

The Good Life...

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April 2025

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Tuesday, April 15 – 11:00am

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, May 14 – 4:30pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 22 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 16 – 3:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, May 13 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, April 9 – 5:00pm

Welcome Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Events

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Pickleball at Tamarack

All Tamarack residents are able to reserve the courts for their and their guests' own private use. They have exclusive use of the courts at those reserved times. There are reservation forms in a white mailbox outside the courts. Residents may reserve the courts up to three days in advance of when they schedule to play. Court reservations are for two hour time slots. Court keys are available in the Tamarack office for a small fee.

There are three open play times scheduled and reserved for all Tamarack residents and their guests throughout the summer months. All players are welcomed warmly during the specific open play periods without needing to reserve the courts. Residents can just show up and play. The courts are currently reserved through the Amenities Committee (AC) for open play during the summer months on Monday from 6 - 8 pm; and on Wednesday and Saturday from 9 - 11 am. (These hours are subject to change with approval by the AC based on players' preference). While it is not a requirement, most Tamarack players utilize and enjoy an easy to use app called TeamReach, which alerts players to news and information and provides calendar reminders about open play times. TeamReach enables players to RSVP if they plan to participate during open play. The app also enables players to communicate with and invite others to play at other times - subject to reservation availability. The Tamarack TeamReach app is available to all Tamarack residents who play pickleball. Any player who wants access to the TeamReach app (or information about pickleball at Tamarack) should contact Les Mirkin (lesmirkin@gmail.com) or Michael Bea (Michael.bea7308@gmail.com).

SAVE THE DATE!

May 3, 2025

4:30 PM at Tamarack Club House

Kentucky Derby Party

The Resident Activities Committee (RAC) is organizing a Kentucky Derby Party for Tamarack residents. Plans call for a gathering of participants to parade their "Kentucky Derby Hats," (with voting on the best hat), consume Derby-related refreshments, and enjoy the running of the Kentucky Derby. This event will be held in the Club House. Look for additional information to be posted at the Club House and through emails to residents. This will be informal, with no set program other than to watch the Derby preliminaries and the actual race.

Activities and Events

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2025 Season

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.

*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*

Morning Classes

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
 Monday, Wednesday, and
 Friday

For dates and details contact:
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Evening Classes

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, and
 Thursday

For dates and details contact:
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New and Returning Participants always Welcome!

Lions Club Tam Talk

Erica Singley treated us to an informative and inspirational talk about her journey with the Lions Club at the Tamarack Clubhouse on February 27. Erica explained that as a child she had received corneal transplants. Now a member of the club and a former president of the Lions Board of Directors she offered insight into the services offered by Lions Club. Thank you, Erica, for teaching us about Lions Club International.

Let's remember to bring our outdated eyeglasses (including "readers") and empty pill bottles (remove the labels, please) to support the Lions Club. The glasses go to help people with vision problems throughout the world. The medicine bottles are used to provide lower cost pet medicines to people with vision challenges. Collection buckets are located in the Tamarack clubhouse.



Seasonal Reminders And Projects



Tamarack Community Garden

Spring is in the air and the Tamarack Community Garden will soon be tilled and ready for planting! Garden plots are available in many sizes and water and hoses are supplied, so whether you are a beginner or expert, want to grow flowers or vegetables, you can find something to fit your budget and style. The Garden Committee encourages residents to send in their application forms soon. You may use the one you received by e-mail in March or stop by the office and pick up a form there. The deadline for returning the form is April 18.



Proposed Clubhouse Solar System Seeking Investors

Are you interested in supporting the proposed clubhouse solar system with more than your “yes” vote? If so, you can become one of the many resident investors helping to cover the costs of the proposed solar array.

At the direction of the Tamarack Trails Board of Directors, the ad hoc solar committee is finalizing a proposal for a solar system to be installed on the roof of the Tamarack clubhouse this autumn. The proposal, which was presented to the Tamarack community at the February 19, 2025, special board of directors meeting, is for a 17.1-kilowatt system, which would provide more than 50 percent of the energy used annually by the clubhouse and swimming pool.

The cost for the materials and installation would be covered by a federal Solar Investment Tax Credit, which is currently available only through the end of 2025, and a total of about \$62,500 loaned by Tamarack volunteers. The loans, which are designed to be in \$5,000 and \$10,000 increments, would be amortized over 15 years and pay a maximum of 4 percent interest. The interest rate is significantly lower than current loans available through local lending institutions, so self-funding will save the association money over the years. Four percent is also lower than current investment rates of return. That means participating as a lender isn’t about making a profit – it’s about helping Tamarack Trails grow into an energy-efficient future (while taking advantage of tax incentives while they’re still available).

If you want to know more about the solar proposal, an easel in the clubhouse lobby contains information and illustrations explaining the project. Also available are the PowerPoint slides from the presentation at the February board meeting, a “Solar Panels at a Glance” document, and a Q & A answering some of the questions and concerns shared at the meeting.

For more information, including about joining the lenders and investing in Tamarack’s future, please contact Dave Larson at David@Tamaracktrails.com, committee chairperson Tom Hirsch at tehirsch@gmail.com, or Tamarack Trails manager Stacey Haberman at stacey.haberman@tamaracktrails.com.

Board and Committee Business

ARB News & Updates

ANNUAL ARB WALK AROUND and SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Now that the snow has melted, members of the ARB are teaming up to conduct the annual walk around. Expect to see us out walking around on each and every trail – viewing the front, back, roof and sides of all units, as accessible. We'll be wearing yellow safety vests and likely carrying clipboards. There may be issues where we need to take a picture of or two to share with Tamarack staff for further review..

Many thanks to former ARB Chair Pat Maddox who developed a simpler spreadsheet for us to record primarily safety issues as well as non-complying items. Watch an email alert from the Office regarding what weeks you may see us Out & About!

Interested in joining us? Contact a co-chair.



Dates to submit completed requests prior to ARB monthly meetings.

Meeting Date (Weds., 4:30 pm Clubhouse)	Completed Requests Due	Meeting Date Weds., (4:30 pm Clubhouse)	Completed Requests Due
April 9	March 26	September 10	August 27
May 14	April 30	October 8	September 24
June 11	May 28	November 12	October 29
July 9	June 25	December	NO MEETING
August 13	July 30	January 14, 2026	December 31, 2025

KNOW YOUR ARB MEMBERS

Izzie Popic and Jean MacCubbin, Co-Chairs; Janet Hirsch, Board Liaison
Barrett Karabis, Barb Hughes, Debra Powers Chritton, and Henrik Rydberg

Board Report – March 25, 2025

It's spring and Tamarack has lots of balls in the air.

The most visible project is the pool renovation. The bank loan for the remainder of the project is in the underwriting stage. Two trees will be coming down; post lights need to be selected. Quotes are being received for pool-related projects.

- Electrical: \$29,000 - \$35,000
- Concrete: \$68,000 - \$94,000
- Pool fence: \$35,000 - \$40,000

Our manager is recruiting for lifeguards.

January 31, 2025 unaudited Fund Balances

- Operating - \$256,132.46

- Reserve - \$823,637.18
- Investment Accounts
- US Bank - \$642,439.35
 - Edward Jones - \$12,009.12

Following a lengthy discussion, the board approved the Architectural Review Board recommendation for the installation of a screen porch system that does not conform to the Book of Standards and to the distinctive architectural style of Tamarack Trails structures.

The board approved the policy revision which simplifies who is responsible for the water and sewer mains and lateral lines.

Policy V-501.14 Plumbing. *The Association is responsible for the water mains and sewer mains and lateral lines up to the exterior foundation wall. except for the private exterior backflow valves and shutoff valves. The Owner is responsible for all interior water and sewer piping, valves, and fixtures. including the exterior sewer backflow valves and water shutoff valves serving the individual Living Unit.*

Watch for more information about how this will affect owners.

The Finance Committee and the Reserve Study Workgroup are investigating the recommendations from the reserve study. Of concern is when to plan for roof replacement.

The Solar Panel Workgroup is scheduling a second informational meeting. They will provide updated details about the clubhouse project and the costs/benefits to Tamarack.

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

This article is an informal report about the 3/25/2025 Board of Directors meeting. It is not an official record.

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR – Dave Larson

In 1958, in Freeport, IL was born a son (Dave) to Menten & Kate Larson. He was raised on a farm near Pecatonica, IL. with his heritage being Swedish & German. Dave attended Pecatonica H.S. which was small enough so he could participate in football, basketball, baseball, band (bass clarinet) & chorus. He grew to be a big, happy, smiling, laughing man.

When it came time for college, he chose the Univ. of Illinois where he majored in Agricultural Science, and he stated that his Economics classes were very useful to him, and helped direct him into the insurance field which became his life's work. He was in sales & management, & this led to his position in the American Family Insurance home office here in Madison.

He met his wife, Ann, at a party in Morris, IL, after he had graduated from U of I, and it turned out that she had graduated from there also with an art degree. They married in 1982 in Galena, IL, and have three daughters, Audrey currently living in Minnesota; Beth residing in Middleton; and Emily living in Madison.

Ann retired from her job as an Art teacher at Eagle School in 2020, and Dave retired from Am. Family Insurance in 2021. Ann still has artistic pursuits i.e. as a potter, and she enjoys her

grandchildren. Dave is treasurer of the Tamarack Board, and on the finance committee, and he works a lot with the Tamarack Solar Panel Project whose goal is to put solar panels on the south roof of the clubhouse. (See e-mails and resident information meetings for more details.) His interest in solar came from a friend, & his enthusiasm knows no bounds. Dave thinks there are about 12 solar systems in Tamarack now.

As if this weren't enough, when Dave retired, he formed a small construction company (D2 Home Improvements, LLC) with his friend, David Butterfield. They do 3-4 projects (decks or bathroom remodeling) each year. He credits his "handy" trait to one he picked up from his father-in-law. Though a farmer, his FIL was an artist himself doing furniture & metal sculpture.

Dave and Ann owned a home in Middleton before selling it, & moving to Tamarack. They did look around some, but settled on Tamarack because they had several sets of friends here. They are very happy with Tamarack & Madison

Dave and Ann also own a cabin in northern Wisconsin (Gleason, WI) between Merrill & Rhinelander). When asked what he does when he is up there, he says fishing on the 'no wake' lake, camp fires with lake friends, & some golf. He also finds time to read books with a WW II theme, plus he has done some remodeling of the cabin. Ann plays canasta.

Another remarkable man (couple) that we have living here in Tamarack. How lucky can we be?

Joyce Hasselman Waldorf