

The Good Life...

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August 2024

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, August 13 – 4:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, August 27– 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, August 21 – 3:00pm

Garden Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Maintenance Committee

Thursday, August 15 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, August 14– 5:00pm

Welcome Committee

Scheduled date TBD

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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FOOD DRIVE...FOOD DRIVE...FOOD DRIVE...FOOD DRIVE

The RAC Committee will be sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Food Pantry at the Lussier Center on Saturday, October 5th. Please join us in helping our neighbors that are experiencing food insecurities. The top needs at the pantry are sugar, vegetable oil, flour, 100% fruit juice and any unexpired, nonperishable foods. They could also use personal care items such as toilet paper, laundry detergent (pods preferred), dish soap (small bottles preferred), and menstrual products.

Details will follow in your September Good Life.

Maintenance Committee Meeting

New Date for August

Thursday, August 15, 2024

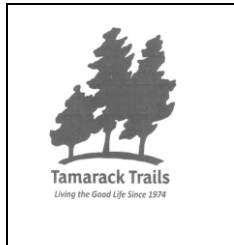
4:00 pm at the Clubhouse

With the Primary Election on Tuesday, the MC has moved their August meeting to Thursday. Their future meetings will return to the second Tuesday of the month. As with all committee meetings, they are open to residents. Agendas are available on the Clubhouse bulletin board.

2024 Nominations and Elections Committee

Tamarack's 2024 Nominations and Elections Committee will soon begin its work of organizing this year's Board of Directors election which will take place at the annual meeting at the end of October. This year's volunteers are Joanne Lenburg, Joan Foster, Charley Elson, Barb Mitchell, Carol Prugh, Amy Kell, and Jim Munhofen. Thank you for agreeing to serve the community.

Activities and Events



Tamarack's 50th Anniversary Events Continue Here's What August and September Bring

Wednesday, August 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm

A Garden Tour Sponsored by the Garden Committee will take place.

Looking forward to a pleasant evening in the fresh air; visiting with neighbors and learning about the community garden!

50th Anniversary Tamarack Pickleball Tournament



You heard about it, and over **the weekend of September 21 and 22**, it'll be happening here on the Tamarack courts! The 50th anniversary tournament provides an opportunity to welcome and include anyone living at Tamarack wanting to enter the tournament. Those unfamiliar with this ever-popular sport are invited to watch and see why it is so popular. Those interested in playing in the tournament must register by no later than Monday, August 26, 2024. Everyone's welcome. The clubhouse locker rooms will be open during the tournament for players and spectators alike. Ice cream and 50th anniversary commemorative items will also be available. Awards and player recognition will take place in the clubhouse at the end of the tournament on Sunday. It'll be fun - BYOB/W.

There are many ways to register-- you may either:

- Cut, complete, and return the attached registration form and drop it in the designated box in the Tamarack office by **no later than August 26**; or
- Pick up a registration form from the Tamarack office table, fill it out, and place it in the designated mailbox by August 26; or
- Contact Les Mirkin by email (lesmirkin@gmail.com) to request an electronic registration form, which must be completed and returned electronically to Les or printed and placed in the box located in the Tamarack office by August 26.

Details for the special anniversary tournament will be forthcoming after August 26, once we've received all the registrations and know how many players plan to participate. There'll be an opportunity for everyone to participate. The tournament on Saturday will be for Novice (N) players. Intermediate (I) players will play on Sunday. Please refer to the brief descriptions of novice and intermediate players to determine in which group you plan to play and mark your calendar accordingly.

A Novice (N) player is described as someone who is still learning basic rules, scoring, strategic positioning on the court, able to return forehand and backhand shots occasionally, able to serve, and is developing consistency.

An Intermediate (I) player is described as someone who is familiar with the rules, is able to keep score, can return forehand and backhand shots, can serve, is able to volley and dink, shows noticeable improvement over beginners, and can engage in competitive play but may struggle against advanced players.

**50th Anniversary Pickleball Registration Form:
(cut, complete, & return by August 26)**

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Skill level (N or I) _____
skill level.

I am registering to play according to my

Madison West Lions Club



The Tamarack community has been asked to donate empty prescription bottles to the Madison West Lions Club. Bottles should be cleaned, and their tags removed before being brought to the clubhouse and disposed of in the proper bucket.

Instead of recycling or throwing pill bottles away, it helps the Dane County Humane Society give pet owners the necessary prescriptions for their pets.



The Lions eyeglasses program is a service that provides eyeglasses to individuals who are poor, un- or under-insured, and live in developing countries and to individuals right here in Wisconsin. The program collects gently used, unwanted eyeglasses from donors and redistributes them free of charge to the recipients. The program also pays for an eye exam and glasses for eligible individuals.

Please drop off your gently unused glasses at the clubhouse to help someone in need today!

MUSIC AT TAMARACK

On Thursday, July 25th over 85 residents were treated to the music of the “Fixed Income Band” presented by the Residents Activity Committee. It was a beautiful evening, and everyone enjoyed a variety of tunes from the 60’s, 70’s and 80’s. Based on all the toe-tapping, cookie - munching, and hearty cheering and clapping, it’s clear that the event was a huge success.

Please note that the RAC will be offering more music in August. The quartet, “Pour Four More” will be performing in front of the clubhouse on Monday evening, August 19th from 6:30 – 7:30. One of the top quartets in Wisconsin ... you don’t want to miss them.

Resident Activities Committee presents: Pour Four More

Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Singing a cappella four-part harmony including traditional barbershop, patriotic, swing, and comedy, Pour Four More has been delighting audiences since 2022.

In addition to competing in Barbershop Competitions, the quartet also enjoys performing at birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, corporate events, retirement parties, senior centers and even a few local watering holes.



- **Jeff Meyer, Tenor**
- **Matt Record, Lead**
- **Todd Friske, Baritone**
- **Dennis Haight, Bass**

Be sure to be there! The concert will be held near the clubhouse; indoors in case of rain. Bring a lawn chair and a beverage; treats will be provided.

Please Join Us for Brunch!

Once again, it's time for the annual Tamarack Trails Fall Brunch! Please join us on Sunday, September 8th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for a wonderful assortment of breakfast entrees, pastries, and beverages.

The event will be held in the parking lot north of the clubhouse due to the ongoing construction in the pool area. Parking will not be available in the parking lot during the event, so please plan on walking or parking on the street.



Cost for the Brunch is \$12 per person. Reservations should be made, and payment submitted to Jean in the office **no later than Friday, August 30th**. We are asking everyone to please respect this deadline so that we are able to give an accurate count to the catering team.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Brunch!

A Tamarack Trails 50h Anniversary Event

Garden Tour 2024

Sponsored by the Tamarack Trails Garden Committee

The Tamarack Trails Garden Committee invites you to stroll through our beautiful community garden. Whether you are interested in gardening yourself or just want to have a pleasant evening in the fresh air, this will be an opportunity to visit with your neighbors and learn about the garden. Gardeners will be on hand to discuss what they are growing and to answer questions.



Date: August 14th

Time: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Place: The Tamarack Gardens (corner of Westfield and Tree Lane)

Board and Committee Business

Board Meeting Notes – July 23, 2024

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

Board members Steinbach, Jesien, Larson, White, Findley, Foley, Meyer, and Association Manager Haberman were present. Nineteen residents attended in person and 14 by Zoom.

Haberman reported:

- Badger Swimpools started pool deconstruction on July 15. Workers are also measuring and planning a layout for the new pool.
- Haberman will send pool updates to residents via email, and also post updates on the bulletin board in the club house.

As of June 30, the unaudited operating account balance was \$304,000. The reserve fund balance was \$1,272,000.

The Board of Directors made several decisions:

- A 50th Anniversary Pickleball Tournament on September 21-22 will be for residents only.
- Tamarack will seek out a \$600,00 line of credit to help finance the new swimming pool. Haberman, Larson, and Tom Ferris will begin the process of seeking out financial institutions and terms for a line of credit and will present the results to the board for action.
- A revised sign-up process for tennis and pickleball courts was approved. Among other things, it will allow designated times for open pickleball play.
- A new policy for energy efficiency and conservation was adopted and sent to the Finance Committee to recommend possible clarifying language.

Next monthly Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

From the Garden Committee:

The gardens have been tilled and the gardeners have begun work on planting. Please feel free to come and admire all the bounty now and throughout the summer. There will be a special garden event as part of the 50th anniversary on August 14th. More info will follow closer to the date.

Compost: There are three public compost bins at the garden near the shed that can be used by **gardeners and any resident of Tamarack**. There is an information box next to one of the compost bins if anyone wants to learn more. But briefly: kitchen waste (wet) should be interspersed with dry material (garden waste that has dried, grass clippings, leaves, or dirt). The waste bin by the shed is a good source of dry material. You should not compost tough stuff like corn cobs and husks, avocado skins and seeds. Banana peels should be cut up, large vegetables like squash should also be chopped up. Egg shells should be hand crushed. No meat and no cooked food (too much salt and fat). After adding material to the compost bin you should use the special aerating tool that hangs near the bins. Poke it down as far as you can. This will get some oxygen down in the mass and help keep it from getting anerobic and smelling bad.

When a bin gets full you should stop using it to let it mature/become compost. Once it has matured it can be turned – using the good mature compost on the gardens.

The compost bins are in great need of someone watching them more carefully and doing maintenance as it is needed. If you want to help with composting contact Jean McCubbin - citizenjean2@gmail.com She will be supervising the turning of the bins later this fall. Volunteering to help would mean a couple hours work later in the fall and you would score some compost for your garden.

Update from the ARB

Here are two ARB 'good neighbor' reminders for us all.

First, remember that unit owners should park cars and motorcycles in their garage or driveway. If you live on a trail where there are extra parking spaces, be aware that these spaces are designed to be used by guests and visitors. Please be a good neighbor and don't occupy all these spaces for your own cars. You may park cars on the street if necessary.

The second 'good neighbor' reminder. Is to be aware of your surroundings. If you see that a neighbor has not been seen for an unusual period of time or if newspapers or packages are collecting on a neighbor's doorstep, check with others to inquire if they know the neighbor's whereabouts. If necessary, please bring it to the attention of the office.

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR – Barrett Karabis

Forty-one-year-old Barrett Karabis, and his daughter Tessa, seven have only been residents of Tamarack since 2022, but they feel right at home, and believe their decision to live here was the right one. They chose Tamarack because of its location, because of the variety of units, and the paths for walking, & riding bikes, but they really feel they hit gold with the neighbors surrounding them!!

Barrett was born & raised on the north side of Madison by Peter Karabis & Virginia Gully. He was an only child which he says has its pros & cons. His father was an aircraft mechanic for the Air National Guard, taking apart & putting back together A10 & F16 aircraft. His mother worked for a senior housing developer. He attended Lindberg Grade School, East H.S., (where he didn't participate in any extracurricular activities because he was working at Subway & Best Buy), and then the University of Wisconsin, majoring in Economics. At the UW, he lived in the Lake Shore Dorms.

Seven-year-old Tessa attends Muir School. She likes to swim, do gymnastics & create art. Her father says she is the observer type who is very calm.

Barrett went into Real Estate — following in his mother's footsteps and has been doing it for 16 years. He says he is not looking to change professions, but could see himself transitioning into Real Estate development, at some point. He likes his job because it allows him to meet a variety of homes & people. He gets to understand how housing fits into their lives. With some, the space is important because there may be a large family. With others, the location of the property may be the most important factor. He says there are a lot of “moving pieces” or “balls in the air.” There is a lot of problem solving & flexibility, but sometimes quick responses are needed.

When asked about hobbies, he listed raising his daughter as his #1 hobby, with walks, riding his bike, & pickleball as others. He & Tessa have made several trips up to the Water Parks at the Wisconsin Dells. As a young person, Barrett participated in organized soccer and baseball, and he reads mainly business books.

Barrett and Tessa have a dog named Leo who is large, friendly, needs lots of attention & loves all people that he meets. Leo is a bernedoodle who formerly was owned by some friends but became too much for them. The friends, however, will keep Leo on the rare occasion that Barrett needs/wants to travel.

I've mentioned that Barrett and Tessa really love living in Madison & Tamarack, and Barrett has been busy updating his condo. He has painted, changed doorknobs, updated electrical outlets and installed new lighting at 27 Red Maple Trail.

Isn't it wonderful that Tamarack Trails has been able to attract Barrett and his daughter. They hold the future in their hands. Welcome.

Joyce Hasselman Waldorf