

The Good Life...

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September/October 2025

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Thursday, October 9 – 11:00am

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, October 8 – 4:30pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 21 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 15 – 3:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, October 14 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Friday, October 8 -5:00pm

Welcome Committee

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Budget Hearing: Thursday,

October 9th 6:30pm

Annual Meeting: Tuesday,

October 28th, 7:00pm Vista West

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

9 am – 4 pm

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Tamarack Trails 2025 Annual Meeting Announcement

*Join Us for an Evening of Community Engagement on
October 28th at 7:00pm*

The Tamarack Trails community is excited to announce its Annual Meeting, scheduled for **Thursday, October 28th, 2025, at 7:00 PM**. This important event will be held at Vista West and Via ZOOM, and all residents are encouraged to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with neighbors, stay informed, and participate in the conversations that shape our community.

What to Expect

- **Board Elections:** Find out who the new board members who will help guide Tamarack Trails in the coming year.
- **Special Presentation:** Fraud Prevention: Jonathan Jarosinski, UW Credit Unions
- **Community Updates:** Hear from the board, Association Manager, and committees about ongoing projects, recent accomplishments, and future plans for the Association.
- **Financial Overview:** Review of the association's budget, expenditures, and financial outlook for 2026.
- **Q&A Session:** Residents will have the chance to ask questions or share suggestions and concerns directly with the board.

Why Your Participation Matters

The Annual Meeting is a cornerstone of Tamarack Trails' commitment to transparent governance and active resident participation. Your voice matters—whether you're a long-time homeowner or new to the neighborhood, your input helps create a vibrant, welcoming community for everyone.

Mark Your Calendar

Don't miss this chance to get involved and stay informed. The meeting will take place in-person and via ZOOM:

- **Date:** Thursday, October 28th, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Location:** Vista West
150 Bella Vista Drive

For more information or to submit questions in advance, please contact the Tamarack Trails Association office. We look forward to seeing you there!

Annual Candidate Forum

The Nominations and Election Committee will host the annual Candidate Forum on Monday October 13th at 5 pm at the Clubhouse. You may also participate via Zoom

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84206136961?pwd=WclHOOk2guxp2ISYjql2tQuoOaJy2MT.1>)

Meeting ID: 842 0613 6961

Passcode: 078545

Come hear what the candidates have to say so you can vote for the people who best reflect your views.

New Dates for October and November Board Meetings

Both meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. The October meeting has been moved to accommodate the Annual Meeting. The November meeting is moved to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday and to minimize a heavy workload in the office. Both meetings will start at 6:30pm.

October: Tuesday, **October 21, 2025**

November: Tuesday, **November 18, 2025**

Activities And Events

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 work out 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Holiday Party, December 4, 6:00 at the Clubhouse

The Residents' Activities Committee (RAC) is once again sponsoring a Holiday Party for all residents on **Thursday, December 4th at 6:00 PM**. This always popular event features a festive assortment of appetizers, desserts, and drinks.

Residents are asked to bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. RAC will supply a festive array of drinks and spirits, including the ever-popular Holiday Signature drink. Plan to begin the holiday season by socializing with both old and new Tamarack Trails friends and neighbors. The entire family is welcome to attend! There is no fee involved; we request that you simply bring your holiday cheer!

2ND ANNUAL TAMARACK TRAILS PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Although it was delayed for a week due to bad weather, Tamarack's pickleball tournament was a great success. Played over Saturday and Sunday (9/27 & 9/28), the Fawns and Deer were blessed with beautiful weather and joy-filled competition. Trophies were given to all the competitors, and three additional trophies were given to the winners of the Deer group ... First

place to Hyun-Shik Jun, second place to Denise Mirkin, and third place to George Jesien. Spectators were treated to many pickleball highlights as well as lots of excitement and good fun. If you weren't able to be at the tournament this year, you missed a great chance to see your neighbors, enjoy some snacks, and watch some great pickleball. So don't miss this RAC sponsored event next year!



Tamarack News and Tidbits

Tamarack 50th Anniversary Video – Short Version

Did you miss seeing the Tamarack video that was created by James Steinbach and friends? It was put together last year to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. Mike McCowin, formerly of Cedar Creek Trail, was very impressed with the video. He edited it down from an hour to 7 minutes and used it to introduce people to life at Tamarack. Generously, he wants to share it with the rest of the Tamarack community.

Find the video on YouTube. Search : “**Tamarack Good Life**”. Enjoy!

Board and Committee Business

Board Meeting Notes – August 26, 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 board is working to improve the sound and video technology at their meetings.

Motions approved by the Board:

- Approval of the Rural Mutual Insurance policy with a \$25,000 deductible and a 2% wind/hail deductible.
- Approval of a policy with Statewide Services, Inc., for Directors' and Officers' liability coverage.
- Approval of asphalt and concrete proposals from Poblocki Paving Corp. The asphalt will be completed on the last section of Oak Creek Trail.
- New member of the Resident Activities Committee: Jennifer White, 104 Pine Ridge Trail.

Committee Activities & Events:

- Human Resources Committee submitted the first draft of the Resident Code of Conduct Policy and will be reviewing comments.

- Resident Activities Committee sponsored the Pickleball Tournament in September and will hold a food drive later this fall.

Board Meeting Notes – September 23, 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 last section of Oak Creek Trail asphalt is expected to start in early October.
- We lost one member of the Maintenance staff when Miah moved. Stacey is looking for a replacement.
- The Nominations and Elections Committee will hold a Candidate Forum on Monday, October 13th, for the community to meet those who are running to serve on the board of directors.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 28th at Vista West. *Details about the meeting has been mailed to all owners.*

Motions approved by the Board:

- Approval of the Greenscapes contracts for retaining walls (\$40,885) and drainage (\$34,110.65).
- Approval of a \$100,000 pre-payment on the pool loan.
- New member of the Amenities Committee: Lynn Clemens, 7445 Tree Lane.

Financial Statements

- August 31, 2025, Investment Account Balances:
 - US Bank - \$685,621.00
 - Edward Jones – \$12,303.94
 - Western Alliance Bank: Balance was reduced to \$119,000 in mid-September to cover the final invoice from Badger Pools.

Committee Activities & Events:

- Finance Committee recommends that our Policy Resolutions be clarified that the Association is not responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of any deck stairs. The proposed revision will be reviewed at a community-wide listening session.
- Maintenance Committee did not move forward with the request from Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack. In early October, a compromise was reached which allows the planting to occur this month.

Please join us for the next Board meeting: Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:30pm.

ARB ISSUES AND UPDATES



ITEMS TO THINK ABOUT AT PROPERTY TRANSFER (BOS E. 1-6)

There may be a number of items or changes/improvements inside and outside that took place while you owned the unit. When you are contemplating placing your unit on the market, please be mindful of what the buyer(s) may need to know as to what becomes their responsibility. Having documentation like warranties, maintenance and installation requirements, and product brochures are great things to pass on to new owners.

Here are just a few items that the buyer(s) will need to take responsibility once they take ownership: large, expanded flower gardens and tree/shrub plantings (inside and outside the unit lot), screen porches, and skylights or solar arrays. Also, additions of technology built into interior or exterior improvements are now more common when upgrading heating and cooling appliances, security, lighting, and various items in newer kitchens and baths.

If you have a TV/satellite dish, in use or abandoned, determine if you should have it removed before the sale. Share with the new owner any fiber optic cables and the company which laid them as with changes in providers, new wires may need to be lain, and surrounding grounds disturbed. You as the prospective seller may need to disclose any items that the buyer(s) will eventually need to assume responsibility.

And always remind your Realtor that Tamarack Trails Community Services Association has an Architectural Review Board (ARB) and copies are great to share with interested buyers during this process.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE ARB?

At year end a number of volunteer committee member's terms expire thus leaving a number of vacancies. Contact an ARB co-chair of your interest in joining. ARB is expected to have two possible openings at year end, and we'd be interested in any pertinent expertise you might bring as a new member.

Co-chairs-- Izzie Popic izzi822@gmail.com or Jean MacCubbin, citizenjean2@gmail.com

SUBMITTAL DATES for 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)	
October 8	September 24	December	
November 12	October 29	No meeting scheduled	

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

 Neighbor for a Greener Tamarack	<u>Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack</u> Get Ready for Fall Cleanup!
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Fall Cleanup/Leave the Leaves (No Blow)

Fall is in the air and it's time to get prepared for winter. It is also time for our lawn maintenance contractors to begin their fall clean out scheduled to begin in late October or early November. That means you have the option of signaling to the contractors that you would like leaves to remain in your flower beds until next Spring.

Why does this matter? Well, the longer the leaves are left the better it is for our pollinators and beneficial insects who use those leaves for food and shelter. It also helps the health of the soil as decomposing leaves add vital nutrients back into the soil and suppress weed growth. And it lessens the amount of air and noise pollution put out by the blowers as an added plus.

Remember to put your white flags out prior to the fall clean up, The flags should be placed at the outside edges of your garden beds that you want protected from leaf removal. An email from the Tamarack office will let us all know the date that the contractors will start the cleanup.

You can use your white flags from last year or pick up some from the Tamarack Office. That's it. It is easy and one small thing we can do as a community to support Mother Earth.

Know Your Tamarack Neighbor – Jayne Meyer

One of the reasons that I enjoy interviewing and writing up our Tamarack residents is because I get to meet such intelligent, talented people. Certainly, Jayne is a prime example. She has taken every bit of her inherited talent and used it to her and her community's advantage.

Jayne was born in Sheboygan, WI, the daughter of Gerhard & LaVerne Hasse, a sheet metal worker and a gym teacher. When she was in 5th grade, the family moved to Madison, where she attended Schenk grade school, and Lafollette H.S. She says she wasn't interested in sports in those early years, but rather music (Clarinet & French Horn), girl scouts & props in the theatre.

For college, she went to MATC and Edgewood, majoring in Biological Sciences.

She met her husband, George Meyer at a political campaign in Madison. She found him interested as he could hold discussions on many levels & he was environmentally directed. They were married in 1973, and are still going strong today (52 years). From this marriage has come two children, Andrew, a nurse practitioner at a VA in Vermont, and Jocelyn who is a teacher of math & science in Sun Prairie. The family has a naughty two-year-old dog named Tigger who really loves her husband, George.

She worked for many years for the Wisconsin State Legislature in one capacity or another finding success in many areas until she found traveling got old. The program she was working on was in a good place so she decided it was a good time to switch careers. She went back to school along with her son_ in 2008 to become a nurse. She graduated in 2011 and worked at St. Mary's Hospital in the OBGYN department for 15 years.

I asked Jayne how come her family ended up at Tamarack and she had a rather interesting story to tell me. It seems she was having a garage sale at her former house, when a couple expressed interest in it. So unbeknownst to Jaye, her daughter showed the house to this couple. When they put an offer in for the house, Jayne & George began to look for a new home. They settled on Tamarack.

Jayne and George have lived in Tamarack in Tamarack for 25 years, and she has been active on our Board two different times. She is President of our Board now, but she was also chair of the Maintenance Committee for six years. Jayne's four-year tenure will be up in 2026. She says that this year's Board is particularly good at working together to solve problems – very collegial and she points to their working through swimming pool issues as prime example.

About the only thing left to tell, about this vigorous, interesting woman is her hobby. Jayne didn't care for sports in her earlier life, but now she has taken up running. As with other things in her life, she has gone about this in a determined, organized way. She has laid out a 3-4 mile course,& runs it every day to help stave off old age. God for her!!

Joyce Hasselman Waldorf