

The Good Life...

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March 2024

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities

Scheduled date TBD

Architectural Review Board

Monday, March 19 – 4:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, March 26 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 20 – 3:00pm

Garden Committee

Thursday, March 21 – 10:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, March 12 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, March 13 – 5:00pm

Welcome Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Event Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

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Living the Good Life Since 1974

It's 2024 and the 50th Anniversary of Tamarack Trails!

Communications: We plan to keep you in the loop through Good Life articles, a briefing at monthly Board Meetings by our Board Liaison Ginny White, and email blasts sent as reminders of upcoming events.

Join the Committee: With about a dozen residents now on the 50th Anniversary Committee, which meets every other Monday at the Clubhouse (6:00-7:30 pm), and another handful of residents who want to assist with one or more events, we're always looking for your ideas, time and talents.

Who's Who: We're looking for a resident(s) who has lived on your trail the longest; can you provide their name and contact info? One planned activity is interviewing current and past residents about **Living the Good Life**. You can help us find those residents who have memories of earlier days or have made important contributions to our community. We would like to connect and interview some of these residents. Thanks to Jean in the Office, we've been reading old copies of the Good Life; in these editions, first homeowners were referred to as "Pioneers."

Memorabilia Wanted: As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, we're collecting stories of early life in Tamarack Trails. If you have video, photos, and/or memorabilia of the community that you're willing to share, please let us know.

Updates: As mentioned in the February Good Life, we're planning a year-long celebration with hopefully an event each month that will be of interest to you and fit your schedule. We're busy creating a theme, a logo and fundraising activities and looking at options for leaving a lasting legacy.

Save the Dates: We are building our calendar as each activity or event becomes more of a reality. You will soon hear from the RAC (Resident Activities Committee) on the upcoming Tam Talk (**April 18 and 19**). You may know that the Tamarack Trails Community Services Association, Inc. was incorporated on Flag Day, June 14, 1974. We have chosen **June 14** for a day of celebration. More details will follow; take a moment to put these dates on your calendar now!

Contact Us: Co-chairs Christina Finet (cfinet3@gmail.com) and Jean MacCubbin (citizenjean2@gmail.com); Board Liaison Ginny White (ginywerginwhite@gmail.com).

Activities and Events

Presidential Primary and Spring Election - Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Polls are open from 7:00am to 8:00pm

Find your polling location and ballot information at myvote.wi.gov.

Local offices on the ballot will be Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, County Board, and School Board and two state-wide referenda:

State of Wisconsin Use of Private Funds in Election Administration Referendum - Question 1

"Use of private funds in election administration. Shall section 7 (1) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that private donations and grants may not be applied for, accepted, expended, or used in connection with the conduct of any primary, election, or referendum?"

State of Wisconsin Election Officials Referendum - Question 2

"Election officials. Shall section 7 (2) of article III of the constitution be created to provide that only election officials designated by law may perform tasks in the conduct of primaries, elections, and referendums?"



Celebrate Earth Day with your neighbors and friends by volunteering to clean up your local park! Join this community-wide volunteer effort to help make a difference. Accept the Earth Day Challenge with Madison Parks! We are seeking 900 volunteers at 60+ parks, located throughout the city to assist with trash pickup, raking, weeding, and removing sticks. We supply gloves, garbage bags and rakes. Rakes at each park will be based on the number of volunteers participating. **TO PICK UP SUPPLIES:** Look for the Earth Day Challenge sign in each of the designated parks. No staff is onsite during the event.

Saturday, April 20, 2024

10am to 12pm

Parks throughout the city, locations and number of volunteers is listed under the registration link.

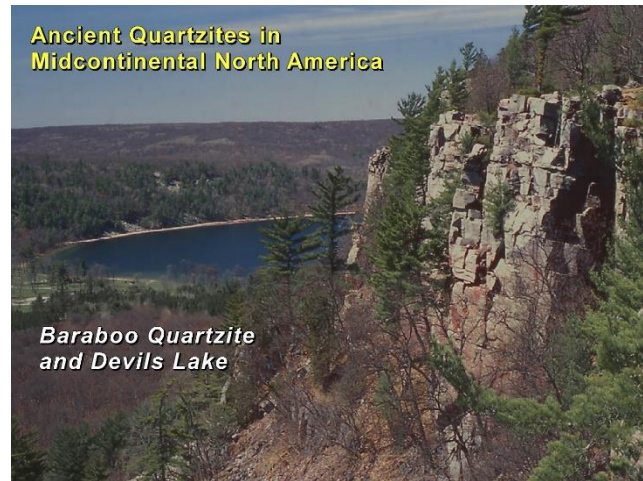
All ages are welcome to participate. Advanced registration is required for anyone 10 years and older.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#) or call (608) 266-4711.

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

Sauk Creek Greenway

At a special meeting on Sunday, March 3, the Board of Directors adopted a Board position strongly opposing a bike path in the Sauk Creek Greenway and approved creation of a Sauk Creek Greenway Action Team. Directors Ellen Foley, Jayne Meyer, and Ginny White will work with community volunteers to oppose city spending on an unneeded, unwanted bike path in the greenway directly behind Tamarack homes. If you want to help with this urgent effort, please contact Ellen, Jayne, or Ginny.

As an individual, you can make your voice heard on the bike path question by writing to city officials:

- Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway: mayor@cityofmadison.com
- Alder Nikki Conklin: district9@cityofmadison.com
- Project Engineer JoJo O'Brien: jobrien@cityofmadison.com
- All Alders: allalders@cityofmadison.com
- City Engineer Jim Wolfe: jwolfe@cityofmadison.com
- Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp: eknepp@cityofmadison.com
- City Forester Ian Brown: ibrown@cityofmadison.com

You can make a larger impact by writing a letter to the editor of a local newspaper:

Wisconsin State Journal

- smilfred@madison.com
- phands@madison.com
- Subscribers with online access can use this template:
https://madison.com/forms/online_services/letter/

Capital Times

- selbow@captimes.com

Isthmus

- lfalkenstein@isthmus.com
- opinion@isthmus.com

Letter Tips:

- Keep it short: under 200 words.
- Use a measured tone and short paragraphs.

Don't use ALL CAPS or exclamation

The ARB invites you to walk a mile in their shoes

Do you know where Red Oak, Red Cedar and Red Maple Trails are, without looking at a map? Have you ever walked to both ends of Mountain Ash Trail? If not, the ARB has a great opportunity for you to get familiar with all the hidden trail gems in our community. Every year ARB members do what is called a 'Walkaround'. We dress up in fashionable, bright yellow vests, carry our clipboards and check the exterior of every Tamarack unit for compliance with ARB Standards and safety concerns. We do this as authorized in the restated Declaration Article VI, Use of Property. Our goal is to ensure all units and Common Areas are in good condition and enhance the overall appearance of Tamarack Trails.

This year the Walkaround will be conducted over a period of a few weeks in late April, early May. Our ARB team is down a few members so we are asking for help from community residents in completing this task. We parse out sections of trails to examine over a number of days, we work in pairs and often get to chat with neighbors as we all enjoy the spring weather. You may sign up to do as much or as little as you are able. If you have some interest in the ARB this is a perfect opportunity to familiarize yourself with the service ARB provides to our community.

Think about this opportunity and please contact Pat Maddox at pjmaddox1@charter.net with any questions.

 <p>Neighbor for a Greener Tamarack</p>	<p>Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack Spring Activities and Updates</p>
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Spring No Blow Proposal Presented to Maintenance Committee and Board

For the past two fall contractor leaf cleanups, NGT has assisted residents who wanted the leaves left on their flower beds to overwinter by delineating these areas with WHITE flags, so the contractor staff knew NOT TO BLOW those designated areas. In February, the NGT proposal included expanding the NO BLOW project to include the vendor's spring leaf clean-up and was presented to both the Maintenance Committee and Board. Both groups agreed with the process and approved of our efforts to educate residents on the benefits of leaving the leaves to add nutrients to the soil, food for overwintering insects, and suppressing weeds. **A copy of the proposal will be available to pick up and posted on the clubhouse bulletin board for your review.**

To sign up for the No Blow project, contact the Office (note in email subject line NO BLOW). Also, watch for additional information in Good Life, on your doorstep or via an email blast. Thank you to all who have supported this effort and made it so successful.



The Spread of the Spongy Moth Here and Nearby-- The existence of these moths (previously called gypsy moths) were found last year in Tamarack on only a handful of trees. These few trees were treated to reduce the spread and the life cycle of the egg masses. In the spring, moths and their egg masses may be visible; the City has mapped infestations north of us near Old Sauk Road. Angie Swan, Landscape Superintendent, has observed infestations nearby at edges of Walnut Grove Park. She would like you to contact the office should you find any evidence on any trees here. We all value the lovely mature trees at Tamarack and we will keep a close watch on this new invasive.

Here is the link to the Wisc DNR fact sheet on why these infestations are a concern to our treescape:

<https://widnr.widen.net/content/j1vdq3zd58/pdf/FINAL---Spongy-Moth-Factsheet-2023.pdf>

These photos show the moth with the egg masses and the caterpillar stage. There are eradication methods that can be taken early to reduce the spread and destruction. For more information, check out this article:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/forestry/SpongyMoth.cfm>



Save the Date for NGT Annual Earth Day Volunteer Clean Up

More information will be made available closer to the date, but if you're filling up your calendar with activities and you'd like to join other residents in helping in a group Clean Up here at Tamarack, save this date: **MONDAY, APRIL 22** (rain date is Friday, April 26). Sites and projects will be listed in an upcoming Good Life and email blast.

FYI: National the 2024 Earth Day Theme is land restoration, desertification and drought resilience. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification.

NGT Meetings and Core Member Contact Info

NGT meets at the Clubhouse (inside or outside, weather dependent) on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:30 pm.

Core Members by Phase:

- Angie Swan - Angie.Swan@tamaracktrails.com, Staff
- Jean MacCubbin - citizenjean2@gmail.com, Phase I
- Paulette Harder - paulettejah@gmail.com, Phase II
- Caryl Terrell - carylterrell@gmail.com, Phase III
- Jim Waeffler - jim.waeffler@gmail.com, Phase IV, VII
- Lynn Waishwell - lwaishwell@gmail.com, Phase V
- Nancy Korda - kordanan@yahoo.com, Phase V
(Open—Tree Ln) Phase VI

At-Large Members:

- Wayne Koska - wawkoska@gmail.com
- Stacey Campbell - s.condit@verizon.net
- Scott Butler - botscutler@gmail.com