

# The Good Life...

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## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

### Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 28 - 4:00 pm

### Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, November 7- 7:00 pm

**ARB does not meet in December**

### Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, November 6 – 4:00 pm

### Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 20 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 18 – 6:30 pm

### Welcome Committee

Monday, January 28 10:30-11:30 am

### Event Calendar

*Please mark your calendars*

### Sauk Creek Working Group

November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse

6:30 pm

### Tamarack Bridge

Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

### Holiday Party December 6<sup>th</sup>

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## Current News

### Annual Meeting Report

This year's Annual Meeting was again held at High Point Church on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and was well attended with just over 100 residents signing in. Many thanks go out to the Nominations & Elections Committee (chaired by Jeanne Allen) for running this year's Board elections, and to Anne Rohr, Board member, for taking the responsibility of the light refreshments. This is the third year that Tamarack has used this space for the meeting, which is close by, has ample parking and provides nice amenities. Thanks to Lori Zunker, property manager, and Judy Bluel, resident, for working with church staff on our needs.

### **The following are the balloting statistics for 2018 Annual Meeting:**

Number of ballots mailed: 320

Number of ballots received: 165

Number of ballots counted: 165

Number of proxies received: 65

**Here is a recap for the election results for three Board members:** The tally for individual candidates is not reported. There were two write-in votes. Residents voted in three Board members for 2-year terms: Anne Rohr, George Meyer, and Janet Hirsch. Out-going Board members Ric Gentle and Pat Laubach were thanked for their terms of service.

Andy Owca, the treasurer, presented the proposed 2019 Budget and provided an overview of Tamarack's investment fund. He highlighted some major items being considered for the upcoming year -- there are a few major items in this budget: proposal for handling drainage issues, contracting for a reserve assessment study and deck roofing at the clubhouse, as well as plans to update the boiler for the pool. He then noted that at this writing the proposed average monthly assessment (AMA) was at an average increase of \$21.50 for a 6.4% increase. **Again, the budget will be considered by the Board at their Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

Jean MacCubbin, the president, gave a brief report on the past year; she highlighted the volunteer work by residents since the property manager transition and the willingness of residents with specific expertise to freely give of their time and talents. Lori Zunker too gave a brief report that included some of her goals for the coming year. She thanked the Board and staff for their work since coming on board.

Committee chairs were recognized and thanked for their contributions to Tamarack. The fun part of the meeting concluded with the annual raffle with prizes donated by the Tamarack board, committees, and staff, being raffled away to lucky residents by Pat Laubach, vice president, with assistance from a few new residents.

## Activities & Events

### Seasonal Reminders & Projects

#### Water Issues

Did you have any water in your home after the “big deluge”?

The Association is trying to map all the units that had water enter into their home after the major rains in August and September. Some residents reported the water directly to Angie or the office, but many had minor damage that did not notify anyone.

The Association wants to hire a company to review the water drainage concerns at Tamarack Trails and it would be **very helpful to have a list of all properties affected by these historic rains**. Please send a quick note to Angie Swan or the Storm Water Ad Hoc Committee c/o TT office with your address and a short description of where and how you think the water entered your home. This will be of great help to get a complete review of our property.

Thanks for taking the time to help us resolve the drainage and flooding issues that affected us.

#### Sauk Creek Working Group

We have had several meetings of our Sauk Creek Working Group. We have another **meeting scheduled for November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Tamarack Clubhouse**. The goal is to reach a consensus on as many issues as possible concerning the Sauk Creek project so that we can present those positions to the City representatives involved in the project. That makes it particularly important that as many people as possible attend this meeting.

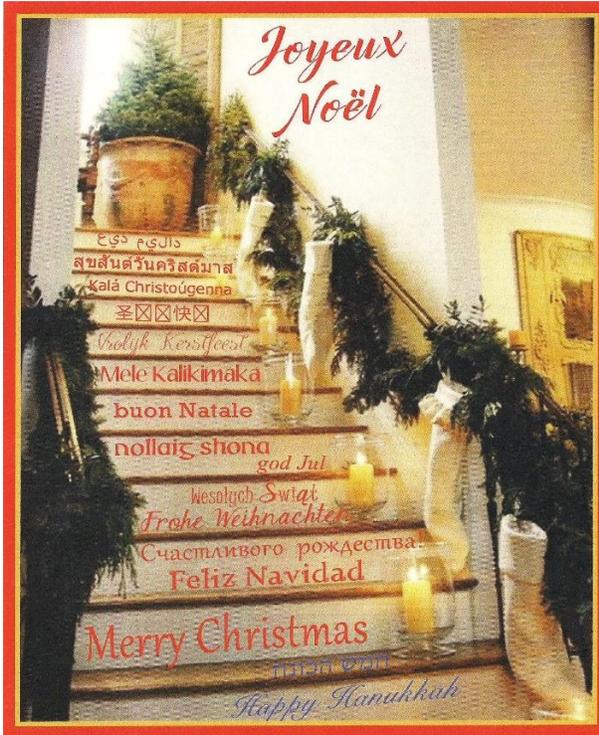
In anticipation of the meeting, I have again spoken to JoJo O'Brien at the City. Not surprisingly, the studies that are essential to the planning process have again been pushed back. Until those studies are completed, there will be no significant planning with respect to the details of the project, including the nature of the changes needed to address the problems with water flow, any plans with respect to a path through the drainage area, and the extent to which trees and other vegetation will be impacted by the project.

JoJo O'Brien tells me the City is now engaged in a citywide effort to address drainage issues. They are coordinating with Middleton since they are also directly affected by Madison's drainage problems.

The upshot of all this is that it is likely that those studies will not be completed until the spring. A public meeting will be held as soon as those studies have been completed. Her expectation is that will take place in the spring, rather than this winter as had been initially planned.

It is perfectly human to see the issue as less urgent given the delay in the city's planning. I believe most of us are agreed that it is critically important that we stay engaged and make our positions known to the City sooner rather than later.

I look forward to seeing you all on the 13<sup>th</sup> so that we can pin down or modify these areas of concern in a way that serves the interests of those of us who live in neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed project, as well as the interests of the citizens and taxpayers of the City at large.



# TAMARACK HOLIDAY PARTY

**THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 6, 2018  
6:30PM – 8:30PM**

Bring an appetizer or a dessert to share

Beverages - beer, wine and soda will be provided

**Please bring a nonperishable food item to donate.**

## Grounds Update

The landscapers have finished pruning the evergreens. We are working on drainage issues and grading issues. We will be putting snow stakes in after the first of November. Otherwise, we will be working on work orders.

Angie Swan – Landscape Superintendent

## Maintenance Update

Maintenance has been working on our Tamarack wide gutter cleanings, to date we have completed every gutter up to Cedar Creek. We will be going back to certain areas again, due to late leaf drops in those areas. If you notice leaves in your gutters, again, feel free to call the office or put in a work order.

Tim tested the heat tapes on the entire property this week, everything looked good. Mitch and Ryan have been doing the gutter cleanings, along with the occasional fence replacement. On that note, Phase 3 (Bayberry, Red Maple, Gray Birch, and Hemlock) fences will be repaired and replaced next year.

Going forward we will not be doing dryer vent cleanings. If you need this done, feel free to call the office and we will refer you. Also, it's that **time of year to shut off outside water spigots.**

Josh Ostertag – Maintenance Superintendent

## Board and Committee Business

### Maintenance Committee

As winter approaches it's time to think about snow again. Hopefully, we won't see too much snow this winter especially early in the season. Last year we had quite the proliferation of Do Not Pile Snow Here signs and that created a problem for the plowers trying to find places to put the snow. While there were reasons for some of the signs most were placed just because. The MC discussed this issue and decided that signs would be placed on a case by case basis after looking at the reason for the request. Angie is the go-to person on this and will be the one to determine placement. Signs not placed by the staff will be collected. We need to do this to facilitate efficient snow removal and storage. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

This weekend brings the end of DST and the return of early darkness, yuck. If you are interested in brightening up these long nights the ARB has developed a policy for adding some fun to the dark. *B. Miniature White Lights - For safety and security purposes, homeowners may install miniature, non-twinkling, white lights from October 25th to March 15th when the lights must be removed not simply turned off. The white lights may adorn trees, shrubs, fences and light posts on the owner's property (Lot).* See the rest of policy in Book of Standards.

The MC meets on Tuesday, November 6th at 4 pm.

### Welcome Committee

The Welcome Committee's next meeting is Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Like all meetings, this is open to residents.

There are many questions that new residents have and can be found on the Tamarack website (although some info needs updating). The Welcome Committee will share answers to a frequent question each month.

**Did you ever wonder how to reserve the clubhouse for a party?** A. Call the Association Office (833-1615) or email [jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com) and indicate the date that you want to reserve the clubhouse. If the date is available, you will be mailed a contract form to fill out. The contract, along with a \$125 cleaning deposit, must be returned ten days prior to the event in order to confirm the reservation. There is a \$25 fee for each day the Clubhouse is used.

## Tamarack News and Tidbits

### Food Pantry Update

As we're looking forward to preparing our favorite dishes for Thanksgiving, let's remember our less fortunate neighbors and contribute some of those non-perishable ingredients to the Lussier Food Pantry.

Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails Lussier Food Pantry Coordinator

### Yard Waste Collection Extended thru November 16th

The Tamarack staff is collecting yard waste on Monday and Friday each week. The last collection date will be Friday, November 16. After this date, you can place your yard waste in the "Landscape Dumpster" in front of the maintenance building.

All contractors are responsible for disposal of their own trash or yard waste. If you hire a contractor to perform your yard work, they should not place it at the end of the drive for

collection by Tamarack staff. They should haul it offsite or may place it in the dumpster in front of the maintenance building.

**Preparing for the Snow Season**

Sand barrels and snow plowing markers will be placed on the Trails in mid-November. The sand is available for resident use on their sidewalks and drives. After any snowfall accumulation greater than one inch, Maple Leaf will plow the streets & driveways, and Mother Earth Organic & Tamarack staff will shovel the individual sidewalks.

**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 \$5.00 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.

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**Tamarack Trails Salt Order Form**

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Qty \_\_\_\_\_ 20 lb. Bag(s) @ \$5.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_