

The Good Life...

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December 2025

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents

Amenities Committee
TBD

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, January 14th 4:30

Board of Directors
Tuesday, December 30th 6:30pm

Finance Committee
Wednesday, January 8th 4:00pm

Maintenance Committee
Tuesday, January 13th 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee
TBD

Welcome Committee
TBD

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Committee Liaisons for 2026

At their board orientation meeting, board liaisons to the committees were assigned:

- Amenities: Michael Boggs
- ARB: Ric Genthe
- Garden: Eliisa Rydberg
- Finance: Tom Ferris, voting member
- HR: Lynn Waishwell & Jayne Meyer, voting members
- Maintenance: Janet Hirsch
- RAC: Eliisa Rydberg
- Welcoming: Eliisa Rydberg

December Board Meeting

As we end the year, the last board meeting of 2025 will be held on:

Tuesday, December 30, 2025

The meeting will be held at 6:30pm at the clubhouse and via ZOOM.
Hope to see you there.

TT Office Closed For The Holidays

The office will be closed on:

- Wednesday, December 24th
- Thursday, December 25th
- Friday, December 26th
- Thursday, January 1st:

All Tamarack Trails Residents

Please remember that Tamarack Trails supports the Lussier Food Bank by leaving nonperishable items by the Lussier Food Bank sign in the clubhouse. Those items are delivered monthly to the Lussier Center.

Thank you for your support!

As a newly elected member of the Board of Directors it is necessary that you know that my priority is to serve our community and represent your interest. My position is to listen, learn and work with you to help make Tamarack Trails a place we are proud to call home.

Please feel free to reach out with your questions, concerns, ideas, or suggestions. Your input is truly valuable and we on the BOD will ensure that every resident feels heard. Why I may not be able to solve every issue immediately I will do my best to assist, advocate and collaborate with the rest of the board to find solutions.

Thank you for your trust, and I look forward to working together.

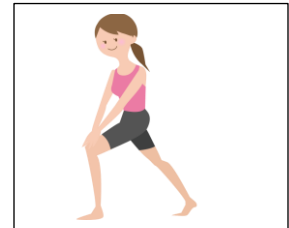
Warm regards,

Ric Genthe

Activities And Events



Tamarack Forever Fit
(Fitness class)
Let's Get Moving Fun Fitness



Location: Tamarack Clubhouse

Dates: JAN 2 - MAY 22

M W F M/W 3:00-3:45 Fri 10:00

NO class Jan. 9 -16, Feb. 23- Mar. 2 April 14

A gentle warmup, with light cardio, muscle toning, flexibility, and balance, using hand weights, resistance bands, Yoga mats.

Please call Patti Sponem 608-279-3149 or email psponem@gmail.com

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Ice Melt

Ice No More (a calcium/potassium chloride blend of ice melt) can be purchased through the Tamarack office. The ice melt is available in 20-pound bags at a cost of \$6.00 each. Please use the form located at the end of this newsletter to order your ice melt. We keep the salt on hand for sale throughout the winter.

Board and Committee Business

ARB Reminders and Updates

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

There will be NO ARB meeting in December. Requests for January 14th meeting are due near year end. Check the January Good Life for our 2026 schedule and request due dates.

A REMINDER ABOUT DECORATIVE LIGHTING and SECURITY LIGHTS (BOS IV. 15c&d)

15c. Decorative Lighting — Homeowners may install miniature, non-twinkling, white lights during the dark winter months between the end of Daylight Savings Time in the fall and the beginning of Daylight Savings Time in the spring, at which time the lights must be removed, not simply turned off. Owners are responsible for removing the lights from trees or shrubs to facilitate pruning. Strings of colored or white lights are allowed from December 1 through January 15. They may be installed earlier to avoid frigid weather but not turned on until December 1. All outside seasonal decorative lighting must be confined to the Owner's Living Unit and within the Lot. Owners may not use nails or screws to hang lights or garlands because of potential damage to siding, trim or fences. Extension cords must be marked and protected so that letter carriers, snow shovelers and others will be able to see the cord and avoid an accident. Owners must assume responsibility for any accidents involving such extension cords. White lights may be used on decks and patios for seasonal enjoyment in warmer months, provided they do not disturb neighbors and are turned off at a reasonable hour.

15d. Security Lights — Security lights may be battery operated, solar, or hard wired. For hard wired installations, Tamarack Trails maintenance staff or a licensed electrician must be used. ARB approval for location and type of fixture is required. The light fixture must be white; torpedo or bullet shaped with a Tamarack Trails standard "Warm White Light" bulb and must include a motion sensor with photocell. Timer should not exceed five (5) minutes. Lights must not be directed toward neighbors' windows. Solar lights should not be staked on grass. The ARB may require removal of nonconforming lights.



WHAT COLOR IS YOUR ... FRONT DOOR?

Did you know ARB has an approved palette of colors for exterior front doors matching with your building's siding color? These color groups were updated and approved in 2015, likely after the community-wide 2012 roofing and siding installations. A book compiling these color samples is available for viewing in the Office. During the Annual Walk Around we are observing not only Book of Standards (BOS) compliance issues, but we also look at door colors. In the past few years, we have seen colors that were unfamiliar and unique. We recognize curb appeal trends have evolved over the years even for our 10+ year old siding colors. **We look forward to considering unit owner color choice vs. dictating the colors approved for each building color.**

If you're looking to "spruce up" your entry and its curb appeal, check the sample colors book available in the Office or request an alternate color to the ARB before taking on your project; use Form 2.

NOTE: Color choices do not apply to service or garage doors; these remain as “Tamarack white”. (BOS IV. 3).

3. COLORS and MATERIALS— The Tamarack Trails standard color for exterior trim, garage doors, fences, deck railings, entry stairs and handrails, is Tamarack Trails white only. Materials used for replacement or repair may be wood or approved reduced-maintenance composite material such as AZEK. The ARB defers to the Maintenance Committee for the material used. For entry front doors, a palette of colors compatible with siding colors has been preapproved. Color samples are available in the Tamarack Trails Office. Other colors must be approved by the ARB.

Board Meeting Notes – November 18, 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:

- Thank you to outgoing board members: Keith Findley, Ellen Foley and Ginny White.
- The 2026 board took office at the end of the meeting: Michael Boggs, Tom Ferris, Ric Genthe, Janet Hirsch, Jayne Meyer, Eliisa Rydberg and Lynn Waishwell.
- New date for December board meeting is Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30pm.

Motions approved by the Board:

- \$500 holiday bonus for all staff members.
- Low Mow May proposal was approved, contingent on no additional costs to Tamarack.
- 2026 Annual Budget was approved. It includes: \$200,000 for potential structural issues at the clubhouse and placeholders for solar panels on the clubhouse (\$20,000) and a security camera/alarm system (\$0.00).
- \$45,685 for teardown and replacement projects at two homes.
- New member of the Garden Committee: Ala Fedorova (64 Oak Creek).

Committee Activities & Events:

- ARB will be reviewing the placement and fonts used for house numbers.
- Nominations and Election Committee reported that they received 155 candidate ballots for the election of directors out of 320 units.

Know Your Tamarack Neighbor – Ofer Ashkenazi

This month’s KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR is Ofer Ashkenazi, a very interesting new resident. He and his family live at 11 Winterberry Trail. Ofer has written his own story, which follows. How wonderful it is that he and his family are excited to be part of our Tamarack community!!

I was born in Israel, in a Kibbutz (a cooperative rural community) fifty odd years ago. I first came to Madison as an exchange PhD student in 2002 and fell in love. In the town, yeah, but this was also where I met my wife Jen—and we’ve been together ever since. I got my PhD in German history, and I am mostly interested in Nazi Germany, the Holocaust, and the German shift from democracy to a dictatorship (and back to democracy, after 1945). We spent a few crazy years when I was living and doing research in Berlin, Germany, and Jen worked on her PhD in Ankara and Istanbul, Turkey. We got married in 2004 and settled in Jerusalem, where our first daughter, Maya, was born in 2007. Our second daughter, Lia, was born in Berkeley, CA, where I was doing my postdoc research. At this time, I combined my research interests with a long-lasting fascination with the movies. I wrote a book on German-Jewish filmmakers and their films in the

years leading to Hitler's rise to power. After a couple of years in Berkeley, I got a teaching gig at the U. of Minnesota and we lived in Saint Paul for a few years. This is where I started to work on a book about postwar Germany (East and west) and the contemplation of the Nazi past in popular culture (here, again, I wrote a lot about films and the role they play in shaping our shared memories). We then moved back to Jerusalem, where I was hired as a History Professor and the Director of a center for German history. Jerusalem is a marvelous place to visit, but not an easy city to live in. We nonetheless enjoyed living among family and friends, taking long desert hikes, and trying to avoid watching the news. This was when I became very curious about daily life in Nazi Germany, namely, how did it *feel* to live under Nazism? How did people understand what was happening, what were their expectations for the future, how did they think about their identity, their behavior, etc. I decided to pair my professional work with another life-long hobby: photography. For a few years now I have been looking at photographs that people took under Hitler's regime—of their homes, vacations, workplace, family celebrations, and so forth—in order to read “between the line” what they thought and felt about their experiences and their social-cultural-political environment. The past two years we spent in Jerusalem were especially challenging. We tried to be active, to volunteer for various causes, but felt growingly frustrated with the direction things were heading to. That is why we decided to return to Madison, which seems to be much calmer and saner than Jerusalem. Jen works here as a data analyst, whereas I teach as a George L. Mosse Visiting Professor at the UW.

Jen and I are running an interfaith household (she grew up as Lutheran in a small town Minnesota). We made it a house rule to celebrate all the holidays of both religions, although we sometimes have our own peculiar ways about them. As long as there is good food, decent music and some goodwill, it's *our* holiday. In addition to hiking, taking photos and taking advantage of the local cinematheque, I have recently discovered Madison's secret jewel: the amateur soccer playing scene. I have been playing soccer leisurely for almost three decades now, and it was a great pleasure to realize that there's a lot of it going on in Madison. We have a ping-pong table in the basement, where I can reminisce about the time I won a Ping-Pong tournament on the Hebrew University campus. Maya is now a senior and Lia is a Junior in Middleton High. Both of them are way smarter than me and they know it (and they make sure to let me know they know it). We are grateful and enjoying every minute we have together before they leave for college. We are all excited to be part of the community in Tamarack and looking forward to many years of pleasant neighborly camaraderie.

Joyce Hasselman Waldorf, 11 White Pine Trail

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Tamarack Trails Ice Melt Order Form

Please submit this form along with your payment to the Tamarack office.
The ice melt will be delivered to your doorstep the following day.

Address _____

Qty _____ 20 lb. Bag(s) @ \$6.00 = \$ _____