

The Good Life...

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Feb 2024

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities

Monday, February 5th 10:30am

Architectural Review Board

Monday, February 19th – 4:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 27th – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 21 – 3:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, February 13 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Welcome Committee

Event Calendar

(Please mark your calendars)

Community Pool Meeting –
February 15th 6:00pm & February
22nd 2:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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50 Years of Living the Good Life

Yes, 2024 is Tamarack Trails' 50th Anniversary!

Our development began in 1974 with the construction of 43 homes in what is known as Phase 1: Blue Spruce, Pin Oak, Red Cedar, Sugar Maple, and White Pine Trails.

The Board of Directors decided that this important milestone deserves to be celebrated. A group of volunteers has come together to plan commemorative activities throughout 2024. The group consists of Ellen Foley, George Jesien, and Ginny White from the Board of Directors, and Christina Finet, Don Haasl, Chris Harper, Lynn Hirsch, Cristie Jacobs, Jean MacCubbin, Rosemary Stenback, and Caryl Terrell. Christina and Jean will lead the effort as Co-Chairs. More volunteers will be needed as the year unfolds to carry out the activities and promote resident participation.

To begin, we've chosen a celebration theme: "**Living the Good Life Since 1974.**" Now, we're gathering historical information about Tamarack's growth and success throughout the years. We're searching for old records and reaching out to former residents and staff. We need your help too!

- Do you have old photos or memorabilia that we may borrow?
- Do you have interesting stories about Tamarack social events or the construction of your home or trail, the clubhouse, dolphin, tennis courts, or amenities that no longer exist (sauna, high diving board, basketball court, children's playground)?
- Who are Tamarack's notable residents: "Crazylegs" Hirsch, Ed Garvey, former city and state officials, others?
- What should we put into a small-time capsule to bury for the next 50 years?

Please share your ideas for celebrating Tamarack's 50th jubilee with any of the volunteers. And be sure to check "The Good Life" for monthly updates. Ginny White

Activities and Events

Forever Fit Fitness Class at the Tamarack Clubhouse

Class info: Winter-Spring session:

January 24-May 10

Monday and Wednesday 3:00-3:45

Friday 10:00-10:45

No class on: February 26, 28, March 1, 4

Monday Relax, restore, core day, with resistance, bands, and mats.

Wednesday, Hand weights and chair work. Chair work can be a good workout for your core.

Friday, we do all resistance bands, weights, and mat work.

Every day we work on some cardio for heart health, balance, core, strength, and flexibility.

Patti Sponem -Instructor

Limited Availability - Please Call for details 608-279-3149



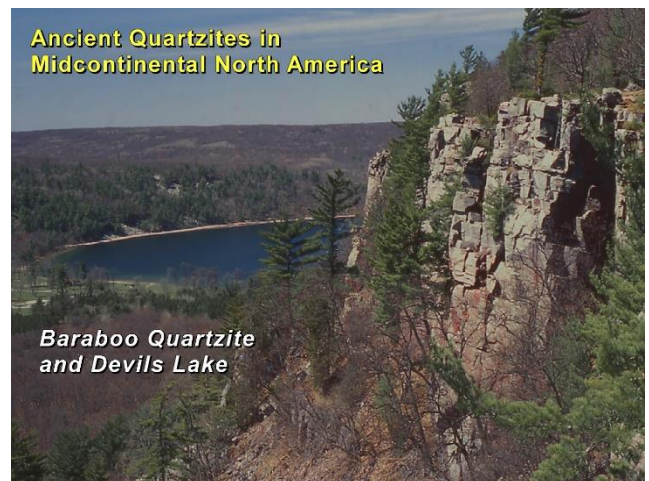
Tamarack Talk -Ancient Quartzites in Midcontinental North America

March 19, 2024

7 PM

Tamarack Clubhouse

Gordon Medaris will describe the characteristics and geological significance of ancient quartzites in midcontinental North America, with emphasis on the Baraboo quartzite at Devils Lake in Sauk County, Wisconsin



Board and Committee Business

Board Meeting Notes – January 23, 2024

This is an informal report about the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. Official minutes will be posted on the Tamarack website after approval by the Board.

Six Board members (Foley, Jesien, Larson, J. Meyer, Steinbach, G. White) and Stacey Haberman were present. K. Findley was excused. Approximately 30 residents attended in person or by Zoom.

Stacey reported on several items:

- Grounds staff have been busy removing snow and downed trees and branches.
- Maintenance staff are completing indoor tasks and accepting some billable work from residents.
- Julio left for personal reasons and all student employees returned to school.
- The Waste Management contract comes up for renewal at the end of January.

A few residents shared their opinions and concerns about swimming pool replacement. The Board said the questionnaire distributed in December was a first step toward gathering residents' opinions. A total of 256 questionnaires were returned. Soon, a summary will be distributed, and a community meeting will be held to discuss project designs and costs.

Finance Committee Chair Tom Ferris briefed the Board on funding options for a new pool, depending on the cost of the design chosen.

Jesien presented broad themes he noted in reviewing written comments from the questionnaires. Responses varied widely and he recommended that each board member read all the individual comments.

The Board members unanimously adopted the *Code of Ethics for Tamarack Trails Community Association Board*.

Meyer and Larson will facilitate a listening session with residents on February 22.

The next monthly Board Meeting will be Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

ARB Meeting Dates and Deadlines!

To ensure a quorum, the ARB is rescheduling meeting dates for February, March, and April of 2024. For these months the ARB will meet on Mondays. Meetings will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Changing the meeting dates also changes the deadlines to submit ARB requests. The following is a list of dates and deadlines for these months.

Meeting Dates (Monday)	Submittal Request Deadlines
Feb. 19	Feb. 5
Mar. 18	Mar. 4
Apr. 15	Apr. 1

Request Forms 1 & 2 are available to download on the Resident Dashboard of the webpage: www.TamarackTrails.com. You may submit your completed request with documentation directly to the Office or via AppFolio.

Updates! At the January meeting, the ARB approved the following Officer positions for the calendar year 2024: Chair - Pat Maddox; Vice Chair - Izzie Popic; Recording Secretary - Eve Siegel;

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) is seeking at least two residents interested in joining our team. We do important work monitoring the external integrity of the design and appearance of our condos. It's a great way to meet other residents and learn where each and every trail is in Tamarack! Contact any ARB member regarding your interest.

Solar Installations! Even in winter the sun shines and residents are involved in planning upgrades to their units. Although the ARB Book of Standards does not require approval of Solar Collector Systems (IV 23.), both the ARB and the Office need to be informed of your plans for installing these systems. These systems are exterior modifications/additions to units and come with resident responsibilities, such as roof replacement and locations of electrical connections. TT Staff and the ARB are learning more about these systems as residents install them. The submittal of a Form 2 Request is needed not only for inventory purposes, but also for information unit owners need to communicate with contractors. **Residents, too, are encouraged to contact their homeowner's insurance regarding carrying adequate coverage for a solar system.**

 <p>Neighbor for a Greener Tamarack</p>	<h2>Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack Early 2024 Updates</h2>
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Tamarack's beauty is in its landscaping no matter the time of year. The mature evergreens provide a colorful backdrop to the one foot plus snow; this has resulted in many neighbors sharing their photos far and wide. Thanks all for sharing these via Facebook or NextDoor.

On a cold blustery afternoon, NGT met via Zoom with the new co-chairs Paulette Harder and Jim Waeffler having all of us share our updates and plans for various projects. Lynn Waishwell of Cedar Creek Trail joined the meeting and members were impressed with her ideas and enthusiasm; Lynn later contacted us to accept an open position. **Welcome Lynn!**

Most of the agenda centered on the upcoming NMM/LMM (no mow May/low mow May) sites and site coordinators success in getting residents adjacent to and within view of the sites to understand the project and sign a consent form. NGT plans to modify some sites from NMM to LMM and to add several small frontages of some trails as new sites. NGT hopes to increase the overall positive impact on pollinators and lessen our climate footprint in the process.

Last year, the group was successful in their grant application to Plant Dane and planted two native plant sites just off Westfield Rd. We plan to submit another application for their fall grant process once sites are determined and an evaluation of the 2023 plantings is done.

If your mailbox is being filled with seed and nursery catalogs, consider checking the NGT materials posted on the clubhouse bulletin board for native species list we've planted here. The bees and butterflies will thank you.

Be sure to watch for details for our annual Spring Volunteer Cleanup during Earth Week in April. It is a great way to meet your neighbors while keeping our community beautiful.