

The Good Life...

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Meetings are open to all residents.

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

Maintenance Committee
Tuesday, June 6 – 4:45 pm

Finance Committee
Wednesday, June 7 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board
Wednesday, June 7 - 7:00 pm

Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 20 - 6:00 pm

Welcoming Committee
Monday, June 26 – 10:30 am

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars.

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

West Place Update

The project at Gammon and Mineral Point remains on hold since March 16, 2017. There are no Urban Design Commission, Plan Commission or Common Council meetings/hearings scheduled. Per the City of Madison Planning Department, an alternate concept is being developed. There hasn't been anything submitted to the Planning Department.

It is our understanding that the Livesey Development Group is still considering their options on how to proceed. They may submit the same or a similar request, which would include rezoning to a Mixed-Use Center, Conditional Use and Demolition of the Rural Insurance Building. If a substantially different proposal is brought forward, a new application may need to be filed. In which case, we would be back to square one.

During the month of May, the Workgroup will be in contact with City officials to verify any new developments. With the approval of the Tamarack Board at their April meeting, the exact location of our eastern property line was staked.

Check Out Our Property Line -

On Wednesday morning, May 10th, the Workgroup met with land surveyors from D'Onofrio Kotke and Associates, Inc. Wooden stakes now identify the east property line that runs between Tamarack Trails and the West Place site.

We encourage you to take a walk, find the wooden stakes, and make note of:

1. the position of the stone Tamarack Trails sign on Tree Lane,
2. the position of the homes on Honey Locust and Mountain Ash in relation to the property line,
3. the extreme variations in the topography,
4. the existing trees which currently provide screening for the Tamarack homes on Honey Locust and Mountain Ash.
5. Stake #71 marks the southern point of our property.

From Tamarack Trails West Place Workgroup

Travelers to Inspect Roof and Siding

As a follow-up from the September 19 hailstorm, representatives from Travelers Insurance will be on-site to inspect all Tamarack homes within the next two weeks. They will primarily be checking for damaged siding and shingles. The inspection will include going on all roofs. They may even use a drone at times to evaluate its effectiveness at inspecting high roof and chimney areas. We will provide more details on the repair schedule once the results of the inspection are in.



Pool Season for 2017

The pool is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 10am. See the complete pool rules, including dates and times of operation, which are attached to this newsletter and are available on the Tamarack website.

REMINDERS FOR THE POOL 2017 SEASON

The LIFEGUARD has complete authority and may close the diving board at any time, call a break at any time, call for an adult swim or adjust the lap lanes.

GUEST policy requires you to **notify the office** if you are bringing 8 or more guests to the pool. A group of more than 15 will require you to hire a lifeguard for your party. This includes all clubhouse parties that will be using the pool. Disregarding this policy may jeopardize your pool privileges.

ENTER and exit the pool area at the West gate using your keycard. The East gate is only for emergency use. New key cards may be obtained from the office. A separate key is required for the tennis court.

ALCOHOL and glass containers are prohibited in the pool area.

CHANGING TABLES have been placed in both locker rooms. Diaper changing is not permitted inside the pool area.

LAP SWIMMERS will have two lanes open on weekdays and one lane on weekends. If the patron load is light, the lifeguard will open additional lanes, up to a maximum of three. If there are people waiting to use the lap lanes, please be respectful and limit your lap swimming to 30 minutes.

DEEP WATER test is required of all people under the age of 16 before they enter the deep end of the pool.

Tennis Courts

The tennis and pickle ball courts are open daily between 8 am and 9 pm. The sign-up sheet is in the mailbox at the gate. For access, use your tennis court key. Keys are available to residents for \$5 and can be obtained at the office.

Locker Rooms Refurbished

The Amenities Committee budgeted money this year to update the swimming pool locker rooms. The biggest, and most welcome, change is that swimmers will now be able to adjust the water temperature of the showers...so no more cold showers! The old floor urinals in the men's locker room have been removed and replaced by a single wall-mounted urinal. Two new sinks were also installed in the men's locker room. And, there will be a ceiling fan in the women's locker room to help with air circulation. Baby changing tables have been installed in both locker rooms. So, with these improvements along with some fresh paint, pool users should find the locker rooms more pleasant places to visit. If you would be interested in helping out with the Amenities Committee, please contact Prudy Stewart at Prudystewart@tds.net.

Moonlighting – “Notice and Waiver” – Only required for off the clock work

A notice was sent to all owners informing them that Tamarack staff can only perform side projects on their own time if they have the homeowner sign a “Notice and Waiver Form”. As a clarification, Tamarack staff still performs interior requests for owners while on the clock without the need for the extra forms. They only need to have the Notice and Waiver signed when they plan to “Moonlight” (i.e. perform the work on their own time after their workday at Tamarack is over).

“NEXTDOOR” ALERT

Many residents have been receiving cards in the mail asking them to join "Nextdoor Tamarack Trails" or "Nextdoor Tree Lane" online social networks. These invitations are sent by Nextdoor for sites that they have set up. Our Association has no affiliation with Nextdoor; we did not send the invitations; we do not monitor or post on these sites.

While there are many Tamarack residents who have joined and regularly use these sites, please be aware that the sites are not exclusive and include non-residents. If you receive an email invitation from a Tamarack neighbor, we recommend that you confirm the invitation with that neighbor.

At this time, the Tamarack website, Good Life newsletter and emails are our primary tools for communicating with our residents.

Board and Committee Business

Board Approves Two New Members for Architectural Review Board (ARB)

At their April meeting the Board approved the appointment of Trisha Gavin (7417 Tree Ln) and Cristina Finet (17 Mt. Ash) as new members to the ARB. We welcome and thank them for volunteering their time to serve the community.

Maintenance Committee Walking Tour

On Tuesday, June 6 starting at 4 pm the Maintenance Committee will conduct its annual walking tour. Some areas on the tour include Phase 2, 4, 5 and 6 asphalt, inspecting some fence and deck rails, some drainage areas and the landscaping at the garden. If you have an item or area you think should be included on the tour please email Lou@tamaracktrails.com .

Activities and Events

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes 2016

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. For more information or to sign up, contact Judy Bluel (829.3663) or Karen Falkner (833.9730).

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

Please Keep Bird Feeders Away from the Home

At the May Maintenance Committee meeting the increase in the number of animal related work orders was discussed. This may be related to the number and location of bird feeders as mice, chipmunks, voles and racoons are all attracted to bird seed that falls from the feeder. Bird feeders are only to be placed in existing planting bed areas and should be located as far away as possible from the building.

Mowing Schedule

Weather permitting, the majority of the mowing will occur every Wednesday. Maple Leaf performs the lawn mowing to maintain the turf at a height of 3" to 6". At this length, the turf remains healthier and helps choke out invasive weeds.

If you have any comments, complaints, or concerns with the lawn mowing, please use the maintenance request via the website at www.tamaracktrails.com.



IMPORTANT!! -- Please Keep Garden Fences Back From the Turf.

For residents who put up fencing, please place it at least 4" back from the turf. This applies to small fences near the homes as well as to the larger fences in the garden plots at the corner of Tree Lane and Westfield Road. This will help prevent damage to the fence from the string trimmers or mowers.

See "Seasonal Project and Reminders" on the Tamarack website or on the clubhouse bulletin board for more details on topics such as: Assist with Garlic Mustard Control, Turf Treatment, Adopt an Ash Tree, Edging & Mulching, Shrub Pruning & No Prune Flags, 2017 Painting Schedule, Curbside Yard Waste Collection, and Landscape Changes Require Approval.

Did You Know – A City Building Permit is required for most remodeling projects

A city building permit is required for most home remodeling projects including: Additions, Window/Door Replacement, Decks, New Kitchen Cabinets, Bathroom Remodeling, Bathroom Additions, Interior Remodeling Work (excludes painting, wall covering, & carpet), and Fireplaces.

Detailed information on city building permits is available at:
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/development-services-center/permits>

KNOW YOUR TAMARACK NEIGHBORS – Ludwig & Ingeborg Neuhaus

I spent an absolutely delightful afternoon recently interviewing Ludwig & Ingeborg Neuhaus of 12 Pin Oak. How I love my volunteer job!! We hit it off immediately so it made the interview go seamlessly, and I felt like I made two new friends. Soon, as well as telling me their life stories, they were showing me pictures and books from their early days in Germany, and giving me a hug when I left.

Ludwig was born and raised in Dorsten, Germany which is located in Westphalia, an area in the North West part near Holland. When he was 18 years old (1942), he enlisted in the German navy where he served as an officer. Most of his time was spent in the North Atlantic – specifically in Bergen Norway – where his group was responsible for getting the subs in and out of the harbor. They had to do this above water because the harbor wasn't deep enough to accommodate the sub. The submarine couldn't submerge until it was out of the harbor & in the deeper sea.

After Germany lost the war, Ludwig came back to his hometown which had been totally destroyed by bombs. There was no navy anymore so he worked for his father in the glass business installing windows as new buildings were built. Ludwig's brother had to wait longer for his freedom. He was captured at Stalingrad, and spent five years in Siberia before finally escaping; making his way south with another man; and finally surrendering to some American troops.

Ingeborg Hansen Neuhaus was also born and raised in Dorsten, Germany. She went to school there until all the schools as well as the town were bombed, and then she was sent away to another school for two years. She learned cooking, sewing, embroidering, and designing, and in her early 20s she opened her own business in her home. She remembers that every night the bombers could be heard overhead. Probably because the town was in the path to & from the Ruhr, the industrial heart of Germany. Then, Ingeborg said, sometimes the planes had not dropped all their bombs on the Ruhr so they just ejected them randomly, hitting Dorsten, as they flew back to England.

Ingeborg remembers on her 14th birthday, her mother asked her what she wanted, and Inge said, "bread" so her mother went out to a bakery, & when the baker turned his back, she stole a loaf of bread! This good, kind mother wanted to fulfill her daughter's wish.

Ludwig's sisters introduced Ludwig and Ingeborg when he came back to Dorsten after the war. They discovered that they cared for each other, and began planning a new life together. Ingeborg's father's brothers had immigrated to the States in the early 30's spreading out to Boston, Mpls, & N.Y. There were also relatives in Madison and Portage who kept writing encouraging letters about the freedom in America. So, Ludwig & Ingeborg decided to come. They say that they got married; their family put them on a train; and off they went to America!!

Upon their arrival in Madison, they stayed for three months with an uncle, and then Ludwig secured a position as a glass artist with a firm on University Avenue, and they moved into an apartment on Jennifer Street. Two years later, their only child Barbara was born. There came a time when Ludwig's boss wanted to sell the stained-glass business so Ludwig bought it, and moved Neuhaus Glass Works to just off of Verona Rd. Those were busy times in Ludwig's life for he had to do a lot of traveling for his business. But it wasn't all work.

While Ingeborg was raising Barbara and helping out with Girl Scouts, Ludwig was working, but also traveling back to Germany each year to hunt with his brothers. They hunted a smaller deer than we have in America plus hare. They hunted in Westphalia, close to Holland on land owned by some farmers. They always wore green uniforms!

It sounds like Ludwig enjoyed many things during these years as he not only had his hunting in Germany, but he also hunted moose in Canada, and American deer in Northern Wisconsin. He also did a lot of golfing, and some trout fishing.

Ingeborg worked at Marshall Fields for 12-14 years using her early training to make others look good. She improved her English there, and just observed people. She says she is a very happy person, and very thankful for her life here in Tamarack. She says that war has made her appreciative for what she has, and she really worries about our "brinkmanship" with North Korea. She only gave me two things for her bucket list: 1) More time for herself and 2) Another trip with Ludwig to Yellowstone National Park.

Ingeborg likes to read mainly health magazines both in English and German; she keeps up on Current Affairs and cross word puzzles in the Wisconsin State Journal.

They both said that it was not hard to adjust to America. I thought it would be, but they said no. I imagine it was because Ludwig found a job quickly in his field, and they had relatives around them to smooth the way.

Now they say that they love Tamarack, their neighbors, and their specific condo. They feed the birds, and squirrels, and enjoy watching them outside their patio door. They say they get good help from the Tamarack office, and everything is done for them. They tried living in California for five years near their daughter, but they found that they missed the friendliness of the Midwest so they moved back here. They have no plans to live anywhere else permanently.

Just think of the blessing bestowed on America & Tamarack when these wonderful people decided to come here 50 years ago, and 10 years ago, respectively!

Joyce Hasselman Nigbor

2017 Tamarack Trails Summer Recreation Policies

The Board of Directors of Tamarack Trails has approved all pool rules and policies. Failure to comply with these community rules may result in the loss of pool privileges for the resident, their children, and/or their guests.

Pool Hours: May 27 – Sept 4..... 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sept 5 – Sept 24..... 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. weekdays & 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on weekends
** subject to change based on weather and lifeguard availability*

The air temperature will be checked by the on duty lifeguard at 9AM and at 2PM each day at the following web page <http://w1.weather.gov/data/obhistory/KMSN.html>. If the air temperature is below 58 degrees at 9:00 AM, the pool will not open that morning. If the air temperature at 2 PM is above 66 degrees, the pool will open at 3 PM.

HOW TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE POOL

1. The pool gate will remain locked at all times.
2. To gain access to the pool, the resident, child or guest must possess the key card to open the gate.
3. Each home will be 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.
4. A resident who gives a pool key card to a nonresident who is not a guest of that resident will have his/her key card privileges rescinded for the remainder of the season.

WHO MAY USE THE POOL

1. The pool is to be used by Tamarack residents, their immediate family and guests.
2. **CHILDREN under twelve (12)** years old must be accompanied by a responsible person (age 16 or over) who will actively supervise the child/children in and around the pool **at all times. Active supervision** of children age 6 and under requires that they be **within arm's reach**.

GUEST PRIVILEGES

Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests which includes informing them of Tamarack's pool policies.

As a courtesy residents should notify the office or on duty lifeguard at least two days in advance if they intend to bring eight (8) or more guests to the pool. Any group of more than fifteen (15) persons will be required to hire an additional lifeguard. Forms to register your guests or arrange for hiring a guard are available at the office or from the "On duty lifeguard".

CHILD IN-POOL SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

1. To ensure safety in our pool, we abide by strict age requirement guidelines.
2. Persons under the age of 16 must pass a swim test for the on duty Lifeguard before they may enter the deep end of the pool. **Remember, all children must stay in the shallow end of the pool unless they pass the Deep Water test.**
3. Each responsible adult (age 16 or over) may only supervise up to 4 children (under 12). For example, 5-8 children (under 12) would require 2 adult supervisors.
4. The lifeguard's duty is to supervise all water activities and maintain the safety of all persons within the pool area. **The lifeguards are not babysitters.**

POOL RULES

1. **THE LIFEGUARD COMMANDS COMPLETE AUTHORITY IN THE POOL AREA AND HAS THE FINAL SAY IN ALL SAFETY MATTERS.**
2. The "On duty lifeguard" may require anyone to leave the pool area for any violation of the Pool Rules. Repeat violations will be recorded, referred to the Board of Directors and may result in the suspension of privileges.
3. No alcoholic beverages or breakable containers are permitted in the pool area. Persons under the influence of alcohol or any judgment-impairing substance will not be admitted to the facility.
4. No smoking is permitted in the pool area.
5. Do not enter the pool if you have a communicable disease or an open or infected wound. The lifeguard can refuse use of the swimming pool, showers, or lounges to any person having a severe cold, cough, inflamed or irritation to eyes/skin (rash).
6. All persons are expected to take cleansing showers before entering the pool.

7. Walk at all times when in any pool area (to include the diving board, locker rooms, showers, decks etc.).
8. Swim fins & masks may be used but fins must be put on only while seated on the pool's edge. Please do not walk on the deck while wearing fins.
9. Swimmers must wear swimwear. No cotton shirts or shorts (to include cut-offs) allowed in the pool. Water shoes are permitted. Persons who need protection from the sun's rays may wear protective clothing in the pool.
10. Residents and guests are asked to place all trash and soda cans in the proper recyclable containers located by the lifeguard office.
11. The use of inflatables, kickboards, balls and other small toys or objects will be permitted **at the discretion of the lifeguard**. Large inflatables are strongly discouraged as they may block the lifeguard's view of the area under or behind the inflatable.
12. Use of personal flotation devices (PFDs or life jackets) for non-swimmers is encouraged. Parents & grandparents, if selecting a PFD for a child please purchase or provide Coast Guard approved vests or jackets only. Inflatable PFDs are not permitted.
13. When entering shallow water, do not jump backwards or perform flips.
14. Non-toilet trained individuals must wear swim diapers in order to enter the pool. Swim diapers are available upon request from the lifeguard. You are encouraged to bring your own. All diapers must be changed on changing tables in each locker room.

DIVING & LAP LANE RULES:

1. **Diving board may be closed at lifeguard discretion.**
2. Only one person on the diving board at a time.
3. The "On duty lifeguard" will define the area around the diving board, which must be free of divers/swimmers before a person will be permitted to dive.
4. No diving will be permitted from the shallow end of the pool.
5. No flotation device or goggles may be used when jumping or diving from the board.
6. Only one swimmer at a time is allowed on the diving board ladder or board.
7. Look before diving or jumping to make sure the diving area is clear. Dive or jump forward, straight out from the diving board. Swim immediately out of the diving area to the closest ladder or wall.
8. The lap lanes will be used for lap swimming only (swimming the whole length of the pool).
9. Do not sit or hang on lane lines.

SCHEDULED BREAKS, ADULT AND LAP SWIMMING HOURS

1. **Lap swimming.** Two lap lanes will be open at all times on weekdays (Monday-Friday). On weekends, only a single lap lane will be open. If the patron load is light, the lifeguard will open additional lanes on request, up to a maximum of three.
If there are people waiting to use the lap lanes, please be respectful and limit your lap swimming to 30 minutes.
2. **Adult only** swimming will occur daily from 2:00-2:15 pm, 4:00-4:15 pm and 6:00-6:15 pm, if requested by a resident or at any time at the discretion of the lifeguard.
3. As there is only one Lifeguard on duty, the pool will be cleared to allow for **breaks each day** at the following times: **12:00 – 12:30 pm** and **5:00 – 5:30 pm**. During these periods patrons will be allowed to stay in the pool area but will not be allowed in the water. The Lifeguard has the discretion to call additional breaks if circumstances require.

BIKE PARKING: All residents and their children are expected to park their bikes/hot-wheels at the bike racks - off the sidewalk.

TENNIS and PICKLE BALL COURTS:

1. Use of the courts before 8 AM and after 9 PM. is not allowed. Please recognize that your activity noises and voices can be disturbing to adjacent neighbors.
2. The gate will remain locked at all times.
3. Tennis court keys are available at the Tamarack office. The cost is \$5 per key. The key is required to gain access to the tennis courts.
4. The courts are for the use of Tamarack Trails' residents and their guests. Reservations for each 1 1/4 hour time slot are made by signing the LOG located at the tennis entrance gate.
5. Reservations for the use of the tennis courts will be on a first come, first play basis. You may sign up for court time no more than **THREE DAYS** in advance. Only one reservation per resident may be made per day. If no one is registered after the period, players may continue consecutive play.
6. **LOCK THE GATE AFTER EACH USE!**