

# The Good Life...

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## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

Maintenance Committee  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 – 4:00 pm  
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Tuesday, December 19 - 6:00 pm  
Architectural Review Board  
Wednesday, January 3 - 7:00 pm  
Maintenance Committee  
Thursday, January 4, 2017 – 4:00 pm  
Board of Directors  
Tuesday, January 16 - 6:00 pm  
Finance Committee  
Wednesday, January 24 - 4:00 pm

## Event Calendar

*Please mark your calendars.*

Tamarack Holiday Party  
Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 pm  
Tamarack Bridge  
Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

## Office Hours

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

## Current News

### Board Approves 2018 Budget

At their November 21 meeting the Board approved the 2018 Budget with a \$10 increase (3.1%) in the average monthly assessment (AMA). The property insurance premium increased by \$12,000 (17%) accounting for \$3 of the increase in the AMA. The budget also includes increases in staff wages which are being driven by low unemployment in a competitive job market and a \$1 per month increase to build funds for future repair and replacement of Tamarack's water and sewer mains. Assessment notices were mailed to all owners the last week in November. The approved 2018 Budget is available on the Tamarack website.

### You Need to Cut Back on Salt...

Have you ever been advised by your doctor to reduce the amount of salt you use? Well, a similar suggestion was made to Tamarack grounds staff. Jason Boyd and Jeff Ryan recently attended a salt application training session sponsored by the City of Madison. This training was specifically geared to those who apply salt to parking areas, sidewalks and trails, so it was a good fit for the work Jay and Jeff do during the winter months.

They learned some things that took them aback. The most important thing they learned is that here at Tamarack we are applying more than twice the recommended amount of salt on our trails, sidewalks and parking areas.

As a city that prides itself on its lakes, Madison is very concerned about the amount of salt that is running off into the nearest storm drains and entering nearby lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands.

Here are some of the things salt can do:

- Irritate the gills of fish
- Clog the flow of water in storm drain systems
- Cause soil to lose its ability to retain water, leading to soil erosion

- Fill in surface water bodies
- Cause damage to plants
- Destroy cover habitat and disrupt the food chain

Salt cannot be removed from storm water ponds or rain gardens. It cannot be removed from lakes, wetlands and rivers. It is a persistent pollutant and will not break down over time. **ABOUT 1 TEASPOON OF SALT CAN POLLUTE 5 GALLONS OF WATER.**

Jay and Jeff are now certified salt applicators. They will be reducing the amount of salt applied to our parking areas, trails and sidewalks beginning this winter. Our new snow broom and a salt applicator that allows more control over the amount of salt applied will assist them in clearing sidewalks and reducing the amount of salt we use at Tamarack.

We hope we can count on you to work with us by being as judicious as possible when applying salt to your front sidewalk. It will be good for our collective health.

### **Update Your Contact Information for the 2018 Tamarack Directory**

We would like to update both our phone number and email contact information for all residents. An information update form appears at the end of this newsletter. If you are a new Tamarack resident or have recently changed either your phone number or email address, please fill out the form and return it to the Tamarack office by December 30. Your name and contact information can also be submitted via email to: [jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com). A new phone directory will be distributed to all residents the first week in February. Email addresses are not published and are used only for Tamarack internal communications.

### **Office Holiday Hours, 2018 Recycling Calendar and Trash Collection Saturday on Holiday Weeks**

The office will be closed on Friday December 22, Monday, December 25 and January 1.

The 2018 Waste Management and City of Madison recycling calendar is available on the website and at the clubhouse bulletin board.

The week of Christmas and New Year's Day, Waste Management collection will occur on Saturday (one day later than normal). For residents using the city recycling program, there will be no change to the regular schedule.

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

## **Board and Committee Business**

### **Election of Officers**

The Board elected Jean MacCubbin as the Board President, Pat Laubach as Vice-President, Andy Owca as Treasurer and Antonio Galvan as Secretary. The elected Officers serve a one-year term which began after the November 21, 2017 Board meeting.

## **From the Board – At Their November Meeting**

**New Ramp Policy** - The Board reviewed and approved the Exterior Ramp Policy which provides rules and guidelines for temporary ramps required for residents with ambulatory needs. The new Policy Resolution IV-403 accompanies this newsletter and is available on the Tamarack website.

**Staff Paid Holidays** - The Board also approved the recommendation of the HR Committee to modify staff paid holidays. The day after Thanksgiving was added as a paid holiday, Christmas Eve was changed from a half day to a full day and the half day on New Year's Eve was eliminated.

**New Members for Maintenance and Garden Committees** - the Board approved the appointment of Nancy Korda (7412 Cedar Creek) as a new member to the Garden Committee and Harry Miles (89 Oak Creek) as a new member of the Maintenance Committee. We welcome and thank them for volunteering their time to serve the community.

## **Garden Committee - Looking for New Members**

Are you a gardener? Be it vegetables, annuals or perennials. Or maybe you would just like to help out and learn more about gardening. If so the Garden Committee is looking for one or two new members. The Tamarack Community Garden is located at the corner of Tree Lane and Westfield Road and its operation is overseen by the Garden Committee. The Garden Committee meets three to four times per year and hosts a Fall Pot Luck for all of the gardeners. They also set the rates for the garden plots and schedule the tilling each spring and fall. If interested in serving contact Jean Hilgers at [Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com).

## **Help Needed on the Amenities Committee**

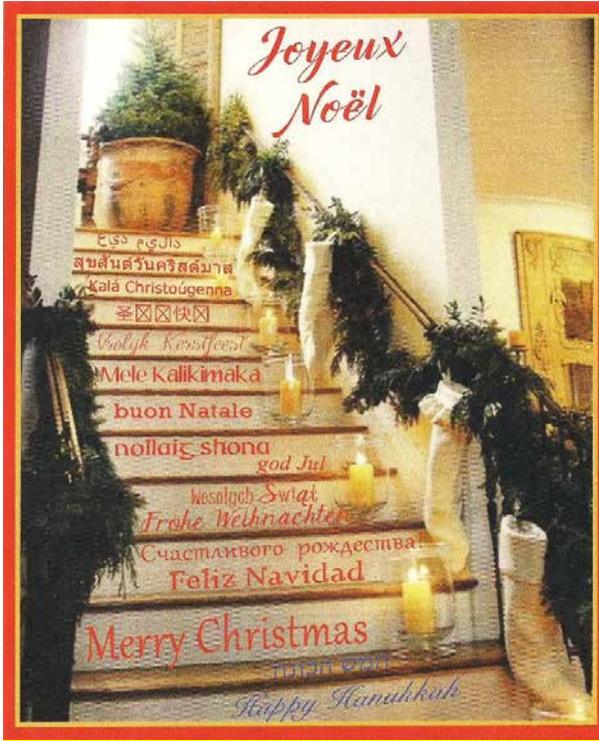
We'd love it if you made a New Year's Resolution in 2018 to give a bit of your time to the Tamarack community. The Amenities Committee could use some additional members. This committee meets about 4 - 5 times a year. In 2018, the committee will focus on work planned for the first floor of the clubhouse. If you'd be willing to join us, please contact Prudy Stewart at [prudystewart@tds.net](mailto:prudystewart@tds.net).

## **Activities & Events**

### **Calling All Ladies Who Love to Lunch**

The Tam Lunch Bunch will resume on January 4, 2018 at 11:30 and take place on the first Thursday of each month thereafter. The January lunch will take place at Adler's which is across the parking lot from Brennan's on Watts road. We invite all ladies to participate every month or occasional months. This is a friendly, casual gathering. We talk about books, movies, trips, events – whatever people find interesting. Residents, new and old, are welcome.

If you would like to be on the list, email your name and e-mail address to Maryanne Huttleston: [maryanne@hddesign.com](mailto:maryanne@hddesign.com) or call 608-347-2675. Don't worry if you can't make it in January – If we have your name you'll be notified of all lunches in the following months.



# TAMARACK HOLIDAY PARTY

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 14, 2017  
6:30PM – 8:30PM

Bring an appetizer or a  
dessert to share  
Beverages - beer, wine and  
soda will be provided

## Seasonal Reminders & Projects

### Seasonal Reminders

The “Seasonal Reminders & Projects” document is available on the Tamarack website and cover the following topics: *Leaf Cleanup, Perennial Maintenance, Alternate Side Parking, Small White Miniature Lights, Holiday Decoration Guidelines, Snow Removal Procedures, Winter Placement of City Recycling Carts, and Winter Projects.*

### Sand Barrels and Snow Removal

Sand barrels and snow plowing markers are in place on the Trails. The sand is available for resident use on their sidewalks and drives. Please be sure to replace the lid after each use to keep the sand dry and usable throughout the winter. After any snowfall accumulation greater than one inch, Maple Leaf will plow the streets & driveways, and Hauser Tree Care & Tamarack staff will shovel the individual sidewalks.

### Placement of City Recycling Carts

For Tamarack residents who use the city recycling service: To avoid damaging the turf we will clean out snow from the city street back to the curb on both sides of each Trail entrance. This will allow residents to place their recycling cart up against the curb for bi-weekly city recycling collection.

### Roadways Slippery Right After Plowing

The snow pack that remains on the roads right after plowing can be very slippery. Traction cleats which slip on over your boots are a great option if you wish to take a walk during a winter snow event. “STABILicers” 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.

## **Important Bobcat Safety**

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.

## **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.

## **House Checks**

For those heading to warmer climates, Tamarack staff will conduct weekly house checks at a cost of \$7 per week. If you are interested in this service, please email [Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com).

A winter/vacation check list is available at [www.tamaracktrails.com](http://www.tamaracktrails.com)

## **Safety Tips and Did You Know**

### **Things to Remember – Reduce Opportunity**

There has been a significant spike in crimes of opportunity throughout the city. Many of us practice personal safety measures every day without thinking about it. The reality is that you could do everything right and still be a victim of a crime. This is because the suspect is choosing their target based on opportunity. If we can take away the opportunity, we can reduce the potential for crime.

The Madison Police Department provides several safety suggestions:

- Lock your doors and windows.
- Keep electronics and valuables out of sight.
- Lock your car.
- Do not leave your keys in the car when you go into a store or purchase fuel.
- Keep your garage door closed.
- Keep outdoor lights on at night. Report post lights that are out via an online Tamarack Maintenance Report.

Report suspicious activity or a crime to Madison Police at 255-2345 or [www.cityofmadison.com/police](http://www.cityofmadison.com/police) . More safety tips are available at [www.cityofmadison.com/police/safety/crimeprevention/](http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/safety/crimeprevention/) and on the Tamarack website.

### **Did You Know – Disposal of Household Chemicals, Paint and more...**

A question we frequently hear at the office is, "Where can I take my household chemicals or paint cans?" Dane County Clean Sweep is a place to bring hazardous household materials such as Oil-Based Paints and Paint-Related Products, Pesticides & Poisons, Household Products Containing Organic Solvents, Ignitables, Aerosols and Rechargeable Batteries.

The site is open to the public and provides a way to safely dispose of such hazardous products and keep them out of the landfill. The payoff is a cleaner, healthier environment.

Clean Sweep is located at 7102 US Hwy 12 (just north of the Yahara Hills Golf Course). Hours of operation are Mon - Fri 7:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. and Sat 8:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Please visit their website at [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com) or call (608) 838-3212 for holiday hours or with any collection questions.

## **Tamarack News and Tidbits**

### **Tamarack Resident in Need of Periodic Transport to/from Capitol Lakes**

A Tamarack resident has been admitted to Capitol Lakes for rehab and the spouse is looking for occasional rides (drop off and/or pick up) to allow her to visit her spouse. To date 3-4 residents have volunteered and we are looking for others to help. Drop off @ 11:00 am and pick up at @ 2:00-2:30 pm. Contact Jean M. at 836-4863 or [citizenjean2@gmail.com](mailto:citizenjean2@gmail.com).

### **Seeking a Garage Space for the Winter Months**

I am looking to rent garage space to park my small car for a few months over winter. Access to power is preferable to plug in the trickle charger. Contact Jayne Meyer, [Mshazmat@gmail.com](mailto:Mshazmat@gmail.com) or 608-662-9374.

### **Food Pantry Update – December 2017**

'Tis the season! So, let's open our hearts and be even more generous this month than we have been already...and the Pantry truly thanks all of you for your wonderful generosity in the past.

This month of December, the Pantry would most appreciate holiday-related non-perishable donations such as chicken stock, pie crusts, bags of pecans and boxed potatoes. I understand that the Pantry would also be able to handle donations of frozen turkeys, but of course these should be taken directly to the Pantry, not placed in the bins at the Tamarack office entry! As always, there is a need for hearty soups. Your monetary donations (in checks made out to the Lussier Community Education Center) are also greatly appreciated, and the Center can provide you with receipts for tax purposes. Be sure to write Food Pantry in the "For" line.

Volunteers Donna Nosek and Prudy Stewart will pick up and deliver Tamarack donations on Tuesday, December 19. Last month Marge and Gene Miller and Donna were in charge of this effort. Thanks especially to these folks for their longtime dedication to Pantry support and to all of you who contribute to our Tamarack donations.

Wishing you happy holidays,

*Sybil Letzing - Tamarack Lussier Food Pantry Coordinator*  
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### **Know Your Neighbor - Eunice ("Dood") Reep and Bob Forbess**

This month's special Tamarack neighbors, at 52 Millstone Road, are Dood Reep and Bob Forbess. They found each other, lost each other, then found each other again via a rather interesting circuitous route, but that makes their life now even sweeter.

Dood was born and raised in Madison, a rather interesting fact in itself, in this city of "importees". Her parents were Thomas J. Mosley (a Rhodes Scholar), and Frances Slemmons, a southern girl. They lived in Shorewood Hills and she attended grade school there and then to West high school. She graduated from UW-Madison with a B.A. degree from the Department of Home Economics (now called Human Ecology) with emphases on applied arts, fashion design, tailoring, textile design and interior decorating.

While in college, she enjoyed going to the First Methodist Church's Youth Group, and it was there she met Bob Forbess for the first time. They dated casually, but then she broke it off when her more serious Marine boyfriend came back from the war in 1945. They married shortly after that and both finished their college degrees as a married couple - a very usual circumstance for couples in those post-war days.

Dood and her husband had a family of three girls and a boy. They were transferred quite a lot for his career, but they spent the last twenty-plus years in Oconomowoc. Dood enjoyed part time employment at various positions in the mercantile business, the banking business and as a teacher at Waukesha County Technical College where she taught courses in tailoring, interior design and sewing. She was Fashion Coordinator at the T.A. Chapman store in Milwaukee and at Manchester's store in Madison. Her husband died at the age of 79 while they were living in Oconomowoc - an area she loved. However, she had also kept up with her friends from the First Methodist Church Group, now scattered across the country and it was through this group that she re-connected with Bob.

Bob was born and raised on a farm near Longmont, Colorado. His parents were George Madison Forbes and Eda Davis. Bob's grandfather was a pioneer in Colorado and Bob is writing a book about his early years. He attended the Hygiene consolidated grade school and graduated from Longmont High School. His high school years were marked by playing in the band (clarinet) and excelling in math and science but he was too busy with farm chores to get involved with sports or other extra-curricular activities. He credits his math teacher for encouraging him to think beyond his local community.

It was very fortuitous that President Roosevelt started the Navy's V-12 program in 1942 where high school seniors with good grades in math and science were encouraged to enlist to get an engineering degree and a commission in the Navy. Bob was 16 when he graduated but turned 17 five days later so he was eligible for the program. His training began in Doane College located in Crete, Nebraska where he completed his freshman year in eight months.

At that point, Bob wanted to get into flight training but the military decided differently. These special men were divided into two groups with one group being trained as pilots, and the other men going on to further engineering training. Bob was in the latter group, and he was sent to UW Madison. He says that "changed everything". He completed college here and was commissioned in 1946. His final assignment while on active duty was the Naval Air Station in Glenview, Illinois. There he assisted in decommissioning this primary flight school

When Bob left the service he worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, a manufacturer of aircraft engines. After six years, he was hired away from Pratt's by a vendor by the name of General Laboratory Associates (GLA) that developed jet and rocket engine ignition devices. While there, Bob became Assistant Chief Engineer and Project Manager for the ignition devices used on the Apollo Space program.

After 15 years with GLA, Bob and his family decided to move back to Madison for more education. They now had four children - 3 boys and one girl. Over the next several years, his wife and two children completed their degrees from UW and Bob obtained a Master's degree. Bob's wife died some years ago at age 82.

Bob and Dood both love Tamarack where they have lived for 6 1/2 years. Bob says that their deck is high enough off the ground so the mosquitoes do not get to them as they sit out there in the summer. They are fond of their neighbors and they like the quality of our staff.

Bob keeps busy writing this book I mentioned earlier, and he has recently acquired 36 old pictures of his childhood area that had been donated by his sister to the Norlin Library at the University of Colorado's Western History Department in Boulder, Colorado. These pictures will be a great addition to his book.

Dood loves to paint though her macular degeneration is interfering with that now. A very important part of her life was being a mother, and she is pleased that her children have all turned out well. Her love of artistry in any media is still an important part of her life and her art gallery reinforces this passion.

I always hope that I have been able to paint a picture of my subjects that lets all of you know they are special. This month is no exception!!

*By Joyce Hasselman Nigbor*

# Tamarack Trails Directory & Email Update Form

*For new residents and any changes to existing listings.  
Return completed form to the Tamarack office by December 30<sup>th</sup>*

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
(as you wish it to appear in the 2018 Directory):

**Cell phone numbers and email addresses are for internal office communication with residents.  
They will not be sold or published.**

<b>1 Name:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>2 Name:</b>	<b>Cell Phone:</b>
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>3 Name</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>
<b>Email:</b>	

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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 = \$\_\_\_\_\_