

The Good Life...

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March 2022

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 20 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Tuesday, April 13 – 4:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, April 12 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 26 -- 6:30pm

Welcome Committee

Monday, March 28th – 10:30 am

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, April 13 -5:00 pm

Amenities Committee

Tuesday, May 17 -10:30 am

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

9 am – 4 pm

Or by appointment

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Association Manager
Daryl.larson@tamaracktrails.com

Jean Hilgers,
Office Manager
Jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com

Current News

Our Local Election is on Tuesday, April 5, 2022

You can see your sample ballot at MyVote.WI.gov. Type in your address and see exactly what your ballot will look like. The offices up for election, including 6 judges, our Dane County Supervisor and 3 Madison school board seats.

Early voting is available at Ashman Library through April 2nd. Call the library to confirm dates and time. *No voter registration on Saturday, Apr. 2, per state law.*

White Lights Need to be removed

The deadline for removing strings of white lights on the exterior of your homes was March 15th. If you have not already done so, please remove all white lights.

Architectural Review Board Seeking New Member

The Architectural Review Board is still looking for one more volunteer to join their committee. Please consider joining them. For more details, please email the ARB Chair; Christina Finet at cfinet3@gmail.com

Sign up for a Garden Plot for 2022 Growing Season

Think of seeds, seedlings, trowels, hoes, and garden bounty! Join the Tamarack Trails Community Garden!

The registration form was emailed to all owners and is also available at the clubhouse. See the form for more details. Completed forms along with payment are due by Tuesday, April 13.

Metro bus proposed changes in 2023

Madison Metro Transit is seeking feedback on their new [network redesign draft plan](#) through a [survey](#) and community listening sessions, as part of planning to restructure the city's system of bus routes. The network redesign is now in phase 3 of planning.

There are several ways to provide feedback, including online meetings. There will be a meeting for Walnut Grove/Tamarack Trails Neighborhood on **Wednesday, April 6 - 6:30 pm**, Virtual on Zoom. Information to join this meeting is at the bottom of the web page.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/routes-schedules/transit-network-redesign>

More info is here:

https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/documents/network-redesign/draftplan/DraftNetworkPlan_Map.pdf

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/routes-schedules/transit-network-redesign/text-description-of-draft-redesign-service>

West side: The many overlapping routes on University Avenue are consolidated into BRT Routes A, F, and Y. Monroe Street service is improved to every 15 minutes. Service on Speedway and Mineral Point east of Midvale is reduced to peak periods only, and service along Odana east of Whitney is eliminated. The former Route 19 service area is served by Route D2 along Midvale and Odana, but no service is available on Nakoma or Seminole. Service along the Mineral Point corridor farther west is replaced by BRT Route A, with service concentrated onto Mineral Point rather than deviating to the north and south. Old Sauk, currently served by Route 15, is served by peak-only Route Y east of Gammon, and all-day Route H between Westfield and Junction, providing connections to BRT Route.

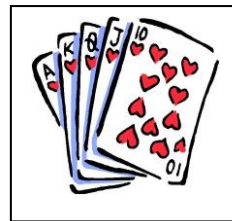
Bridge Lessons at Tamarack!

Want to have more fun playing bridge?

Mike McCowin would like to arrange bridge lessons for Tamarack bridge players aimed at having more fun at the table. A certified bridge teacher would provide a series of lessons geared to the specific interests of the players.

If enough people express interest, Mike will arrange for a "get acquainted" meeting with the teacher.

Contact Mike at 608-235-0649 if you are interested.





Join us for a
**Wildflower
Walk**

to see nature's beauty in
Tamarack's backyard!

The walk through the conservancy will be led by Pat Maddox, Jim Waeffler and Wayne Koska.

When: May 12th at 10:00 a.m. (rain date- May 13th at 10:00 a.m.)

Where: The walk will start at the pavilion in Walnut Grove Park, continue through the conservancy and end in the backyard of 44 Oak Creek Trail, where Pat and Jim have incorporated wildflowers into a side garden in their yard.

Who: All Tamarack residents are invited.

Make sure you dress for the weather and wear good walking shoes. It is also recommended that you wear long pants and socks.



Save the Date

The Tamarack **Spring Brunch** is returning this year!! It will be on June 12th from 10 AM- 12 PM. More information to follow in the next *Good Life*

YOGA FOR HEALTHY BONES.

No prior experience with yoga is necessary. The class will use the floor, chairs and the wall to support the poses. The focus will be on stability, strength, safety and fun.

Fridays at 10-11:30 beginning April 1, 2022 at the clubhouse upstairs.

The class will continue for 8 weeks. If there is interest it can continue after that point.

Bring water, wear comfortable clothes (yoga tights or loose pants). All yoga is done in bare feet. A yoga mat is necessary. They can be purchased online or at many places in Madison.

If you have any props such as straps, blocks, eye pillows bring them to class.

Bring a TOWEL for head support.

If interested contact Sandra Eisemann 83 Oak Creek Trail at 970-403-4223.

Leave your name and email and provide your phone number as well.

There are seven interested persons at this time; we will need to keep each class size to 12 in order for me to pay attention to each of you as we practice the poses.

Namaste

Sandra

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2022 Season

It is time 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 * Social Distancing * Time Spent Outside *

Morning Classes

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

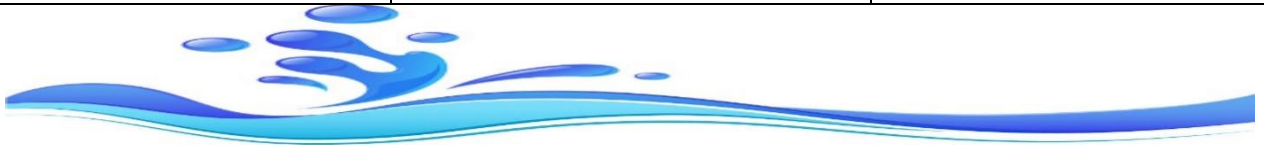
For dates and details contact:
Jean jean.hilgers@tamarack.com
or Patti psponem@gmail.com



Evening Classes

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

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



Outside Tamarack Fitness Classes on the Tennis Courts

Forever Fit Total Body Fitness

Low intensity Total body workout: warmup, cardio, strength, balance, stretch

Mon. Wed. Fri April 2 -May 25 3:00-3:45

No class on May 2 -9

Testimonials:

Sheila Coyle-Forever Fit is a warmup/cardio strength, balance & stretching class, You bring resistance bands, weights, Yoga mats to class. Close by and affordable

Jean MacCubbin: Take your fitness & flexibility seriously. Love the music, routines, options when appropriate. Plus, news & gossip.

Workout and have fun doing it!

Cost \$70.00. Pay Patti Sponem ASAP

Questions call 279-3149

psponem@gmail.com

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

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|  <p><i>Let's get outdoors!</i></p> | <h3>3rd Annual Tamarack Earth Day Clean-Up</h3> <p><i>Friday, April 22, 2022</i> <i>9 to Noon</i></p> <p>Join your Tamarack neighbors anytime between 9 and noon.</p> <p>This what we can do...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. General clean-up to remove leaves and weeds.2. Remove invasive plants.3. Pick up trash. <p>Bring your own tools and gloves. Dress for the weather.</p> <p>Be sure and invite your neighbors to join us.</p> |
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Landscape News

Dog Owners please pick up your dog's pet waste. We will not be working in yards with pet waste and there is a lot out there. Also, tulips will be coming up soon. Please keep your dog's off the flower beds.

We will be picking up snow stakes soon, but snow repair will not happen until after April 15th.

Mulching will be happening in the areas of Oak Creek, Cedar Creek, Pine Ridge, Blue Spruce, and Red Cedar. Please let me know if you want to be on the No Mulch list. David J. Frank will be hand mulching this year. Large perennial gardens will not be mulched.

Please get ahold of Angie if you would like to be on the No Spray list. I will be doing some pre-emergent applications soon. The No Spray list can be for mulch beds or the turf. Let me know if you have any questions.

Debris pickup will start April 11th. Please put debris in containers.

Earth Day cleanup help is needed. If you are interested in helping out, contact Angie.

Maintenance News

TT maintenance March schedule is trim replacement prior to spring painting on Oak Creek homes, 8 through 48. There will be roof work as well. You may be hearing footsteps of our maintenance crew on your roofs.

We are also updating the women's bathroom in the clubhouse. We are scheduled to go throughout Tamarack for gutter and downspout cleaning at the end of the month.

Billable work will only be completed on rain days as time allows due our busy schedule.

We are currently looking to fill a maintenance position.

As the weather gets warmer, turn off the heat wires on your roofs when temperatures consistently get to 40 degrees and above. If you're unable to unplug them, please notify the office or put it in a work order for staff to respond.

Earth Day Challenge At Madison Parks

Celebrate Earth Day with your neighbors and friends by volunteering to clean up your local park at the Earth Day Challenge! The City of Madison Parks Division is seeking more than 850 volunteers at 50+ parks to assist with trash pickup, raking, weeding, removing sticks, and more on Saturday, April 23, 2022. All ages are welcome to participate. Advanced registration is required for anyone 10 years and older.

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/calendar/earth-day-challenge-2022>

Food Pantry Update

Have you wondered what to buy for the Lussier Food Pantry? Hearty soups, pasta and sauce, packaged meals, canned meats, vegetables and fruits for main meals are always needed.

See a two for the price of one deal? Think Lussier!

Dee Seyfarth Tamarack Trails/Lussier Community Center Food Pantry Coordinator


Board and Committee Business

New/Updated Forms from ARB

The Architectural Review Board has developed several tools for use by unit owners in preparing a resident request for the ARB. These are part of a general update of the entire Book of Standards, which ARB expects to complete early this summer, after resident input and the approval of the Board of Directors.

- **ARB Form 1** is a checklist to be used when requesting exterior alterations or new construction such as adding a sunroom or deck, additional windows, etc.
- **ARB Form 2** is a checklist to be used for minor changes, for example, replacing existing windows, adding a solar tunnel, exhaust venting, etc.
- **Excel spreadsheet for calculating 60% density**, the square footage of structures on your lot as a percentage of the total lot size. This spreadsheet should accompany Form 1.
- **Responsibility chart**—This will be useful for residents to determine what they are responsible for and what items are the responsibility of Maintenance staff. (Note: As the Book of Standards is finalized some of the numbered references may change.)

Forms 1 and 2 have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Excel spreadsheet and Responsibility chart will be reviewed by the Board at an upcoming meeting. These forms will be available in the revised Book of Standards and on the website; in the meantime, you can request copies of Forms 1 and 2 from the office or from an ARB member.

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|  <p>Neighbor for a Greener Tamarack</p> | <p>A message from <i>Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack</i></p> |
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Maintenance Committee (MC) Recommends to the Board Four No Mow May Sites

Three new and one expanded site for No Mow May (NMM) for the 2022 season have been approved by the MC and recommended to the Tamarack Board. The 4 sites are:

38-46 Oak Creek Trl, 7404-7412 Cedar Creek Trl, 90-92 Oak Creek Trl and 29 Mt. Ash Trl.

Thanks to the sponsors for securing neighbor support and NGT core group for evaluating sites with the goal in mind to provide that short period for the much-needed food for the bees and the butterflies to get on their merry way after the long winter.

NGT Core Group Welcomes Two At-Large Members

Beth Goulette and Wayne Koska have joined the group as At-Large Members, see their contact information below.

Who We are and When We Meet

*Note: You are invited to join the Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack work group at any of our meetings. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays (some exceptions) at 10:00 AM **now** in the lower-level conference room at the Clubhouse. Contact Jim Waeffler for more information.*

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| David Reed kdkmreed@yahoo.com 630-4920 Phase IV | 630-220-6073 ... At-large member |

Tamarack News and Tidbits

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|  | <p>EARTH DAY, APRIL 22 IT IS ALSO TAMARACK NO SPRAY LIST SIGN-UP DAY</p> |
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Have you thought about how you’ll contribute to environmental causes this Earth Day?

Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack has a great idea that you can do right here from home.

Three times each year, Maple Leaf applies some form of herbicide to our lawns here at Tamarack. Around Memorial Day, they apply a pre-emergent grassy weed control product called Dimension (dithiopyr) and around the 4th of July and Labor Day they apply a broadleaf weed control product called Momentum (2,4-D).

If you would prefer that the area around your residence **not** receive these herbicide applications, you can sign up for the “No Spray List” by contacting Angie Swan, our Landscape Supervisor (contact information below).

When we reduce our use of herbicides, the flowers that feed pollinators such as bees and butterflies have a chance to grow. In addition, we lower the risk of long-term negative health and environment impacts on our Tamarack and Madison communities.

Please help us celebrate Earth Day 2022 by signing up for the Tamarack No Spray List.

If you have questions or desire to sign up, you can contact Angie Swan, Landscape Supervisor Angie.Swan@tamaracktrails.com, 608-833-5445 (include in your message: Add Me to the No Spray List)

Dryer Vent Cleaning

Are you interested in having your dryer vent cleaned? We have made contact with several potential vendors to do a group rate for vent cleaning. Dryer Doctors (\$99 for external cleaning if 50 or more households sign up or \$228 for super thorough internal that includes the dryer itself), Dirty Ducts (\$130 + \$15 to do separate invoices), and RA Heating (Cost depends on how many sign up and the length of the vent) At this time the most straightforward proposal is from Dryer Doctors.

Sign up if you are interested and which service you want by emailing jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com or by phone 608-833-1615. Deadline to sign up is April 15th.

EXTERNAL OPTION: \$99. cleans the dryer vent from the outside exhaust outlet as far in as possible. For this method, we use compressed air. Inside access is not required. Only the dryer vent is cleaned.

INTERNAL OPTION: includes a thorough cleaning of the dryer vent, and also the complete dryer, including the lint trap housing, components beneath the drum, and the dryer sensor, when present. We inspect the gas line where applicable as well as the washer fill hoses. For the cleaning process, we utilize a rotary brush system in conjunction with a HEPA vacuum to capture all the dust and lint. We also take static pressure and/or airflow measurements before and after the cleaning to measure the improvement.