

The Good Life...

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January 2025

Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Amenities Committee
TBD

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, February 12 – 4:30pm

Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 28 – 6:30pm

Finance Committee
Wednesday, January 15 – 3:00pm

Maintenance Committee
Tuesday, January 14– 4:00pm

Resident Activities Committee
Wednesday, January 8 - 5:00pm

Welcome Committee
TBD

Events

TAM TALK: January 23rd 6:30pm
Cathy Andrews a retired Navy nurse will talk about her Honor Flight to Washington, DC

OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday
9 am – 4 pm
Or by appointment

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A Huge Thank You From The RAC

Members of the Resident Activities Committee (RAC) would like to offer a heartfelt thank you to all our Tamarack neighbors who have helped us host events throughout the year. We couldn't have managed all the details without your assistance in setting up for events, cleaning up after events, bartending, grilling, providing technical support and many other tasks.

Going forward, it would be so helpful if we could have a list of residents (not current RAC members) who are willing to be of help as it is needed. It would allow us to contact individuals who have the interest and expertise to be of assistance in particular areas. With that in mind, we are asking you to add your name to our "Friends of RAC" list if you might be available on occasion and are interested in helping.

You can indicate your interest by sending an email to Lynn Clemens at lclemens@tds.net or Mo O'Keefe at mokeefe656@gmail.com. Please let us know if you have a particular area of expertise that we might need or a particular area of interest. For example, we've heard that some people really like to bartend or grill while others prefer to help with setting up for events.

A big thanks to all of you in advance. We really appreciate you!

Of course, if you are interested in becoming a member of the RAC, we would love to have you join our group. It doesn't matter if you're already a member of another committee and we can always use additional members. Either Lynne Clemens or Mo O'Keefe can give you more information about the committee.

Our first event of the new year will be a Tam Talk at 6:30 on January 23rd. Cathy Andrews, a retired Navy nurse, will talk about her Honor Flight to Washington, DC.

Please join us...it's a presentation you won't want to miss!

Tamarack Home Movie encore presentation!

If you missed the first screenings of the 50th Anniversary Home Movie or simply must see it again, there will be a second chance on Friday, January 17 at 4:30 in the Clubhouse. Come see what all your friends have been talking about! Tamarack Trails merchandise will be for sale: notecards (\$10), caps (\$20), and coffee mugs (\$15). Cash or check only please.

Activities and Events

Tamarack 50th Anniversary Time Capsule

The 50th Anniversary Committee is planning to fill a time capsule with Tamarack memorabilia for residents to discover in the distant future, perhaps in another 50 years! These are some things we're thinking of including:

- Letter from 2024 Board of Directors
- Items from June 14, 2024, celebration: Proclamations from elected officials, program brochure, O Tamarack song sheet, and group photo
- Other photos: Legacy tree planting, old swimming pool and work in progress
- Anniversary logo mug and/or wooden ornament and/or baseball cap
- Notecards with images of watercolor paintings of Tamarack scenes
- Current edition of Good Life Newsletter
- Current edition of Wisconsin State Journal
- Eclipse glasses from total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024
- 2024 Tamarack Trails Community Directory
- Copy of Tamarack: The Home Movie

We'd like to hear your ideas for other possibilities! Please contact 50th Anniversary Committee Co-chairs Jean MacCubbin (citizenjean2@gmail.com) or Christina Finet (cfinet3@gmail.com). After we decide on the contents, we can order a container of the appropriate size. Thanks!

Have you considered trying yoga or coming back to yoga?

A class offered at the Tamarack Clubhouse might be just right for you. Taught in the Iyengar tradition, with a focus on alignment to maintain strength and balance, the class meets at 11:00 AM every Wednesday. Please contact me if you'd like to try a class for free:

ginny@tamaracktrails.com.

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/toner, balance, core, flexibility, relaxation, and fun!

Please contact me for more information.

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



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

Board Meeting Highlights - December 17, 2024

As **Community Correspondence**, three residents expressed concern about the policy to restrict membership to one committee.

A new **maintenance technician** will be starting in January 2025.

The **Reserve Study** of our property has been completed. The study provides an inventory of our property, life estimates, a funding plan, and valuation estimates. A presentation will be scheduled to present the results to the community.

Following a payment of \$615,692.15 to Badger Pools for the work that was completed in 2024, the **investment accounts** balance on November 30, 2024, were:

- Edward Jones: \$11,900
- US Bank: \$649,400

The **Human Resources** recommendation to provide staff with a paid floating holiday was approved by the board. The staff will have 9 holidays starting in 2025. Also approved were the 2025 salaries and 2024 end-of-year bonus.

The changes to Policy V-501, Paragraph 2, Sections A & B regarding **deck replacement** were adopted. When replacing decks, owners will be able to upgrade their deck materials with a 50% cost-sharing process.

Committee members were appointed:

- Finance Committee: George Jesien, 38 Oak Creek
- Human Resources: Debra Martinez, 11 Red Maple
- Maintenance Committee:
 - Ric Genthe, 92 Oak Creek
 - Paul Skidmore, 13 Red Maple
- Resident Activities Committee:
 - Soren Albertson and Jan Miller, 58 Oak Creek
 - Dean Ryerson, 17 Hemlock

Unfinished Business

The board is waiting for a response from the city regarding **greenway encroachment** at Cedar Creek.

Along with a survey, a ZOOM meeting and an onsite walk of the **Sauk Creek Greenway** was held in December by the City Engineering Department. Their next meeting will be in January.

The **50th Anniversary Committee** is putting together a time capsule.

Finally, the Board adopted the **Code of Ethics**.

Update from the ARB

The following is a table of ARB meeting dates for the beginning of 2025 with the corresponding date indicating when requests are due in the office.

Meeting Date (4:30 pm Clubhouse)	Completed Requests Due
February 12	January 29
March 12	February 26
April 9	March 26

Request Forms 1 & 2 are available to download on the Resident Dashboard of the webpage: www.TamarackTrails.com. You may submit your completed request with documentation directly to the Office.

ARB News: At our January 8th meeting, the ARB will elect new officers for 2025. Eve Siegel has resigned after five very helpful years and Pat Maddox is 'termining out' after six years on the ARB which leaves two vacancies. We hope to add one new recruit at the January meeting, but we still need one more to fill our board with seven members. We do important work monitoring the external integrity of the design and appearance of our condos. Serving on the ARB is a great way to meet other residents and learn where each and every trail is in Tamarack! Contact any ARB member or the office regarding your interest.

Reminder about holiday lights - Here is an excerpt from the Book of Standards on Decorative Lighting: *Homeowners may install miniature, non-twinkling, white lights during the dark winter months between the end of Daylight Savings Time in the fall and the beginning of Daylight Savings Time in the spring, at which time the lights must be removed, not simply turned off. Owners are responsible for removing the lights from trees or shrubs to facilitate pruning.*

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.

My fond farewell to the ARB: The January meeting will be my last as chair of the ARB. The year 2024 was a busy and rewarding year for the ARB and I am proud of the work we do and our track record of doing timely minutes, agendas, processing resident requests, and performing the annual walkaround of all Tamarack residences. Each member of the ARB over the past year has actively participated in meetings and shared in performing the many responsibilities the ARB has outside of meetings. The 2024 BOD liaison to the ARB Dave Larson was also a helpful addition to our team last year. I send my heartfelt thanks to Isabel Popic, Jean MacCubbin, Barb Hughes, Eve Siegel, Barret Karabis and Deborah Ann Powers. You are the best! I also want to thank Christna Finet who left the ARB with the structure and documentation in place so I could pick up where she left off at the beginning of the past year.

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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 = \$ _____