

# The Good Life...

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## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

Architectural Review Board  
Wednesday, August 2 - 7:00 pm

Maintenance Committee  
Tuesday, August 8 – 4:00 pm

Finance Committee  
Thursday, August 10 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors  
Tuesday, August 15 - 6:00 pm

Welcoming Committee  
Monday, August 21 – 10:30 am

Tamarack Annual Meeting  
Monday, October 23

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## Event Calendar

*Please mark your calendars.*

Tamarack Pool Party  
Sunday, August 20 – 4:30 – 8 pm

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

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## Office Hours

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

## Current News

### West Place Redevelopment - New Proposal

You should have received a post card recently informing you that there is a Neighborhood Meeting on Thursday, July 27, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in the Grand Canyon Ballroom (517 Grand Canyon Drive).

The meeting will introduce a new version of the proposed redevelopment plan for the Famous Footwear site located on the northwest corner of Mineral Point and Gammon Roads. The project will be developed by Livesey Company and will include offices and retail space. Representatives from Urban Assets, Potter Lawson Architects, and Ken Saiki Design will present their concept and design proposal. Members of the Livesey Company will be available to answer your questions. We encourage you to attend the meeting to learn more about the proposal, meet the development team, and provide your input.

Questions or comments can be directed to  
Ald. Paul Skidmore, District 9, - 829-3425 or via email  
to: [district9@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district9@cityofmadison.com) or  
Ald. Mark Clear, District 19, - 695-5709 or via email  
to: [district19@cityofmadison.com](mailto:district19@cityofmadison.com)

### Tamarack 2018 Budget Development

Currently the Board and Tamarack standing committees are considering projects to include in the 2018 Budget. The draft and summary budget report will be distributed to all owners in early September and a budget hearing will be held on September 27, at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse. Some of the projects being considered include replacing 1/3 of the asphalt walking trail near White Pine and Pin Oak, asphalt repairs and replacement primarily in Phases 2, 4, 5 and 6; trim painting in Phase 1 and a portion of Phase 2, staff wage rates and dental benefits, remodeling the first floor of the clubhouse, landscape and drainage projects and continuing to rebuild boulder walls.

If you have an item or project that you think should be considered or included in the 2018 Budget please submit it in writing to the Tamarack office or via email to [Lou@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:Lou@tamaracktrails.com).

### **Center Swale and Clubhouse Parking Lot Lighting**

An informational meeting was held on July 12 to provide an overview of the planned regrading of the swale which runs from the clubhouse to the greenway west of Tamarack. Nathan Lockwood from D'onofrio Kotke was there to answer questions. The goal of the work will be to re-establish the original drain elevation while widening the bottom of the swale to prevent gully erosion in narrow areas. A majority of residents at the forum were in favor of keeping the turf like appearance of the swale and incorporating deep rooted wetland plants in problem areas in the future. D'onofrio Kotke plans to do the field survey work this month. The project is slated for completion between October 15 and November 15 to avoid major rain events.

Clubhouse parking lot lighting was also discussed. Replacing the moon globe post top fixtures with LED type and moving the flag light to the island in the center of the parking lot would be economical improvements. The Maintenance, Safety and Security committee will review and discuss options at their next meeting.

### **Changes to Bus Route 14**

Approved service changes will go into effect Sunday, August 27 for Route 14. It will no longer serve portions of Westfield Rd. and Farmington Way. For route details visit the following website: [www.cityofmadison.com/metro/publichearing/14.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/publichearing/14.cfm).

### **Introducing the Tamarack Maintenance Staff**

We would like to introduce Jeff Ryan, a member of our excellent Tamarack grounds crew. He was hired in March of 2016 and brings with him fifteen years of prior landscape maintenance experience, a majority at the Terrill Companies Landscaping. He also performed projects with the Wisconsin Conservation Corps. Jeff was born and raised in Ridgeway, WI. and now resides in Dodgeville with his significant other, Ashley, and five-year old daughter, Harmony. Jeff attended Dodgeville HS where he played baseball and later took classes in Urban Forestry at Mid-State Technical College in Stevens Point. Jeff enjoys hiking, camping and just being outdoors.



## **Board and Committee Business**

### **Tamarack Board Candidates Sought**

The Nominations and Elections Committee is seeking Tamarack members who are willing to stand for election to the Tamarack Board of Directors. Four Board member terms expire this year. George Meyer has served two terms and cannot run again. Jean MacCubbin and Howard Bellman have agreed to stand for re-election, and Larry Wolfinger will not be running for a second term. The election will be held at the Annual Meeting on October 23, 2017; the two-year term will start following the November board meeting. Nominations deadline is September 11, 2017. If you are interested or would like to recommend a neighbor, contact any member of the Nominations & Elections Committee or any of the current Board members. They can provide you with additional information.

Nomination & Elections Committee members are: Don Haasl • 203-6645 [don/haasl@yahoo.com](mailto:don/haasl@yahoo.com), Jean Allen • 827-0446 [jeandjo@tds.net](mailto:jeandjo@tds.net), Jayne Meyer • 662-9374 [mshazmat@gmail.com](mailto:mshazmat@gmail.com) and Pat Laubach • 203-5205 [patcanada48@yahoo.com](mailto:patcanada48@yahoo.com).

## **Board to Consider Revision of Tamarack's By-Laws – September 19**

At their September 19 meeting, the Board will consider a revision of Tamarack's By-Laws. The intent of the revision is to enhance transition and continuity following the annual election of Board officers. The Vice President/President-Elect is expected to participate fully as the President meets his/her designated responsibilities, including interactions with the Property Manager. Following is the propose revision with the changes indicated by blue underlined text.

**Article VII Officers - Section 6. Duties.** The Duties of the officers are as follows:

(b) **Vice-President/President-Elect.** The Vice-President/President-Elect shall act in the place and stead of the President in the event of his/her absence, inability or failure refusal to act, and shall exercise and discharge such duties as may be required by the Board of Directors. Upon completion of the President's term in office, unless the President is re-elected, the Vice President/President-Elect will assume the Presidency if so voted in by the Board.

## **Board Approves New Member for Maintenance Committee**

At their July meeting the Board approved the appointment of Charlie Elson, 7 Gray Birch Trail, as a new member of the Maintenance Committee. We welcome and thank Charlie for volunteering his time to serve the community.

## **Work Order Comment Cards on Website**

We would like to know how our staff in doing. If work was performed recently at your home we would like to hear from you. Work Order Comment Card form is available on the Tamarack website and can be completed and returned to the office.

## **Activities and Events**

# **Tamarack Pool Party!**

**Sunday, August 20, 2017**

**From: 4:30 - 8 pm**

Enjoy live music, tasty food and meet new residents at the Pool Party.

Meal includes your choice of the following hot sandwiches: Rib Eye Steak, BBQ Pork, Marinated Chicken Breast or Vegetarian Burger plus potato salad, coleslaw, fruit salad, lettuce, onion, tomato, condiments, beer, wine, lemonade, iced tea, and dessert.

Reservations required. **RSVP by August 16.**

Reservation Forms are available at the clubhouse and on the Tamarack website.



## **Forever Fit Fitness Class at Tamarack**



Monday & Wednesday 4:00-4:45 - from Oct. 2 - Jan. 5  
(No class Nov. 6, 8, 13, 15, Dec. 25, Jan 1)

Testimonial: "Forever Fit exercise class is a fun, affordable way to get or stay in shape. Patti always makes class fun but varied. We use exercise balls, weights, mats and stretchy bands. It's a great way to improve one's strength, fitness, flexibility and balance. Join us!" Jan Haasl



Payment due by September 7 - \$66.00

Please call Patti Sponem - 279-3149 or Email: [psponem@gmail.com](mailto:psponem@gmail.com)

### **Scheduled Projects and Reminders**

#### **Signs are Not Allowed**

If you have a security system installed or a contractor working at your house, sometimes they like to put a sign up in your front yard. Just a friendly reminder that per Tamarack policy signs are not allowed to be displayed anywhere on the property.

#### **Fence & Deck Rail Painting**

Work is progressing slowly with all the rain and humidity. Here is an update on progress to date and schedule for the remainder of this year.

- a. Phase 1 deck rails (all) and staining deck surfaces based upon inspection. Blue Spruce, Red Cedar and Sugar Maple are complete. Pin Oak will be done during the last week of July and the first week in August.
- b. Forty Fence and Deck rail painting requests. Will work on from the second week in August thru September 30.
- c. Finish work on straightening the posts on the east border fence. (second and third weeks in August).
- d. Phase 1-4 deck rail painting (based on inspection in 2018).
- e. Paint fences Phase 1-4 (in October as perennial beds are dying back).

#### **Edging and Mulching**

Tamarack staff will edge and mulch existing beds at all homes east of Westfield and south of Tree Lane this year. Work began the last week of April starting at Randolph Drive.

As of July 21, edging and mulching are complete in Randolph Drive, 7331-7445 Tree Lane, S. Westfield, Red Oak, Winterberry, Mt Ash, Honey Locust and Bayberry.

Tentative timeline going forward:

- Pin Oak/White Pine/Sugar Maple by 8/15
- Red Maple/Gray Birch/Hemlock/Millstone by 9/15.

#### **Common Courtesy – Dog Feces in Recycling Carts**

It was reported to the office that some dog owners are placing dog feces into the recycling carts on the city terrace. Please be considerate of those who work in the recycling sorting facility. Place your dog feces in your own trash container. That is where it belongs.

## **Food Pantry Update – August 2017**

Happy summer to you all. All the rain has made things beautiful and green so now our blooms will be equally as lovely...we hope. Special thoughts of sympathy, however, for those of you with water where it shouldn't be!

This month the Lussier Food Pantry would especially appreciate receiving donations of rice, tuna, and toilet paper. These items are in addition, of course, to the usual offerings of non-perishable foods and toiletry items you have so generously given each month. As always, please put your donations in the special area set aside in the entry to the Tamarack office to the left of the entry door, or leave a check for the Pantry, made out to the Lussier Community Education Center, in the office. Lou and Jean have provided a large cart for the items to make taking them to our vehicles for delivery much easier than before.

Cristina Johnson, the Lussier Center contact for the Pantry, has expressed many thanks for your donations of healthy food snacks for kids during the summer months and kid-friendly food items for home use. Special thanks to our delivery volunteers in July, Toni Brown and Sara Lee and Bill Hinckley, and to our volunteers for August, Diana Shaw and Sandy Drew. And, as always, many thanks to all of you for your support of the Lussier Center in general and the Center Food Pantry specifically.

Please send me any comments or questions you have regarding the Pantry and our Tamarack support. Constructive ideas and new volunteers are always welcome!

*Sybil Letzing - Tamarack Lussier Food Pantry Coordinator  
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## **Know Your Tamarack Neighbors – Charlotte Woolf**

This month's KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR, Charlotte M. Woolf of 3 Gray Birch, is a perfect example of the saying, "The best things come in small packages." This little dynamo has led such a full life that I will be hard pressed to get all the facts in this article. It is important to give credit where credit is due.

Charlotte was born in 1941 in Cleveland, OH, the daughter of Marney & Sanford Mesuse. She spent her early years in Cleveland; then some years in Bay City, MI; then back to Cleveland.

Her life shows that children should be paid attention to at an early age, as she says she decided in Elementary School that she wanted to major in music.

High School at Cleveland Heights High School gave her a chance to shine musically in theatre productions and as a soloist in the choir. She was in productions of the Wizard of Oz, Carousel, and Brigadoon, to name a few. Also, during her senior year, she won a competition at a CBS TV station & received an all-expense paid trip to New York with an audition at CBS there. This could have led to a career in New York at the time, but she had already been accepted at the New England Conservatory of Music, so she continued on her path there.

Music was the love of her life UNTIL, in her freshman year at the Conservatory, she met Hal Woolf on a blind date. He was a student at MIT, enrolled in ROTC, and she says, "It was love at first sight." They married at the end of Charlotte's junior year, and then she had to commute by bus from Hal's Air Force base in Springfield, MA four days/week (180 miles round trip) to Boston so she could complete her studies. Occasionally, she would stay at an apartment in Boston with a friend, but when the Boston Strangler hit this particular apartment building, Charlotte never returned to that apartment! She graduated from the Conservatory in 1963.

Hal finished serving his time in the military, and accepted a job as a Meteorologist in Washington, D.C. so they moved to Bowie, MD, a suburb. There, two children were born: Amy H. Crain of Sacramento, CA in 1966, and Sam Woolf of Grafton/Port Washington in 1967. In 1977, Hal accepted a position at the University of Wisconsin's Meteorology Dept., (a Federal

position) and Madison has been home ever since. She and her late husband hosted three AFS students from France, Columbia & Switzerland.

While in Bowie, Charlotte took training to be a Montessori School teacher, and she used her training first in Maryland, and then in Madison where she opened the Little Friends Montessori School.

I think now, so that you can get a more complete picture of Charlotte, I am going to quote from a Musical Resume that she gave to me. "Charlotte M. Woolf is a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, and the Washington Montessori Institute. She has performed in the Boston, Cleveland, Washington, D.C., and Madison areas. Her musical background includes musical theatre, opera, concert, and church and temple choirs. She has sung as a soloist with the First Unitarian Society (Madison) Choir, and has appeared in several Summer Concert Series...."

"Charlotte's roles in musical theatre include leads in: Angelina in Trial by Jury; Sharon in Finian's Rainbow; Fiona in Brigadoon; Carrie in Carousel; Gooch in Mame; Maria in West Side Story; Sarah in Guys and Dolls; Martha Jefferson in 1776; Nellie in South Pacific; and Contrary Mary in Babes in Toyland."

"She has sung with orchestras in Maryland and Madison. Her sacred solo repertoire – in cantatas, oratorios, and masses – performed primarily at the First Unitarian Society in Madison, includes works by Handel, Brahms, Faure, Havdn, Mendelssohn, Pergolesi, Rossini, A. Scarlatti, Schubert, Telemann, Bach, J. Haydn, M. Haydn, Dvorak, Mozart, Rheinberger, & Vivaldi." She sang in Choral Union for several years and is presently active in Gilda's Club Glee Club which has performed here at Tamarack.

When you look at the long list of musical accomplishments, one wonders how she would have time for anything else. However, she has led a very full life in spite of her three bouts with breast cancer. She manages to keep contact with her Jewish roots through membership in Schaarei Shamayim, but she is also active in the First Unitarian Society. At FUS, she is involved with the Shawl Ministry, she helps prepare food at the church for events, and she sings in the choir. She also helps host a Passover Seder at FUS each year, in addition to hosting her own.

Besides her church/synagogue work, she also works at the Hospice Care Thrift Store on Junction Road, writes notes for Sail, and does lots and lots of work in her beautiful garden, specializing in roses. Her love of pets has included over the years five Dachshunds & two cats. For Tamarack, she has served on the ARB, the Board, the Social Committee, and currently she takes care of the Club House on weekends.

She says that she likes living in Tamarack because it is close to shopping and the cemetery where her husband of 47 years, Hal, is buried. He died in 2009, and she says they had a very close, special relationship. Charlotte also likes and respects the quality of staff that we have employed here at Tamarack, and she has no plans to leave.

What a woman; what a talent; and what a special resident of Tamarack!

*By Joyce Hasselman Nigbor*