

# The Good Life...

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## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

Board of Directors  
Tuesday, March 21 - 6:00 pm

Maintenance Committee  
Tuesday, April 4 – 4:00 pm

Finance Committee  
Wednesday, April 5 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board  
Wednesday, April 5 - 7:00 pm

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

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## Event Calendar

*Please mark your calendars.*

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

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

West Place informational meeting  
March 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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## Office Hours

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

## Current News

### Important Notice About City Special Assessment

Do not pay the City of Madison Special Assessment/ Charge. All Tamarack residents (except for Cedar Creek and Pine Ridge) recently received a Special Assessment notice for STREET IMPROVEMENT from the City of Madison.

Do not pay this assessment as Tamarack has already contacted the assessor and paid for all of them in full as a common expense.

If you have already paid the assessment the city assessor should be issuing refund checks in four to five weeks. If you paid the assessment and do not receive a refund, please contact the Tamarack office via email to [Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com) or by phone 833-1615.

### Trash and Recycle pick up time change

Waste Management has adjusted their routes to accommodate earlier pick up. Please have trash and recycle cans out by 6 am on pick up days.

### Update on West Place Redevelopment

West Place Development

Tamarack Resident Workgroup Tackles a Project “In Our Backyard”

The Tamarack West Place Workgroup met on Tuesday, February 28th to continue their review of the proposed development at 302 South Gammon. Following the Urban Design Commission meeting on January 25, 2017, where many of our residents provided public comment, the Livesey Company was asked to submit additional information. The result is seven new and revised documents. These include the developer’s application, description of the project, timelines, zoning regulations pertinent to the project, lighting, and signage.

More detail has been defined for Phase One and the Master Plan:

- The timeline lists the estimated completion date of the five Phase One buildings as 2019. The 5-story building closest to Tree Lane (Phase 2A) has also been given a completion date of 2019; the last phase of the project is estimated for completion in 2027.
- A shading study indicates where the new buildings might shade the Tamarack residences at different seasons and times of day.
- Additional detail is shown for the bike path and retaining wall adjacent to Tamarack property.
- The total cost of the Phase One is estimated at \$56 million. The public subsidy request has increased to \$9 million.

All of the documents are available at:

<https://madison.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2857029&GUID=30DFDD2B-3957-48EB-977C-EF13500DC662>

Since last fall, the Tamarack Workgroup has met numerous times to brainstorm issues; details of our concerns were submitted to Alders Skidmore and Clear, Landmarks Commission, and Urban Design Commission. While the plan revisions have incorporated some of these concerns, the work is not done. We are still awaiting the report on the traffic study for this area. Deconstruction and construction activities scheduled to begin this summer (parking of worker vehicles, dust, noise, etc.) are also being monitored by the Workgroup.

The next City meetings where residents can provide written or verbal input: (Note dates are subject to change.)

- Wednesday, March 22: Urban Design Commission
- Monday, April 3: Plan Commission
- Tuesday, April 18: City Council

The Resident Workgroup has been successful in having concerns addressed and continues to review updated materials for response for future public meetings. Other Tamarack residents should be pleased with the time and commitment the Workgroup members have devoted to this proposed project “in our backyard”.

Thanks to the members of the Workgroup: Judy Blueel, Anne Earl-Peterson, Elizabeth Farnham, Christina Finet, Janet Hirsch, David Huttleston, Maryanne Huttleston, Jean MacCubbin, Justine Malinski, Marge Miller, Carol Prugh, Al Seeger, James Steinbach, Caryl Terrell, Deni Tucker, Linda Vahldieck.

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Now's the Time to Learn the West Place Details & the Workgroup's Progress

The Tamarack Workgroup is convening an informational meeting for all Tamarack residents who want to know more about the West Place Development:

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

7:00pm @ the Clubhouse

The Workgroup will review some of the revised materials for this project, report on actions to date, and answer questions. Please plan to attend.

### **Sign up for a Garden Plot**

Think of seeds, seedlings, trowels, hoes, and garden bounty! Join the Tamarack Trails Community Garden!

The registration form appears at the end of this Good Life and is also available at the clubhouse. See the form for more details. Completed forms along with payment are due by **Tuesday, April 18**.

### **2017 Directory**

The 2017 Tamarack Directory will be printed and distributed to all homes on March 17. If you are a new Tamarack homeowner or wish to change your current listing please submit your information to the Tamarack office prior to Tuesday, March 16. Your listing information can be submitted via email to [Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:Jean.Hilgers@tamaracktrails.com) or by using the form from the last page of the January/February Good Life.

## **Board and Committee Business**

### **Open Forum on White Mini Light Trail Run**

Last fall, based on the recommendation of the Architectural Review Board (ARB), the Board of Directors approved the following resolution:

*On a trial basis, for safety and security purposes, homeowners may install miniature, non-twinkling, white lights from October 31, 2016 to March 15, 2017 when the lights must be removed not simply turned off. The white lights may adorn trees, shrubs, fences and light posts on the owner's property (Lot). The owner is responsible for removing the lights from a tree or shrub to facilitate winter pruning. Extension cords must be marked and protected so that letter carriers, snow shovelers and others will be able to see the cord and avoid an accident. Homeowners must assume the responsibility for any accidents involving such extension cords.*

The ARB would like your feedback on this Trial Run and is holding an open forum at their April 5 meeting with the forum starting at 7:00 pm. After the forum, the ARB will consider adoption of this resolution as policy to allow the use of white miniature lights going forward. If you are unable to attend you can submit your comments via email to [CarylTerrell@gmail.com](mailto:CarylTerrell@gmail.com) .

### **Maintenance Committee Seeking New Member**

Jim Beck (74 Oak Creek) recently retired from the Maintenance Committee (MC) after serving as a member for three year. We thank Jim for his time, wit and wisdom shared with committee members. With his departure 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](mailto:aowca@wbmi.com) .

## Activities and Events



## Scheduled Projects and Reminders

### **Curbside Yard Waste Collection**

Tamarack Staff will pick up yard waste each Monday morning from April thru the end of October. Preferably the yard waste should be placed in a Rubbermaid tote, small trash can, or piled loosely near the end of your driveway. Please do not mix dirt or planters with yard waste to be picked up. Large sticks should be placed adjacent to the container. Yard waste may also be placed in the "Yard Waste Dumpster" located to the north of the tennis courts.

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

### **Did You Know**

One inch of snow will produce just less than 1/10 of an inch of water when melted. This means that 1" of rain would be equivalent to ten inches of snow. Thankfully most of the precipitation this winter has been in the form of rain. Just think, if it was a bit colder the 4.7" of rain in January and February would be 47" of snow.

### **Please Leave the Snow Plow Marking Stakes in Place**

Although the weather has been unseasonably warm, please do not remove any of the snow marking stakes. The weather can quickly turn cold and it is common for snow to fall and require plowing thru mid-April.

## **Food Pantry Update**

This month the Lussier Food Pantry is doing a push for healthier items, including maple syrup, whole grain pasta, brown rice and other healthy grains such as quinoa, low-sodium pasta sauce, tuna, and canned fruit in juice. As usual, deposit your donations in the bins in the Tamarack office entryway. They will be picked up and delivered to the pantry by volunteers on the third Tuesday of each month (for March, the 21st). Please check items for "sell by" or "use by" dates. Reminder: If you don't want to shop but wish to support the Pantry, you may leave a check in the box provided by the bins. Make checks out the Lussier Community Education Center with attention to the Food Pantry. The Center will provide you with a receipt for tax purposes.

Special thanks to our February volunteers, Cathy Andrews and Sandy Drew, and to our volunteers for March, Diana Shaw and Gloria Kelly. And thank you for your generous donations.

Sybil Letzing, Tamarack Food Pantry Coordinator  
[letzing.sybil@gmail.com](mailto:letzing.sybil@gmail.com) -- 608-698-9232

## **KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS – Chuck Halverson**

A few mornings ago, I was welcomed into the home of Chuck and Marion Halverson of 7301 Cedar Creek where I interviewed Chuck for this KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBOR article. I was first shown his bright, sunny "man cave" facing Tree Lane, and then we went downstairs to inspect his pride and joy – his sports room that is absolutely filled with sports memorabilia accumulated through the years. My eyes feasted on the many collector's items.

Chuck began his life around the Jonesdale/Dodgeville area of Southwestern Wisconsin, the son of hard working parents who produced 17 children. It was a hardscrabble existence and Chuck says he was ashamed of his home so when he saw an opportunity to leave, he did – but not without the help of his mother. When Chuck first broached the subject of going to high school, (when he was 13 years old) his father said no that he had to stay home to help with the farm. However, Chuck's mother stood up for him and said that if he wanted to go to high school, he should be allowed to go. Chuck said that his mother had told him that, "she saw something special in him, and she believed he would go places." This brought tears to Chuck's eyes when he told me about this occasion. He did leave home, and he became the only one of the children to get a further education.

On a Sunday, in September of 1939, Chuck left home carrying his few belongings. He walked the 11 miles to the farm house where he would be staying. This farmer had 58 milk cows, and Chuck had agreed to help milk them by hand for his room and board. The farmer would wake him up around 3 A.M., and then go back to bed himself. Around 6 A.M., the farmer would arrive to help finish the milking, but by that time Chuck already had 35 to 40 cows milked.

After milking the cows, Chuck would run the two miles to the Dodgeville High School to wash black boards for \$3.00/month. This was his only spending money. All this effort paid off, for Chuck made his mark on Dodgeville High School sports playing center on the basketball team, end on the football team and participating in track - running a 4.44 minute mile at the state meet in 1944, to win the Class B title. He is in the Dodgeville Hall of Fame.

In 1944, the Navy beckoned, and he served two years as a hospital lab technician before returning from the South Pacific in 1946 to enroll at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He paid his way through the University with a \$90/year stipend from the Navy, and by working many odd jobs both during school, and during the summer. At the University, he played offensive end for the Badgers fulfilling a dream he had from the time he was five years old. He graduated in 1950 with a degree in agriculture, and the imprint of "Badger Nation" on his soul.

Life was now entering a new phase for Chuck. He went back to the Dodgeville area, to make his mark in the real world. He married his first wife, Shirley, and they had two children, Renee (a member of the 1978 Chicago Honey Bears Cheering Squad) and Chuck, Jr. They had a beautiful home on the golf course near Dodgeville while Chuck Sr. was pursuing his career of successfully buying and selling cattle. It was around this time that Chuck began his booster support for Dodgeville High School and the University of Wisconsin Badgers. He has raised thousands of dollars for both places, and he has the newspaper articles and letters to prove the gratitude of these schools. I know many Badger fans, but Chuck "takes the cake," as he has even written poems and songs about Wisconsin sports teams (UW & Packers) and players (notably Ron Dayne).

Chuck met his second wife Marion for the first time at a tailgate party. The meeting was not accidental having been suggested by a mutual friend. They were both big Badger fans, and it turned out they both lived in Tamarack and liked to golf! Love bloomed, and eventually they got married. Marian has three daughters, Stephanie, Vickie & Tara.

At 92 years old, Chuck has held Badger Football tickets for 70 years. He used to go to most of the games with Marion and his daughter, Renee, but now he only attends home games due to health problems. Chuck and Marian are still big Badger fans, never failing to cheer for them while watching them on TV. In 2013, Chuck was recognized on the field at a Badger game for being named Season Ticket Holder of the Game. This honor was bestowed because he was a longtime supporter of the Badgers, organizing countless fundraisers and events benefiting UW Athletics for over 40 plus years.

These days, "Racehorse," a name Chuck acquired because of his early speed, stays closer to home having pretty much given up on golf which he used to love. Now it's his Badgers, politics, TV, and writing which take up most of his time. Life goes on.

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:** \_\_\_\_\_