

# The Good Life...

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June 2025

## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

### Amenities Committee

Wednesday, July 10 – 11:00am

### Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, July 9 – 4:30pm

### Board of Directors

Tuesday, June 24 – 6:30pm

### Finance Committee

Wednesday, June 18 – 3:00pm

### Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, July 8 – 4:00pm

### Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, July 9 – 5:00pm

### Welcome Committee

Scheduled date TBD

## Events

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday  
9 am – 4 pm  
Or by appointment

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## Nominations and Elections Committee

Are you interested in elections? The Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking volunteers for the 2025 election to assist with organizing, recruiting candidates, managing ballots, and other things that ensure Tamarack has a smooth election.

Please send a note to the office or let a Board member know if you are interested in serving on this important Committee

Tamarack's Annual Meeting will be held at Vista West at 7 p.m. on October 28, 2025.

## Pool Progress

The pool renovation is moving forward. We all watched the pool basin as it was renovated last fall. Now, we're watching the final details unfold.

The first concrete pour of the pool deck was on Tuesday, May 27th. The second section was completed at the end of the week. The third concrete section will complete the deck. More concrete work will occur with additional curb and concrete near the tennis courts, at the entry sidewalk to the pool and at the driveway and air conditioner pads on the east side of the clubhouse. Electrical work is as far as they can go until the concrete work is completed.

Once the pool deck is done, Struck & Irwin will be able to remove the temporary fence and install the new one.

Badger Swim pools, Inc., our pool contractor, has been on-site to complete a couple of minor repairs. Their next step is to start plastering the inside of the pool basin. Once that is done, it needs to sit for six to seven days before we can start adding water.

Two of our veteran lifeguards are ready to jump in. While they are waiting, they can be seen around the property while they help with maintenance and grounds projects.

The weather-related goal is to have the pool open in the middle of June.

Make sure that you are prepared. It's time to dig out your summer pool gear and be ready for opening day. Find your pool access card. *Don't have a card? Check with the office to purchase one.*

We're all looking forward to having a great summer!! By: Janet Hirsch

## Activities and Events



### 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.)**

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### 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by the Residents' Activity Committee

## **RAC Summertime Events: Mark Your Calendars Now**

The Residents' Activity Committee (RAC) is finalizing plans for summer events here at Tamarack Trails.

**July 14: Sundance (trio):** Concert at the pool, 7:00 pm. RAC will provide treats; bring your own beverages.

**August 5: Tracey Comer, Better With Friends(duet):** Concert at the pool, 7:00 pm. RAC will provide treats; bring your own beverages.

**September 7: Annual Summer Potluck:** RAC supplies the brats, burgers and beverages; residents are asked to bring a side dish.

Join your neighbors, make some new friends, and enjoy these summertime opportunities to relax and participate in *The Good Life* at Tamarack Trails! Further details will be provided as we get closer to these events.

## **Seasonal Reminders And Projects**

### **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:, Pat:  
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**New and Returning Participants always Welcome!**

## Board and Committee Business

### **Board Meeting Notes – May 27, 2025**

*This is an informal report about the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. Official minutes will be posted on the Tamarack website after approval by the Board.*

The board approved a change order from Decorative Concrete Construction for additional concrete work on the pool deck and a contract with Strang to conduct a structural evaluation of the clubhouse. A proposal to add one week to the end of the pool season was sent to the Amenities Committee for a recommendation.

A motion was approved to direct the Budget Committee to look into the feasibility of including in the 2026 or subsequent years budget the installation of a two-row solar panel system on the clubhouse. As with ALL capital projects, it will be evaluated to determine its place on the priority list and the availability of funding for this year and beyond.

Our finances are audited every year. At their June meeting, the Finance Committee has scheduled a presentation of our 2024 financial audit by Wegner CPAs.

### **Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 3:00pm**

As with all committee meetings, this will be open to all residents. A copy of the audit is available at the clubhouse for your review ahead of the presentation.

#### March 31, 2025 unaudited Fund Balances

- Operating - \$313,000.08
- Reserve – \$842,383.24

#### April 30, 2025 Investment Accounts (*which are part of the Reserve Fund*)

- US Bank - \$624,553.60
- Edward Jones – \$12,134.31

Emily S., the new Grounds Supervisor, started on May 19th.

The Architectural Review Board is finishing their annual walk-around. They will be reviewing the entire property and will develop a report of their findings.

Annie Brunsell, 101 Pine Ridge Trail, was appointed to the Welcoming Committee.

Mark your October calendars: Tamarack Annual Meeting, Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at Vista West. The October board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Please join us for the next Board meeting: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:30pm.

## **ARB News & Updates**

### **ANNUAL ARB WALK AROUND**



At their May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the ARB confirmed the details for their annual Walk Around; we plan to begin the last half of May, weather and schedules permitting, and provide updates at our June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be walking about all phases of Tamarack in teams of two; we will be wearing yellow or orange vests, carrying clipboards and taking pictures of items which may need immediate attention or do not conform to the Book of Standards (BOS). If you are interested in what is contained in the BOS, see

[https://www.tamaracktrails.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ARB\\_BookOfStandards\\_2023.pdf](https://www.tamaracktrails.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ARB_BookOfStandards_2023.pdf)

### **AGING IN PLACE WHILE LIVING THE GOOD LIFE AT TAMARACK**

Getting around safely inside and outside your unit is an issue a number of us think about on a daily basis. Our units have aged and so have some of us; many building changes have occurred since the 70's pertaining to health and safety issues. One apparent issue as we enter our units or move about on various levels of our homes is steps and stairs and if they have handrails.

**Graspable handrails** are ones where the shape allows you to get a firm hand hold – gripping it with both your hand and your thumb. See BOS IV. 7 for details and pictures of acceptable entry steps and handrails. A completed Form 2 is required for such an exterior modification.

### **ARB APPROVALS EXPIRE 1-YEAR AFTER APPROVAL**

- Have you been granted approval for your ARB request in the past year or two and have yet to begin the project? As per the BOS, the approval expires one year from the approval date. If this applies to you, you will need to submit a Form 2 to request an extension of the approval; see deadline dates below.
- Have you been granted approval for your ARB request in the past year and your project has been completed? Owners are required to contact ARB, chair or contact person, once the approved project has been completed. Sometimes our ARB contact person may have missed the completion of your project; if we didn't visit your site, please contact us.

### **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. Izzie Popic [izzie822@gmail.com](mailto:izzie822@gmail.com) or Jean MacCubbin, [citizenjean2@gmail.com](mailto:citizenjean2@gmail.com)



**Dates to submit completed request forms\* 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 |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| June 11                                 | May 28                 | September 10                            | August 27              |
| July 9                                  | June 25                | October 8                               | September 24           |
| August 13                               | July 30                | November 12                             | October 29             |

\*Request Forms 1 & 2 are available in the Appendix of the BOS.



## Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack

Our Community is Greening Up!

### NMM/LMM – Updates on Low Mow and No Mow May

No Mow and Low Mow May has ended for the season. We hope you walked about and saw the blue flags and signage in the participating areas for 2025. A number of sites from past years have continued to be in the project. This year expanded sites included the perimeter of the Community Gardens and areas adjacent to the walking trails east of Westfield Road. If you have an area on your trail 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. And in addition, some residents will only hear the mowers every two weeks.

### Who Can Become a “FRIEND OF NGT”?

A Friend of NGT is a resident who supports and is interested in the NGT mission and who is not interested or unavailable to attend monthly meetings.

A friend may:

- participate in the planning and implementation of NGT projects
- present new ideas and advice to NGT
- serve as site leaders or organizers of NGT

event

- assist with the planning, planting or maintenance of a native garden
- participate in NGT subgroup

Level of Participation is up to you. Friends will receive communications asking for specific assistance

Depending on interest. NGT Friends will:

- receive copies of NGT agendas, be copied on other NGT communications related to areas of interest,
- and choose to attend meetings of interest.

If interested, contact Paulette Harder at [pauletteangt@gmail.com](mailto:pauletteangt@gmail.com)

### Resident Sign-ups for NGT Projects

Sign-up opportunities for NGT Projects-- No Spray and Leave the Leaves now are being captured by the Office. You may have received emails noting a new form to be submitted annually. One form is in digital format (sent to you via email); paper copies too are generally available for pick up in the Office.

### Plant Dane Grant Application

NGT plans to submit another grant application to the Dane County Land and Water Resources for more FREE native plants for planting this fall. This would be NGT's third grant application. NGT is proposing to the Maintenance Committee (MC) a number of sites for consideration. Some sites will be evaluated for feasibility for future grant applications. All of the proposed sites would be a continuation of the mission of NGT in educating residents on planting more native plants and their benefits. Watch for agenda items for NGT or MC meetings or future Good Life articles.

### Don't Forget to Check Out NGT Updated Bulletin Board

It is inside the clubhouse to the left of the entry door. We'll update it to coordinate with NGT projects.