# The Good Life...

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February 2022

### **Meeting Calendar**

Meetings are open to all residents.

### Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 16 - 4:00 pm

### **Architectural Review Board**

Wednesday, March 9 - 4:00 pm

### **Maintenance Committee**

Tuesday, March 8 - 4:00 pm

### **Board of Directors**

Tuesday, March 22 -- 6:30pm

### **Welcome Committee**

Monday, March 28th - 10:30 am

### Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, March 9 -5:00 pm

### **Amenities Committee**

Tuesday, March 15-10 am

#### Garden Committee

Wednesday, March 16 - 10:30 am

### **Event Calendar**

Please mark your calendars

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday- Friday 9 am – 4 pm Or by appointment

Daryl Larson, CMCA Association Manager Daryl.larson@tamaracktrails.com

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### **Current News**

### **Seeking Grant Writing Assistance**

The Maintenance Committee is investigating grants which might be available to us for some of our maintenance and grounds projects. We are looking for someone who can assist with sourcing, writing, submitting and implementing grants. If you or a neighbor has background in this area, please contact Maintenance Committee co-chairs: Jayne Meyer <a href="mailto:mserif">mshazmat@gmail.com</a> or Sharon Genthe <a href="mailto:stgenthe@gmail.com">stgenthe@gmail.com</a>>

### **Project Update: Pheasant Branch Watershed Study**

On February 10, 2022, the City of Madison Engineering Department held a Public Information Meeting via Zoom to review the plans for the Pheasant Branch Watershed. This includes most of Tamarack and areas to the west.

Thanks to all of the Tamarack residents who joined the meeting, provided input and asked pointed questions. Due to the large number of people from our neighborhood, a good portion of the meeting highlighted the plans for the Sauk Creek Greenway, particularly in the Q&A section which followed the presentation by the City engineers.

A recording of the meeting is available at:

https://media.cityofmadison.com/mediasite/play/d1ed96cf-dd3f-40be-aa7b-7ce3a2fba751

Note that, while the meeting lasted  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  hours, the recording is only 1:48 long. The Focus Group discussions are not included.

Additional information specific to the Sauk Creek Greenway Restoration can be found at:

https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sauk-creekgreenway-restoration

### **Activities and Events**



# Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack Community Event via Zoom

Weds. March 2 @ 10:00 a.m. Thurs. March 3@ 7:00 p.m.

## Watch for the Zoom Link and Agenda in your email.

An Informational Community Event is planned to provide more information on the group's activities for 2022.

Attend the one Zoom which works best for your schedule. Learn about our No Mow May plans for this upcoming season.

You, too, can become a Neighbor for a Greener Tamarack! Join us in meeting members from Tamarack who have agreed to share their time and expertise on the benefits of reducing pesticide use in our neighborhood and making Tamarack a more friendly place for pollinators.



In addition, we expect to have special guests who will share similar activities from their respective communities about their No Mow May initiatives.

### Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2022 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: Jean

<u>jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.co</u>m or Patti <u>psponem@gmail.com</u>



### **Evening Classes**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

For dates and details contact: Jean <u>citizenjean2@gmail.com</u>, Pat <u>pjmaddox@chater.net</u> or Judy <u>judybl@tds.net</u>

### **New and Returning Participants always Welcome!**

### Seasonal Reminders & Projects

### Please Clean Up After Your Pet

We have observed several areas in the community that have accumulations of pet waste.

The following Madison General Ordinance pertains to the pet Owner's (your) responsibility for cleaning up after your dog.

- You must <u>ALWAYS</u> carry equipment sufficient to clean up your dog's feces. Dog feces should be flushed down your toilet.
- You must not allow your dog to defecate on any property, public or private unless you immediately remove, and properly dispose of the waste.
- You must not allow dog feces to accumulate on your property.
- You must keep your dog leashed at all times.

Dog feces can pose health risks to people and pets. Failure to follow these rules may result in citations. Keep our Association clean and safe. Please pick up after your dog while out on your walk. If you see someone in violation of the ordinance, kindly remind them of the city requirements.



### **Trim Painting Continues in 2022**

As we head into spring, Tamarack will continue our painting cycle for exterior trim. At their December meetings, the Maintenance Committee recommended, and the Board approved, painting proposals from two companies: 3<sup>rd</sup> Gen Painting and Remodeling and Viktor's Painting LLC. Based on the size of the home, the prices range from \$2,257 to \$3,995, with an average of \$2,850. These costs are recovered in the painting portion of the assessments assigned to each home. As the weather gets warmer, you can expect to see both of these companies working on site.

In 2021, we finished all of the homes in Phases III and VII and were able to get a start on the first three Phase IV homes on Oak Creek Trail. This summer, we will continue on Oak Creek Trail. Our staff will be working ahead of the painters to make any repairs to the trim, fascia and band boards.

### **Board and Committee Business**

### Will You Share Your Knowledge?

The Tamarack board is in the process of reviewing our internal electronics and our communication formats. We'd appreciate your help. If you have a background in these issues, we would appreciate hearing from you. Some of the areas that we will be reviewing include:

- -computer security and connectivity, including SharePoint
- -website and social media
- -video conferencing with Zoom

You can submit your thoughts or interest to: James Steinbach < <a href="mailto:jbsteinb@gmail.com">jbsteinb@gmail.com</a> or Janet Hirsch < <a href="mailto:jbsteinb@gmail.com">jbsteinb@gmail.com</a> or Janet

### **Garden Committee Meeting**

There will be a Garden Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at the Tamarack Trails clubhouse. Since this meeting is on a weekday morning, it is less accessible for those who work. Anyone can raise concerns by emailing me at <a href="mailto:jeandjo@tds.net">jeandjo@tds.net</a>, leaving a note at the Tamarack Office, or calling me at 608-827-0446. All concerns raised will be dealt with at the meeting.

At this meeting the timeline for garden applications, the fees for garden space and garden policies will be finalized. The application form will be sent in mid-March by email. The forms will also be available at the Tamarack office. The forms will be due by mid-April. The tilling will be done, and plots marked by late April or very early May, depending on the weather.

### **Tamarack News and Tidbits**

### **Mask Mandate to expire**

The current Face Covering Order expires on March 1st, masks will no longer be required in indoor public spaces. However, businesses may still enforce their own mask policies and federal mask requirements for public transportation still apply.

## **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	
Oty	20 lb. Bag(s) @ \$6.00 = <b>\$</b>