pin Oak Trail, the results of the 2022 No-Mow May project and DJ Frank's redesign of the lower end of the swale.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27.

Forward Through Fall—ARB

Book of Standards Update: The Architectural Review Board, ARB, as you know has a very busy Book of Standards Workgroup. If you're a new resident, a copy of the current edition is available on Tamarack website: <https://www.tamaracktrails.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/ARB-BoS-2017-04-05.pdf>

Plans are to hold the required public hearing on the proposed changes yet this fall. (Date/time to be determined.) Your input will be considered in developing the final draft, which will be forwarded to the Tamarack Board of Directors for comment and approval.

Annual Fall Walk-Through: Another scheduled fall event for the ARB is the Annual Walk-Through. ARB Members team up and walk around the Tamarack campus looking for non-conformance to the BOS. You'll recognize them wearing yellow safety vests and walking around most sides of your unit. Any health and safety issues found will be communicated to appropriate staff. Residents found in noncompliance will be notified of such for correction or removal. An email will be sent prior to the week of the Annual Walk-Through.

Resident Requests: If you are planning an exterior addition or modification yet this fall, note that requests must be received no later than 14 days prior to regularly scheduled meeting. The ARB meets the second Weds. of each month, except December (Sept. 14, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9).

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Starting September 13th Tamarack Featured Artist is Don Haasl.



Don uses a scroll saw to make craft art using local woods as well as rarer woods from around the world. His creations include mostly holiday ornaments, wall plaques, clocks and puzzles with a few items like bowls, birdhouses and nativity scenes thrown in. Family members, friends and various fundraising church bazaars have been the fortunate recipients of Don's craft art. It requires patience, steady hands and keen eyes to make these creations which can often take more than 20 hours to complete. Don has been doing scroll saw crafting since 2003 and uses a small basement room as his "studio". Don and his wife Jan have lived in Tamarack for 14 years and Don has served on the Board and Finance Committee. Next time you find yourself at or near the Clubhouse visit the lower level meeting room to see Don's wonderful creations.