

The Good Life...

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May 2025

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Tuesday, June 11 – 11:00am

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, May 14 – 4:30pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 27 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, May 21 – 3:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, May 13 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, June 11 – 5:00pm

Welcome Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Events

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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April Was National Volunteer Month.

To all of you that give your time to make Tamarack Trails a better place for everyone. A giant THANK YOU!



Staff Highlights:

Jean M.

Jean is a Grounds Technician at Tamarack Trails.

He was born in Rawanda and lived there until he went to Kenya while waiting for the approval to come to the United States. He arrived in the U.S. in March 2023.

Jean enjoys soccer, and his favorite team is Chelsea in England. He also enjoys biking and any outdoor activity.

He started working at Tamarack Trails in May of 2023.

He said that he enjoys all the people, the work environment and the people he works with here at Tamarack Trails.



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:
 Jean Hilgers:
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Evening Classes

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

For dates and details contact:
 Pat: pjmaddox1@charter.net
 or Teri:
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New and Returning Participants always Welcome!

Board and Committee Business

ARB News & Updates

GRILLS AND FIRE PITS

It is that time of year when we spend a bit more time outside enjoying our yards, patios and decks. Please refer to the BOOK of STANDARDS, IV 12- GRILLS, OUTDOOR HEATING UNITS, FIRE RINGS, and OTHER OPEN FLAMES FIRE PITS. These items are listed in this document and mainly refer to the City of Madison ordinances, which supersedes any HOA covenants or standards. Be aware of grill placement-- wood decks, distances to combustible materials and ability to add up to 15 sq. ft. of concrete pavers or bricks under grills within your unit lot. Tamarack Trails does not allow open or uncontained fires anywhere on the grounds of Tamarack Trails.

DRYER VENTS

Another precaution that may trigger a fire is to have a plan to clean out dryer vents. The ARB sees a number of these that from the outside appear to need a cleanout. Check with the Office if a group service is being planned much like the AC checkups.

ANNUAL ARB WALK AROUND

The ARB is embarking on their annual Walk Around planned to begin the last half of May, weather and schedules permitting. If you contacted us about joining the Walk Around, we'll contact you after the May ARB meeting.

We will record primarily safety issues as well as non-complying items. Watch for an email alert from the Office regarding what weeks you may see us Out & About!

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ARB?

Contact a co-chair; we still have one opening and we'd be interested in any pertinent expertise you might bring as a new member. Just for reference, check out the Book of Standards on the website: <https://www.tamaracktrails.com/>



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
May 14	April 30	September 10	August 27
June 11	May 28	October 8	September 24
July 9	June 25	November 12	October 29
August 13	July 30	December	NO MEETING



Neighbor for a
Greener Tamarack

Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack

**Earth Week Workday and
A Peak at This Year's NGT Projects**

NGT Organized an Earth Week Event on Thursday April 24th



What a great turn out at a new site along Tamarack's border with the UW Health building. We had about a dozen and a half residents join in to tackle invasives, pick up trash and collect downed limbs for staff to properly dispose of these items. Many thanks to Stacey Campbell taking a leadership role and providing a great overview of the tasks at

hand. We, too, met at the third NGT native planting site, along the Tamarack rock wall near Visita West, to learn about the Plant Dane grant program, the species selection and what one could consider adding to their unit lot. Much of the outreach done this year is attributed to the NGT co-chairs-- Paulette Harder or Scott Butler (paulettengt@gmail.com, botscutler@gmail.com).

Don't Forget to Sign Up to Participate in Various NGT Projects

Watch for emails coming soon from the Office on the new Annual Sign up for Leave the Leaves (No Blow), and No Spray projects. We expect a very short turnaround time on your getting on the list for this year, so please look for these communications. There will be two ways to sign up—digital and paper copy versions so that all residents are able to participate.

NMM/LMM Low Mow and No Mow May

NGT is gearing up for Low Mow May and will soon place flags and signage in the participating areas for 2025. The Low Mow May sites will have once a month mowing. A number of sites from

years past continue to be in the project and expansion sites now include the perimeter of the Community Gardens and areas adjacent to walking trails east of Westfield. If you have an area that you think would be ideal for a future NMM/LMM site, contact a member of NGT—Paulette Harder or Scott Butler.

Reducing mowing not only encourages flowering of various plants for early feeding of pollinators but also gives some turf areas a chance to restore from the normal weekly mowing and soil compaction issues.

NGT Would Like to Hear From You...

Have you visited any of the workday sites or one of the Plant Dane native planting sites? Have you found some species you liked and maybe planted some? The Community Garden is a great site to walk about and share with out-of-town family members or visitors. Do you have plans to 'go native' and plant more perennials this season? Drop us a message! We'd like to hear that our work is making an impact. NGT also has openings for residents who would like to join our group. Consider contacting either co-chair —Paulette Harder or Scott Butler (paulettengt@gmail.com, botscutler@gmail.com).

May is Poetry Month

I moved into my free standing condo at 11 White Pine Trail in 1993 -- a condo that had no flowers around it. Since I am a flower lover, I soon began planting a variety of flowers. I'm sure the rabbits began licking their collective lips almost immediately, as soon they were eating my plantings at random. I put up a short fence; more laughing & jumping over the fence. I put up higher fences, then double fence (chicken wire for small holes & the other wire for sturdiness}. Still, they found ways to defeat me as squirrels will do also. One year a female got in one of the beds & had babies so the chomping started early.

After all this hassle, and more, I saw a poem by a man extoling the virtues & good points of rabbits in the WSJ. I couldn't stand it, so I wrote this poem, & it was published in the Letter to the Editor section of the Wisconsin State Journal on Aug. 29, 2015.

HERE COMES.....

Cute & furry,
whether big or little.
A wily opponent,
with big teeth.

Hops, runs and eats in my neighborhood -
Lilies and poppies.
Stops and stares,
with little fear.
Full of destructive inclinations.

Prolific and adaptable.
Not my friend at White Pine Trail
Ignores my needs and wants like a selfish lover.
Continues eating.

No end in sight, so fences built.
Trade ambiance for practicality.
To win small battles,

but never the war.

Joyce Hasselman Nigbor



Come and Join Your Friends and Neighbors at the Tamarack Poolside Breakfast Buffet!!

**June 22, Sunday
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**RSVP by June 13
(Required by Caterer.)**

Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Where: Poolside by the Tamarack Clubhouse
Menu: Scrambled Eggs
Hashbrowns
Sausage and Bacon
Assorted Pastries
Market Fresh Fruit
Coffee (regular and decaf.), Tea, Orange Juice
Cost: \$15 per person
RSVP: By Friday, June 13 (Required by caterer.)



Summer Poolside Breakfast RSVP (Please return to the office by June 13)

(Required by caterer.)

Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025

Cost: \$15 per person (make checks payable to Tamarack Trails)

Name(s): _____

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