

The Good Life...

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February 2025

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee

Tuesday, February 18 – 11:00am

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, February 12 – 4:30pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, February 25 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 19 – 3:00pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, March 11 – 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Welcome Committee

Scheduled date TBD

Events

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

Stacey Haberman
Association Manager
Stacey.Haberman@tamaracktrails.com

Jean Hilgers,
Office Manager
Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com

Summer Concerts

Summer concerts around the pool at Tamarack have been very popular and the Resident Activities Committee is planning to host more of them this coming summer. To that end, we are looking for suggestions from our residents for entertainers with whom you are familiar who might perform at Tamarack. Our budget is limited so that will need to be a consideration. If you have a suggestion, please provide the name and contact information to either Mo O'Keefe (MoOKeefe656@gmail.com or 309-903-9852) or Lynn Clemens (lclemens@tds.net or 608-345-3771).

Update Your Contact Information for the Office and 2025 Tamarack Directory

We would like to update both our phone number and email contact information for all residents. An information update form appears at the end of this newsletter. If you are a new Tamarack resident or recently changed your phone number or email address, please fill out the form and return it to the Tamarack office by March 10th. Your name and contact information can also be submitted via email to: jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com. **Email addresses are not published** and are used only for Tamarack internal communications.

Social Media

As a reminder Tamarack Trails Community Services Association, Inc., does not have an Association endorsed social media presence on Facebook, Next Door or any other social media platforms.

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

OUR SERVICE DAY IS CHANGING WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24TH, 2025, TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY WILL CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY.

SERVICE TIME WILL ALSO CHANGE, PLEASE HAVE YOUR CARTS AT THE CURB THE NIGHT BEFORE.

Activities and Events

The James V. Burkhard Award

In January, the Board of Directors decided to establish an award to recognize residents who have provided exemplary service to Tamarack Trails. They named it after James V. Burkhard, the visionary developer who designed and built Tamarack beginning in 1974. He laid the foundation for Tamarack to become the vibrant, self-managed community that it is today.

Choosing the first award recipient was easy. Over 25 years, **George Meyer** has made outstanding contributions to Tamarack as a member of the Board of Directors, Treasurer, member of the Finance Committee, and unofficial legal counsel. Please read the award citation to learn more about George's service to Tamarack.

The award was presented to George on January 22nd by current and other recent members of the Board of Directors and Finance Committee.



George Meyer
James V. Burkhard Award Recipient



Tamarack's Forever Fit Fitness Class Winter Spring

Jan 13 - May 16 No class: Mar. 3-10

M-W (3:00-3:45) Fri (10-10:45)

We use resistance bands, light weights, Yoga mats.

A warm up with gentle stretch, heart healthy cardio, strength/tone, balance, core, flexibility, relaxation, and fun!
Please contact me for more information.

Patti Sponem -Instructor psponem@gmail.com, 608-279-3149



The 2024-2025 Tam Talks Series



The Lions Clubs and Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin

Presented by Lion Erica Singley, a Tamarack resident, a 15-year Madison West Lions Club member, a cornea transplant recipient, and the previous president of the Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors. She will talk about her own experiences and the impact these groups have both domestically in Wisconsin and beyond!

When: Thursday, February 27th

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Where: Tamarack Clubhouse

Sponsored by Tamarack's Residents Activity Committee

SAVE THE DATE!

March Tam Talk - Reflections on China

March 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

It seems that everyday we are hearing more about China and its role in the world. Tamarack resident Dean Ryerson had a recent opportunity to visit Chinese homes and also to speak to Chinese people in Shanghai, Beijing, Zian, and Yantai. He also participated in a Chinese wedding and toured various historic and other sites in China.

At a TamTalks meeting on Tuesday March 18, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Club House and via Zoom, Dean will share those insights with an illustrated presentation. Tamarack residents in attendance who have visited China will also be invited to share their perspectives.

Tam Talks are sponsored by the Tamarack Resident Activities Committee.

Seasonal Reminders And Projects

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.

Board and Committee Business

Volunteers Needed for New Green Energy Ad Hoc Committee

At the TT Board meeting on January 28, the Board voted to create a new Energy Conservation and Green Energy Ad Hoc Committee, whose task will be to help the Association implement the green energy policy adopted by the Board last year. That energy policy, in summary, provides that, as the Association replaces old equipment or acquires new equipment, it will consider, and when feasible, purchase non-fossil fuel-burning and high-efficiency equipment and otherwise seek energy efficiency throughout its operations. The new Ad Hoc Committee will facilitate implementation of this policy by investigating and compiling information about green energy alternatives and energy conservation measures so that the Association can draw on that information when making decisions about purchasing new or replacement equipment or taking other energy conserving measures. The Ad Hoc Committee will not make decisions about purchases themselves, but will serve as a resource to assist staff, the Board, and the relevant standing committees as they make these decisions. The Board hopes the Ad Hoc Committee will also serve as a resource for individual residents who want to consider energy efficiency and renewable energy options for their own homes.

The full motion approved by the Board creating this new Ad Hoc Committee provides as follows:

Motion: to create an Energy Conservation and Green Energy Ad Hoc Committee that will report directly to the Board of Directors for one year after which time the Board, with input from the community, will determine if the Ad Hoc Committee continues as it is, be permanently attached to a standing committee or dissolve.

Purpose:

To facilitate implementation of the Association's new Energy Policy the Ad hoc Committee in conjunction with the Association Manager, will work with staff, the Maintenance Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Amenities Committee (the "standing committees") to review the inventory of all of the Association's energy-consuming equipment that has been prepared by staff, and to help staff update that inventory if needed. The Ad Hoc Committee shall work with and assist staff to research energy efficient and non-fossil-fuel alternative equipment, along with other energy conservation and efficiency steps the Association can consider and shall provide the results of this research to staff, the standing committees, and the Board of Directors, to facilitate their future decision-making consistent with the goals of the Association's Energy Policy.

An invitation shall also be sent out via Good Life for all other Community members who are interested in serving on this Ad Hoc Committee asking them to let Stacey Haberman and Keith Findley know of their interest.

If green energy and energy conservation are of interest to you, please consider volunteering for this new Ad Hoc Committee. **If interested, please email Stacey Haberman at Stacey@tamaracktrails.com and/or Keith Findley at keith@tamaracktrails.com.**

ARB News & Updates

At our first meeting in January, ARB members thanked outgoing chair Pat Maddox for her accomplishments and input to this Board over the past 6 years. Pat also served on the Book of Standards Update Workgroup during the height of Covid, which required numerous hours outside of meetings. We all wish you well, Pat, on your next adventure.

Elections— Officers were voted in at this meeting— Co-chairs Izzy Popic and Jean MacCubbin, and Barb Hughes as Recording Secretary. Jean will continue as Corresponding Secretary with Barrett Karabis shadowing.

Reminders— ARB meets on the second Weds. of the month, except December, at 4:30 pm; either a completed Form 1 or 2 request with associated documentation is due 14 days prior to each meeting. Request a current Certificate of Insurance from your contractor(s).

Outdoor Lights— Decorative lighting, or better known as Holiday lighting, is allowed between December 1 and January 15. Miniature, non-twinkling white lights, see BOS IV. 15., are to be turned off and removed by end of Daylight Saving Time*. More information on Security Lighting is listed under IV. 15d. Find the BOS here: https://www.tamaracktrails.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ARB_BookOfStandards_2023.pdf

*End of Daylight Saving Time 2025 is March 9, 2025.

 <p>Neighbor for a Greener Tamarack</p>	<h2 style="text-align: center;">Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Fall Activities and Updates</h3> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Mow less, spray less, plant more natives.”</i></p>
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Think Spring! - Ideas from Neighbors for a Green Tamarack Work Group

Its going to be Spring soon! It will soon be time to think about adding to your garden. Consider native plants. They take less water, once established they require no watering, and offer food to pollinators like butterflies and other insects. There are many resources on where to obtain native plants. These days most garden stores have a collection with good instruction. Check out a resource page that will shortly be posted on our NGT bulletin board. This board is behind the entrance door to the office. We will be highlighting a native plant each month that could work well in your garden.

Looking ahead, NGT is gearing up for the No Mow/Low Mow May season. This effort identifies areas in Tamarack that will be mowed once or twice during May to allow plants to blossom and provide nectar and food early in the Spring for pollinators like bees when food is not abundant yet. As May progresses, take a walk and observe how much life can occur in these spots where plants are allowed to grow for a bit.

Volunteer! NGT is always looking for new members. If you enjoy helping make Tamarack a more abundant place for wildlife and reducing pesticide exposure through one our initiatives, please consider joining the group. We meet once a month on Tuesday afternoons for about 2 hours. We coordinate No Spray, No Blow, and No Mow/Low Mow initiatives and host the occasional work group. Feel free to contact any of the members or come to a meeting!

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR - James Steinbach

This month I have had the pleasure of interviewing & writing up Tamarack's former President of our Community Services Association Board of Directors, James Steinbach. What a varied, interesting life James has led both because of outside influences & because of his own choices.

James was born in Minneapolis & spent four years there before accompanying his three siblings (two brothers & one sister), & his parents (Burr & Susie Steinbach) to England where his father, a research scientist, did his work. James attended early school (Crouch End School) in England & it must have been a bit rigorous for later he remarked about American schools that "All they did was play & nap!!"

The family came back to America (Chicago) where James attended the lab school for the University for 1-12 grades. In high school, he ran indoor & outdoor track, was president of the Student Council, & "got decent grades." Then, after graduation from H.S., James took one year off & worked on an oceanographic ship.

After his year off, a very good English curriculum attracted James to Pomona College near L.A. This was around the time of the Kent State problems so after one year, he decided he didn't want to be in California when the U.S. was in turmoil, so he transferred to Antioch College in Baltimore where he discovered videotaping, & particularly the joys of working with older people.

He graduated from Antioch and spent a couple of years working in New York, and then a year of vacationing in Hawaii. After that, he put his nose to the grindstone & worked for years in St. Paul at the PBS station. In 1990, he came to PBS in Madison, and here he has stayed & retired as Director.

Along the way, he served on various advisory committees, including the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, PBS, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, & others. His work has received multiple honors, including Emmy awards, the AAAS Science Journalism Award, the duPont-Columbia University Journalism Award, and awards from The National Commission on Working Women, Action for Children's Television, and others.

James married in 1984 and had two children (Jessica, 39 of Calgary, Canada; & Rebecca, 35 of Portland, Oregon) They were divorced, and in 2005, James married Christina. She has two children (Nicole 40 of Madrid, Spain; & Beau, 35 of San Diego, CA). James commented that he & Christina have varied places to visit with their children so spread out!!

Now that he is retired, Habitat for Humanity, is the beneficiary of his skills on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Humane Society and a volunteer at PBS Wisconsin. He also finds time to read, & care for the family brown dog, Moki.

Let's hope that James & Christina chose to live in Tamarack for many years to come.

Joyce Hasselman Waldorf

Tamarack Trails Directory & Email Update Form

*For new residents and any changes to existing listings.
Return completed form to the Tamarack office by March 10th*

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Name(s): _____
(as you wish it to appear in the 2025 Directory):

**Cell phone numbers and email addresses are for internal office communication with residents.
They will not be sold or published.**

	Name	Cell Phone	Email
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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 = \$_____