

The Good Life...

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April 2024

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities

Scheduled date TBD

Architectural Review Board

Monday, April 15 – 4:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 23 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 17 – 3:00pm

Garden Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, April 9 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, April 10 – 5:00pm

Welcome Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Event Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday

9 am – 4 pm

Or by appointment

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Planting a Blue and Gold Blooming Pallet in Celebration of Tamarack's 50th Anniversary

You, too, can do your part in celebrating community pride by this year selecting your annual flowers to match the Blue and Gold 50th Anniversary colors.

As you've read, the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee hopes to plan one event per month during 2024. But just think of a pallet of blue and gold blooms throughout our community -- on your unit lot, in hanging baskets, or in colorful pots. These plantings could create a sense of community pride over the season and give residents, family, and visitors a reason to stroll around the trails and reflect on the changes that have taken place in the past 50 years.

Now is the time to start some flowers from seed or take an inventory of the flowerpots needing TLC before choosing what to plant. So, to jump start your next trip to the local nursery, here's a short list of annuals that you may wish to consider: dwarf morning glory, marigolds, lobelia, verbena, straw flower, sweet alyssum, (miniature) sunflower, nasturtiums, snapdragon, ageratum, celosia, coleus, moss rose, viola, zinnia, and rudbeckia.

And for those residents developing perennial gardens, here are some native species to consider: false indigo, clematis, English lavender, black-eyed Susan, coneflower, butterfly weed, columbine and coreopsis. Walking around Tamarack could be like we're having our own Flower Festival! We hope you will join in and encourage others to add some colorful blooms and become a part of our 50th Anniversary.

Let's Get Growing!

The 50th Anniversary needs your videos, slides and photos!

If you have videos, slides, or photographs (or paintings!) of Tamarack Trails over the years, please consider loaning them to us for "The Tamarack Home Movie: 50 Years of The Good Life". In return, along with your original media, you'll get a digital copy of what you send, whether or not it's used.

And — if you have access to a camera drone, please let us know!

And — if you have interest and experience in creating videos, let us know!

Questions? Contact James Steinbach <jbsteinb@gmail.com>

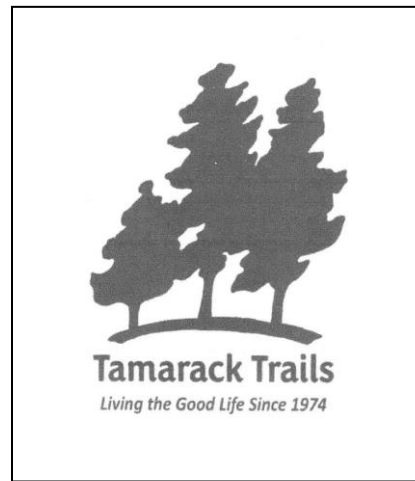
Living the Good Life Since 1974

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

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Calendar— With your help the Committee is beginning to fill in dates for upcoming events. The big event is happening on **Friday, June 14** to coordinate with the date 50 years ago that the Tamarack Trails Community Services Association, Inc. was filed with the State of Wisconsin as a non-stock corporation. This outside event is to take place at the flagpole in the Clubhouse parking lot. Expect to see some local dignitaries, maybe some former residents, and of course speeches, speeches, speeches, and treats. Soon we will announce the dates/times of other monthly events: Pickleball Tournament, Community Garden Tour, Sidewalk Chalk Art Fest, Staff Appreciation Lunch, Legacy Tree Planting, and more!

Many thanks to the Standing Committees who are taking on an event in celebration and lent us members to assist with these events.

Our 50th Anniversary Logo – The banner developed for the 10th Anniversary celebrated in 1985 was found in the Clubhouse and is temporarily hanging in the lower-level meeting room. The banner includes the logo that still to this day is being used on the Tamarack letterhead. The 50th Anniversary Planning Committee decided a more contemporary logo is needed for our celebration purposes. A member of our committee, Christina Finet, jumped on the opportunity to create a free-hand logo just for the 50th Anniversary. The initial design began with seeing the wooden sign above the Tamarack Office door, and it was then “updated” to reflect the lush, forested landscape. The Logo will appear in various colors on t-shirts, caps, and event signage.



The **logo concept** was presented to the Board of Directors for approval at their March 26th meeting and was approved! Many thanks to Christina for her time, effort, persistence, and talent for making the 50th Anniversary Logo a reality!

Fundraising-- Every celebration doesn't just happen without a little fundraising to cover the costs. In addition to the logo being used on merchandising of t-shirts and caps; the committee is also planning to reprint the 6 watercolor paintings (by former resident Allen Strang) as notecards. These items will be for sale at most of the 50th anniversary celebration events!

Thanks to Residents Who Have Responded to Our Asks— Each time the committee includes an article in the Good Life, a few Tamarack residents contact us and are helpful in providing names, sharing memories and even back issues of the newsletter for our review. Everyone helps in recreating our history.


Feel Free to 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


Tamarack Trails Photo Gallery

May 1 thru June 30


You are cordially invited to the 2nd Tamarack Trails Photo Gallery Show, **May 1-June 30, Mon.-Fri., 10 am to 4 pm**, in the lower level of the clubhouse. Our theme, **Near & Far**, explores the world through the eyes of six Tamarack photographers with many pieces available for purchase. **Then, join us for a special reception with refreshments at the clubhouse to meet the photographers on May 18 from 6 - 8 pm.**




Stacey Campbell




Ric Genthe



Annie Brunzell



Michael Turner




Bev Mazur and Greg Mickells

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2024 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*

<p><u>Morning Classes</u> 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday</p> <p>For dates and details contact: Jean jean.hilgers@tamarack.com or Patti psponem@gmail.com 608-279-3149</p>		<p><u>Evening Classes</u> 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday</p> <p>For dates and details contact:, Pat pjmaddox1@charter.net or Teri teriedman@yahoo.com</p>
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New and Returning Participants always Welcome!

Epic Tour

Watch for information in the May Good Life regarding the R.A.C tour of Epic on May 25.

A 50th Anniversary Event



The 2023-2024

Tam Talks Series

Tamarack Trails

Living the Good Life Since 1974

Ginny White has been researching the development of the Tamarack Trails Community and will be revealing information that has been long forgotten.

When: Thursday, April 18 from 7-8 PM

Friday, April 19 from 2-3 PM

Where: Tamarack Clubhouse

Board and Committee Business

ARB Meeting Dates, Deadlines and Updates!

Meetings: In May the ARB will be back to the regular meeting schedule on the **second Wednesday** of each month (except no meeting is scheduled for December). Meetings begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

See the updated meeting dates and deadlines to submit timely ARB requests.

Meeting Dates – Weds.	Submittal Request Deadlines
Apr. 15 (Monday)	Apr. 1
May 8	April 25
June 12	June 2
July 10	July 1

Request Forms 1 & 2 are available to download on the Resident Dashboard of the webpage: www.TamarackTrails.com Submit your completed request forms and documentation to the Office or via AppFolio no later than 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Updates! The ARB will be conducting their annual walk around this Spring. Watch for us, generally in pairs, wearing yellow safety vests, walking around every unit, taking notes and

photos, and always ready to answer any questions that you may have on a planned ARB request. If you would like to team up with us to learn more about ARB and the application of the Book of Standards on these walk arounds; contact ARB chair, Pat Maddox at pjmaddox1@charter.net.

Resident Requests: Requests to the ARB in the short term have included many window and sliding door replacements, adding exterior venting for furnaces and radon, and installing rooftop solar panels. Many of these requests are shared with maintenance staff such that staff, unit owners and contractors find solutions that meet the Book of Standards. ARB thanks unit owners for submitting complete requests in a timely manner.

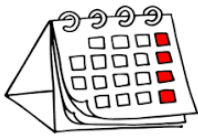
New Members! At our meeting of March 18, the ARB recommended two new members to fill vacancies on the ARB. We are pleased to announce that the Board of Directors approved these appointments: Deborah Chritton and Barrett Karabis. Both bring with them real estate or building design experience and living and working on condo boards; we look forward to their sharing this expertise in our community.

Spring Cleaning Might Just be Your Thing

Here's a handy link to the City of Madison Drop off Sites and Large Item Pickup Service:

<https://us17.campaign-archive.com/?e=0a4e383a02&u=dcc6f50df19aeec2fd56eb1fa&id=275630c87e>

This might be the year you consider displaying your art at the Clubhouse



The Amenities Committee is looking to fill out their calendar with resident artists displaying in the lower level of the Clubhouse. This year, 2024, being Tamarack's 50th Anniversary, there may be displays relating to "Living the Good Life Since 1974" as well as highlighting residents who are looking to share with you their latest creations.

Already scheduled for May-June are two resident photographers teaming up for a spectacular showing of their works— Ric Genthe and Stacey Campbell.

Think about displaying your creations— paintings, wood workings, calligraphy, fiber art, pottery, writings, recycled/reimagined objects, unusual collections, and more. Did you know, too, that here your art could also be listed for sale?

Just a few years ago the lower level had been refurbished; in addition to being used as an extra meeting room, the white walls, new lighting, and picture hanging rails provide a great space for dual use of this room. The Amenities Committee will work with you on creating announcements of your works. Check the Good Life and kiosk in the entryway for upcoming displays.

Interested in more details on how you can get on the Resident Artist Display Calendar? Just email chair, Jean MacCubbin at citizenjean2@gmail.com.

We look forward to working with you and sharing your creative talents with the greater Tamarack community.

Board Meeting Notes – March 26, 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.

All Board members (Steinbach, Jesien, Larson, G. White, Findley, Foley and J. Meyer) and Association Manager Haberman were present. Twenty-seven residents attended in person or by Zoom.

Haberman reported:

- Tamarack received \$4,795 Workers Compensation from Rural Mutual Insurance for being claim-free for year and reduced wages paid.
- The annual business audit will be conducted April 10-12.
- Poblocki Paving Corp. agreed to honor March 2023 contract pricing for phase 2 of Oak Creek Trail (units 50-82) asphalt replacement.
- “Bob,” new Maintenance Supervisor has started; still recruiting for Maintenance Tech.

Board of Directors approved:

- Nominations of Deborah Powers Chritton and Barrett Karabis for Architectural Review Board, Peggy Siebers and Julia Heusinger for Garden Committee, and Becky Oaks for Welcoming Committee.
- Logo concept from 50th Anniversary Committee for use during anniversary year.
- Contract with Badger Swimpoools, Inc., to build new swimming pool.
- Three-minute time limit for input from individual residents at board meeting, subject to exceptions.
- Letter to Alder Nikki Conklin to thank her for meeting with Steinbach, Foley, and Meyer and to reiterate Tamarack’s concerns about proposed greenway restoration.

The next monthly Board Meeting will be Tuesday, April 24, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Tamarack Garden Committee Updates



Thinking of Getting a Garden Plot in 2024? The annual Garden Plot Application form is now available. Be sure to be aware of the return due date, **Friday April 18th** and drop the form and fee at the Tamarack Office. Gardeners should watch for emails noting timing, details and a copy of the Garden Policy. (Copies of form are also available in the Office.)

Tamarack’s 50th Anniversary Celebration The 50th Anniversary Planning Committee has chosen the colors blue and gold hoping gardeners will join with other residents in planting flowers this season in the 50th colors-- blue and gold. (An email blast was created by the 50th Committee which includes a listing of options for annuals.)

Also, a **Garden Tour** is being planned for Weds. Evening on August 14th is a 50th anniversary activity; a subcommittee of the Garden Committee is planning this activity. We hope all gardeners will join in! Gardeners may be available to answer questions about planting techniques, specific plantings, and maybe offer a sample of their bounty. More information to follow.

And Getting Down to Business

The Committee met on March 21st and elected Co-chair Wayne Koska. Many thanks for the leadership of Jeanne Allen chairing this committee and perfecting her green thumb. Also, the Committee recommended the appointment of gardeners Peggy Siebers and Julia Heusinger. Appointments of both residents were unanimously approved by the Board of Directors at their March 26th meeting. Welcome all!



Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack Spring Activities and Updates

“Mow less, spray less, plant more natives.”

Spring No Blow Proposal Presented to the 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. These flags must be placed on all developed or mulched beds in your yard; you can no longer choose which beds. The white flagging indicated to the contractor 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 were in agreement 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 for pick up and is also posted on the clubhouse bulletin board for your review.**

Even if you participated in the past, all residents wishing to be included this year MUST sign up for the No Blow project; contact the Office (note in email subject line NO BLOW). Also, watch for additional information on the Bulletin Board, dropped at your doorstep, a visit from your NGT representative or via an email blast. Thank you to all who have supported this effort and made it so successful.

No Mow May/Low Mow May

Let’s take a moment to ask ourselves: What is the Point of No Mow May or Low Mow May anyway? The overall goal is simple—take a break from early mowing to allow flowers to bloom, delay chemical spraying, and help feed the pollinators. Here at Tamarack, that “break” also gives some areas with heavily compacted soil a break from the heavy mowing equipment and allows some of the early rains to infiltrate down below the soil surface. The sites chosen are either No Mow or Low Mow for May; no mow is just that – no mowers will mow at all in May in the designated areas. The low mow areas will be mowed once during the month of May. The NGT Site Organizers are responsible for obtaining unit resident consent, determining area boundaries, and placing the BLUE flagging before the vendor is scheduled to mow. Again, NGT signage and Info Boxes will be out for you to find the sites and pick up informational materials. **The 10 sites this year are:**

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| 1 | Oak Creek on Sauk Creek Greenway | NMM |
| 2 | Cedar Creek on Sauk Creek Greenway and main swale | NMM |
| 3 | Cedar Creek/Pine Ridge back yard triangle | NMM |
| 4 | Mt Ash on Tree Lane plus first cul de sac | LMM |
| 5 | Bayberry/Pin Oak on Tree Lane | LMM |
| 6 | Sugar Maple Trl pathway | NMM |
- (Sugar Maple, Red Maple, Pin Oak, Bayberry)

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| 7 | Red Maple cul de sac | LMM |
| 8 | Hemlock Trl cul de sac | NMM |
| 9 | Oak Creek cul de sac | NMM |
| 10 | Oak Creek on swale and CH parking lot | LMM |



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** (the rain date is Friday, April 26). We will be meeting at the Clubhouse Parking Lot at 9:20-9:30 a.m. Two sites have been selected for this year—the main swale and Pine Ridge woods off Tree Ln. Closer to the workday, details as to the work being planned and tools you may need to bring will listed in an upcoming email blast closer to the workday. NGT has coordinated these Clean Ups for about four years now and we've been successful in meeting new neighbors who share the NGT mission.

NGT Meetings

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