

The Good Life...

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Tuesday, May 29 - 10:30 am

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, April 6 - 7:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, April 3 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 17 - 6:30 pm

Resident Activities Committee

Wednesday, April 11 – 10:00 a.m.

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars.

Tamarack Spring Brunch

Saturday, April 21 from 11 am -1 pm

Tamarack Bridge

Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9 am – 4 pm

Current News

City Plans for Sauk Creek Greenway & Restoration—we need you to participate!

City engineering staff JoJo O'Brien and others held their first public informational meeting on this project, slated to begin in 2020, at the Ashman Library on Tues., March 13th.

This mile-long restoration project, consisting of 27 acres, runs from Tree Lane to Old Sauk Road and behind the western border of Tamarack, specifically Cedar Creek and Oak Creek and northward on the edge of Walnut Grove Park. City plans are to improve the greenway so as it acts as originally designed-- reduce area flooding and carry water off to Lake Mendota, remove invasive trees and undergrowth, provide safer access. The most contentious issue seemed to be plans for developed foot and bike paths that most residents were not aware the area was approved for a bike path in a city plan back in 2015.

Here is the link to the presentation made at the public meeting:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/sites/default/files/city-of-madison/engineering/documents/PIM.pdf>

Keep up-to-date by reading the posts on the webpage:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sauk-creek-greenway-restoration-2020>

Like the proposed project on Tamarack's eastern border, West Place, the TT Board recognized the resident workgroup formed to participate in the process and bring resident concerns into the process. **Here is another opportunity for concerned residents to again get involved and form a workgroup to research and follow the city process, address concern, and provide resident input for the city to consider as the restoration plans develop near our neighborhood.** If you want to get involved in a project "in your backyard" contact, Nino Amato at namato@cwag.org, 608-514-3317.

Sign up for a Garden Plot for 2018 Growing Season

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

The registration form appears in this issue of the 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 17th.**

Welcome Angie Swan, Landscape Supervisor!!

Angela (Angie) Swan was hired in November as the new Grounds Superintendent. She is currently working on renewal pruning and long-range plans for the many wooded and border areas in Tamarack. These plans are currently being reviewed by the Maintenance Committee.

Angie was born in Madison and raised on a farm in Stoughton, Wisconsin. Her parents owned and cared for 40 acres of farm land and planted on 500 acres of rented land. About 20 acres was planted with tobacco and the remainder in cash crops (including a substantial portion of seed corn). Angie grew up helping with the tobacco crop and chores included weeding, pulling plants, snapping off flower heads and drying of the leaves.

She attended Stoughton HS and was very active in FHA serving as an officer for several years. She was also a member of the ski club (downhill), swim team (captain for two years) and softball team. Angie attended UW Platteville for five years where she earned degrees in Soil & Crop Science and Ornamental Horticulture. She worked at The Bruce Company for nine years and more recently at Avant Gardening for five years. Angie loves to go camping with the family mostly at Wisconsin parks and recently purchased a 26-foot tow behind camper. She loves to spend time with her 8-year-old son Drake who is involved in wrestling, swimming and baseball. She lives with Spencer (boyfriend of four years) and a very friendly black lab named Odin. Her background in horticulture will be a great asset in future landscape planning at Tamarack.



Meet Lori Zunker, Property Manager for Tamarack Trails



HELLO EVERYONE!

I would like to introduce myself. As a former owner/resident, I am very happy to be "back" at Tamarack Trails. It is wonderful to see many familiar faces and I look forward to meeting those of you I haven't met. Some of you know or remember my daughter Lily and me walking our dog Lola throughout the

neighborhood. We also spent some fun filled days at Tamarack swimming pool. We moved away to be closer to family near Milton, WI where Lily goes to school.

I would like to share with you a short bio on my personal life:

I was born in Manitowoc, WI and spent my early years there. When I was in the 9th grade, our family moved to Janesville, WI. I graduated from Craig, HS. As a flute player, I chose to attend UW Eau Claire with a major in music performance. As often happens, circumstance intervenes, and life had other plans for me. I left UW and obtained my Real Estate license in 1987. I quickly found a career in which I enjoyed and flourished.

With 25+ years' experience in Property Management and Development, I have held various positions in a variety of markets. I began as a Leasing Consultant and in a short period of time moved on as Project Manager for a diverse group of properties in Chicago. Eventually I moved back to Madison to accept a position in Senior Housing as a Leasing Director for 1200+ apartment homes throughout Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois. I then joined a young Real Estate Investment Firm that would propel me into the Operations Manager and Executive Vice President positions, which I enjoyed for several years.

I then decided to take a detour. I wanted to be a mother and after concentrated investigation, research and decisions, I began the adoption process, which led me to China. My Lily was born on May 4, 2004 in Jiangxi Province. She came home when she was 11-months old and is starting High School this fall. Time flies!!

After becoming a mom, I researched and designed an in-home childcare center, which cared for children age 8-weeks to 2 years. Being state licensed and city accredited with 2-staff teachers, we quickly became a preferred provider of the UW Office of Child Care and Family Resources and a center for MATC early childhood education students to do their practicum. After a very fulfilling 5 year in the childcare business I realized I was missing the "hum" of Real Estate enterprise. At that point I chose to close my business and re-enter the Real Estate world as a Realtor. Although rewarding, I missed the "community feel" of knowing and caring for people's needs over a sustained period of time. Hello Tamarack!!

My focus and priority has always been to provide outstanding service to those who have entrusted me to look out for their best interests. Thank you for extending this opportunity to me!! *Lori*

Safety & Crime Prevention Tips on Tues. April 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Join us at the Clubhouse when MPD Crime Prevention Officer Emily Samson and West District Captain Cory Nelson will join us to answer your safety questions and listen to your concerns.

Listed below are a few samples of questions they will answer:

What smart actions can I take to make my home and yard less inviting to a thief?

What is considered suspicious activity, and if I want to report something, should I call 911 or the non-emergency number?

What types of crimes are most common in our neighborhood?

To test your crime prevention preparedness, check out this Home Security Checklist from the Madison Police Department:

<http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/documents/publications/HomeSecurityChecklist.pdf>

You can also sign up to receive a daily email from Chief Koval that summarizes the most significant crimes that occurred in Madison in the previous 24 hours: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/police/chief/blog/>

Board and Committee Business

Finance Committee News

The Finance Committee met at the end of February and reviewed the end of year financial report. It was determined that we ended that year with a cash surplus of just over \$20,000. We also reviewed the payroll portion of the budget, in particular the SIMPLE IRA we offer to our staff as one of their benefits after a year of employment at TT. Tamarack matches staff contributions to their IRA up to 3% of their gross salary.

Before it's time to work on the 2019 budget, the committee will spend a significant amount of time learning how monthly assessments are calculated as well as the components of our 30-year budget. It is important that more than one or two people understand how our financial records are maintained.

Prudy Stewart, Chair Finance Committee

Amenities Committee News

The Amenities Committee met in March to finalize some decisions pertaining to the remodeling work planned for the first floor of the clubhouse. The old sauna, which hasn't worked in over 25 years, is now a store room for office supplies. Shelves have been added to provide ample space for materials used by the Administrative Assistant and Property Manager. In addition, a new wall cabinet has been installed in the men's locker room toilet which completes all the planned work for the clubhouse locker rooms.

Design plans for converting the old first floor storage room to a conference/break room have been finalized. A conference table in excellent condition was purchased at the Habitat ReStore. Now bids are being sought for the construction/plumbing and electrical work.

The committee is happy to have Larry White join us as a new member.

Prudy Stewart, Chair Amenities Committee

Activities & Events

Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes 2018

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

Watch your April Goodlife for more information.



Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Grounds Update

Lori and I met with Maple Leaf staff to introduce ourselves and talk about the snow issues that have been brought to our attention.

Should there be another snow event, Maple Leaf will start with homes on Tree Lane and then move to Oak Creek. We talked about the cul-de-sac on Oak Creek (28-44) that was missed in the past. The staff indicated they would make sure to get the main drive plowed so there aren't problems getting out. The main equipment used for the first round of snow plowing is not able to maneuver in the small space of 28-44 without damage it has to be completed by bobcats after the main plow of Oak Creek.

The Maple Leaf staff and TT staff ask that you please leave the snow stakes in the ground until moved by staff. If we get another snow event and they are moved, there is a better chance for damage. Thanks for your patience with this.

The TT landscape crew is going around taking pictures and measurements of rock walls before plant material starts going. We are also grading the structure.

The landscape crew has been busy with dormant pruning and is finishing up Phase 2 and will be moving to Phase 3 shortly.

The arborist is making his way through the property taking down Ash trees that weren't treated. He is also taking care of some of the pruning. We are filling the holes of the trees that were taken out. Grading and seeding will be done later. We are filling for safety.

When temperatures warm up and there is no chance for snow, we will begin fixing turf damage.

Angie Swan – Grounds Superintendent

Maintenance Update

Last month we finished decks on Millstone and Pin Oak. All dryer vents have been completed to date. The bridge lights by 51 Oak Creek are out due to a underground wire shortage. Temporary solar lights were mounted until ground thaw.

This month we are continuing working on decks in Cedar Creek and Tree Lane, installing a new split rail fence by the garden on the Tree Lane, as well as continuing trim replacement and other projects as they arise. We are also shooting for an April 16th date for opening the tennis court, weather dependent.

REMINDER

This is the time of year for foundation leaks, keep an eye on your basement. Let maintenance know if you find any moisture. Also, if you have heat tapes, they can be unplugged in the next few weeks

Josh Ostertag – Maintenance Superintendent

Tamarack News and Tidbits

Food Pantry Update – March 2018

Throughout the last several years Tamarack residents have given generously to the Lussier Food Pantry. Your contributions, whether in food donations or by check, have been very much appreciated and have made a real difference to the Pantry's clients.

I am sad to say, however, that recent donations have been substantially less than usual. So, this is a reminder that **WHEN YOU SHOP FOR GROCERIES, PLEASE KEEP THE FOOD PANTRY IN MIND!** Even a few cans or boxes of healthy, non-perishable items are important to the Pantry. As usual, please leave donations in the entry to the Tamarack Office to be picked up by Tamarack volunteers the third Tuesday of each month. Of course, checks made out to the Lussier Community Education Center with "Food Pantry" noted in the subject line are also most welcome.

This month the Pantry would especially like to receive olive or vegetable oil, jars of pasta sauce and juice (apple, orange). As the days get warmer and we near summer, our pantry hits the busiest time of the year. Your donations ensure that families, and especially kids, know where their next meal comes from.

Sybil Letzing - Tamarack Food Pantry Coordinator. letzing.sybil@gmail.com

Know Your Neighbor – Larry Wolfinger

This month I had the pleasure of interviewing and getting to know Larry Wolfinger of 7333 Tree Lane. Now it is my turn to introduce him to all of you.

Larry's family, as with many of our families, represents the American Dream. Great, great grandparents from Wafenstein, Bavaria (a town no longer shown on a German map) came to America and became sharecroppers around Lancaster, OH (close to Columbus, OH). The next generation owned their own farm, and then the next generation, Larry's parents, Bernard & Vera Matz Wolfinger, migrated up to

Michigan to better their lot, & to work in the General Motors plant. At the same time, this generation encouraged education for their five children.

Larry grew up in Lansing, MI, and graduated from Lansing Everett H.S., the same H.S. that Magic Johnson attended. Larry's outside activities in H.S. were basketball & water polo. He attended college at Lansing Community College & also took classes at Michigan State. He is a big Michigan State fan, and he was even wearing a coat and shirt proclaiming his loyalty when he came to my condo for the interview!! His major was Computer Science, the field that he has worked in since graduation, and the field that has also attracted a brother & Larry's twin sister.

He had been divorced for many years, and has no children.

Larry has had a variety of work experiences, and he loves working. He has no plans to retire, but rather says he will work part-time or full-time for as long as he possibly can. He has chosen to move around because he says that he has made a pact with himself years ago that he would never stay in a job he didn't like.

He worked for the Pollock Company in Lansing, MI; the State of Michigan; the Menomonee Indian tribe; Lands End in Dodgeville, and currently for the Star of Wisconsin Investment Board, but he says that his work for the Indian Tribe taught him the most of any of the jobs. Larry and another white, middle class man were hired for two years, much to the consternation of many tribal members, to update their computer system. Many in the tribe had to be won over to the idea that this was something that "outsiders" needed to do because in the past all jobs had been held by tribal members. As well as installing this newer system. Larry and his boss had to train tribal members to take over after two years, as well as deal with animosity, & build trust. Quite a large order!!

Larry has lived in Tamarack for almost six years, first as a renter, and then as an owner of a "fixer upper" condo. He liked the "fixer upper" part because he is handy as the woodworking shop in his garage will attest to. He likes Tamarack because he says we have a sense of community and a pride in our community, and he also likes the diversity, & intelligence of the residents. He says that we live in the middle of a city that doesn't always have stability, but Tamarack has stability. A neighbor urged him to serve on the Tamarack Board which he did for two years, but he found that he was not able to do the job he wanted to do because he still works full time; therefore, he is now off the board with plans to someday return. His neighbor saw in him a person who can "change things quietly for the better."

Travel is very important to Larry, and he told me of two trips planned for the future. One in early September to Mexico (Cabul San Lucas), and one in November to Las Vegas to visit a cousin and watch Michigan State play in a tournament. He also likes to go back to Michigan a couple of times/year to visit relatives.

I asked Larry if anything unusual had happened to him since he moved into Tamarack, and he recalled one incident. It seems there was an empty unit close to him, and one night a neighbor called to say a light kept going on over there, under the deck. She wondered if someone was trying to break into the unit or worse yet, were already in the unit. Larry investigated. It seems there was an outdoor sensor light under the deck, and a bird was building a nest on top of it, & each time the bird flew around it, the light was triggered to go on. Larry tore down the nest and the problem was solved.

It sure is nice that younger residents like Larry Wolfinger are living in Tamarack to carry on in the years to come.

By Joyce Nigbor Waldorf

TAMARACK TRAILS GARDEN CLUB

Calling All Gardeners for 2018 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 17, 2018.**

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 or compost, you will need to buy or bring your own.

Gardens will be assigned and staked soon after spring plowing; gardens must be cleanup per the policy by October 31 (Nov. 30 for no-till plots).

Please note FEES:

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

**No-Till Fees are 25% more than regular garden plots (and where applicable, the Non-Resident Fee may also apply).

2018 GARDEN PLOT APPLICATION FORM

All forms and fees must be returned by
Tuesday April 17, 2018

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 Gardner 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	__ \$3.50	__ \$4.50
5X10	__ \$6.25	__ \$7.75
10X10	__ \$12.50	__ \$15.50
10X20	__ \$25.00	__ \$31.25
20X20	__ \$37.50	__ \$46.75
30X20	__ \$50.00	__ \$62.50
40X20	__ \$62.50	__ \$78.25

TOTAL FEE DUE: _____