

The Good Life...

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January 2026

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents

Amenities Committee
TBD

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, February 11th 4:30

Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 27th 6:30pm
Tuesday, February 24th 6:30pm

Finance Committee
Thursday, February 12th 4:00pm

Maintenance Committee
Tuesday, February 10th at 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee
Wednesday, February 11th 5:00pm

Welcoming Committee
TBD

OFFICE HOURS
Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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Greenway Encroachment Impact on Tamarack Trails

On a frigid Tuesday evening, January 19, 2026, Jayne Meyer, President, presented a briefing on the property encroachment issue to the board and 25 residents. This involves our common property and several of the individual lots adjacent to the Sauk Creek Greenway, primarily along Cedar Creek.

The Sauk Creek Greenway has suffered from decades of neglect by the City. Until the 2018 flooding spurred the City Engineering Department into action. They have been conducting stormwater mitigation studies throughout the Madison greenways, including Sauk Creek. Part of their research includes land surveys to clarify the property boundaries and assess any potential impacts on public and private spaces. The Sauk Creek survey showed that sections of Tamarack properties inadvertently encroached onto the greenway. In most cases, the encroachment is only a few feet beyond the official property lines.

In response to the survey findings, the Greenway Privilege ordinance was enacted. This ordinance provides a path for affected landowners to apply for continued use of the encroached greenway areas, subject to City approval and ongoing “privilege payments”.

In 2023, Tamarack received notification about the ordinance from the city. The Tamarack board is committed to the best interests of our community and engaged legal counsel to advocate for us in negotiations with the City. After several modifications to the draft agreements were deemed unacceptable, the negotiations have ended. Our next step is to work with legal counsel to determine our strategy going forward.

January is Community Civility Month

At their December board meeting, the directors reaffirmed their commitment to the Code of Ethics for Tamarack Trails Community Association Board. Continuing in our efforts to foster a climate of open discussion and mutual respect throughout our whole community, the board had named January 2026 as “Community Civility Month”.

Community association boards are regularly faced with challenging and complex issues that can spark strong emotions. In an effort to encourage positive interactions within Tamarack, the board is asking the whole community to join them in their adoption of the Community Association Civility Pledge.

We will be distributing information to all residents, committee members and staff. As we all make our personal commitments to civility, please join us.

Download the Civility Pledge:

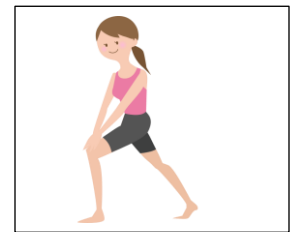
<https://www.caionline.org/civility-pledge/>

The board thanks you for your involvement with this initiative and looks forward to your input.

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

Save the Date! TAM Talk: February 25, 6:30 PM

Living in a Legacy: The Sea Ranch DNA in Tamarack Trails

Our community didn't happen by accident. Discover how the revolutionary design principles of Sea Ranch—a bold 1960s modernist architecture—shaped everything from the way our homes nestle into the landscape to the This Tam Talk will be presented by Tamarack resident Henrik Rydberg

2026 Residents Activities Committee Events

The Residents Activities Committee (RAC) has kicked off its planning for programs and activities during 2026. We will be bringing back popular events such as the Annual Summer Potluck, Tam Talks, Summer Concerts, and of course the Annual Holiday Party.

We'll also be stretching a bit and trying out some new ideas such as monthly board games, an evening poolside social to welcome in the summer season at Tamarack, and the Kentucky Derby Party that debuted last year.

We will be communicating our plans in four ways: monthly articles in The Good Life, email blasts sent to residents, flyers posted in the Clubhouse lobby, and finally, a constantly updated year-at-a-glance RAC Calendar, also posted in the Clubhouse lobby.

In the past, flyers for programs were typically posted on the door to the Clubhouse, but that method has been phased out. Flyers for upcoming events and our RAC Calendar will be consistently posted on both of the bulletin boards in the lobby.

We hope as many residents as possible will be able to join friends and neighbors throughout 2026 at popular, informative, and fun events sponsored by the RAC.

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 News and Updates

Elections— Elections of Officers will be held at the January 14th meeting, consistent with Tamarack Bylaws, Article X, Section 1. (c) Each Committee shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and other officers as deemed appropriate at their first meeting following the effective date of this revision and thereafter at the first meeting of each calendar year.

Year-end Report— A spread sheet noting the requests from residents for ARB decisions was presented to the Board of Directors at their December meeting. The majority of requests included replacement of existing windows and additions of graspable handrails. Also tracked were items that may require addition or clarification during the next revision of the Book of Standards.

Reminders—

Outdoor Lights— Decorative lighting, or better known as Holiday lighting, is allowed between December 1 and January 15. Miniature, non-twinkling white lights, see BOS IV. 15., are be turned off and removed by end of Daylight Saving Time*. More information on Security Lighting is listed under IV. 15d. Find the BOS here: https://www.tamaracktrails.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ARB_BookOfStandards_2023.pdf

*End of Daylight Saving Time 2026 is March 8, 2026.

Meetings— ARB meets at 4: 30 p.m. on the second Weds. of the month, except December. Completed Forms 1 or 2 for ARB requests including associated documentation are due 14 days

prior to each meeting. Request a current Certificate of Insurance from your contractor(s), if not already on file at the Office.

If possible, please assemble and send your completed request as a .pdf document to the office IN THIS ORDER: completed form, short project description, any photos of exterior location of project, additional information materials, contractor/product information, and Contractor's Certificate of Insurance.

| Meeting Dates (Weds. 4:30 pm Clubhouse) | Completed Requests Due Dates | Meeting Dates (Weds. 4:30 pm Clubhouse) | Completed Requests Due Dates |
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| February 11 | January 28 | July 8 | June 24 |
| March 11 | February 25 | August 12 | July 29 |
| *April 15 | March 30 | September 9 | August 26 |
| May 13 | April 29 | October 14 | September 30 |
| June 10 | May 27 | November 11 | October 28 |

*April date moved to the 3rd Weds. due to the April General Election.

Board Meeting Notes – December 30, 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:

- First meeting of the 2025-2026 board of directors. Thank you for volunteering!
- January 2026 has been designated as “Community Civility Month”.

Motions approved by the Board:

- Formation of the Tennis & Pickleball Court Improvement Ad Hoc Workgroup.
- Viktor’s Painting, LLC contract for snow removal.
- Greenscapes, LLC three-year proposal for Landscape and Plowing services starting 4/15/2026.
- New members of the Maintenance Committee are: Tom Hirsch (7305 Cedar Creek) and Jason Robinson (104 Pine Ridge).
- New member of the Resident Activity Committee is Ginny White (71 Oak Creek).
- Board reaffirmed their commitment to the Tamarack Code of Ethics.

Committee Activities & Events:

- Committees are ready to start 2026 with the election of their chairs and their goals to continue the good life for Tamarack residents.

Know Your Tamarack Neighbor – Larry & Ginny White

Once again, for another month, I ended up saying WOW, I got to know and interview these wonderful people who happen to live in Tamarack, as I do. For 8 years, Larry & Ginny White have resided at 71 Oak Creek, and to think it was a conversation with Jean MacCubbin that started them thinking about Tamarack. Without that casual conversation, we might not have attracted the attention of these personable, interesting, intelligent, & humorous people. Their humor shines out in their Holiday newsletters. Note: "The four courses of the apocalypse are alcohol, red meat, donuts & cigarettes. Avoid them at all costs, unless you want to be happy."

Both were born in Madison, and grew up in McFarland, however, their paths didn't seriously cross until after High School. Ginny says she started their friendship by writing Larry a letter when he was at West Point. His reply was immediate and led to 1,114 letters which they have since shredded!!

Ginny, the daughter of Joseph & Jennie Wergin, spent her early school years in catholic school. In H.S., she participated in drama & her high school radio station, WMHL. From H.S., she moved on to the UW — Madison where she majored in French. Ginny married Larry after her junior year and became a military wife "camp follower."

Larry, one of five children of Russell & Belva White, attended a one-room school for three years; Monona Grove H.S. for one year (there was no McFarland H.S., at that time); and then three years at McFarland H.S. after it was built. There were 42 students in his class, and he managed to be a standout as captain of the football team, class president and valedictorian. Somehow, he managed to find time to also participate in drama where he played God in a play written by his teacher titled, "Genesis."

After H.S., (1965) he was chosen to go to West Point with the Qualified Alternate Program since Senator Kastenmeier had already chosen one person. There was no military tradition in Larry's family, but being one of five children, he needed the financial help West Point could give him. It was while he was there, that Ginny somehow heard that he was lonesome and wrote to him. Fate had stepped in because the rest is history. They have been together ever since.

All who graduate from West Point must serve five years in the military so Larry (with Ginny at his side since they had married) spent time in Iran, and then four years in Panama. They enjoyed their time in Panama, and actually went back there for their 50th wedding anniversary to study Spanish.

I asked them what had kept them together all these years, and they stated chemistry, shared values, character traits and intelligence. Larry said, "Every day is Valentine's Day." I noted that they both seemed to be comfortable in their own skin, and they promoted the other persons good points & accomplishments. They seem flexible and allow the other one to "do their own thing." A sense of humor comes out right away, and we spent almost two hours talking and laughing while I took notes. Both like to read, and they have traveled extensively (not so much now). Joyce Hasselman Waldorf

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 = \$_____