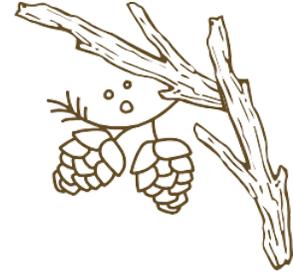


TAMARACK TWIGS



LAKE TAMARACK'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Winter has settled over Lake Tamarack, turning our community into a peaceful retreat. The lake, surrounded by the Appalachian highlands, is dressed for the season often with snow covered trees, crisp air, and that quiet stillness that begs you pause and take it all in.



Whether you're walking along Lake Shore Road North, East or West, or stopping by Beach 2 for the view (below), winter has its own charm here. We hope you're able to bundle up, wave to a neighbor, and take a moment to enjoy the season. Lake Tamarack is even more special when we share it together.

MEET THE BOARD

At the 2025 Trustee Election held during the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 21st, one current member of the Lake Tamarack Board of Trustees was re-elected to the board, and Chris Zacher moved from the head of the Planning Committee to the board of trustees. These dedicated individuals will continue to serve the community for a three-year term. We thank them for their ongoing commitment to Lake Tamarack and look forward to their continued leadership.

Former Board President, Nick Demsak, concluded his term in October 2025. Our former Vice President, Matt Califano, will move into the role of President for the Lake Tamarack Board of Trustees. The board aligned on new roles, and you can learn more about them below:

Matt Califano, President
Rick Ramirez, Vice President
Chris Zacher, Treasurer
Rob Diamond, Secretary
Susan Beebe, Trustee-At-Large
Rich O'Brien, Trustee-At-Large

Matt Califano, President



Matt has been part of the Lake Tamarack community since 1981, with a brief four-year break for college. He lives at the lake with his wife, Jackie, and their daughter, Quinn, and feels fortunate to call it home, enjoying both the lake itself and the strong sense of community. He has been involved with the Fishing Committee since the 1990s and more recently joined the Planning Committee.

Outside the lake, Matt works as a professional fishing guide on local rivers and is inspired by the generosity and spirit of his neighbors.

Rick Ramirez, Vice President



Rick Ramirez is a 31-year Lake Tamarack resident. He and his wife Erika raised 4 children in the lake. He's a Registered Nurse during the day and at night, he runs an entertainment business.

When he's not running for back to back Lake Tamarack Boards and winning due to lack of interest, he tries to be a reliable behind-the-scenes volunteer in the community, always ready to lend a hand where it's needed most.

Christoffer Zacher, Treasurer



Chris has been a Hardyston resident for 35 years, a Wallkill Valley Class of '98 graduate, and has called Lake Tamarack home for the past 13 years with his wife, Pam, daughter Abigail, and their family dog, Cami.

He has served as Chair of the Planning Committee for the past eight years and has also volunteered with the Lake Swim Team, the Fishing Committee, and at numerous Rec Committee events. Chris believes that our special community, which we call home, was made great because of the work and involvement of our community members and their commitment to volunteerism.

Rob Diamond, Secretary



Rob has had the pleasure of serving as a Lake Tamarack Board Member for the past three years. A resident since 2014, his first contribution was rebuilding the Lake Tamarack website.

Rob lives at the lake with his wife, Jennifer, their daughter, Leia, and their dog, Chewie, and they feel grateful every day to call Lake Tamarack home. Outside the lake, he is founder of BroadwayWorld.com, a leading theatre website he launched in 2003, which now serves millions of visitors each month and covers Broadway and theatre news in over 100 U.S. cities and more than 45 countries worldwide.

Susan Beebe, Trustee-at-large



Susan Beebe has been a member of Lake Tamarack for nearly 13 years, has actively contributed to the recreation committee for 8 years and has volunteered as a board member for 2 years.

Susan is an e-commerce marketing professional and is a loving wife and mom.

Rich O'Brien, Trustee-at-large



Rich has been part of the Lake Tamarack community since moving to his home on Lake Shore Road West, where he lives with his wife, Danielle, their children, Violet and Jax, and their two dogs, Conor and Lanna Sophia. In recent years, he became involved with the playground subcommittee, which led him to join the Planning Committee, recognizing that many challenges faced by the board are construction-related and eager to help.

Outside of the lake, Rich is a 19-year member of the NYC District Council of Carpenters and has worked as a project foreman for the past ten years. He reads blueprints, manages contractors, and oversees both heavy commercial and residential construction projects. Rich looks forward to continuing to serve and connect with more community members in the years ahead.

WATER COMPANY UPDATE

The status of the sale of The Lake Tamarack Water Company is progressing well. The sale is pending and will likely be finalized in the spring. **Bills have been sent with no increase. Please make sure to pay them by the end of the 1st Quarter.** Please call the office (973-697-2074) or Anne Marie (973-919-8268) with any issues. Thank you all for your cooperation.

NJ BILL S3992 (30-YEAR RESERVE STUDY)

After our annual association meeting last year, the NJ state legislature updated the language of NJ Bill S3992 so that the **Lake Tamarack Association is now affected by the bill.** If you would like to read it, a link to the bill is here: https://www.njleg.state.nj.us/bill-search/2024/S3992/bill-text?f=S4000&n=3992_S3.

All HOAs with a certain number of households and/or holdings must hire an outside company to execute a 30-year reserve study to make sure that association funds will never reach a \$0 balance over the course of the 30 years.

At the conclusion of the study, a projection for the upkeep of all Lake Tamarack properties and costs for the next 30 years will be given, with updated dues to cover that budget. **It is now state law that all HOAs meet that cost.** At a bare minimum, this study must be conducted every 5 years. Due to the diligent work of our water company members (*thank you Anne Marie, the Johns, and the Roberts!*), with

our water company sale now pending, the LTA has been able to move several million dollars of water company repairs off of our books and out of the 30-year reserve study. To that end, we have reached out to Kipcon, The Falcon Group and Morris Engineering for estimates to run the study. We hope to complete the study by late winter so we can create an accurate 2026 budget and discuss the findings at our annual meeting.

NEW DAM INUNDATION REPORTS

The NJ Bureau of Dam Safety has recently required that dams with older inundation mapping, based entirely on USGS maps, are overhauled to feature all of the former inundation information on current aerial images. GZA, the company that does all of our dam inspections, offers this service so we have signed a contract with them for \$3800 to get us into compliance.

LAKE TAMARACK IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

We welcome your feedback regarding the planning and improvement of our Lake Tamarack Association properties. Please complete the survey below by clicking on the link and submitting before February 28. This will help us create an actionable list for the board to prioritize. We will share results from this survey in future communications and look forward to improving pre-existing property within our beautiful community. Survey: <https://lake-tamarack.org/survey>

COMMITTEE UPDATES

We encourage all Lake Tamarack members to get involved in the various committees that help keep our community thriving. Our Association exists to maintain and improve our lake and shared spaces, relying on annual membership dues and the generous time and energy of our residents. From maintaining the beach area to organizing events and caring for common areas, most of the work is done by dedicated volunteers. Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful impact and helps strengthen the bonds within our neighborhood.

Below is a list of our active committees and their meeting schedules. If you're interested in joining a committee or attending a meeting, please contact Judy at the lake office via lake.tamarack@verizon.net.

Committee	Chair	Meeting Date(s)
Fishing	Lisa DeMarco	As Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Notes:</i> A lot of things with the state are still very much up in the air. The state is trying to introduce many regulation changes– none of which are expected to be confirmed until at least February. As of now, we don't have a confirmed Opening Day Trout date, despite it being less than 3 months away. That being said, it's looking very likely that one of the new regulations will be no closed season on trout stocked lakes and ponds. That means we will definitely have an overlap between when we stock the lake and opening day, where you will legally be allowed to fish the entire time. We ask at this time that people not target the trout, and if you accidentally catch one, please release it quickly and unharmed. 		

Planning	Jennifer Diamond	3 rd Monday of each Month
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes: Clean Community Days are coming up, and we welcome as many helping hands as are able to join us. This spring, our focus will be on gardening and beautification around the new playground. Keep an eye out for upcoming updates on Clean Community Day dates and times. 		
Recreation	Heather Malmstrom	1 st Monday of each month
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes: The Recreation Committee is looking forward to another great year of our annual events! We're kicking things off with our Spring Celebration, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 19 at 2:00pm. Keep an eye out for updates on additional events, including Potting Day, the School's Out Party, the Family Campout, and more. We are always excited to have new members join. Our next in-person meeting is scheduled for February 2 at 8pm in the Lake Office, but we will also be creating Signup Genius list for volunteers to help organize and donate items for events. 		
Finance	Chris Zacher	As Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes: Once our 30-year reserve survey is completed we will finalize the 2026 budget. 		
Swim Team	Meg Demsak / Jackie Califano	As Needed / Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notes: We are already looking forward to our summer swim league (and counting down the days until summer generally)! Registration doesn't typically begin until March, but if you would like to sign-up sooner, please complete the registration form here: https://forms.gle/8cPwZJEjpra3ra397. 		

UPCOMING DATES

- Jan. 13-15 Christmas Tree Pickup
- Jan. 14 Mixed Paper Recycling
- Jan. 19 MLK Jr. Day
- Jan. 28 Comingled Recycling
- Feb. 1 Hardyston Township Property Taxes Due @ Township Municipal Building
- Feb. 11 Mixed Paper Recycling
- Feb. 16 Presidents' Day
- Feb. 25 Comingled Recycling
- March 8 Daylight Savings
- March 11 Mixed Paper Recycling
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 25 Comingled Recycling
- March 28 Hardyston Annual Spring Egg Hunt @ 11am, Wheatsworth Pavilion
- April 8 Mixed Paper Recycling
- April 14-16 Leaf pick-up
- April 19 Lake Tamarack Spring Celebration + Egg Hunt @ 2pm, Ballfield
- April 22 Comingled Recycling

- May 1 Hardyston Township Property Taxes Due @ Township Municipal Building
- May 6 Mixed Paper Recycling
- May 10 Mother’s Day
- May 20 Comingled Recycling
- May 25 Memorial Day

TAMARACK TIDBITS

~Submitted by members, for members

January	February	March
2-3: Quadrantid meteor shower 3: Wolf Moon	1: Snow Moon	2-3: Lunar eclipse 3: Worm Moon
April	May	June
2: Pink Moon 21-22 Lyrid meteor shower	1: Flower Moon 5-6: Eta Aquariid meteor shower 31: Blue Moon	29: Strawberry Moon
July	August	September
29: Buck Moon 30-31: Alpha Capricornid meteor shower	12: Solar eclipse 12-13: Perseid meteor shower 28: Sturgeon Moon	26: Harvest Moon
October	November	December
21-22: Orionid meteor shower 26: Hunter’s Moon	4-5: Taurid meteor shower 17: Leonid meteor shower 24: Beaver Moon	14: Geminid meteor shower 22: Ursid meteor shower 23: Cold Moon

LAKE OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFO

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. between 9am-12pm

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