

The Good Life...

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Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Board of Directors
Tuesday, January 17 - 6:00 p.m.
Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, January 25 - 7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee
Monday, February 1 - 4:00 p.m.
Board of Directors
Monday, February 20 - 6:00 p.m.

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars.

Tamarack Bridge
Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm
Champagne and Chocolate
Thursday, February 9

Office Hours

Mon & Wed-Fri 9 am – 4 pm
Tuesday 9 am – 6 pm
Friday, December 23 & 30
9 to Noon
Monday, December 26 & January 2
Closed

Current News

Madison Is Now A 'Class 1' Fire Protection Community

The nation's leading supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry has named Madison, "Wisconsin's newest Class 1 fire protection community." It's a distinction shared by only three other cities in the state. With this new rating property owners may be entitled to lower insurance rates.

The Insurance Service Organization (ISO), examines and rates three areas: Emergency Communications, Fire Department, and Water Supply. Madison received 91.48 credits out of 105.50 possible credits in the ISO's scoring calculation. This places the city among an elite group of 204 municipalities (out of 47,000) in the country that carry this honor. The new classification took effect on Thursday, December 1.

Most insurers use the ISO's Public Protection Classification Program when underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial, and industrial properties. This means that property owners in the City of Madison may be entitled to decreased rates.

Individuals can take advantage of this new classification by contacting their insurance agent and letting them know their community was just upgraded to an "ISO Class 1" ranking. Because each insurer uses ISO rankings differently, actual savings may vary.

Office Holiday Hours and 2017 Recycling Calendar

Office hours will be 9 to Noon on Friday December 23 and 30. The office will be closed on Monday, December 26 and January 2.

The 2017 Waste Management and City of Madison recycling calendar is available on the website and at the clubhouse bulletin board.

We wish you the best and safe travels this holiday season.

Seeking Interior Work for the Winter Months

We are looking for some interior projects to complete during the cold winter months. Tamarack Trails offers its homeowners the opportunity to hire the maintenance staff to complete small interior project(s) at a fair price. Winter rates (\$27/hour) are in effect from now thru February 28. The number of projects we can take on and complete depends on the amount and frequency of snow events. All work is preformed at the hourly rate plus the cost of material.

Projects include but are not limited to:

- Interior Painting (one or two rooms)
- Cleaning Dryer Vents (\$30 minimum as work requires two persons to safely move the dryer)
- Salt front sidewalk (\$5/application)
- Check and Replace Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Drywall Repairs
- House Checks
- Demolition (may be a disposal fee)
- Changing Filters (furnace, humidifiers)
- Furniture Assembly
- Install Window Treatments
- Hanging pictures
- Minor Electrical (replace switch, outlet or light fixture)
- Install/remove holiday decorations
- Screen Repair
- Pick-up and disposal services
- Other resident needs ...

You can use the online maintenance request form (www.tamaracktrails.com) to sign up for an interior project. Requests may also be submitted in writing or via email to the office (Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com).

Update on West Place Redevelopment

Two community meetings have been held to date on this 22 acre development proposed for the corner of Gammon and Mineral Point Road. The most recent meeting meet was Nov. 7th at the Radisson Inn.

A Tamarack resident Workgroup has been compiling a list of concerns from the Association residents. The project will need to be approved by the City for a demolition permit and a rezoning as well as approval of a Master Plan.

A meeting of those having an interest to work on this project is being scheduled for Thursday January 5th at 10:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. The concerns need to be detailed in a communication for the Urban Design Commission meeting planned for mid-January. Should you desire to become involved, please contact Janet Hirsch, jhirsch@chorus.net.

Board and Committee Business

Join a Committee and Take an Active Roll

Amenities Committee - The Amenities Committee is looking for new members to help with planning tasks relating to the ongoing refurbishing of the clubhouse. If interested in serving contact Prudy Stewart at prudystewart@tds.net

Architectural Review Board (ARB) - The ARB is seeking new committee members. The committee meets monthly and skips Nov and Dec meetings as a winter holiday. The ARB reviews, modifies and approves resident requests for changes to the exterior of their home. You will become more familiar with the recently updated "*Book of Standards*" which guides the work of the ARB. We'd appreciate your help in maintaining the high aesthetic standards of our community. If interested in serving contact Jean Hilgers at Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com.

Board Approve New Member for Architectural Review Board

At their November meeting the Board approved the appointment of Richard Swanson, 7320 Cedar Creek Trail, as a new member of the Architectural Review Board. We welcome and thank Richard for volunteering his time to serve the community.

Two New Members for Resident Activities Committee

Joni Jaeger, 61 Oak Creek Trail and Mary Anne Huttleston, 7 Honey Locust Trail have joined Tamarack's Resident Activities Committee.

Annual Meeting – Committee and US Bank Reports Available on Website

The committee reports from the Annual Meeting are posted on the Tamarack website. These reports provide a summary of the past year's accomplishments and highlight projects for 2017 and the future.

Board Meeting Dates - Change in 2017

Starting in 2017 the Board will normally meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. The first meeting of the year is set for Tuesday, January 17.

The Board will meet on Monday, February 20 at 6 pm, due to a conflict with the Spring Primary.

Activities and Events

Put These Dates on Your Calendar - 2017 Tamarack Social Events

- Champagne and Chocolate, Thursday, February 9
- Spring Brunch, Saturday, April 8 (11 am to 1 pm)
- Group tour of EPIC, May 16 (30 RESIDENTS ONLY - taking reservations now)
- Pool Party No date determined
- Christmas Party Thursday December 14

RSVP to Jean Hilgers at Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com if you would like to attend the EPIC Tour Event.

Wednesday Bridge at Tamarack

A Duplicate Bridge Game Open to All Interested Players!

An ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) sanctioned game will award masterpoints for winners in each ability level.



Meeting: Every Wednesday evening from 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Tamarack Club House - 110 S. Westfield Road

Director: Marge Morgan - *Call: (608) 514-9025 or email: BridgeatTamarack@gmail.com .*

Scheduled Projects and Reminders

See “Seasonal Project and Reminders” on the Tamarack website or on the clubhouse bulletin board. Topics covered include: Snow Removal Procedures, Winter Projects, Rabbit Trapping, Alternate Side Parking, and Seasonal Policy Reminders.

Roadways Slippery Right After Plowing

A handful of residents reported slip in fall incidents while walking on the roadways and drives on Sunday afternoon (12/11). With temperatures near freezing, the snow pack left by the plows turned to near glare ice. Tamarack staff salted the roads and drives shortly after Maple Leaf completed plowing, but prior to the salt application the roads were quite hazardous. Please be careful and aware of conditions if venturing out while snow removal and salting operations are ongoing. Traction cleats which slip on over your boots are a great option if you wish to take a walk during a winter snow event. Stablicers make different varieties of cleats which are frequently used by mail carriers and ice fisherman. They can be found at most sporting goods stores or online at Amazon.com.

The hazardous snow pack created by the plows was discussed with John Harms (Maple Leaf) and Bob Schroeder (Tamarack Grounds Supervisor). Based on discussion we will try pre-salting some main roadways and hilly drives to see if this helps eliminate or reduce the slippery snow pack created by the plows.

Important Bobcat Safety

In the recent snow event there was a minor collision involving a Bobcat and a resident’s vehicle. Please be very careful when maneuvering around or behind the Bobcats while they are plowing snow. Because of the enclosure the operators have limited visibility to the sides and rear of the machine. In the past, there have been a few close calls, especially with pedestrians trying to walk behind the Bobcat.

Please be sure that the Bobcat driver is aware of your presence by making eye contact prior to attempting to navigate passage behind them.

Trash Collection Holiday Schedule

As Christmas and New Year’s fall on the weekend this year Waste Management collection will occur on Friday as normal each week. For residents using the city recycling program, there is no change to the regular schedule over these holidays.

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 \$5.00 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.

Did You Know – Front Walk Shoveling & Salting

Tamarack's Restated Declaration is the governing document which defines the purpose of monthly assessments. Per the Restated Declaration assessments shall be used exclusively for snow removal from the roads and driveways. Based on this document alone the snow removal from the front walk would be a homeowner responsibility, but per the Restated Declaration the Board by a two-thirds vote may establish policy to further define and expand the purpose of monthly assessments.

The further definition of maintenance responsibilities can be found in Policy Resolution V-501. Section 17 covers snow removal and salting of individual sidewalks and is reproduced here for reference.

- a. **Shoveling** - The Association removes snow from entry walks once after each accumulation of one inch or more. Once the snow has been cleared, it is the Owner's responsibility to maintain a safe walkway should ice form or in the event of an ice storm. Owners with disabilities or special shoveling requests should contact the Association office for assistance.
- b. **Salting** - At the request of the homeowner, Tamarack will salt their individual entry sidewalk for \$5 per application. Requests received by 2 p.m. on a day when Tamarack's office is open will be honored that day.

Neighborhood News

Food Pantry Update

This month the Lussier Food Pantry would especially appreciate pancake mix, syrup, hearty soups and healthy snacks. So please think of that when you shop. Since it is also a holiday month, it would be a nice time to also contribute a check so that Cristina can purchase items she knows their clients would appreciate for holiday meals. Checks should be made out to the Lussier Community Education Center, with Food Pantry noted in the memo line. The Center will send you a receipt for tax purposes. As most of you know, food donations (nonperishable) and checks should be dropped off in the entry foyer of the Tamarack office. Our delivery volunteers for Monday, December 19, are Donna Nosek and Toni Brown. Many thanks to them and to our November volunteers Gene and Marge Miller, backed up by Donna. And to you all, thanks for your donations, and best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sybil Letzing, Food Pantry Coordinator • letzing.sybil@gmail.com • 608-698-9232

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS – Eldon & Joy Newcomb

The thought came over me, after I interviewed my latest KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS, Eldon & Joy Newcomb of 52 Oak Creek, where do I start as I have so much information on this talented, accomplished, nice couple. I just had to dig in!

Eldon at age 98 and Joy at 91 have been a couple for 68 years (marrying in 1949), but they started life in very different places geographically. Eldon was born in Columbia, Missouri. In 1925 the family moved to Kansas City, where his father started the movement to found the University of Kansas City (now MU-KC). Eldon went to Southwest High School in Kansas City, and on graduating was voted by the faculty as "the senior who has done the most for the school."

After high school he attended the University of Kansas City for two years and became a friend of, and volunteer lab assistant to the young professor of botany and bacteriology, Kenneth Mahony, who had grown up in Mazomanie and had earned his PhD in botany at UW-Madison. Eldon transferred to MU-Columbia in his junior year and graduated in 1940 with Distinction in Botany and election to Phi Beta Kappa. He earned his master's degree in 1942 with a major in botany and minor in entomology.

During WW II Eldon served in the 19th Malaria Survey Unit. Five of the thirteen young men in the unit had backgrounds in entomology and two of the five held PhDs from UW Madison! All five remained good friends in later life. For three years (1943-45) the unit studied diseases and controlled mosquitoes at bases in Egypt and Iran, and at an air base near Dakar in West Africa. This base was a stop on a route used to supply materiel to Russia in the war against Germany. With WW II over, in 1946 Eldon became a graduate student in botany at UW-Madison.

Joyce (Joy) Rieling was born in Philadelphia, PA, but moved to the suburbs when she was two years old. She attended Germantown H.S., where she was 2nd chair violinist and was selected to play in the All-Philadelphia H.S. Orchestra. In 1941 her father's business took the family to Kansas City so Joy spent her senior year in the city's Southwest High School, playing violin in the orchestra and French horn in the band and graduating in 1942. She says she wasn't upset by the move as she just looked forward to meeting new people. It certainly takes a stable, grounded extrovert to have this attitude as a young person. In 1942 she entered the University of Kansas, where she played the French horn in the band. She graduated in 1946 with a BS in Nursing. After graduation, Joy and three friends in the same nursing class accepted one-year positions at Kapiolani Maternity Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. The hospital commandant owned an unused jeep which he made freely available to the four friends, affording them the means to have many happy experiences exploring Oahu in their off-hours.

Joy had met Eldon in 1946 when she went with her parents to the home of Eldon's parents to hear him describe a furlough he had taken to visit the "Holy Land" (Palestine) while in the Army. Following Joy's year in Hawaii, Eldon persuaded her to come to Madison, where she became a nurse at UW Hospital. She also served at the Kiddie Camp, a research program in Middleton for children with rheumatic heart disease.

They were married in Kansas City on June 21st, 1949, two days after Eldon received his PhD degree in Madison. Eldon joined the UW Botany department faculty in 1949 and served as a faculty member for 41 years, retiring in 1990. In his research at UW he and his students used an electron microscope to study "organelles" (tiny units that carry out specialized functions in plant cells) and also to discover new organelles in the cells, using chemicals to reveal their functions. Eldon is a rather self-effacing man so I know I have barely scratched the surface of his accomplishments, but just to give you one example: in 1973 he was selected to go with ten plant biochemists to study a process called "photorespiration" for two months on Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Meanwhile, Joy was busy raising three children, Bob (now a doctor in the Dean System), Barbara and Cindy, and, as she put it, "playing while Eldon worked." She continued to love sports, and participated in ice skating, sailing, biking, swimming, canoeing, camping, and her favorite, downhill skiing. For several years she sailed a Nordex-12 on Lake Wingra, before graduating to an O'Day-23 on Lake Mendota. Who would think by looking at this small woman that she was so talented athletically? But she was not just playing: she was active as a Girl Scout leader and in The University League, serving as president of the latter in 1993-94 and as archivist for several years. In the early 1970's she returned to nursing when

she was recruited to join UW-Madison's first class for pediatric nurse practitioners. Then as an associate of Drs. Ordean Torsteson and Paul Dvorak in the Dean System, for several years she counseled and assisted new mothers and researched why babies cry.

Both Joy and Eldon say that a highlight of their lives was the year 1976 spent in Australia. While Eldon conducted research on a Fulbright award, Joy joined the "Bushwalkers," a group of hardy women who made strenuous treks into the Eucalyptus-covered hills around Canberra. She and Eldon also spent two months at research stations on the Great Barrier Reef, where Joy learned to SCUBA dive.

Eldon & Joy have lived in Tamarack for 29 years, and when asked what they like about it they said that they have wonderful neighbors. Also it is ideally located: there's no noise, it's nicely isolated, and yet close to shopping and other opportunities. Both do much reading. Eldon prefers biographies and books about science. Recently he has read "In Search of Schrödinger's Cat" and "Schrödinger's Kittens and the Search for Reality," both by John Gribben. Also "Einstein" by Walter Isaacson and "The Man Who Knew Infinity-A Life of the Genius Ramanujan" by Robert Kanigel.

Once again, I can say without reservation that Tamarack is lucky that these wonderful people chose our condo association for their home.

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Tamarack Trails Salt Order Form

Please submit this form along with your payment to the Tamarack office.
The salt will be delivered to your doorstep the following day.

Address _____

Qty _____ 20 lb. Bag(s) @ \$5.00 = \$ _____