

# The Good Life...

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## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

Tamarack Annual Meeting  
High Point Church  
Monday, October 17 - 7:00 p.m.

Maintenance Committee  
Tuesday, November 1 - 4:00 p.m.

Board of Directors  
Tuesday, November 15 - 6:00 p.m.

Architectural Review Board  
Wednesday, November 23 - 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors  
Tuesday, December 13 - 6:00 p.m.

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## Event Calendar

*Please mark your calendars.*

Watch the Packers vs. Bears  
Thursday, October 20 at 7:25 pm

Tamarack Bridge  
Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

Holiday Party  
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

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## Office Hours

Mon & Wed-Fri 9 am – 4 pm  
Tuesday 9 am – 6 pm

## Current News

### Annual Meeting - October 17

The Annual Meeting of Members and Election of Directors is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the High Point Church, 7702 Old Sauk Road. The Annual Meeting is open to all Tamarack Homeowners.

### Ballots and Proxies Go Out

The final agenda, ballots and proxy forms for the annual meeting were mailed to all Tamarack members on October 3. Copies are available at the clubhouse. Ballot and Proxy Forms must be received at the Tamarack office (102 S. Westfield Road) by 5 pm on Monday, October 17. Ballots may also be brought to the Annual Meeting.

### Group Furnace Inspections

We are working on a group furnace inspection for Tamarack residents. RA Heating will perform a furnace cleaning/yearly inspection for a discounted rate. The rate depends on the number of homeowners that sign up. A minimum of 10 residents must sign up for this offering to move forward. If 10 to 20 residents sign up the rate will be \$100+tax per inspection (21-30 homes \$95+tax; 31-40 homes \$90+tax). If more than 40 residents sign up the rate drops to \$85+tax per cleaning and inspection. If interested in participating please email [Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com) or contact the Tamarack office at 833-1615.

### Hail Storm Update

Residents are frequently contacting the office stating that they received a call from a company that would like to come out and inspect their roof. If you receive a call like this, just tell them "No Thank You" and hang up. We have completed our initial investigation and will be reviewing the findings at the November Maintenance and Board meetings. Based on inspection by an independent roofing company there is little if any damage to the shingles and one or two pieces of chipped siding on each building.

## **Public Display of Signs Prohibited**

Per Tamarack Policy Resolution I-103 the public display of any sign on your lot or common area is prohibited. The policy reads as follows:

"No signs of any type shall be displayed to public view on any lot or common area without the prior written consent of the Board, except for garage sale signs and open house signs."

Please observe this rule as we approach the upcoming November election.

## **Anchor Bank Change to Old National Bank**

Anchor Bank was recently acquired by Old National Bank. Tamarack's savings and checking accounts were with Anchor Bank so for those Tamarack residents on automatic payment the transaction will appear to be from Old National Bank starting this month. If you banked at Anchor we have already updated the routing numbers for automatic payment and no action is required on your part. If you have any question contact Jean Hilgers at 833-1615 or via email to [Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com).

## **Safety and Security Tip**

With fall comes cooler temperatures and a desire to open the windows for some fresh air. As a safety reminder please be sure to close and lock your windows when you will not be home. Most thefts are crimes of opportunity and an open window may serve as an invitation for an uninvited guest. For more safety tips just visit the links to [Community Safety Tips](#) and [Burglary Prevention](#) on the Tamarack website. There is also a [checklist](#) for our winter snowbirds.

## **Board and Committee Business**

### **November Board Meeting Date Changed**

The Board will meet on November 15 at 6 pm, due to a conflict with Election Day.

### **Architectural Review Board (ARB) - fall "Walk Around" between 10/15 - 11/20**

Members of the Architectural Review Board will be doing their annual "Walk Around" Tamarack properties from October 15 through November 20. The ARB inspects the exterior for safety and maintenance issues as well as overall compliance with the Book of Standards. If you see us around and want to point out areas of concern, please let us know.

### **Are you willing to serve on the ARB in 2017?**

The ARB is seeking several new Committee Members to serve starting in January 2017. The ARB meets monthly (as needed) and skips Nov and Dec meetings as a winter holiday. The ARB reviews/modifies and approves resident requests of changes to the exterior of their unit. You will become more familiar with the recently updated TTCSA Book of Standards which guides the work of the ARB. Terms are for two years and can be extended up to six years. We'd appreciate your help in maintaining the high aesthetic standards of our community.

Please submit a written statement of your interest in serving on the ARB to Jean Hilgers at the Office, [Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com). Applications will be considered at the ARB meetings on Oct. 26, 2016 and January 25, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

## Activities and Events

 *Come Join the Fun*    *Root for Your Favorite Team*   
When the **Awesome Packers** play the **Lowly Bears**



Thursday, October 20 at 7:25 p.m.  
at the Clubhouse

Bring: your own beverages,  
a snack to share (optional)  
and a few bucks for the pool (optional)  
Popcorn: will be provided

Questions:  
call Don Haasl (843-5707)  
or don.haasl@yahoo.com



## Wednesday Bridge at Tamarack



A Duplicate Bridge Game Open to All Interested Players!

An ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) sanction has been applied for, and once received, games will award masterpoints for winners in each ability level.

Beginning: October 5, 2016

(Also Oct. 12, 19, 26)

6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Tamarack Club House (lower level)

110 S. Westfield Road

Director: Marge Morgan

Call: (608) 514-9025 or email:

BridgeatTamarack@gmail.com

## Scheduled Projects and Reminders

See “[Seasonal Project and Reminders](#)” on the Tamarack website or on the clubhouse bulletin board. Items updated for October include: Asphalt Maintenance, Fall Leaf Cleanup, Perennial Care, East Border Fence, Edging and Mulching, Landscape Project at Tamarack Garden.

### Did You Know – Large Item Collection

The city of Madison collects large items on the city terrace every other week. Some items may require a sticker for collection. For more information and to check if it is a collection week visit the city website at [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/largeitems.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/largeitems.cfm).

## Neighborhood News

### Food Pantry Update

I am happy to announce that we have a new volunteer for Lussier Food Pantry pick-up and delivery duty. She is Janice Gratch, and her first foray will be on Monday, March 20, 2017, working with Gloria Kelly. Thank you Janice.

And many thanks, as always, to those of you who so generously support the Tamarack effort for the Pantry and to all volunteers. Just as reminder, non-perishable food items should be dropped in the entry to the Tamarack office in bins provided there. Please check to see that the use-by/sell-by dates are current. The volunteers will put all items in brown paper bags provided and take them to the Lussier Center, first contacting Cristina Johnson at 833-4979, ext. 224, about the estimated time of delivery. Another reminder: There is a box in the bin location for check donations for those of you who many not wish to shop for food. Checks should be addressed to the Lussier Community Education Center, with Food Pantry noted in the memo line. The Center will provide confirmation of your donation for tax purposes.

This month, and likely for the next few months, the Pantry especially needs fruit (in juice), jelly, syrup and pancake mix.

Cristina reports that the “back-pack” program which provided tote bags of food for kids over the summer months, was a success. The Center hopes to repeat it again next summer.

If you have any questions or comments about the Pantry, please let me know.

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### KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS – Hilda Fine

Hilda Fine, this month’s KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR, has lived at 7349 Tree Lane since 2004, and can’t say enough good things about Tamarack. She says it feels like a vacation spot with the wonderful people, functions, shrubbery, beauty, and the location is near everything that she needs.

You may recall that I made the comment in the Greg Michell’s bio that we are a real melting pot out here, and Hilda Fine’s story fits right into that theme. Hilda was born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa, the child of parents/grandparents who escaped Lithuania and the pogroms of an earlier era. The family was poor and Hilda remembers asking, “Why don’t I have candy in my lunch sack like the other kids?” Her mother’s reply was, “I can afford candy or a banana, and you are getting the banana.”

In High School, Hilda participated in drama, tennis and field hockey so she had athletics in

common with the young man, Louis, that she met in biology class at the University. He was an excellent rugby player and runner. Hilda was there to fulfill a dream she had since she was eight years old – that of becoming a teacher. There was an instant attraction between them and their romance culminated in a marriage about two years after she graduated. Dr. Fine went into dental practice, and subsequently began seeing many patients with mouth cancer. The cancer could be cut out, but there was no way to deal with the disfigurement. This bothered Dr. Fine, so he began searching for a solution.

Louis (Dr. Fine) decided to study maxilla-facial prosthodontics at the University of Illinois, so the family came to the states for 13 months so he could learn this procedure. When he was offered a position at the University of Chicago, they decided to remain in the U.S. as they were concerned about raising their children in apartheid South Africa.

Hilda lived most of her life in Oak Park, IL where she taught remedial reading and drama to children in a studio that she opened. Plus she taught Hebrew and Jewish History at the Temple. In 1996, Hilda's husband died, but she continued to live in Oak Park until she got breast cancer, and had to have a lumpectomy. During this time, her daughter who was living in Madison, made many trips to help Hilda in Oak Park, so Hilda finally decided that it was time to leave her friends and move to Madison.

Hilda and her husband had four children, two of whom now live in Israel. On a trip to Israel, one of their sons who was 14 years old, decided that Israel was the place where he wanted to spend his life. After getting his education in America, he moved there for good. One of Hilda's daughters fell in love with a young man from Israel who was touring the States so she married him and also moved to Israel.

Hilda still leads a very interesting life. She spends six months in Madison with her daughter and son-in-law close by. Then the other half of the year she lives in Israel. While here in Wisconsin she fills her time by teaching three subjects, four times/week (Hebrew, Jewish History, & Ethics), plus she writes and produces a play with fifth graders. This she does at Beth Israel (House of Israel) and Beth El (House of God). She loves to read historical novels, and she started a book club here at Tamarack. She also has had a garden plot for many years, but currently her son-in-law does most of the work. She also crochets and has a shop on Etsy where she is known as Hilda the Hooker! ([etsy.com/shop.Hildathehooker](https://www.etsy.com/shop/Hildathehooker)) When I visited Hilda, she had several vases of beautiful flowers from this garden sitting around the house.

Hilda seems to have made peace with the changes that aging has brought to her. She has a life that many would envy. Good for her.

*By Joyce Hasselman Nigbor  
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