

The Good Life...

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May 2026

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents

Amenities Committee
TBD

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, June 10 - 4:30pm

Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 26 - 6:30pm

Finance Committee
Thursday, June 11 - 4:00pm

Maintenance Committee
Tuesday, June 9 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee
Wednesday, June 10 - 5:00pm

Welcoming Committee
TBD

Know Your Neighbor
Ric & Sharon Genthe

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

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Great News on the Common Property Assessments

Great news!! The sun is shining and we received more great news from the City Assessor's office. The excessive land values placed on three of our common properties is an ERROR.

What happened? Wednesday morning, we took the first steps to file an objection with the City. Shortly after lunch that afternoon, Michelle Drea, City Assessor, notified Jayne Meyer that there was a mistake. We will not need to file an appeal or appear before the Board of Review. The values will be changed to \$100 for each of the common area parcels. They will send us updated assessment notices.

The Assessor's office had a market review of land values city-wide which accounts for many of the large increases in the land values. Our "outlots" were not to be increased.

We want to thank everyone who participated in this process and in our meeting on Tuesday evening. We are grateful for all of the TT people who came forward to provide information, details, recommendations and referrals. It's been a great learning experience and a testament to the dedication of our community.

Note that this change only applies to our common properties. It is likely that your individual properties still reflect the increased land value. You can check details for your property at the City Assessor site:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/assessor/property/>

Thank you all!!
Tamarack Trails Board of Directors

Reserve Fund Work Group

On June 16th at 6:30, we have scheduled a community meeting to discuss the Reserve Fund Work Group's work. The goal of this group is to draft a list of recommendations to fund necessary reserve withdrawals while keeping reserve assessments under control. This is especially important through 2033 when the next round of roof replacements is expected to be completed. We hope that all owners will participate in this meeting, either in person or via ZOOM. Bring all your ideas to help achieve this goal.

Activities And Events

Upcoming RAC Events

The Resident Activities Committee (RAC) is planning several events. The first of our summer concerts is on June 9th. As summer comes into view, we will be hosting a new event, the “Summer Social,” which will be held poolside where we’ll enjoy snacks, sweets, drinks, and the wonderful company of friends and neighbors. We will send email blasts providing all final details prior to each event. However, it’s not too soon to get these upcoming events on your calendars right now!

June 9, 6:30 PM, Summer Concert featuring “Better with Friends,” poolside at the Clubhouse

June 25, 5:00 PM, “Welcome to Summer Social” at the pool

New this year, RAC has been publishing a **Calendar of Recreational Events** that is posted on both bulletin boards in the Clubhouse. We urge you to check it out when you’re at the Clubhouse as we continuously add events to it as RAC finalizes dates, times, and event logistics.

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2026 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: pjmaddox1@charter.net or

Teri: teriedman@yahoo.com

New and Returning Participants always Welcome!

Board and Committee Business

Board of Directors: No meeting minutes available.

ARB News, Updates & Reminders

ARB Annual Walk Around Begins Mid-May through Mid-June



This year ARB members will again form teams and will be out looking at each and every unit—front, back, sides, up and down for various health and safety issues as well as non-complying items and need for repair/replacement. We'll be out in teams mid-May to mid-June wearing vests and carrying clipboards and some times taking pictures to share with the ARB as some items we find could be incorporated into the next BOS update. Interested in volunteering? Contact Jean MacCubbin or Barrett Karabis.

Rain Barrels

With all the rainfall in mid-April we all could have used a rain barrel! Why consider installing a rain barrel? Just a few benefits: you no longer need to haul hoses about your unit lot to water your plantings, you use the rainwater vs. city water (thus lowering your water bill), and you reduce stormwater runoff and pollution. Did you know that the first ¼” of rainfall is the most contaminated? We see this rainwater and sediment washing across driveways and other impermeable surfaces and sometimes infiltrating on our lawns, but also entering waterways like the swale and into the greenway. With the density of our lots and the changing surface levels of the common areas, a reduction of rain directed across the landscape reduces the amount of erosion and need to maintain those areas where erosion has occurred. To install a rain barrel a request to ARB is needed; see BOS IV. 21. Also check with Dane County webpage on their program to purchase rain barrels— <https://www.ripple-effects.com/rainbarrels>

Planting Fences

While the Book of Standards doesn't address fencing around your planting areas, like other additions to your lawn or unit lot, plantings and fencing must not inhibit the ability to provide mowing, snow removal and fence maintenance. Most planting fences are generally low to the ground to distinguish your planting areas and in some cases includes temporary higher fences to deter critters from destroying new plantings like shrubs and allowing these plantings to mature. (This article does not pertain to fences in BOS IV. 9a. Note that chicken wire is not an approved type of fencing.) When the white horizontal fences are to be replaced, maintained or painted, note that plantings may need to be pruned, covered or removed; you likely would be notified by the Office should your fence be on the list for replacement, maintenance or painting.

ARB Meetings and Deadlines: Reminder! Complete forms and documents need to be submitted to the Office or via AppFolio no later than 14 days prior to the meeting date.

Meeting Dates (Weds. 4:30 pm Clubhouse)	Completed Requests Due Dates	Meeting Dates (Weds. 4:30 pm Clubhouse)	Completed Requests Due Dates
June 10	May 27	September 9	August 26
July 8	June 24	October 14	September 30
August 12	July 29	No December	Meeting
November 11	October 28		

Know Your Tamarack Neighbor – Ric & Sharon Genthe

Each month I start anew with people I have never met (generally) so I always wonder what will they be like? Will we click? Will their stories be interesting? Fortunately, each month just keeps getting better, and this month with Ric & Sharon Genthe of 92 Oak Creek was no exception. I love my job of writing these articles because of all my wonderful subjects.

Ric & Sharon have a unique personal story where they seemed fated to be together, but it took them quite a few years to realize this possibility. They kept seeing each other from afar, or working in the same building, but different floors, being in the same city with same friends, but finally they were formally introduced & the rest is history.

They both come from small town Wisconsin — she from Brodhead, and he from Platteville — so their values are the same. Both graduated from MATC, and though starting within companies, have spent a lot of their working lives working for themselves. Both have held positions within Tamarack, and now Ric is on the Board. They moved into Tamarack in 2012 & say that "they were reliving the 60s when they were in their 60s." They like our sense of community and find our area esthetically pleasing which I find very flattering to Tamarack since both Ric & Sharon are artistic people.

Sharon said she found Ric attractive because he was very gentlemanly, kind, he listened, and he loved his mother. Ric said finally getting together after "almost" getting together was like unfinished history. They had the common background factor plus they were both hard workers. Whatever it was, it sure is working!! They have two sons between them — Nick & Brandon, & four grandchildren.

Ric, son of Frank & Madge Genthe & relative/descendent of five police officers, was very athletic in H.S. (football, basketball & track) but it was his third- grade teacher who influenced him in his career path. She told him that he had a creative eye, and he remembered that, & became a commercial artist. His first job (dream job) after graduating from MATC was in Green Bay working as an illustrator for the Howard Paper Co. (1971-74). In 1974, he moved to Madison to work for the Dave Carman Associates. Here he had clients like Sergenians, & Wick Homes. Next, it was to Milwaukee where he worked for PMS Marketing with clients like Miller Beer, Papst Beer, Schlitz Beer & Allis Chalmers.

Sharon, daughter of Francis & Maybelle Saunders enjoyed some sports while in H.S. but this was the time when women's sports were not what they are today. She did play the clarinet in the band. Then MATC called, & she went into fashion merchandising. Her early jobs were in an advertising agency, and then she worked for WISC, Channel 3 in advertising sales. Eventually, she started her own Image Consulting business where she helped women moving up in the business world dress for their jobs. This dovetailed into photo styling for catalogs.

Ric does not consider himself retired as he still has three clients. He still finds time for trout fishing, illustrating & reading Am. History. Sharon is retired & enjoys redoing their condo & reading business books & biographies. They both enrich Tamarack.

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