

The Good Life...

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November 2024

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Monday, December 9 - 11:30am

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, November 13 – 4:30pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, November 19– 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 17 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 13th– 3:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, November 12 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, November 6th – 5:00pm

Welcome Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Events

Holiday Party-December 5th

Tamarack Pickleball Open Play

All residents welcome:
Monday: 6-8 pm
Wednesday: 9-11 am
Saturday: 9-11 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

Stacey Haberman
Association Manager
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Jean Hilgers,
Office Manager
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Looking for volunteers for our Finance Committee in 2025

Although you do not need accounting and finance experience, it would be helpful.

The Finance Committee oversees the financial reporting and budgeting process for Tamarack Trails. The Committee (1) provides an ongoing review of finances, (2) reviews and recommends an annual budget and unit assessments to the Board of Directors, (3) reviews financial reports, (4) works with our outside auditors, and (5) meets during the year with a representative from financial institutions that Tamarack does business with who provide an overview of the status of the stock market and Tamarack's portfolio, and makes necessary recommendations to the Board.

Interested people can contact the committee chair, Tom Ferris, via email at tomf@tamaracktrails.com for details.

Congratulations, New Board Members!

The results of the election for the Board of Directors were announced at the Annual Meeting on October 29, 2024. Congratulations to the three candidates.

- o Janet Hirsch
- o Jayne Meyer
- o Eliisa Rydberg

Their two-year term will begin at the end of the November 2024 board meeting. They will join the four continuing directors to make up the 2024-2025 board.

- o Keith Findley
- o Ellen Foley
- o David Larson
- o Ginny White

Thank you to the Nominations and Elections Committee who saw us through this process and to the seven directors who will thoughtfully address the business of the Association in the coming year.

Ice Melt

Ice No More (a calcium/potassium chloride blend of ice melt) can be purchased through the Tamarack office. The ice melt is available in 20-pound bags at a cost of \$6.00 each. Please use the form located at the end of this newsletter to order your ice melt. We keep the salt on hand for sale throughout the winter.

Activities and Events

FOOD DRIVE RESULTS

The RAC had a beautiful day collecting food from our Tamarack Trails residents for the Lussier Food Pantry. The total weight of the donations was over 1,014 lbs.!! We are so thankful to all of you for participating and for your generosity.

Thanks to RAC members who gave their morning to collect & deliver donations; Lynn Clemens, Dee Seyfarth, Sue Thomas, Mo Okeefe, Bob Gross, Bev Mazur, & Mary Sue Foreman.

Please remember that food insecurity is an ongoing problem for many families. You may drop off donations by the Tamarack Trails office any time the office is open, and a volunteer will take the donations to the Lussier Food Pantry.



HOLIDAY PARTY!

Come and celebrate with Tamarack friends and neighbors at our annual Holiday Party!!

Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be provided along with our new 2024 signature drink!

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

All Tamarack residents are welcome!






December 5th, Thursday, from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Tamarack Clubhouse.





★ **WORLD PREMIERE** ★

THE TAMARACK TRAILS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY HOME MOVIE

-  THRILL to Aerial Photography!
 -  REDISCOVER Forgotten Facts!
 -  EXPERIENCE the Drama of Pickleball!
 -  RELIVE the Anniversary Ceremony!
 -  DELIGHT in a Multitude of Dogs!
- All this & free popcorn & cider at the **Clubhouse!**

Thursday, November 21 at 6:30pm

Matinee Saturday, November 23 at 2pm

Special Zoom presentation Saturday at 4:30pm

Anniversary items for sale at the Clubhouse

30-minute show - Seating is limited!

Cookie exchange!

It's time to find those loved family cookie recipes and join our annual cookie exchange.

Where: Tamarack clubhouse

When: Saturday, Dec 8th 12 - 3pm

How it works:

1. Bake 2 dozen cookies to exchange and a few extra for tasting.
2. Bring cookies on a platter or in a container.
3. Bring another container to take your traded cookies home in.
4. Coffee and snacks provided at 12.

Cookie exchange starts at 12.30pm.



Sponsored by the RAC.

RSVP by November 30th

224 209 3038 Lwaishwell@yahoo.com



NEW!

**Tamarack Trails
50th Anniversary
Commemorative Mugs**

\$15.00 each

(cash or check only)

Available for purchase at the Clubhouse

Proceeds to go for purchase of an
Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
for the Tamarack Clubhouse

Updates on the 50th Anniversary Planning Committee – Leaving a Legacy Tree Planting Event and More Things to Come

Friday, November 1st proved to be an ideal afternoon for about 2 dozen residents to meet up and learn about heritage oaks before planting a half-dozen young oaks in the common area near 64-66 Oak Creek. Our invited guests came with the appropriate planting tools and shared historical information dating back to 1841 on the early landowners, the tree cover density, and land uses specifically in section 23, where Tamarack Trails was later platted. Many joined in the planting, mulching and watering while Ginny White, board liaison installed a commemorative marker and gifted Tamarack mugs to Dane County Tree Board members— Tierney Bosci and Matt Noone (with son Winston). Many thanks to Stacey Campbell for the photos and Tamarack staff who prepped the site for this event.

(Notice in the photos that at least one in attendance will likely be around in the next 50 years to check on our good works!)



Watch more communications on Things to Come: The showings of Tamarack, the Home Movie (producer/director James Steinbach); the introduction of a planned Time Capsule and the Just in Time For the Holidays fundraising items for sale at most events. The fundraising is now earmarked for the purchase and installation of an AED for the clubhouse and a planned Commemorative Book.

Board and Committee Business

Board Meeting Notes – October 22, 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, White, Foley, and Meyer, and Association Manager Haberman and 10 residents were present. Findley and Larson were excused; 15 residents attended via Zoom.

The Association Manager reported on progress in several areas:

- The Association Manager, HR Committee & Board are evaluating grounds crew staffing because the Grounds Supervisor resigned to take another position
- Grounds staff are doing lawn repair after the concrete/asphalt replacement on Oak Creek, performing fall pruning, and regrading ground near dwelling foundations.
- The replacement of the west bridge is complete.
- Maintenance is inspecting, repairing, and replacing chimneys, damaged light posts and electrical wiring, ground breakers on foundations, decks, lights in common areas, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, gutters and downspouts, trim, stair railings, fences, and basic plumbing. Staff are also removing satellite dishes and repairing roofs and siding and pressure washing decks and siding.
- Tile wave lines and swim lanes were installed in the pool, and concrete decking removal is almost complete. Tamarack staff will perform concrete work the contractor is unable to handle because of liability concerns and will address wood rot issues on the club house rim joist.

The August 31 unaudited operating fund balance was \$274,339. The reserve balance was \$1,200,707, well above our \$565,000 target. However, the reserve fund balance does not reflect a \$615,692 payment to Badger Swimpools for work completed in 2024. The September 30 US Bank balance was \$639,500 and the Edward Jones balance was \$604,800.

The 2025 AMA increase will be 5.7%, \$26.40 per month. As part of Finance Committee efforts to refine the 30-year assessment model, staff reviewed records and measured all 179 decks. Size discrepancies were found for some decks and will affect the AMA fees for those units. Deck replacement in the model will increase from \$39/ft² to \$75/ft² based on current construction costs.

The Board of Directors will seek resident input on policy changes (1) to reconcile differences in language between the Declaration and By-Laws and (2) to share costs for deck replacement.

Next monthly Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

Updates from the Architectural Review Board

Decorative Lighting

Tis (almost) the season! The weather has been mild, but we all know what's ahead for us as hearty Wisconsin residents. If you like to put up decorative holiday lighting between December 1 and January 15, 2025, here is the section from the Book of Standards describing the guidelines for your holiday lights.

Strings of colored or white lights are allowed from December 1 through January 15. They may be installed earlier to avoid frigid weather but not turned on until December 1. All outside seasonal decorative lighting must be confined to the Owner's Living Unit and within the Lot. Owners may not use nails or screws to hang lights or garlands because of potential damage to siding, trim or fences. Extension cords must be marked and protected so that letter carriers, snow shovelers and others will be able to see the cord and avoid an accident. Owners must assume responsibility for any accidents involving such extension cords.

Terming Out on the ARB

The “six-year terming out policy” has fallen to me, our chairperson, Pat Maddox. Eve Siegel will also be resigning her position on the ARB at the end of 2024. That leaves the ARB with five members and two openings. Contact an ARB member to answer any questions you may have about time commitment, meetings, etc. New residents are welcome to apply.

ARB Meeting Dates and Request Deadlines

The Architectural Review Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month, except for December. The deadline for receipt of completed requests is 14 days prior to meetings. Mark your calendars:

<u>Meeting Date (4:30 pm Clubhouse)</u>	<u>Completed Requests Due</u>
November 13	October 30
December— NO MEETING	
January 8, 2025	December 26
February 12, 2025	January 29, 2025

Completed requests using Form 1 or Form 2 may be submitted by email to the Office.

See also the complete Book of Standards on the Tamarack Trails website:
<https://www.tamaracktrails.com>

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR — Lynn Clemens

This month's highlighted neighbor is Lynn (Lyndon) Clemens. She is active, educated, and easy to talk to so I know you will enjoy hearing about her life. Her rather unusual first name came from a great grand uncle who fought in the Civil War. She says, "Needless to say, my parents wanted a boy and already had a name picked out for me because Lyndon is a Southern man's name." (Think Lyndon Johnson.)

She was born in Erie, PA, but was raised in Geneva, Illinois, a western suburb of Chicago. She spent some time in public schools, which she preferred, but her father insisted that most of her schooling be at a Boarding School, and later out to Smith College in Northampton, MA. She majored in Psychology with a master's in counseling but spent most of her working life in sales where the money was.

Lynn has lived many places, had a couple of husbands, held positions on Boards, did a lot of volunteer work and ended up in Tamarack (three different units).

When Lynn was looking for a place in Madison to call home & be close to her daughter & two grandchildren, her sister helped her look around until "she found this beautiful place called Tamarack." It had tennis courts, racquet ball & pickle ball opportunities - sounded ideal. She was interested in the two latter sports because she has held national ranking in both.

She has two children (4 grandchildren) of which she is extremely proud. She said raising children was one of the best things she ever did. One daughter now lives in Madison & is a Naturopathic doctor. The second daughter runs the K-8, Prairie School of DuPage in Wheaton, IL. This is a very progressive school that prepares the children to think and participate in their

environment. Lynn timer specifically mentioned a part that the students had played in getting the Giant Puff Ball mushroom declared the-state mushroom of Illinois!! Pretty impressive.

I asked Lynn timer about interests & hobbies & I could hardly write fast enough. Some that she told me were the sports listed above & gardening. She loves the Badgers, reading autobiographies & fiction. She loves the outdoors, animals & the earth. She also loves remodeling which can include moving walls, adding new floors, kitchens and bathrooms. She loves to work with colors and shapes. She likes art, saying that many people in her family have been involved with art.

Lynn timer has served on the Architectural Review Board since coming to Tamarack, and currently she is on the Resident Activities Committee. She also shared with me some other activities she has done. "I love kids and have spent a lot of time volunteering in elementary schools. I've worked with the younger kids on reading both in groups and individually. I've also worked individually with older kids on math & have brought art appreciation to the classroom. For several years, I helped with emotionally disturbed kids in the classroom."

Please welcome our talented neighbor.

Joyce Hasselman Waldorf

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Tamarack Trails Ice Melt Order Form

Please submit this form along with your payment to the Tamarack office.

The ice melt will be delivered to your doorstep the following day.

Address _____

Qty _____ 20 lb. Bag(s) @ \$6.00 = \$ _____

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