

The Good Life...

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July 2024

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, July 10 – 4:00pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, July 23 – 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, July 10 5:00

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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Video Recording

You may have noticed our intrepid Board President, James Steinbach, recording video of scenes around Tamarack for the 50th Anniversary "Home Video". Expect to see him getting footage of the trails, gardens, dogs and various events. And stay tuned for the world premiere sometime in November!

Big 50th Anniversary Event

The Next Event is Happening on Saturday, July 13th.

A Family-friendly Sidewalk Chalk Fest

(Bring your kids, grandkids and artsy friends)



12:30 pm Meet the event coordinators and pick up some chalk outside the pool gate.

1:00 pm Get a map and trek off with a group to one of 4 Tamarack interior walking trails and allow your creative juices flow on one or more sidewalk squares.

2:00 - 2:30 pm Return to pool gate area for a cup of ice cream and a cool drink.

(Please share with us any pictures you may take.)

SIGN UP BY WEDS. 7/10 BEFORE 4:00 PM

**SEE SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE CLUBHOUSE OR
EMAIL JEAN AT CITIZENJEAN2@GMAIL.COM**

Activities and Events



FIXED INCOME

60's, 70's, 80's music

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
Thursday, July 25



6:30pm to 8:00pm in the parking lot of the clubhouse.

We will move inside in case of inclement weather.

Members of Fixed Income have been playing together for almost 20 years. All band members are former MMSD teachers.

Please bring a lawn chair and a beverage. Treats will be provided.

We hope you can join us.

(Sponsored by RAC)

Board and Committee Business

Board Meeting Notes – June 25, 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.

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

Haberman reported:

- Residents are encouraged to send comments to her about the draft policies for energy efficiency and usage of courts. The policies will be discussed at a community-wide meeting 5:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, July 11. One hour will be allocated for each policy, beginning with court usage for tennis and pickleball play.
- With the hire in June of a New Maintenance Technician (Jeremiah or "Miah"), Tamarack is now fully staffed.
- Some prospective Lifeguards were hired, instead, for the Grounds and Maintenance staffs.
- Preliminary swimming pool plans were submitted to the State of Wisconsin.

The 50th Anniversary Committee is sponsoring additional events in 2024:

- Sidewalk Chalk Art Fest, 12:30 pm, Saturday, July 13

- Community Garden Tour, 6:30-8:00 pm, Wednesday, August 14
- Pickleball Tournament, weekend of September 21-22.

The Board of Directors approved sending residents for a 30-day review a proposed change in the policy for committee membership. At the end of the review period, the board will host a listening session.

As of April 30, the operating fund balance was \$282,000 in cash and investments, up \$23,500 from March. The reserve fund balance was about \$1,203,000, an increase of \$20,000 from the March balance. Unspent money from the closed pool this season will be used to help fund the new pool.

Next monthly Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Update from the ARB

We hope all Tamarack Trails residents are enjoying a healthy, happy and safe summer. There is one safety issue in our community that we'd like to point out to our residents. On the annual ARB walkaround, ARB members observed that there continue to be some firepits in use by residents in Tamarack. Firepits are not allowed. Here is the relevant excerpt from the ARB Book of Standards page17:

12c. Fire Rings

Owners are responsible for any damage to Common Areas and any Living Units resulting from their use of Grills, Outdoor Heating Units, or Unauthorized Fire Rings.

Tamarack Trails does not allow open or uncontained fires anywhere on the grounds of Tamarack Trails. Owners may not install fire pits or rings on their Unit Lot as Madison General Ordinance sec. 34.07(4)(c) disallows the use of outdoor fireplaces or pits within fifteen (15) feet of a building or lot line. Other open flames, such as tiki torches, are not allowed as unattended fires/flames present a hazard and possible risk to persons, pets, or property.

The Board of Directors in its discretion, while addressing potential issues of smoke and noise, may consider locating a community fire pit in the Common Area near the clubhouse provided that it follows the City's Fire Safety Guidelines for Portable Outdoor Wood Fireplaces & Fire Pits at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/fire/your-safety/home/outdoor-and-open-burning>.

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS – Henrik & Eliisa Rydberg

Interviewing Henrik & Eliisa Rydberg of 7414 Cedar Creek was such a delightful experience. It reinforced my belief that we have a wonderful condo association and wonderful people living here!

Henrik & Eliisa were both born the same year, in the same town of Lahti, Finland which is one hour north of the capital, Helsinki. They attended the same high school, but never knew each other until one day they were walking out of a Spider Man movie & met outside the theater. Talking led to lunch picnics, dates, and the rest is history. Henrik says he was attracted by Eliisa because she was cute & beautiful.

They were married in 2009 and had their son, Elias, in 2013. In 2014, Henrik was recruited by a technology company in New York so they moved there. Both Rydberg's have beautiful English. Henrik has more American connections as his grandfather was from Wisconsin and his mother, who lives in Lahti, is American. Henrik's father is Finnish and currently lives in Berlin. Eliisa comes from a family that has lived in a town near Lahti for generations. Her father used to run a factory there. Eliisa's mother still lives there.

Their route to Tamarack/Madison was a bit circuitous. Of course, it started in Finland, and then in New York after Henrik was recruited there. During Covid they started searching for someplace more permanent in America and moved to Henrik's aunt's home in Fitchburg while they looked. Fortunately, one of the places they looked was Tamarack, and they decided this was IT because of the green area behind their condo and the pool. The educational potential for their son at Edgewood sealed the deal.

Henrik's company, Mach49, headquartered in San Francisco, is a good fit for him. He describes what he does as: "I build new businesses & companies for Fortune 500 companies. I consider my work as the best puzzle to solve." He works from home. His hobbies are: golf, playing Solitaire, doing Sudoku & puzzles. (He says that he is good at them.) He also likes to read nonfiction, citing the book "Fall in Love with the Problem" as an example of his choice.

Eliisa is a homemaker. She prides herself with taking good care of their son who enjoys swimming, chess club & computer programming. Eliisa also enjoys reading, training their white rescue dog Halla, whose name means the first frost of the season in Finnish. Much of her time is also spent in baking plus cooking foods from around the world. Each summer, Eliisa & Elias spend one month vacationing in Finland with Henrik joining them for a week or two.

They seem to have a good life together as they have chosen wisely a place to live, a partnership, his job, & her supportive role. Eliisa says they have similar outlooks on life and values. Life is good. They both share a love of nature and participate in Tamarack's environmental groups.

It speaks well for Tamarack that we attract quality residents like the Rydberg's, & they love their choice.

Joyce Hasselman Waldorf