

# The Good Life...

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August 2021

## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

### Finance Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 22 - 3:00 pm

### Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, Sept 15- 4:00 pm

### Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 14 – 4:00 pm

### Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sept. 28 - 6:30 pm

### Welcome Committee

Monday, Sept. 27 -10:30 am

### Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, Sept. 8 - 4:00 pm

### Amenities Committee

Tuesday, Sept.21 -10:00 am

## Event Calendar

*Please mark your calendars*

### Pool Party

Sunday, Sept. 19

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

9 am – 4 pm

Or by appointment

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## Current News

### Annual Meeting

At their June meeting, the Tamarack Board of Directors has selected Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at 7pm for our Annual Meeting. Mark your calendar. A Zoom meeting is being planned.

### Nomination and Elections

Dear Tamarack Trails Owners,

The Annual Meeting of Members and the Election of Directors is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. The Board of Directors (BOD) appointed Tamarack Trails Owners Harry Miles, Joan Lerman, Sharon Genthe and Jayne Meyer to the Nominations and Elections Committee (NEC) this year. They will work with outgoing BOD Vice-President Amy Kell to supervise the nomination and election of four Directors for two-year terms.

The job of the NEC is to solicit and identify the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. **The NEC does not vet candidates.**

Tamarack Trails Members who are interested in running for the BOD must:

Be a Tamarack Member (Owner) and must be current with their fees and assessments

- Respond in writing to questions posed by the NEC about their background and experience as well as their views of the important issues facing Tamarack Trails, and how they would work to resolve them
- Submit a photo of themselves (a selfie is fine), which will be distributed to all Members with the candidate's responses to the questions prior to the election

The NEC is planning to host a low-key Meet the Candidate event at the Clubhouse in October prior to the election.

**In October, you will receive paper ballots where you can vote for the candidates of your choice, along with instructions to return completed ballots to the Clubhouse at least two days before the election.** The ballots will be counted by the NEC and results will be reported to the community at the Annual Meeting.

**We encourage you to consider running for the Board of Directors this year.** We need your involvement! BOD work is important work for our community and your voice could help shape the direction of Tamarack Trails for years to come.

**The last day for candidates to the BOD to announce their candidacy is Tuesday September 14, 2021.**

Please feel free to discuss this opportunity with any of the NEC members. Here are our email addresses:

- Harry Miles [milesharry@mac.com](mailto:milesharry@mac.com)
- Joan Lerman [lerman@charter.net](mailto:lerman@charter.net)
- Sharon Genthe [stgenthe@gmail.com](mailto:stgenthe@gmail.com)
- Jayne Meyer [mshazmat@gmail.com](mailto:mshazmat@gmail.com)
- Amy Kell [amy@kellconsulting.com](mailto:amy@kellconsulting.com)

Thank you!

Tamarack Trails Nominations and Election Committee

**Property Insurance Coverage**

For the last few years, Acuity has been our insurance carrier. This spring, we received a letter from them stating that they were not going to renew our policy.

More than 20 carriers declined to provide us with quotes for a variety of reasons: age (over 30 years), wood frame construction, no sprinkler systems or total insured value over \$20 million.

Thanks to the hard work of M3 Insurance Solutions, our new insurance carrier will be Auto-Owners Insurance Group, effective September 1st. Established in 1916, they are headquartered in Lansing, Michigan and are rated A++ by AM Best Company.

The annual premium for our general insurance which covers liability, trucks, workers compensation, etc., will incur an increase of \$78. Unfortunately, our property insurance has a whopping annual increase of 60.8% which amounts to \$81,541.

To minimize the negative effects of this large increase, the Board of Directors has opted to pay the annual premium in full, rather than monthly. While this payment option requires a lump sum payout of \$220,416, it will provide us with a discount of \$21,636. To cover this expense, we will use \$47,774 budgeted for insurance from September-December 2021, \$141,120 from the money market account and \$31,522 from the contingency fund. Fortunately, the Association is in great shape financially. Thanks to the hard work and due diligence of the Finance Committee, we will still be ahead of our 30-year financial projections.

## Jazz at Tamarack

**MIDDLETON JAZZ** will be performing traditional jazz tunes from blues to big band arrangements.



**When:** September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Rain date:** September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.

**Where:** On the lawn near the clubhouse.

**Bring:** Your own chair and a beverage if desired.

(No glass please.)

Sponsored by the Tamarack RAC Committee.

## Tamarack Trails Pool Party

Is Back!

Join us for drinks, dinner and music!!

**Date:** September 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:00-8:00 PM

**Price:** \$25 per person

**RSVP by** September 3<sup>rd</sup>



All Tamarack residents are invited!!

## Walktober/Biketober



As fall approaches your Resident Activities Committee is preparing for the season. We will once again be sponsoring the **Walktober/Biketober Annual Event!** It is a month-long event where you are given a choice of activities that you can complete, on foot or on a bike, individually or with companions, in any order and at any time. With minimal participation (finishing at least 6 activities) you can enter to win one of three \$25 gift cards from

Brennan's. Also, the 5 people who complete the most activities will have their name posted in the Good Life! So, get those walking shoes ready and/or those bike tires pumped up! Watch for the September Good Life to get all the details!!

## Forever Fit Tennis Court Class

We Stretch, light cardio, use bands, hand weights, maybe Yoga mats.

Location: Tamarack Tennis Courts

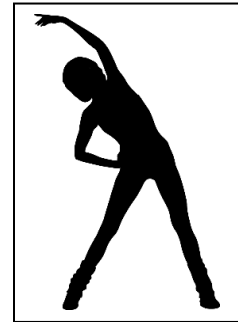
Dates: Class starts Wed. Sept. 1.- Oct 29

Days: M-W-F 10:00-10:45

NO CLASS LABOR DAY and NO CLASS SEPT. 27-OCT 4

Cost is: \$73.00 due Aug. 27

Please Call Patti Sponem for more information: 608-279-3149



## **Seasonal Reminders & Projects**

I would like to update you of our maintenance schedules for August 2021 through September 30, 2021. Exterior painting for all of Millstone and 2,4 and 6 Oak Creek are to be completed by August 30<sup>th</sup> weather permitting. Along with our normal routine of work orders and the closing of the pool on September 26<sup>th</sup> weather permitting.

A total of three decks will be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Trim replacement along with foundation coverings and chimney caps to be pursued in phase 5 starting September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Utilities/watermain to be inspected and mapped by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Concrete repairs are tentatively scheduled to be completed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Heat wire installs are scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>.

My maintenance crew will be on a busy schedule, some dates may vary slightly. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Gene Moeller, Maintenance Supervisor

# Safety First!

Who knew that **OMVWOC** would become part of our everyday lexicon?  
(*Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Owner's Consent*)

Stolen autos and catalytic converters, burglaries. Let's reduce the number of stolen cars that are being left on our property. Stolen autos and catalytic converters, burglaries. They can all happen in an instant. Help keep our cars and our neighborhood out of the news.

As a reminder:

- Ensure your car doors and all doors to your residence are kept locked.
- Leave exterior residence lights on at night or utilize motion detecting lights.
- Keep valuables in your garage, car, and home out of sight.
- Removing valuables from your car is better than hiding them. This includes garage door openers and spare keys.
- Keep your garage door closed and double-check it is closed at night.
- Report all criminal and suspicious activity immediately.

## A message from your Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack...

### NO SPRAY LIST

On or about Labor Day, Maple Leaf will be applying a granular fertilizer and a liquid herbicide to the lawns at Tamarack. If you would prefer that the area around your residence not receive the herbicide application, you can sign up for the "No Spray List" by contacting Angie Swan by August 30<sup>th</sup>.

When herbicides are not used, the flowers that feed pollinators such as bees and butterflies have a chance to grow. And by reducing our use of chemicals, we lower the risk of long-term negative health and environment impacts on our Tamarack and Madison communities.

Reducing Tamarack's use of pesticides is one of the goals of *Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack*, a work group sponsored by the Maintenance Committee. The group ran the 2021 No-Mow-May (NMM) demonstration project this past spring. A summary of the results was published in the June Good Life.

The NMM project combined the goal of providing food for pollinators during the month of May with reduced pesticide use at the NMM test site. The group plans to propose one or more additional NMM test sites – for 2022 - for board approval in the coming months.

If you would like to nominate an area near your condo as a 2022 NMM demonstration project, please contact one of our members listed below. *And please consider signing up for the No Spray list for the area around your residence for the coming year!*

Jean MacCubbin [citizenjean2@gmail.com](mailto:citizenjean2@gmail.com) ... 836-4863 ... Phase I  
Michael Harder [michaelharder79@gmail.com](mailto:michaelharder79@gmail.com) ...843-4199 Phase II  
Caryl Terrell [carylterrell@gmail.com](mailto:carylterrell@gmail.com) ..... 833-8828 ... Phase III  
David Reed [kdkmreed@yahoo.com](mailto:kdkmreed@yahoo.com) ..... 630-4920 ... Phase IV  
Jim Waeffler [jim.waeffler@gmail.com](mailto:jim.waeffler@gmail.com) ..... 831-2759 ... Phase IV, VII  
Nancy Korda [kordanan@yahoo.com](mailto:kordanan@yahoo.com) ..... 833-4258 ... Phase V  
Lynn Clemens [lclemens@tds.net](mailto:lclemens@tds.net) ..... 345-3771 ... Phase

## Board and Committee Business

### MAIN SWALE PROJECT 2021

The Main Swale project will begin on Monday, September 13, 2021. The timeline for this project will be six weeks to complete pending weather conditions. The week of the 13<sup>th</sup> will be excavating and digging along the entire swale.

We will notify everyone by email in advance of the timelines each week and provide weekly status reports on the progress of the project.

Our first notification will go out by email to everyone on Friday, September 3, 2021.

## Tamarack News and Tidbits

### Can I serve on a committee as a new resident?

Yes. We encourage all residents to serve on committees. Not only does this give the committees fresh input, but it also gives the residents an opportunity to contribute to the planning and operation of the Association. It's a good way to get to know other residents in the community.

### Food Pantry Update

When I delivered food to the Lussier Center last month, I had to put down the back seat in my CRV and bags of food were stacked two deep. Wonderful! THANK YOU for your generosity.

Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails/Lussier Center Food Pantry Coordinator

## Tamarack Trails Directory & Email Update Form

*For new residents and any changes to existing listings. Return completed form to the Tamarack office or email changes to [jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com).*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(as you wish it to appear in the 2021 Directory):