

# TAMARACK TWIGS

## LAKE TAMARACK’S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



### Upcoming Dates

SUMMER CALENDAR

**June 13th- 6:30-8:30pm**  
Swim Team Meet & Greet- Beach 1

**June 15th- 10am**  
Youth Fishing Contest- Beach 1

**June 20th - 6pm**  
School’s Out Party  
Beach 1

**June 21st- 10am**  
Annual Meeting- Ballfield

**July 19th- 5pm**  
Annual Picnic

**August 9th- 5 pm**  
Family Campout

**Lake Tamarack Home Swim Meets- 6pm**  
July 3 v. Culver  
July 7 v. Newton  
July 21 v. Tranquility

### Notes from the Board

**In opening...**  
We are looking forward to sharing another beautiful summer season here at Lake Tamarack! Please review our summer newsletter to see what is upcoming this lake season.



### Important updates to share:

**Annual Meeting**  
The Lake Tamarack Board of Trustees invites you to the Annual Meeting being held on Saturday, June 21st at 10:00 am at the park.

**Playground Update**  
There was a Public Hearing at the Hardyston Land Use Board on Monday, June 9th. Lake Tamarack Association advocated for the final approval of the new Lake Tamarack Association Playground installation at the Recreational complex.



We thank all our members to attend the meeting. We are happy to report that the Land Use Board approved the Lake Tamarack Playground project!

The installation is being scheduled soon as we are now working with town officials to finalize the permitting process! Needless to say, this process has been tedious and time-consuming. Yet, the Lake Tamarack Board is excited to be granted final approval from the Land Use Board.

We appreciate everyone’s support and patience as we navigate these final hurdles to bring forward a improvement to our community, to improve our recreational space, and to provide a safe and worthy playground that will benefit our community for years to come.



COMMITTEE UPDATES

We encourage our members to be involved in the various Lake Tamarack committees. For informational purposes, please find committee information listed below. If you are interested in joining a committee, please reach out to the lake office at [lake.tamarack@verizon.net](mailto:lake.tamarack@verizon.net).

Committee	Chair	Meeting Date
Fishing	Lisa DeMarco	As Needed
Planning	Chris Zacher	3rd Monday of the Month
Recreation	Meg Demsak	1st Monday of the Month
Water Company	Anne Marie Wilhelm	3rd Tuesday of the Month
Finance	Susan Beebe	In preparation of Budget (Dec-Apr.)



PLANNING COMMITTEE

- We have been working with the Board, Hardyston Twp, and legal counsel to ensure completion of the playground project started last year.
- We have consulted with members of the former Lake Tammarack Environmental Committee to provide landscaping recommendations for the playground area after installation is completed.
- We held our annual Clean Community Day in May, in which we repurposed one of our old docks to the boat area at Beach 2 and added additional fencing to the community gardens.
- We held our annual beach clean-up days in June, and our beaches look great!
- We are currently working on repairs to our gangplank at beach 1.
- We continue to look for additional areas of improvement to our lake properties and work closely with the board to create remediation and maintenance plan recommendations.
- If you would like to be a part of the Planning Committee, please reach out to Judy at the Lake Tamarack office to notify us of your interest.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- The Finance Committee met throughout the winter in preparation of this year’s Lake Budget.
- We are reviewing expense trends over the last five years to plan appropriately for the future.

FISHING COMMITTEE

- Stocking was Saturday, March 29 with 275 12-14 inch rainbows, browns, and tiger trout went in plus two 25-26 inch broodstock fish as well.
- The Annual Youth Fishing Contest (aged 15 and under) will be on Father’s Day (June 15th) from 10a to 12p. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be served.
- With a great trout season coming to an end, the final count was one tagged trout, caught and kept.
- The bass are now off their beds, and the season is in full swing!
- We encourage everyone who catches a Lake Tamarack bass to release them ,as they are by far the best game fish that reside in our lake
- For anyone who would like to keep fish to eat, the trout, yellow perch, blue gill, sunfish, and black crappie all make excellent table fare.



RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Celebrate the end of school on June 19th at 5PM with friends, pizza & ice cream.
- Keep an eye out for summer fun announcements like Movies, Video Games, Trivia and Volleyball.

LAKE TAMARACK  
WATER COMPANY

- We would like to invite volunteers to join the company. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7pm.

SWIM TEAM

- We can't wait for the 2025 season!
- Practices are slated to begin on Monday evening, June 23. As a reminder, Beach 1 is closed for swimming during Swim Team practices and meets. Beach 2 will be swim at your own risk.
- Registration is open for the season!
- Lake Tamarack Swim Team registration is available online using the [Google Form](#)
- Please email [Laketamarackswim@gmail.com](mailto:Laketamarackswim@gmail.com) if you would like more information about joining the team.



Tamarack Tidbits

-Submitted by Members for Members

Meteor Shower Calendar

<b>Delta Aquarids (July 18-August 21)</b> The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour at its peak. You'll typically see plenty of Delta Aquariids mixed in with the Perseids, if you're watching in early August.	<b>Perseids (August 11-13)</b> The Perseids is one of the best meteor showers to observe, producing up to 60 meteors per hour at its peak. The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors.	<b>Draconids (October 8)</b> The Draconids is a minor meteor shower producing only about 10 meteors per hour. The Draconids is an unusual shower in that the best viewing is in the early evening instead of early morning like most other showers.
<b>Orionids (October 20-21)</b> The Orionid meteor shower, which runs Sept. 26 to Nov. 22, produces about 15 or 20 meteors an hour but is considered one of the most beautiful shooting star shows of the year.	<b>Taurids (November 5-9)</b> The Taurids is a long-running minor meteor shower producing only about 5-10 meteors per hour. What makes this long-running meteor shower unique is that it consists of two separate streams: the South Taurids' peak November 5, and the North Taurids' peak November 9.	<b>Leonids (November 17-18)</b> The Leonids meteor shower runs Nov. 3 to Dec. 2 and puts on an average show of about 15 meteors an hour. Radiating from the constellation Leo the Lion, the famous Leonid meteor shower has produced some of the greatest meteor storms in history.
<b>Geminids (December 13-14)</b> The bold, white, bright Geminids give us one of the Northern Hemisphere's best showers, especially in years when there's no moon. Under a dark sky with no moon, you might catch 120 Geminid meteors per hour.	<b>Ursids (December 21-22)</b> This minor meteor shower runs Dec. 13-24 and usually peaks around the December solstice, perhaps offering five to 10 meteors per hour during the predawn hours in a dark sky. In 2025, you'll have dark skies to watch for them all night. And the Ursids are worth a look!	<b>Quadrantids (January 2-3)</b> Under a dark sky with no moon, when the radiant is high in the sky, the Quadrantids can produce over 100 meteors per hour. The Quadrantid shower is one of four major meteor showers each year with a sharp peak (the other three are the Lyrids, Leonids, and Ursids).

If you would like to include something in the Tamarack Tidbit section for Fall 2025 edition, please let the Lake Office know by September 1st.





## OTHER INFORMATION

### 2025 Trustee Election

**Meet the Candidates for a 3-year term to the Lake Tamarack Board of Trustees. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 21st. There are two positions open to begin their terms in October 2025.**

#### Rob Diamond



I've had the pleasure of serving as a Lake Tamarack Board Member for the past three years, working alongside neighbors to enhance our beautiful lake, improve communication, and support our unique community. As a resident since 2014, my first contribution was proudly rebuilding the Lake Tamarack website—a project I continue to maintain and invite everyone to help us grow with more content!

My wife Jennifer, our daughter Leia, and our gentle giant of a dog Chewie are grateful every day to call Lake Tamarack home. Living here reminds me constantly of what makes this community so special. Outside the lake, I'm the founder of BroadwayWorld.com, a leading theatre website I launched in 2003. Today, it serves millions of visitors each month and covers Broadway and theatre news in over 100 U.S. cities and 45+ countries worldwide. I'm excited to continue serving Lake Tamarack, and I would be honored to have your vote for re-election. Thank you for making this such a wonderful place to live!

#### Christoffer Zacher



I have been a Hardyston resident for 35 years, a Wallkill Valley class of '98 graduate, and have called Lake Tamarack home for the last 13 years, along with my wife Pam, daughter Abigail, and our family dog Cami. Most notably, I have been the Chair of the Planning Committee for the last 8 years, but have also volunteered for the Lake Swim team, Fishing Committee, and assisted at multiple Rec Committee events. I believe 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. I have been honored to be a part of that long tradition for my comparatively short tenure as a lake resident. I hope to continue that commitment to our lake residents in any capacity I can.





SUMMER 2025

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## *Beach Opening Information*

Beaches are officially open on Saturday, June 21.

Please read over the Following [Beach Opening Memo](#) for further information.

The Planning Committee is holding two beach cleanups at both beaches on June 7th and June 8th.

The beaches were thoroughly cleaned and are looking the best they have in years!

Thank you to our volunteers for all their hard work for our community!



## *Community Garden- Spots still open!*

- There are several plots available at the Lake Tamarack Community Garden which is located at the field.
- If you would like to have a spot assigned to you so you can plant, maintain, and harvest during the upcoming season please **contact the Lake office.**

## *Lake Office Hours*

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. between 9a-12p,

## *Contact Us*

Phone: 973-697-2074

Email: [lake.tamarack@verizon.net](mailto:lake.tamarack@verizon.net)



## *Recycling Dates*

### *Mixed Paper/Cardboard Recycling*

Jul. 31, Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

### *Comingled Recycling*

Jul. 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4





IN CLOSING

Lake Tamarack is a wonderful place to live. We all have a responsibility to each other and our community to keep it that way. As a Board, we thank you all for your help in keeping Lake Tamarack a beautiful, safe, and thriving community. We hope to see you at the upcoming summer events.

Stay safe and be well. We hope to see you around the lake.

*~Lake Tamarack Board of Trustees~*

- Nick Demsak, President
- Matt Califano, Vice President
- Susan Beebe, Treasurer
- Rob Diamond, Secretary
- Rick Ramirez, Trustee-At-Large
- Rich O’Brien, Trustee-At-Large

