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**Tamarac Lakes** is a unique forest and lake community nestled among the trees in Medford. As much as possible, the natural setting has been left undisturbed. Our goal is to live in harmony with these beautiful natural surroundings. Native trees include tamarack fields and pitch pine, cedar, oak, maple, sweet and sour gum, birch, holly, sassafras, wild blueberry, and mountain laurel. Much of Tamarac Lakes, like Medford, is devoted to permanent green areas, lakes, hiking trails, parks, and athletic fields. There is also a beach with canoeing, fishing docks and pavilion with picnic tables. Tamarac Lakes was incorporated 1973 and has grown to approximately five hundred homes.

Tamarac Lakes Association Inc. (“TLA”), our homeowner’s association, administers the jointly owned permanent green acres, lakes, beach and facilities. Annually, a TLA Board of Directors is elected to provide direction and administer over the areas of water and many acres of green areas.

**This printed guide and directory, along with our online materials and monthly electronic newsletter, *Tamarac Tidbits*, will provide you with everything you need to know about living in Tamarac. We extend to you our warmest welcome and encourage you to participate in, and enjoy, our exceptional community.**

*Please remember, this booklet is intended as a guide only. Information can change over time. As such, if you have a specific question, please contact any member of our board of directors. The information contained here has been compiled for TLA Members and is not to be used or duplicated for any purpose. Please respect this confidence.*

*We encourage you to visit [tamaraclakes.org](http://tamaraclakes.org) to sign up for our monthly email list. By signing up, you’ll receive timely updates and important notices from TLA Board of Directors.*



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## About Our Lakes

[tamaraclakes.org/lakes](http://tamaraclakes.org/lakes)

Tamarac has six different lakes at five different elevations. The upper lakes, Killdeer (beach lake) and Whippoorwill Lakes, total about seventeen acres with a maximum depth of almost ten feet at the dam end. Other lakes include Heron located on Bracken Road next to the Gazebo park; Heron flows into Mallard Lake, which runs along Tuckerton and Bracken Roads. Mallard flows out of one end into Kingfisher Lake located between Bracken Road and Pine Cone Trail. On the west end of Mallard, a dam releases water into Bittern Lake, Tamarac's smallest lake; from there it leaves Tamarac where it flows downstream into Oakwood Lakes becoming part of the southwest branch of Rancocas Creek, which flows into Rancocas Creek and eventually the Delaware River.

### *Water Quality and Pollutants*

We are fortunate in that almost all water in Tamarac's lakes is groundwater from the shallow Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer, which is the aquifer that underlies most of South Jersey and supports the unique Pine Barrens ecosystem. There are no lakes upstream from Tamarac. The other source of water in the lakes is, of course, rainwater that falls and runs off yards and streets via storm drains in the road into the lake.

The groundwater and the lakes are very susceptible to pollutants including pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, automotive oils and fluids, pet wastes and so on. Rainwater and melting snow easily wash pollutants on the ground and street into storm drains that lead directly to the lakes. Yes, if you don't pick up your dog's poop it will likely end up in the lake. If you use excessive amounts of fertilizers and apply them improperly, they will eventually end up in the lake or in the groundwater.

Overall water quality in the lakes is good. However, algae and weed growth during the summer fueled by fertilizers from lawns is an ongoing problem. Because of certain accidentally introduced invasive weeds, TLA must spend thousands of dollars each year to have the lakes treated and managed to control the weed growth. The treatment includes applying herbicides into all lakes except the main lake where the beach is located. Because of the herbicide treatment, TLA recommends that lake water not be used to water lawns or gardens.

### *Use of Fertilizers*

If you fertilize your lawn, we recommend that you fertilize only once in the fall, which is the optimal time to fertilize because it encourages deep and healthy root growth. If you use a mulching lawnmower, the grass clippings provide enough nitrogen for most lawns throughout the spring and summer months. Aerating your lawn is also good to do yearly or every other year, because it can also encourage deep root growth and allows rainwater to infiltrate the ground more easily. If you apply fertilizers, please check the weather forecast and make sure you do not apply fertilizer if heavy rains are forecast.

New Jersey Law allows fertilization of lawns only between the dates of March 1 and November 15. This is to prevent application of fertilizers at times when grass isn't growing and using the fertilizer. In other words, you are wasting your money and potentially polluting our lakes if you apply fertilizers outside of this timeframe.

### *Geese and Ducks*

NEVER feed geese or ducks. It is against the law to feed geese or ducks. Geese are prolific poopers. Like all lake communities, Tamarac struggles with the geese population. We have taken measures to discourage geese including placing lights in the lakes, fencing around certain areas and destruction of nests in the spring. If you are a lakefront homeowner with a lawn, please take measures to discourage geese from congregating on your property.

### *Lakefront Properties*

If you are a lakefront property owner, know your boundaries. Not all homes on the lake are entitled to have docks. Tamarac owns the lakes and lake bottom, so any work performed on existing docks should be approved by the Tamarac board. If you have a "beach" please make sure that sand from your beach or property does not wash into the lake. Beaches are discouraged because they are maintenance problems and provide easy access to your property by geese and ducks; a natural shoreline with a buffer between your lawn (if you have one) and the lake is healthier for the lakes.

### *Canoes and Boats*

[tamaraclakes.org/beach--canoe-rules](http://tamaraclakes.org/beach--canoe-rules)

Canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, sailboats, and rowboats are all permitted in Tamarac's lakes; no powerboats are permitted. A limited number of racks are available at the beach area for residents who wish to keep their boats at the lake during the summer. Boats may be stored at the beach lake only between May 1 and October 30. Any boat that is kept at the beach area must be "registered" with TLA. Boats may not be stored at any time on any other property owned and maintained by Tamarac.

### *Fishing*

Tamarac has some of the best fishing in Medford. Our lakes contain largemouth bass, sunfish, pickerel, crappies (calico bass), bullheads, channel catfish, yellow perch, freshwater eels, minnows and golden shiners. Every couple of years, the Water Committee stocks the lakes with "feeder" fish including minnows and sunfish.

In addition to these fish, all lakes contain fresh water clams (many shells can be spotted along the shorelines) as well as freshwater mussels. Also observed are many species of turtles, frogs, and snakes. All of this is only possible due to a clean and healthy environment. Please help us to maintain what we have.

We also have a population of triploid grass carp. These carp are herbivores that have a voracious appetite for the undesirable vegetation that grows in our lakes. They do not reproduce and it is very important that if any of these fish are caught, they be released immediately. The fish will not bite lures and baits that normally catch game fish. It is easy to avoid an accidental hook with these fish. They can be spotted swimming in small schools near the surface of the water.

Fishing in Tamarac's lakes is permitted only for dues paying members! Guests must be accompanied by a resident to fish or to use one of Tamarac's lakes. Please follow all State of New Jersey fishing regulations while in any of our lakes.

### *Lake Dams and Sluice Boxes*

Tamarac's upper lakes, Killdeer and Whippoorwill Lakes, total about seventeen acres with a maximum depth of almost ten feet at the dam end. From the upper lakes to our lowest lakes, the water drops about twenty feet, and it is controlled by a series of dams and sluice boxes, which collectively contain twenty-nine million gallons of water. Maintenance and oversight of the dams is a key function of the Water Committee, which works in conjunction with consulting engineers to ensure safety and comply with NJ Department of Environmental Protection regulations.

## **Athletic Amenities and Events**

[tamaraclakes.org/athletics](http://tamaraclakes.org/athletics)

Tamarac is full of athletic amenities. At the rear of the beach are volleyball courts. A basketball court is located east of the beach just off the trail. Off Heath road are baseball and soccer fields. We also have a tennis court at the park on the corner of Bracken and Tallowood. Amenities are for use by our members and their guests. All guests must be accompanied by a member. The athletic committee is self-supporting and is responsible for organized sporting events throughout the year.

## **Beach**

<http://www.tamaraclakes.org/beach--canoe-rules>

The beach is located on Killdeer Lake, and is run and maintained by TLA's Beach Committee. Sand has been brought in to enhance our swimming area. There is a roped off area for the younger children, a floating dock for the older children, and a canoe rack and dock for the boaters. Lifeguards are on duty in the summer. Residents can pick up TLA beach badges at the lifeguard shed starting Memorial Day Weekend.

Resident's must have beach badges in their possession when visiting the beach and at all TLA functions. All TLA Facilities and green areas are closed from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. except for TLA sponsored and/or sanctioned events.

To help ensure a more enjoyable summer for all the members at our beach, please read and comply with the beach rules provided at the end of this guide.

## **By-Laws**

[tamaraclakes.org/documents](http://tamaraclakes.org/documents)

TLA's by-laws govern the general purpose, day to day business affairs, and all other activities of TLA. We encourage our residents to read and become familiar with our by-laws. By-Laws are provided at the end of this guide.

## **Children's Events**

[tamaraclakes.org/events](http://tamaraclakes.org/events)

The Children's Committee and its events are sponsored by Tamarac Lake Association dues and are operated by volunteers. The Children's Committee hosts many fun events for Tamarac youth every year. Timely details about upcoming events can be found in the monthly *Tamarac Tidbits* e-newsletter or on our website.

## **Civic Committee**

The purpose of the Civic Committee is to provide the necessary support to TLA residents in all matters of civic nature, which may affect their health and welfare. These include such issues as planning, zoning, township ordinances, development, land use, education, the environment, and use of natural resources. The committee will monitor the activities of government and quasi government agencies, conduct research and issue reports for the residents. The Civic Committee will act as a liaison and committee with other Medford developments and their residents. It will also advise the TLA Board of Directors on the stated matters above. Your interest and support are welcome.

## **Committees**

[tamaraclakes.org/leadership](http://tamaraclakes.org/leadership)

The various volunteer committees of TLA provide focus on specific areas/activities within Tamarac. Committees are governed by the Board of Directors.

Athletic Committee: Organized Sports and Athletic Events

Beach Committee: Beach, Lifeguards, Projects, Beach Rules

Children's Committee: TLA Sponsored Children's Events

Civic Committee: Zoning, Land Use, Development, Township

Membership Committee: Membership, Directory, hospitality, and By-laws

Property Committee: Green Space, Parks, Trail Entrances

Social Committee: Beach Opening, Beach Closing, Adult Events

Technology Committee: Website, Communications and Data

Water Committee: Maintenance of Lakes and Dams

Latest information about projects, volunteer needs, or events are available in the *Tamarac Tidbits*. To contact or volunteer for a committee, please email [tamaraclakesassociation@gmail.com](mailto:tamaraclakesassociation@gmail.com).

## **Dues**

Annual dues are assessed to help finance the running of TLA, a nonprofit organization. Note that a majority of dues go toward the maintaining of our lakes, beach area, trails, and permanent green space. A smaller portion goes toward sponsoring neighborhood events for children and adults. Over the years, these investments have proven to be worthwhile for building our sense of community and maintaining the property values of our homes.

## **Email List**

[tamaraclakes.org/email-signup](http://tamaraclakes.org/email-signup)

The email list and website are where you can keep up to date with announcements, news and information. The email list is the primary distribution channel for monthly *Tamarac Tidbits* newsletters and timely announcements. Most of the information you'll read here is also available on our website, online at [tamaraclakes.org](http://tamaraclakes.org). The email distribution list, Facebook page, Twitter feed, file storage, and website is maintained by the Website Committee.

## **Green Space & Public Areas**

[tamaraclakes.org/property](http://tamaraclakes.org/property)

The Property Committee maintains all of TLA's permanent green areas, parks, entrances to trails, as well as providing direction to any new construction or improvements being planned for Tamarac. Each year the Property Committee sponsors a "Clean Up Day" in April. Every TLA member is encouraged to "help keep Tamarac beautiful" throughout the year.

The green areas and common areas are the property of Tamarac Lake Homeowners Association. In regard to these green areas and common areas, it is against the law for anyone to build, clear, cut, trim, rake, plant, dump materials, change the flow of water or change their appearance in any way.

As part of the neighborhood amenities, we have 2 playgrounds, which are available to all members, as well as the beach pavilion, ball field, basketball and tennis courts.

We encourage residents to report property issues right away.

## **Junior Board**

For teens interested in taking an active role in the TLA, here is the opportunity. Teens may plan and organize activities or projects within Tamarac, or earn community service hours by helping at events. Teens also have the chance to participate in the monthly board meetings and learn Robert's Rules of Order.

## **Pavilion Reservations**

[tamaraclakes.org/pavilion-reservations](http://tamaraclakes.org/pavilion-reservations)

The TLA Beach Pavilion will only be reserved to a member in good standing and the reservation is for the pavilion only and does not give exclusive rights to the beach. Swimming at the beach is at your own risk. Please read our Beach and Canoe rules, available on-line. Details, along with the reservation form, can be found online.

## **Playgroup**

[tamaraclakes.org/for-residents](http://tamaraclakes.org/for-residents)

Our preschool playgroup meets bi-monthly throughout the school year. Please check the website for details.

## **Social Events**

[tamaraclakes.org/tidbits](http://tamaraclakes.org/tidbits)

The Social Committee plans Beach Opening, Beach Closing, and adult social events for the year. This group works very hard throughout the year to organize fun-filled events, some quiet parties and other casual events. Beach Opening Party takes place each year on Memorial Day weekend to kick off the summer season. It is a great time for the whole family. Beach Closing is held at the end of the season. Details and ticket information for these events are available in *Tamarac Tidbits*.

## ***Tamarac Tidbits* Monthly E-Newsletter**

[tamaraclakes.org/tidbits](http://tamaraclakes.org/tidbits)

*Tamarac Tidbits* is the association's monthly e-newsletter, full of current happenings in Tamarac and information from the Board of Directors and Committee chairpersons. All TLA residents are encouraged to put in items of interest concerning Tamarac in the newsletter. The deadline for the information is the 15th of each month. The newsletter is distributed electronically on the first week of each month (the newsletter is not published in January).

## **Volunteering**

[tamaraclakes.org/volunteer-signup](http://tamaraclakes.org/volunteer-signup)

Tamarac's all-volunteer Board of Directors, along with its committees, are essential to the success of community programs and maintenance of Tamarac's lakes and open space. Thousands of volunteer hours are donated each year by trustees and committee members. Tamarac is always looking for residents who can commit time to making our neighborhood even better. Please visit the website for details.

## **APPENDIX**

### *By-Laws of Tamarac Lakes Association, Inc.*

#### ARTICLE I: Definition

These by-laws govern the general purpose, day to day business affairs, and all other activities of the Tamarac Lakes Association, INC., herein after referred to as "TLA".

#### ARTICLE II: Purpose

- A. To receive ownership of properties surrounding or adjacent to homeowners' lots; to supervise, administer, and maintain these properties so as to protect the natural resources and promote safe, healthful, and harmonious living for all members; and to approve, order and/or assume responsibility for any structure or improvements upon these properties.
- B. To promote the collective interests and rights of all members.
- C. To arrange social and recreation functions for all members.

#### ARTICLE III: Membership

Section 1. Every present and future owner of a residence in the development known as Tamarac Lakes (to include Tamarac, Tamarac II, The Woods at Tamarac, Mallard Lakes, Roundtree, and other as yet unnamed subdivisions) is entitled to become a TLA member.

Section 2. A member is defined as:

- a. A homeowner within Tamarac Lakes who has joined TLA by deed restriction, contract, sales agreement, or by membership agreement.
- b. A resident tenant leasing from a member homeowner.
- c. Any resident or non-resident who may be appointed as an honorary member by unanimous approval of the Board of Directors and two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the next regular or special meeting.

Section 3. Once having joined, membership is permanent and may not be revoked. Membership in TLA shall terminate only when home ownership or tenancy is given up.

#### ARTICLE IV: Membership Privileges

Section 1. The following privileges are available to every member in good standing.

- a. Voting rights in the amount of two (2) per residence. Tenants may vote only if voting rights are assigned by voter members.
- b. The use of TLA owned, operated, or leased facilities and properties, in accordance with any rules and regulations pertaining to such use.
- c. Participation in TLA sponsored social and recreational activities.
- d. The opportunity to run for, or hold office on the TLA Board of Directors.

Section 2. Membership privileges may be suspended by the Board of Directors for any member who:

- a. is delinquent in the payment of any dues or assessments; or
- b. willfully violates any rules or regulations governing the use of TLA owned operated, or leased facilities or properties.

#### ARTICLE V: Dues and Assessments

Section 1. Membership is payable by January 31st of each year and will be voted upon at the general Membership Meeting dealing with the annual budget.

Section 2. After January 31st, any member not having paid the required dues shall be considered delinquent. After thirty (30) days written notice of such delinquency, given by the Board of Directors to all members, all membership privileges may be suspended and appropriate legal action initiated. A late fee, equivalent to an additional one half (1/2) of the annual dues, may be assessed.

Section 3. The payment of reasonable attorney's fees and costs of collection incurred in the collection of unpaid dues and assessments shall be borne by the debtor member.

Section 4. In the event that dues and assessments have been paid by the seller at the time of the termination of his/her membership by sale of his/her lot or residential unit, any such buyer shall acquire the benefit of such paid-up dues and shall be entitled to the rights and privileges that shall flow therefrom, provided the buyer has executed a contract with TLA.

Section 5. Owners of a lot or residential unit in the development known as Tamarac Lakes who have an option to join TLA will be subject to the following rules:

- a. A period of up to six (6) months from settlement date to sign membership contract for new residents without penalty.
- b. Those residents who do not sign membership contracts until after six (6) months from settle date, or by contract by TLA, shall be subject to a penalty equivalent to one (1) year's current annual dues.

ARTICLE VI: Board of Directors

Section 1. TLA shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of seven (7) voting TLA members, elected as follows:

- a. A President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each elected annually.
- b. Three (3) Trustees, one elected each year for a three-year term.

Section 2. Election of officers will take place no later than September 15th of each year. Election of candidates shall take place at a General Meeting no later than September 15th of each year called for this purpose. Candidates will be selected by a Nominating Committee and by nomination from the floor. Voting shall be closed ballot at the time of the meeting or by proxy. Ballots shall be counted by three (3) persons selected by the Board of Directors. Terms of the newly chosen Board will begin on November 1st of the same year.

Section 3. A Board of Directors meeting must be held monthly and may be called at any other unscheduled time at the discretion of the President or any two (2) members of the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board must be given forty-eight (48) hours notice of any meeting.

Section 4. Any member of the Board of Directors who shall absent himself or herself from two (2) consecutive monthly meetings of such Board, unless he or she shall present at the next meeting an excuse for his or her absence satisfactory to the President, shall be deemed to have resigned as a member of said Board and cease to be a member thereof.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall have the power to manage all the affairs of TLA and make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of business, including legal counsel, when deemed appropriate.

Plans made by the Board for determination of dues and assessments, as well as the disbursement of association funds, must be submitted by December 1st of each year at a General Membership Meeting. These plans must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of those members in attendance at the General Membership Meeting. This meeting must consist of a proper quorum, and be preceded by a minimum of seven (7) days written notice to all members. This notice must include the proposed budget and other issues to be voted upon.

For emergency situations, the Board of Directors may transfer budgeted funds from one category to another to meet the need at hand. Should such action be necessary, the membership will be informed in the next TLA monthly newsletter.

At the end of each calendar year, the Board shall submit to the general membership a complete accounting of funds – to include a completed audit statement issued by a qualified individual other than an officer of TLA. All rules and regulations made or approved by the Board are subject to final approval at the next regular or special meeting. Board approval will stand until such meeting is held.

Section 6. Any resolution brought before the Board shall be considered approved only when receiving four (4) or more affirmative votes.

Section 7. The President shall exercise the duties usually devolving upon that office; shall be an ex-officio member of all committees; shall preside at all regular and/or special meetings of the Board of Directors; shall appoint members of any special committees as may be necessary or advisable from time to time.

Section 8. The Vice President shall, during the absences or disability of the President, assume the duties and responsibilities of the President.

Section 9. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the members and the Board of Directors; shall keep a membership list and Corporate Seal; shall attend to all correspondence; shall provide notification of meetings; and shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and members.

Section 10. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of TLA and shall disburse checks signed by the Treasurer and one additional designated Board Member; shall keep a list of all members; shall send out bills for dues when and as the same shall become due and payable; shall collect the dues for TLA and shall report to the Board of Directors all members whose dues are more than thirty (30) days in arrears; and shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and members. The Treasurer shall furnish a bond in such an amount, with or without security, as shall be approved by the Board of Directors, the cost thereof to be paid by TLA.

Section 11. No officer of TLA shall draw a salary or any other compensation whatsoever. Employees of TLA may be employed by the Board of Directors and shall be entitled to compensation when and as directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 12. Vacancy in any office or on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors subject to approval at the next regular or special meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII: Committees

##### Section 1.

- a. The **Beach Committee** shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Tamarac Lakes Beach(es) and all fixed appurtenances thereto. This committee's responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of all beach rules and regulations.
- b. The **Water Control Committee** shall be responsible for the flow and control of water through the lakes and the raising and lowering of all waters, including the supervision of all dams, spillways, and overflows.
- c. The **Property Committee** shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of all other owned, operated, or leased property or equipment.
- d. The **Civic Committee** shall be responsible for monitoring community action and keeping the Board and membership informed on items related to the interests and rights of all TLA members.
- e. The **Membership Committee** shall be responsible for maintaining current membership records of the Association and for distributing a current membership directory to all members, preferably once a year.

- f. The **Social Committee** shall be responsible for arranging social functions for all TLA members.
- g. Other committees may be formed as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 2.

- a. Rules and regulations made by all Committees are subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- b. There shall be minimum of three (3) members per committee.
- c. All committees shall be considered dissolved on October 31st of each year.
- d. Committee Chairpeople shall be appointed in November of each year by the newly chosen Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VIII: General Membership Meetings

Section 1. General Membership Meetings must be held at least twice annually, one of which shall include acting upon the proposed dues and budget. Seven (7) days written notice must be given to all members noting the date, time and place of such meetings, as well as the subject(s) to be discussed.

Section 2. To constitute a quorum at a membership meeting, there shall be in attendance at least forty (40) of the voting members and four (4) of the Board of Directors. If only one (1) person in attendance from a household, he or she will have two (2) votes and be counted as two (2) voting members for quorum purposes if the person so desires. Where less than a quorum is present, the meeting shall be adjourned by those present until such time or place as may be directed by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. In the conduct of all meetings, in case of dispute of procedural disagreements at meetings, of either the members or the Board of Directors, "Roberts' Rules of Order" shall prevail.

### ARTICLE IX: Amendments

These by-laws may be amended, wholly or in part, by a two-thirds (2/3) concurrence of those members voting on the issues at hand either in proxy or in attendance at a General Membership Meeting, providing there is a minimum of 250 votes cast on a proposed by-law change or amendment. All members are to be provided with a minimum of seven (7) days notice of this meeting, along with a written ballot to vote on the proposed amendments.

ARTICLE X: Validation

Any section of these by-laws found to be null and void shall not affect the other sections.

ARTICLE XI

These by-laws supersede all other by-laws and contracts heretofore in existence.

**By-Laws Amended: September, 1993**

### *Beach Rules*

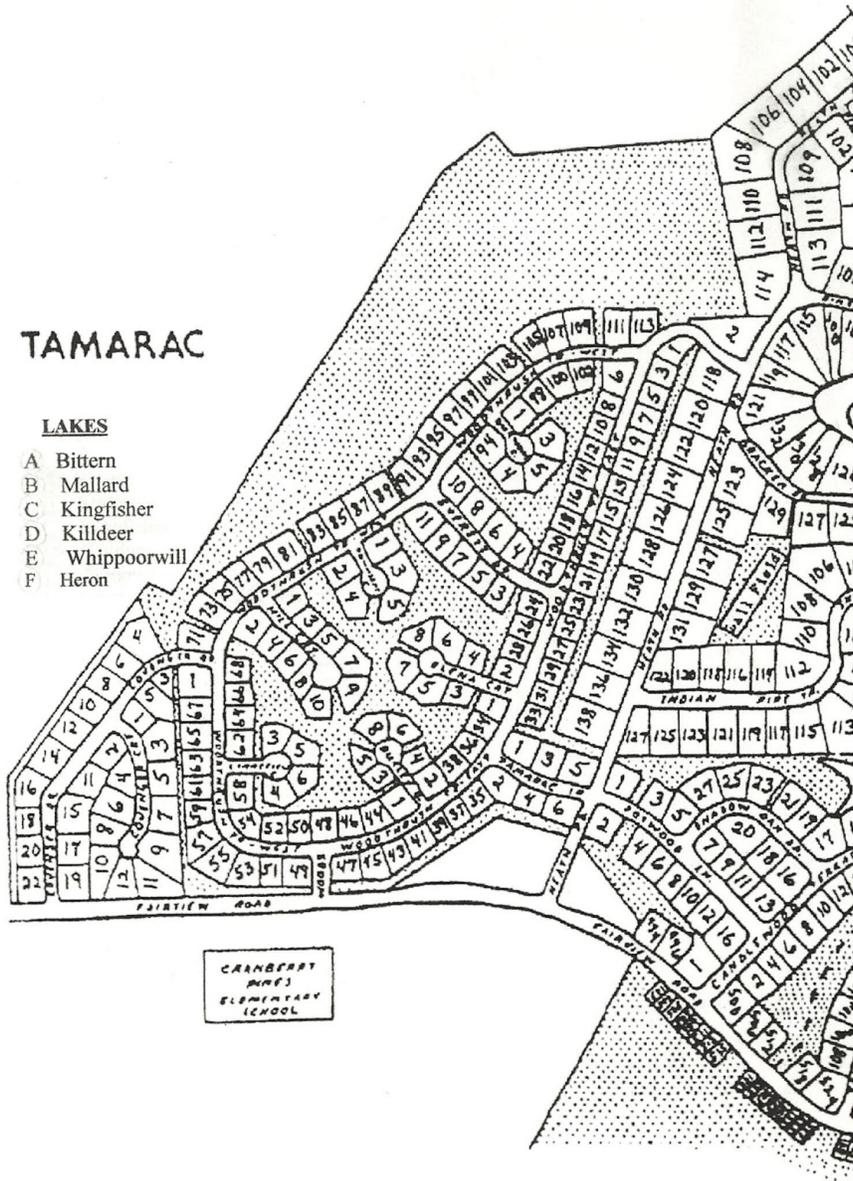
To help ensure a more enjoyable summer for all the members at our beach, please comply with the following rules. Review these rules with all the members of your family so that potential misunderstandings can be avoided at the beach.

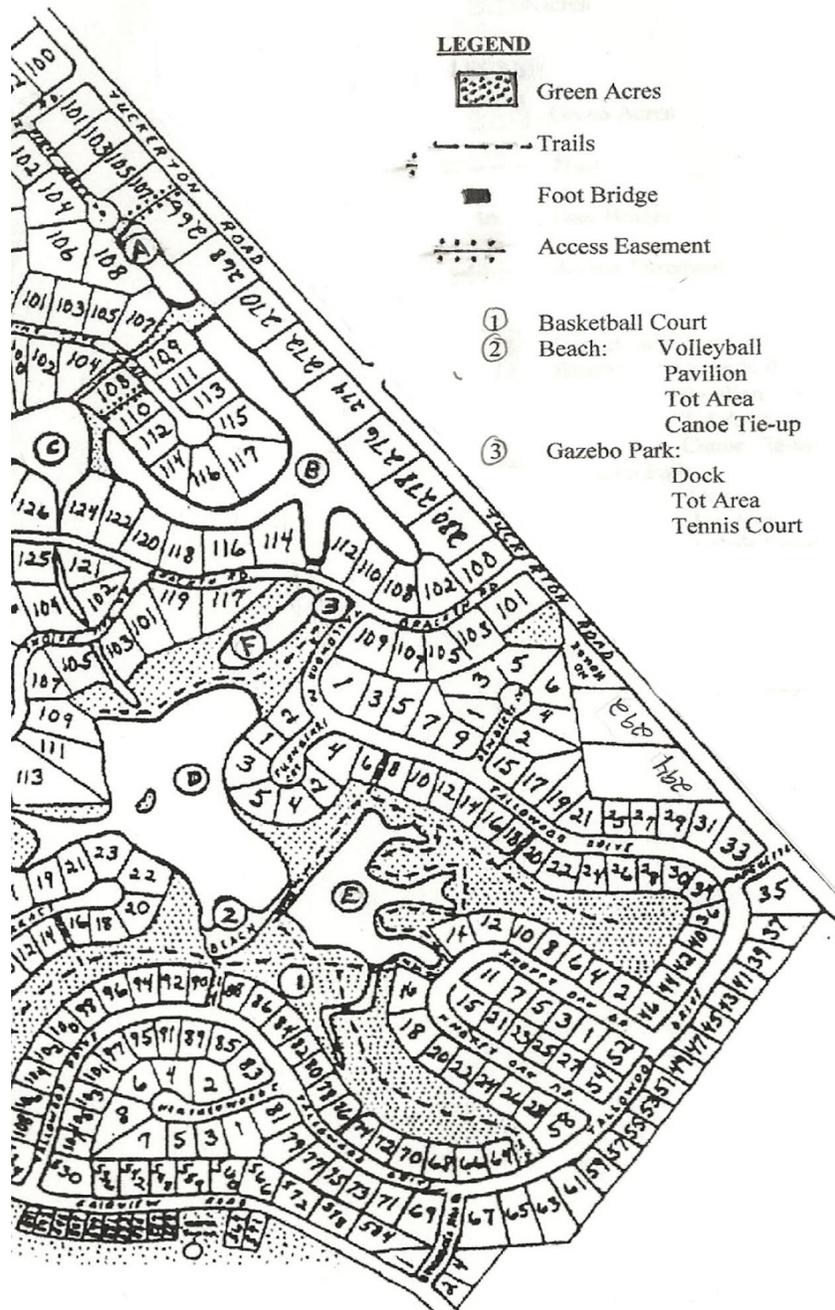
1. While using the beach all members must have beach tags in their possession. Lifeguards will check for badges. Members who do not have beach tags will be asked to leave the beach.
2. While on duty, guards are responsible for the beach area that consists of the water's edge and back to the second row of railroad ties. Lifeguards have the authority to close the beach at any time (for unsafe conditions) and enforce the rules. Parents will be notified when children are involved in violation of any of the beach rules. Parents are also responsible for any of their child's misconduct that results in any type of damages.
3. Lifeguards are on duty from 11am to 7pm everyday that the beach is open. The beach officially opens the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and lifeguards will be on duty. Weekday coverage will begin when Medford Township schools are officially closed for the summer. If and when an "Off Duty" sign is posted on the lifeguard's stand, you swim at your own risk.
4. When people are in the water, lifeguards' priorities are as follows:
  - a. Within the roped off area
  - b. A ten (10) yard area on both sides of the roped in area and the entire area directly between the rope and the floating dock
  - c. A ten (10) yard area bordering the remaining three sides of the floating dock.
5. Children under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied to the beach and supervised by a responsible adult. If not, the lifeguards have the authority to send that child home. TLA is not responsible for the safety and conduct of these children.
6. Only those who can swim can utilize the floating dock:
  - Children under the age of twelve (12) wishing to utilize the floating dock must pass an annual test administered by the lifeguards.

- **NO SWIMMING UNDER THE FLOATING DOCK!**  
This may cause immediate expulsion from the beach for the day for first time offenders. Subsequent offenses may result in being banned from the beach for an extended period of time.
  - No pushing or shoving from the floating dock.
  - Parents taking small children to the floating dock are solely responsible for them.
7. Boats and/or inflatable rafts are not permitted in or tied up to the swimming area or placed on the floating dock.
  8. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS!** Anyone using glass containers anywhere in the general beach area will be asked to dispose of such containers or leave the beach area. The potential serious danger or injury from broken glass is the reason for this. Note: a first aid kit is available from the lifeguard for minor injury.
  9. Fishing equipment (not in use) is not allowed on the land area of the beach.
  10. Sand throwing, towel swinging, etc., is not permitted.
  11. **BEACH PARKING: NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES** (this includes mopeds and trail bikes) **ARE PERMITTED ON THE BEACH OR IN ANY TLA AREA WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:**
    - a. Lifeguards on duty are permitted to park their vehicles in the area of the trail entrance at the base of the egress from Tallowood Drive, provided their vehicles are out of the way of residents' homes and do not block the trail.
    - b. Functions held and sanctioned by TLA will be allowed vehicles on the beach premises for the purposes of loading and unloading supplies for the event.
    - c. TLA members in good standing who have reserved the pavilion for private parties will be allowed vehicles on the beach premises for the purposes of loading and unloading supplies for their event.
  12. **NO DOGS** or any other domestic animals are permitted on the beach. When you take your dog for a walk, go around the beach area and bring a pooper-scooper with a paper/plastic bag.
  13. Feeding of the ducks is strictly prohibited.

14. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted by anyone under twenty-one (21) years of age on the beach or any TLA Green Area.
15. Everyone is responsible for their own clean up after any activity...this also includes TLA functions.
16. BEACH GATE: Parking that obstructs a beach gate is not permitted. The road to the beach is for the use of emergency vehicles needing entry to the beach and for TLA sanctioned events and TLA members in good standing to transport supplies for events held at the beach. The gate may be left open during these events to facilitate the set-up and clean-up of beach events and private parties.
17. In the event of inclement weather, lifeguards will not be on duty. If the weather clears early enough, then the beach will be staffed. If bad weather occurs during the day, lifeguards will remain on the beach for thirty (30) minutes.
18. Guests are welcome at the beach as long as they are accompanied by a TLA paid member:
  - a. Twelve (12) guests and less – no approval needed
  - b. Groups of thirteen (13) guests or more – approval by Board of Directors.
  - c. Anyone wishing to reserve the beach for a private function may do so by contacting the Beach Reservation Chairman. A reservation form can also be found in the spring Tidbits. It should be noted that all functions require a permit and a deposit. A private function cannot conflict with other TLA sponsored events.
19. THE BEACH TELEPHONE IS FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY. Abuse of the phone will result in suspension from the beach.
20. Do not park on or block the boat ramp on Knotty Oak.

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