

The Good Life...

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August 2025

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Thursday, September 11 – 11:00am

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, September 10 – 4:30pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, September 23 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 17 – 3:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, September 9 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Friday, August 22 -4:00pm

Welcome Committee

Wednesday, August 5 – 5:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Serve on the Tamarack Trails Board of Directors

Each year, Tamarack Trails unit owners have an opportunity to give back to their community by running for a seat on the Board of Directors (BOD). Board participation is important to our Association because the Board helps to maintain the high quality of life we all enjoy here.

BOD members are elected for two two-year terms and take office immediately following the November Board meeting. Directors may serve up to two consecutive full terms but are not obligated to do so.

The powers and responsibilities of the BOD are described in detail in our By-Laws, which can be found on the Association website: www.tamaracktrails.com.

The commitment of time includes once-a-month Board meetings and once-a-month Committee meetings and other meetings as needed.

Please feel free to talk with any of the members of the Nominations and Elections Committee listed below for more information about what is involved in the commitment.

We hope this is your year to serve on our Board.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

The Members of the Tamarack Trails NEC:

- Amy Kell, NEC Chairperson, (608)203-6117; amykell0450@gmail.com
- Charlie Elson, (608)833-5894; elson1332@gmail.com
- Joanne Lenburg, (608)833-0442; lenburgs@gmail.com
- Jim Munhofen, (608)219-9710; jim.munhofen@gmail.com
- Larry White, (608)821-0056; lqwhites@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE?

The Finance Committee is looking for residents interested in joining the Committee. We currently are short of two members and expect to lose more members at the end of this year. In recognition that some residents might be interested but are unable to make the current 3 pm starting time on the third Wednesday of the month, the committee is considering moving the starting time next year to 6:30 pm. If you are interested or have questions, contact Stacey in the Tamarack office at (608) 833-1615 or Stacey@tamaracktrails.com, or Tom Ferris, the current Finance Committee chair, at tomf@tamaracktrails.com.

Neighbors...

The Amenities Committee, Maintenance Committee and ARB would like to hear from you what you might like to see happen to the pool corner and adjacent gravel area next season...solar shelter, tiki hut, benches, trees or nothing. Please give your ideas to the office by September 15th. Any suggestions, crazy or serious are welcome!

Amenities Committee Seeking New Members

The Amenities Committee is seeking several new members. We are a very congenial group that meets every other month or so to discuss future needs to the Association members. Please contact any member or Anne Rohr for more information or come sit in to a future meeting to listen and observe!.

Activities And Events

The Annual Poolside Potluck is Back!

The Annual Summer Potluck has returned to its poolside home at the Tamarack Trails Clubhouse on **Sunday, September 7th from 4:00 PM through 7:00pm.** As usual, the Residents' Activities Committee (RAC) will provide the burgers, brats, buns, tableware, spirits, and assorted cold drinks. We will also provide plant-based burgers and brats! There is a small fee (\$7 per person) and you are asked to bring your favorite potluck dish to share. Cards will be available to indicate food allergens contained in your dish (if applicable). Please RSVP as soon as possible so that we can make our shopping list!

A flyer is posted at the Clubhouse where you can drop off your reservations! We'll also email you a flyer!

Tamarack Forever Fit Class

Monday & Wednesday 3:00-3:45, Friday 10:00-10:45

Sept. 19 – Dec 29

No Classes Oct. 10, Nov. 10-17. Nov 27-28 & Dec 24

Forever Fit Class is a fun low impact total body workout, with options to let you workout at your own pace, and economical.

We use resistance bands, balls, weights & yoga mats. Emphasis on cardiac heart health, balance, coordination, flexibility, toning and strength.

Call Pattie (Pat) Sponem 608-279-3149

Email: psponem@gmail.com

Please call or email for more details.





Please Join Us for the Second Annual

Tamarack Trails Pickleball Tournament

Saturday September 20th



Water and snacks provided by the Resident Activities Committee

Lots of fun for players and spectators!

Sign up by emailing Les Mirkin at lesmirkin@gmail.com Deadline for signup is September 16th

More details to follow

Board and Committee Business

Board Meeting Notes – July 22, 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.

Updates:

- The financing for the 5-year pool loan has been finalized with Western Alliance Bank. Monthly payments are \$11,768.04.
- **Ad Hoc Budget Committee** members are: Stacey Haberman, Tom Ferris, Janet Hirsch, George Meyer, Izzie Popic and Larry White.
- Dave Larson, 2 Red Cedar, is moving away and has resigned as treasurer.
- **AED equipment** has been installed at the clubhouse. Training for residents and staff will be scheduled.
- **Amenities Committee** will be working with the community to develop an overall plan for the pool and for the area adjacent to the tennis courts, including shade control.
- A discussion about the use of the pool outside posted times was referred to the **Amenities Committee**.

Motions approved by the board:

- The key and key card fees for accessing the pool and the tennis courts are increased. Pool key cards increased from \$5 to \$10; tennis/pickle ball court keys increased from \$10 to \$20.
- Members of the **Nomination & Elections Committee** are: Charlie Elson, Amy Kell, Joanne Lenburg and Larry White.
- New member of the **Welcoming Committee**: Susan Wagoner.

2025 Financial Statements were reviewed.

1. May 31, 2025, Fund Balances
 - 1) Operating - \$368,561.14
 - 2) Reserve – \$922,643.22
2. June 30, 2025, Investment Account Balances which are part of the Reserve Fund.
 - 1) US Bank - \$665,316.30
 - 2) Edward Jones – \$12,219.08

Resident Activities Committee events. Mark your calendar.

- Annual potluck will be held on Sunday, September 7th.

Please join us for the next Board meeting: Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6:30pm.

	Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack Tree Lane Engagement Fall No Spray Program Listening Session on LLM Proposal
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Tree Lane Engagement on Plant Dane 2025 Project

The NGT grant request to Plant Dane was once again successful. We received approximately six dozen “plugs” for 15 different plant varieties. This year’s project will focus on engaging residents along Tree Lane to “spruce up” the four address signposts at the cul-de- sac entry ways.

NGT representatives have mapped out a plan to introduce native perennials to these sites focusing on nearby residents being active in the process. Walking tours have been announced to residents to outline the project and how they can take ownership much like the City’s “Adopt a Boulevard” program. Site prep and planting is planned for early to mid-September. Stay tuned!

September No Spray Program

Three times a year our landscape contractor applies an herbicide* and a granular or liquid fertilizer to the lawns at Tamarack.

The next spray date is set for some time around September 1. The office will send out an email blast announcing the exact date. No Spray participants are asked to place a few red flags (available in the clubhouse lobby) in their yards prior to the September date. Please place the red flags at the outermost edge of your property so that the applicators can see them.

By reducing the use of herbicides on our lawns, the flowers that feed pollinators, such as bees and butterflies can grow, providing vital food sources and a safe ecosystem for them to thrive. We also protect our pets and lower the risk of long-term negative health and environmental impacts in our community and beyond.

Low Mow May Community Wide Listening Session Sept. 11, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm **Tell us what you think of a Community Wide Low Mow May!**

Currently residents can elect to have their adjacent lawns cut less (generally 1 time in May rather than weekly) during the month of May. This offers pollinators food until summer blooms get into full swing. Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack (NGT) coordinates this effort. NGT is charged by the Maintenance Committee with considering benefits and issues of creating community wide Low Mow May rather than having residents select this opportunity.

We would like to know what you think! Come to this brief session to tell us about your experiences with Low Mow May, your likes and concerns. We will include your ideas in our report. This is not information session, rather an opportunity to hear what you think. A handout will be provided with current research findings that identify pros and cons and other resources that can help inform your ideas.

Contact Lynn Waishwell, 224 209 3038, if you have any questions or send along your comments to her at lwaishwell@yahoo.com.