

The Good Life...

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Meeting Calendar

Meetings are open to all residents.

Board of Directors
Tuesday, April 18 - 6:00 pm

Amenities Committee
Thursday, April 20 - 3:30 pm

Welcoming Committee
Monday, Apr 24 – 10:30 am

Maintenance Committee
Tuesday, May 2 – 4:00 pm

Finance Committee
Wednesday, May 3 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, May 3 - 7:00 pm

Board of Directors
Tuesday, May 16 - 6:00 pm

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars.

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

Spring Brunch
Saturday, April 22 - 11 am - 1 pm

Office Hours

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

Current News

West Place Development Update

From Tamarack Trails West Place Workgroup

Thank you to the many residents who joined us for our meeting at the Clubhouse on March 15, 2017. The images that were shown can be viewed at www.tamaracktrails.com/westplace/

Shortly after our presentation, we learned that the Livesey team would not be moving forward with their initial proposal and is working on alternatives for the site. They asked City staff to remove the project from the agendas of the Urban Design Commission, Plan Commission and Common Council. To date, the only activity we have seen on the property is the deconstruction work done by Habitat for Humanity at the former MATC building.

The Tamarack Workgroup continues to monitor this site and has notified John Livesey and the City of our continuing concerns. These include:

- A reduction in overall building sizes and heights with a maximum of 5 stories
- Zoning-required building setbacks of the upper stories
- An increase in the setback from the Tamarack property line to 50'
- An increase in open and green space
- The impact of increased traffic

Our hope is that the new plans will match the quality and creativity that we have seen to date and that the interests of Tamarack and our residents are considered for any development on the site. When the new proposals are presented, we look forward to new members joining our Workgroup

Garden Plot Reminder

Remember, if you want a garden plot, you need to apply soon. The form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Group Air Conditioner Checkup

The staff at the Tamarack office has arranged for and will coordinate a group air conditioner cleaning and inspection for Tamarack residents. *R.A. Heating* will perform a 15-point annual inspection and cleaning of the cooling system for a discounted rate. The rate depends on the number of homeowners that sign up. A minimum of 10 residents must sign up for this offering to move forward. The normal rate for this service is \$132 and the group rate will vary with the number of participants (starting at \$100 + tax per inspection with more than 10 residents and decreasing to \$90 + tax per inspection if more than 20 sign up. If you are interested in participating, please email Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com or contact the office at 833-1615.

The price includes - cleaning the air conditioner unit, a "Summer Cooling 15 Point Inspection", and the installation of a new standard 1" filter. The price does not include - Spaceguard, Air Bear, or any high efficient filters. High efficient filters (if needed) will be billed out at \$42.20 a piece at the time of the inspection.

Swimming Pool Access Cards

Need a pool card! Each home is able to purchase two pool access cards at \$5 each. Replacements for lost access cards can be obtained at a cost of \$50. Access cards will only be available through the Tamarack office.

Notary Services

Need a document notarized? Jean Hilgers, our administrative assistant, is a Notary Public commissioned by the State of Wisconsin. Her services are provided to Tamarack residents at no charge.

East Mendota Pheasant Branch Greenway Survey

The City of Madison's Engineering Division is beginning to look at the North Tree Lane section of the East Mendota-Pheasant Branch Greenway for future projects to improve water quality and stabilize the channel. This is the greenway that runs along Tamarack's western border to the west of Oak Creek and Cedar Creek Trails. They will be conducting a drone survey next week to identify the overall drainage pattern. In talking briefly with Jojo O'Brien (City Engineering) the purpose of the project is to improve water quality by allowing sediment to filter into the ground or by using ponds as holding areas for sediment to accumulate for periodic removal. Once the survey is complete the City will hold an informal meeting to discuss possible improvements and receive community input. The meeting will be advertised approximately two weeks in advance via a postcard mailing. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Jojo O'Brien at jo'brien@cityofmadison.com or call 608-266-9721.

Board and Committee Business

Maintenance Committee Seeking New Member

There is a space to fill on the MC. The committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 pm from March through November. They develop and oversee an operating and a long-range budget that covers the maintenance of the dwellings and common areas in each Phase. If you are interested in serving please contact MC Chair, Andy Owca at aowca@wbmi.com.

Activities and Events

Tamarack Spring Brunch Saturday April 22, 11 am – 1 pm

Chef prepared Omelet Station, Fruit Kabobs, Pastry, meats, champagne, coffee and juices served.

\$15.00 per person.

Reservation forms are available on the [Tamarack website](#) and at the clubhouse bulletin board. RSVP by April 20

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes 2017

It's time to make a big splash this summer. Water Aerobics is a great way to meet your neighbors and gain numerous health benefits.



Hours of Fun
Increased Range of Motion
Stronger Muscles
Improved Physical Health
Improved Mental Health
Better Heart Rate



Morning Water Aerobics Classes
9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Evening Water Aerobics Classes
5:45 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Evening Water Fitness Class

Find your swimsuit! Your Tamarack neighbors are planning another summer of evening water fitness classes at the Tamarack pool. Starting on June 12th, the classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 5:45-6:45pm. The cost is \$90 for 12+ weeks of fun and exercise. This amenity is available to all Tamarack residents. If you want more information, contact Judy Bluel (829.3663) or Karen Falkner (833.9730). Sign-up details will be in the May Good Life.

Morning Water Aerobics

Get fit, stay fit and have fun doing it, with great moves and music. Warm up with stretches, get your heart rate up with the cardio portion, strengthen your muscles, and cool down. Workout at your own intensity. During class the pool is open only to class participants.

Not sure if you will like the class? Attend for free during the first week.

Classes are scheduled for two, five week sessions: Monday, June 12 - Friday, July 14 and Monday, July 24 - Friday, August 25. Classes will be held three days per week (Mon, Wed, and Fri) from 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. The fee for each five-week session is \$45.

Contact Jean Hilgers at 833-1615 if you plan on participating in the class this year.

Scheduled Projects and Reminders

Tamarack Looking to Hire Painters for Summer Crew

We are looking to hire three persons to work on the Tamarack Summer Paint Crew. Hours are 7:30 am to 4 pm Monday thru Friday from mid-May through August 31. If you know on any interested persons please have them contact Lou at 833-1615 or via email to Lou@tamaracktrails.com.

Turf Repair and Spring Cleanup

Maple Leaf will be performing turf repair and spring cleanup this month. For more details see "Seasonal Projects" on the Tamarack website.

Please Do Not Drive or Park on the Turf and Snow Stakes

With spring rains the ground is especially soft. Please be careful to avoid driving or parking on the turf.

This year we will mark newly seeded turf areas along drives and trails with snow stake markers to protect them while the seed has a chance to germinate and take hold. The markers will be removed in mid-May.

Yard Waste Collection – Just a quick reminder that Tamarack Staff picks up yard waste each Monday morning from April thru the end of October.

See "Seasonal Project and Reminders" on the Tamarack website or on the clubhouse bulletin board for more details on these and other spring topics: Shrub Pruning & No Prune Flags, Edging & Mulching, 2017 Painting Schedule, East Border Fence Update, Spring Seasonal Reminders and Exterior Modifications Require Architectural Review Board Approval.

Recycling and Large Item Collection

Several residents are placing large items at the city terrace both too early and too late. City collection of large items occurs every other Wednesday. For exact pick-up dates go to: www.cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/wedA.pdf.

To view what large items require stickers and for detailed information on recycling see the City of Madison Recyclopeda at:

www.cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/Recyclopeda2017-web.pdf

Together we can keep Tamarack looking beautiful.

Did You Know – Clean Your Dryer Vent

Recently there was a fire at Tamarack home most likely from lint in the dryer vent. Thankfully no one was hurt and the fire was contained to the laundry room area. Your dryer vent should be checked and cleaned annually or at least every other year if used infrequently. Also, be sure to clean the dryer's lint trap after every load. In addition to cleaning the dryer vent, the pipe should be smooth wall metal. The according/flexible style pipes are not allowed for dryer ducting and the ridges trap and hold lint.

Tamarack staff can check and clean your dryer vent ducts and will install new ducting if it is the flexible style pipe. The cost is \$37/hour with the time largely dependent of access to the back of the dryer and length of the pipe. We can clean some dryer vents this summer and will do more over the slow winter months when the billing rate is \$28/hour (from 12/1 – 3/1). To get on the list for dryer vent cleaning submit a request via the Tamarack website, by email to Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com, or by phone 833-1615.

Neighborhood News

2017 Directory Correction

The 2017 Tamarack Directory was distributed to all residents last month. Please note the following correction: Amy Kell, 15 Oak Creek - phone number should be 841-1092.

Please notify the office if your listing is incorrect so it can be updated in our database.

Food Pantry Update

Special requests for this month for Lussier Community Center Food Pantry donations: brown rice and quinoa; healthy cereals; and fruit in juice. Getting ready for a healthy spring and summer (yes...coming up!). As usual, please leave your donations in the bins provided in the Tamarack Office entryway. They will be picked up and delivered to the Pantry on the third Tuesday of the month, which this month is the 18th. Our April volunteers are Dee Seyfarth and Toni Brown. Many thanks to last month's volunteers, Diana and Ron Shaw, and to volunteer Gloria Kelly who had to withdraw due to a severely injured hand. Truly, often it is the thought that counts!

Soon I will contact all volunteers to set up a schedule going forward. If you would like to add your name to that list, please let me know soon, and also provide your e-mail address.

As always, thank you all for your Food Pantry support.

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

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS – Jim Nicklaus & Dot Goigel

Following the theme espoused in all my KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR bios, Dot Goigel and Jim Nicklaus of 96 Oak Creek Trail show us that we Tamarack residents come from near and far. In their case, they came from afar – Long Island, N.Y.

Dorothy Ann Goigel was born and raised in Long Island City, N.Y., the daughter of John L. Burger and Sophia E. Marck. She went to grammar school there and then to the catholic Mary Louis Academy in Jamaica, N.Y. for high school. "Dot" was a good student so she then went on to St. John's University in Brooklyn, N.Y. where she graduated having majored in History and Social Studies.

After she graduated from college, she spent a period working for Atlantic Ironworks, a business owned by her father & uncle. Her father, who lovingly called her "brat," said that he wanted her to learn the business "so she would know it well enough to settle the estate upon his death". He led a rather precarious life as Dot can remember him walking the steel beams of sky scrapers in New York.

In 1955, she married her college sweetheart and had her only child, Monica. She stopped working, and stayed home raising Monica – a period she says she enjoyed immensely; however, when Monica started school, Dot went back for her Master's Degree in Secondary Ed. from Queens College, and then began working for the Girl Scouts, a job she held in various locations (Nassau, Erie, Buffalo & Greater N.Y.) until she finally retired. By that time, her husband had died, she had settled the estate, Monica was teaching at the UW- Madison, and she was ready for another chapter in her life.

James Peter Nicklaus, the son of August Nicklaus & Mary Hughes was born and raised on Long Island. He went to Sewanaka High School, a school formed of students from three

or four surrounding towns. His favorite subjects were Social Studies and Science. He participated in Hand Ball and some Baseball in H.S., but also had to work.

After High School he began working for Sperry Gyroscope, first doing deliveries, but soon going into the machine shop to become a machinist. Then it was into a "Short Order" shop where he became a Skilled Machinist. It was around this time that he took a test to work in an Environmental Protection Job for the city of N.Y. He passed, and worked for them for 25 years before retiring. He lived in New Hyde Park, at this time, and needed to commute into Manhattan each day, but he says he really enjoyed the challenge and the work each day.

Jim met his first wife at a house party, and he said that the attraction was immediate. They were married in 1960, and had three children, Christine, Mary, and James before a night time heart attack took her from him in 2002.

At this point, Dot and Jim were both free. They had known each other casually for some years since Dot and Jim's wife had worked together for the Girl Scouts. Also, they had done some birding together at the North Shore Audubon Society, and talked occasionally there. Probably their most important commonality was their catholic faith, and they saw each other periodically at a Catholic Retreat House where Jim, particularly, received solace daily after his wife's death.

Sometimes it is hard to actually put your finger on what path cupid wants a person to take, but things began to happen between Dot & Jim!! One day, Dot said to Jim, "I'm moving to Wisconsin." Jim offered to help. They saw each other at a 12 o'clock mass & in leaving he kissed her on the cheek. They had lunch; Dot was leaving on Sunday, so Jim, on the way to a granddaughter's birthday party, stopped in to see her off. They said "Keep in touch." Dot got to Wisconsin & called Jim to thank him for his help. Letters ensued. Dot went back to N.Y. to visit friends. Jim came out to Madison to visit. They were married in 2003, and live in their beautiful condo that Monica picked out for Dot, and she bought sight unseen.

They make a nice couple. She says she was attracted to Jim because he was kind, considerate, had a good sense of humor, but also had nice blue eyes. Jim says that he felt Dot was a person "he would like to know better," she was warm, that their love developed smoothly, and they could talk easily. They both are very happy with their move to Wisconsin from New York, and have nothing but good things to say about Wisconsin and Tamarack. They say it is much more enjoyable here with the trees and animals, even the downtown with the many events at the Overture Center They like the birding; they can see a lot of green, and there are no horns blowing. It is comfortable, nice, and "like heaven" here.

They like to do things together, particularly a Friday group at the Middleton Senior Center where various classes are taught by University professors. Dot and Jim have taken 20 – 25 classes, and the subjects vary from science to art to history. They have just finished one about the Vikings, and their next one will be, Understanding Music. They have made friends in this group, and once a month they all go out for an extended lunch together. They also have St. Maria Goretti Catholic church which they attend faithfully.

Life is good for these transplants who plan to stay in Tamarack just as long as they possibly can, as they age. And why not, for they say it is convenient to shopping, within walking distance to Dot's daughter, Monica and family, and so well maintained. Tamarack is the winner because these New Yorkers came and stayed.

By Joyce Hasselman Nigbor

TAMARACK TRAILS GARDEN CLUB

Calling All Gardeners for 2017 Think Spring Planting

Think beyond snow and mud, but of seeds, seedlings, trowels, hoes, and garden bounty. This year as usual, the gardens will be roto-tilled, plots staked, and assigned as soon as the weather and ground moisture permit.

The Garden Committee will attempt to accommodate returning gardeners in the same location as last year, if they choose. Plot sizes may be reduced if the demand is greater than the number of plots available.

ALL APPLICATIONS AND FEES MUST BE RETURNED BY: **Tuesday, April 18, 2017.**

Your fees cover the cost of roto-tilling, fall plowing, supplies, repairs, and water. Assigned plots will be posted on the garden shed sometime in late April or early May.

Make your check payable to **TAMARACK TRAILS (memo—2017 garden plot)** in the total amount that represents the size plot that you desire.

There are additional fees for Non-Residents and No-till plots; both add-ons may apply. If you want bales of straw, you will need to buy or bring your own.

No-till plots and plot sizes may be limited and assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note FEES:

*Non-Resident Fees are 25% more than Tamarack Resident Fees.

**No-Till Fees are 50% more than regular garden plots (and where applicable, the Non-Resident Fee may also apply).

2017 GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION FORM

All forms and fees must be returned by
Tuesday April 18, 2017

RETURN THIS FORM TO: Tamarack Trails
Clubhouse • 102-110 S. Westfield Rd.
Madison, WI 53717

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Tamarack Trails

Please fill in **ALL** the info requested below.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact info for others that may be working in my garden:

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please check all that apply: I am a

New Gardener Tamarack Owner

Tamarack Tenant Neighborhood Resident

I am a returning Gardener and I:

wish to have the same plot(s)

am willing to move to another plot(s)

Mark an X by the desired plot and fee type.

SIZES AND FEES (See NO-TILL fees below.)

Plot Size (ft.)	Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee*
10X20	__\$20.00	__\$25.00
20X20	__\$30.00	__\$37.50
30X20	__\$40.00	__\$50.00
40X20	__\$50.00	__\$62.50

NO TILL SIZES AND FEES**

Plot Size	Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee*
5X5	__\$4.00	__\$5.00
5X10	__\$8.00	__\$10.00
10X10	__\$15.00	__\$18.75
10X20	__\$30.00	__\$37.50
20X20	__\$45.00	__\$56.05
30X20	__\$60.00	__\$75.00
40X20	__\$75.00	__\$93.75

TOTAL FEE DUE: _____