

The Good Life...

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Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Board of Directors
Tuesday, November 15 - 6:00 p.m.

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, November 23 - 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors
Tuesday, December 13 - 6:00 p.m.

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars.

Tamarack Bridge
Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

Holiday Party
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

Office Hours

Mon & Wed-Fri 9 am – 4 pm
Tuesday 9 am – 6 pm

Current News

Annual Meeting – Nice New Venue

Over 90 residents attended the October 17, 2016 Annual Meeting. George Meyer (Treasurer) presented the 2017 Budget and gave an overview of Tamarack's investment fund. Janet Hirsch (President) provided details on projects and major accomplishments from the past twelve months. Jim Beck and Janet Hirsch were thanked for their four years of service on the Board. The meeting concluded with prizes donated by the Tamarack board, committees, and staff, being raffled away to lucky residents.

Positive Reviews on the New Venue - After the meeting several residents commented on how nice the High Point Church meeting room was. The round tables provided a place to set beverages and snacks, and also allowed for discussion among attendees. The nice sized room provided plenty of open space and ample room for all in attendance.

Election of Directors

The annual election of board members was held at the annual meeting. Linda Vahldieck, Pat Laubach and Ric Genthe were elected to serve two year terms on the Board of Directors.

Madison College - Building to Come Down

The Livesey Company is planning to re-develop the 22 acre plot of land bordered by Mineral Point, Gammon Lane, Tree Lane and Tamarack. The first stage of this project involves tearing down the Madison College building, and the construction of new building providing a mix of dining, retail, office space and apartments. At the Annual Meeting it was announced that a sub-committee would be formed to follow the development of this project as it progressed through the city approval process. If you are interested in serving on this sub-committee please email Janet Hirsch at jhirsch@chorus.net.

City Recycling Guidelines

There is a new easy-to-use two-page recycling guide. The guide should answer most questions people have about cart placement rules and what can, and what should not, go into the recycling cart. The guide is available at www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/documents/RecyclingRulesRegs.pdf and at the clubhouse.

Here are a couple of quick tips from the guide:

- You should keep the lid on the recycling cart closed at all times to keep the rain out. Rain water and snow ruins paper in the cart.
- Do not put Christmas tree lights or any tangling hazards in the recycling cart. Any rope type item can cause serious problems at the recycling center that sorts our material. You can recycle Christmas tree lights year-round and other electronics at the city drop off site.

Imagine Madison: Update of Madison's Comprehensive Plan

Imagine Madison was conceived by the City of Madison, along with members of the community, and is intended to elicit the opinions of residents regarding major community issues. Input received from the public as part of Imagine Madison will be used to update Madison's Comprehensive Plan.

The first round of community meetings related to "Imagine Madison" is set for December 5 and 7. The main objectives of these meetings, which will both have the same program, are to provide background information on city data and issues, and to review major goals that have been synthesized from the 2006 Comprehensive Plan and subsequent City plans. Snacks and childcare opportunities will be provided.

- **Monday, December 5th** from 5:30-8:00 PM (6:15-7:15 Presentation)
Central Library, 3rd Floor, 201 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI 53703
- **Wednesday, December 7th** from 5:30-8:00 PM (6:15-7:15 Presentation)
The Atrium at Village on Park, 2600 S. Park St., Madison, WI 53713

Absentee Ballots at Alisha Ashman - Thank You Volunteers

Over 44,000 absentee ballots were issued in the city of Madison for the November election. Several Tamarack residents served as volunteers at the Alisha Ashman Library where nearly 5,000 absentee ballots were issued. Thanks go to all of the volunteers who assisted with the In-Person Absentee Voting process.

Board and Committee Business

Maintenance Committee Seeks New Member

Booth Fowler, 106 Pine Ridge, is leaving the Maintenance Committee (MC) after serving as a member for the past five years. Thanks to Booth for his time and service to the Association.

With Booth's departure there is a vacant seat on the Maintenance Committee. The MC meets once a month from February to November each year. The MC develops an annual budget and monitors expenditures for landscaping, snow removal and building maintenance. If you are interested in serving on this committee please email Andy Owca at AOWca@WBMI.com.

Board Approves Pest Intrusion Policy

At their October 11 meeting the Board reviewed and approved the Pest Intrusion Policy that was developed by the Maintenance Committee. The policy provides guidance for both the homeowner and Tamarack staff when it comes time to deal with a pest that may have found its way in to your home. This new policy was added to Tamaracks "Book of Policy Resolutions". The updated policy and list of pest control vendors are available on the Tamarack website.

2017 Budget Hearing

Approximately sixteen homeowners attended the September 29 budget hearing. George Meyer (Treasurer) reviewed the proposed budget and explained the need to start putting money aside to begin building a fund that will cover the cost for the future repair and replacement of underground water and sewer main pipes. Trimming expenses in other areas has helped control the overall increase in the average monthly assessment (AMA) which checks in at \$8 (2.5%) for 2017.

The Board will take final action on the budget at their November 15 meeting.

Architectural Review Board (ARB) - fall "Walk Around" between 10/15 - 11/20

Members of the Architectural Review Board will be doing their annual "Walk Around" Tamarack properties from October 15 through November 20. The ARB inspects the exterior for safety and maintenance issues as well as overall compliance with the Book of Standards. If you see us walking around and want to point out areas of concern, please let us know.

Activities and Events

Thank you From the Evening Aerobics Group

A big "Thank You" to Judy Bluel, Karen Falkner and Janet Hirsch for all of their hard work to make our evening water aerobics class a big success. They kept members informed by email regarding weather reports and when or if the class would be canceled. Karen and Judy also took time to research and purchase additional class equipment.



Host an Energy House Party

As part of the Green Madison initiative homeowners who schedule and host an energy house party will receive an energy audit for FREE and all of the guests of the house party will be able to get an energy audit for only \$99! Energy Audits typically are around \$400!

This initiative lasts through the end of December. Contact Jen Rubin at jen.rubin@greenmadison.org to learn more about scheduling a house party or scheduling a reduced priced energy audit. For more information visit www.cityofmadison.com/news/host-an-energy-house-party

Alicia Ashman Branch Library Book Sale

733 N. High Point Road

Preview Sale for Friends Members: Thursday, November 17 – 5-8 p.m.

Not a member? Join that night!

Public Sale: Friday, November 18 – (9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, November 19 – (9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Saturday Bag sale 1-3 p.m. (\$5/bag – our bag)

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 (upper level) 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. Items updated for November include: Snow Removal Procedures, Winter Tips and Fall Leaf Cleanup.

Alternate Side Parking Starts November 15

Alternate Side Parking on all city streets is in effect from November 15 - March 15. The rule is designed to get people in the habit of parking on alternate sides of the street during the snow plowing season.

- Park on the EVEN house numbered side of the street on even numbered days from 1-7am.
- Park on the ODD house numbered side of the street on odd numbered days from 1-7am.

For more information visit: cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/parking/alternatesideparking.cfm

Trash Collection Holiday Schedule

The week of Thanksgiving Waste Management collection will occur on Saturday (one day later than normal). As Christmas and New Year’s fall on the weekend this year collection will occur on Friday as normal each week.

For residents using the city recycling program, there will be no change to the regular schedule.

Yard Waste Collection Extended

Due to the unusually warm weather we will collect yard waste one last time on Monday, November 14. After this date you can place your yard waste in the “Landscape Dumpster” in front of the maintenance building.

Preparing for the Snow Season

Sand barrels and snow plowing markers will be placed on the Trails in mid-November. The sand is available for resident use on their sidewalks and drives. Maple Leaf has been contracted to plow the trails. Hauser Tree Care and Tamarack staff will shovel the individual sidewalks after any accumulation of snow greater than one inch.

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 & Safety Tip

Post Lights Switch Should be Left On – All Tamarack homeowners should leave the switch to the exterior post light in the on position at all times. The post light is controlled by a photo cell which turns the light on at dusk and off at dawn automatically. If your post light does not come on, and you've already changed the bulb, just submit a maintenance request and we will check the photo cell and socket.

Protect Spigot From Freezing - It is a good idea to turn off the water to any exterior spigot and remove the hose so the frost free portion of the spigot can drain correctly.

Neighborhood News

Resident seeking Garage Space to Rent For the Winter

A Tamarack homeowner is in need of a garage space to store a vehicle for the winter months. If you would be willing to rent out a spot in your garage please contact Jean at the office (833-1615) or via email to Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com .

Food Pantry Update

Tamarack donations to the Lussier Center Food Pantry continue to make a difference! Thank you all for your ongoing support. And special thanks to Sandy Drew and Dee Seyfarth for the October delivery and to Marge and Gene Miller and Donna Nosek, volunteers for the November delivery on Monday, November 21.

The Pantry continues to particularly need fruit (in juice), syrup and pancake mix. Cristina also reports that Pantry supplies are needed in all non-perishable food items. Healthy snacks, hearty canned soup, beans, etc. are good items to include in your Pantry shopping. Maybe canned pumpkin and cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving? Also, as holidays approach, you may want to put a check in the box provided, in the Tamarack entry where the donations are placed, to allow Pantry patrons to purchase whatever holiday items are desired. Make checks out to the Lussier Community Education Center and note the Food Pantry in the memo line.

Please let me know your comments or questions regarding the Pantry.

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

Tamarack Veggie Garden for Lussier Food Pantry

More than QUARTER TON! of veggies donated!

The special Lussier vegetable plot in Tamarack Garden has been producing a steady supply of fresh veggies for the Lussier Food Pantry all summer. The 20' x 20' plot was donated for use, and Tamarack gardeners planted and tended the plot. The garden was cleared at the end of October and the final harvest delivered to Lussier, for a total of more than **505 pounds** of food for their food pantry and community meals program. This does not include veggies donated from individual residents, which brings the total even higher.



Food donated from the plot by amount: Squash (mostly Zucchini, Billiard ball and Delicata), tomatoes, kale, sweet potatoes, cucumbers, broccoli, carrots, parsley, green beans, bell pepper, lettuce, basil, lemon balm, dill.

If you have a bumper crop of anything, Lussier is always grateful for donations. They especially like to receive food items on Tuesday or Friday late afternoon, as they have community feeds on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Some produce is prepared for the free meal and some is put out for community members. All is appreciated.

-- Final report by Marilyn Sallee

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS – Don & Jan Haasl

The German words “kirke, kinder & kuche” go a long way towards describing this months KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS – Don & Jan Haasl of 54 Oak Creek Trail. Certainly their Catholic faith, and their children (grandchildren) have always played an important part in their lives plus the “kuche” is reflected in their slim, trim bodies – an indication that they are eating right, and staying active. These German words also reflect on the Haasl’s German heritage.

Don grew up on several farms in Central Wisconsin with three other siblings, and attended Lincoln H.S. in Wisconsin Rapids. He was an OK student, but very good in math. He lived five miles from town so extracurricular activities were limited, but he did manage Boy Scouts and the half mile run in track, though he says he wasn’t a very good runner. The same as another Tamarack resident, Glen Klotz, Don had chores to do morning and night on the farm, and he also worked summers in the local paper mill. He knew well the value of work, but, he decided early on that this was NOT the kind of work he wanted to do for the rest of his life. Don became the first member of his family to go to college. Though Stevens Point was only 20 miles away, it was, according to Don, a big deal for him and his family. It was there that he majored in math & physics.

Meanwhile, Jan Harter was growing up on a farm north of Marshfield with three other siblings. She attended Columbus High School in Marshfield where she participated in no extracurricular activities. Instead, she says “she just worked.” She followed her sister into nursing, spending two years at the UW campus in Marshfield before transferring to Madison to get her BS. Around the time that Jan needed to move to Madison to finish up her nursing program, she met Don at a local “watering hole,” and they hit it off so Don decided to follow Jan to the UW-Madison for his Masters Degree.

They graduated from UW-Madison; married in 1970; and headed to Connecticut where Don got a job as an Actuary with Phoenix Mutual Insurance Co. in Hartford. They stayed there for four years until they decided they wanted to start their family, and then they headed back to Wisconsin – not wanting their children to be far from their grandparents. While out there, Jan got a Master’s Degree in nursing from Yale, and taught Psych Nursing at S. Connecticut State College.

They moved to the Madison area in 1974, and purchased a home in the country just off of Mineral Point road where they lived for 35 years. Don got a job with Cuna Mutual working in a variety of actuarial and management positions – finishing off with Strategic Planning, a specialty that he has used for churches and non-profits also. Jan stayed home with the children for many years until in 1993 she got a second Masters at Edgewood College, and began working as the Director of Religious Education for two parishes west of Madison.

Don and Jan have three children, Mike, Christine and Angela (all of whom attended Middleton High School), and four grandchildren. The grandchildren range in age from 4 – 11 years old. Mike and his wife live up by Rhinelander; Christine & her family live in Madison; and Angela & her family live in Minneapolis.

In 2008, with an empty nest, they decided to move into Madison. They said that the many years of driving past Tamarack put the idea of moving here in their heads, and then Jan says that attending a garage sale here, & looking around at the woods which mirrored their

previous back yard pushed her over the edge. She said, "This is it!" In addition to this eureka moment, what they say they like here in Tamarack are: The location, the familiarity, the landscaping, the people, and being part of a community.

Both Don and Jan like to be active wherever they live, and currently, they spend time in three places: Tamarack; at their cabin on Lake Redstone, and in Florida (Anna Maria Island on the Gulf near Tampa). Don has served Tamarack by leading a strategic planning process, on the Board, and currently on the Finance Committee. Jan has gardened here, served on the Resident Activity Committee, and was the Treasurer for 10 years of the Lake Redstone Association. She also likes the unusual hobby (for a woman) of ice fishing as well as, regular bass & musky fishing plus she likes to solve Sudoku puzzles.

Don's hobbies (one wonders when he has time for them) are: Scroll Sawing, maintaining their lake cabin, and doing a variety of number puzzles including Ken-Ken, & Spider Solitaire. He is also quite active in SAIL and the Optimist Club's Oratorical contest. Together Don and Jan lead a bible study group at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church on Tuesday afternoons.

I ask why they both did so much volunteering, and they said it was because of their Christian values. They feel that they have been richly blessed so they should give back.

It was really a pleasure to interview two more special TAMARACK NEIGHBORS. You can see "that cream has risen to the top" from the central Wisconsin farm lands, and Tamarack is reaping the benefits.

by Joyce Hasselman Nigbor

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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 = \$ _____