

The Good Life...

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A Special Thank You

Recently, I was made aware that a letter, developed by Jean Hilgers and the Board of Directors, was distributed to all Tamarack residents informing them of my upcoming surgery and health insurance situation. Thank you to the Board, Jean Hilgers and to all the Tamarack residents for your generosity. My family prayed for a miracle and you gave us one.

The surgery is scheduled for February 21 and God-willing, I expect to return to the office sometime in March. In preparation a majority of the day to day tasks in the operation of Tamarack were divided between current staff members. Jean Hilgers will handle all office operations while Seth Vollrath schedules and coordinates completion of all maintenance requests. Dan Slesarik is focusing on interior projects, Chris Mellenberger is overseeing the snow plowing and Brian Franks is coordinating the snow shoveling. All of the support and prayers are appreciated.

*Most Sincerely Lou Glauner
Manager Tamarack Trails*

Very Important Bobcat Safety

Please be very careful when maneuvering around the Bobcats while they are plowing snow as the operators have limited visibility to the sides and rear of the machine.

There have been a few close calls this winter involving vehicles driving behind the Bobcat and almost being hit as the Bobcat backed up.

Never drive or walk behind the Bobcat unless you are sure the driver is aware of your presence. Vehicles should allow plenty of clearance both in front of and behind the Bobcat.

Please Slow Down On The Trails – Some residents have commented about the excessive speed of cars driving on the trails. For the safety of all please slow down. This is especially important during the winter months while slippery road conditions may exist.

Holiday Decorations - If you have not yet done so please remember to remove your holiday decorations as soon as the weather permits.

Christmas Tree & Greens Collection

Christmas trees and greens should be placed near the end of your driveway. All decorations and metal wires should be removed. The staff will collect these on Thursday or Friday each week from now through February 18.

Hail Damage Update

On December 17, management was informed by Howard Yesnes of Travelers that they will be covering the replacement of all roofs in Tamarack. Lou Juhlmann from Roofing Consultants has developed specifications for the re-shingling. Using the specifications, quotes will be solicited from six to eight vendors. The Maintenance Committee is holding a special meeting on January 25 to discuss this major project. Roofing replacement would most likely begin in mid-March or early April.

Yet to be received is the balance of the report prepared by Damage Control Incorporated covering the siding, screens, deck rail painting, etc... It is my understanding that this report was delivered to Travelers the last week in December.

Snow Plowing Procedures

Complete snow plowing is performed after the accumulation of 1" or more of snow and commences once the snow stops falling. Once the snow reaches a depth of 5" the centers of the trails are cleared. The plowing of the 320 individual drives does not commence until the snowfall ends.

Exceptions: Regardless of the depth of the snow we plow and salt all of the hilly areas and hilly driveways. In a prolonged snow event we try to have all of the hilly areas plowed and salted by 4:00 p.m. so residents can get into their drives in the evening.

The Time Frame: Clearing the centers of the trails takes 1 to 2 hours. In a light snowfall (less than 6") all plowing is normally completed within five to six hours. Seven to nine hours are required to clear 6" to 12" of snow from all drives and ten hours plus are required when there is more than one foot of snow. These time estimates are based on three Bobcats dedicated to Tamarack which has been the practice for the last twenty years.

What if I'm missed or need help?: If your walk or drive is missed or for any other snow removal related concerns please feel free to contact the office at 833-1615. If there is no answer at the office, call the emergency number at 242-1776 for assistance.

Travelers Remains Carrier for 2011 Insurance

Travelers Insurance remains the association's carrier for 2011. Details on Owner's responsibility for insurance coverage were mailed to all residents along with assessment notices in November of last year. Questions and requests for insurance certificates should be directed to Trisha Hillier at 849-6873 Ext. 3260, Fax to 849-6871 or email trisha.hillier@murphyinsurance.com.

Please Leave Your Post Light On

With the shorter days during the winter months it is dark on the trails by 5:00 p.m. Although not mandatory the Tamarack rules strongly recommend that all homeowners leave the switch for the post light in the On position. Several years ago the Association installed photocells on each post light so it should turn on at dusk and off at dawn.

If you change the bulb and the post light still does not come on at night fill out a maintenance request or email Lou@tcsa.org and the Association will check the photocell and light socket. If you would like, the Association will replace the bulb with a long life fluorescent bulb for \$10.

Submit and View Requests On the Web

Just a reminder that residents can both submit new and view pending requests via the Tamarack website.

Other website content includes copies of past newsletters, Restated Declaration, Policy Resolutions, recycling instructions & calendar and a list of frequently asked questions about Tamarack Trails. You can log on to the website at <http://www.tcsa.org>.

Thanks to the Recreation Committee for a Wonderful Holiday Party

Forty to fifty Tamarack residents attended the December 2nd holiday party. The food was plentiful and friendship was warming. Many thanks to the Recreation Committee members for organizing and making these events possible. Pictures from the event are posted on the Tamarack website at www.tcsa.org.

Phone Books

Phone books are recyclable. Both the City of Madison and Waste Management will collect and recycle phone books year round.

For Waste Management collection place the phone book in the 65-gallon cart (green with a yellow lid) for collection on Thursday each week.

For city collection place the phone book in your City of Madison recycling cart for collection every other Wednesday. City recycling collection calendars are available on the Internet at cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/wedA.pdf. A condensed version of the city recycling calendar is available on the last page of this newsletter.

2011 is the year to be Forever Fit

Classes at the club house on
Mondays and Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:45
Starts Monday Feb. 14 - Wednesday March 30.
Low impact, balance, coordination, strength, cardio,
we use balls, weights, and bands.
Email Patti at pshomes@charter.net if interested.

Where is the AT&T Directory? As this area is serviced by TDS, most residents receive the TDS-Metrocom Directory. The AT&T Directory is no longer delivered to all homes and is available by request only. To order an AT&T Directory call (800) 346-4377 or go online to att.com/mydirectories. You will need to specify if you want the AT&T Business/Yellow Pages or residential directory as they are now separate.

Large Item Collection

The office receives several phone calls each year regarding information on the disposal of large items which residents are unable to dispose of in the Waste Management cart. Residents should utilize the city services for the collection of large items. Large items that are collected include appliances, furniture, carpeting, mattresses, plumbing fixtures (toilets, sinks, etc.) and other items too large to be safely lifted by a single person. Residents must purchase a sticker to attach to appliances left at the curb. Stickers are available at any Madison Public Library.

Large items are collected every other week on Wednesday. A calendar listing the city collection dates for large items and recycling is available on the back cover of this newsletter.

Before you put an item out for collection consider donating reusable items to a charity, give them away or sell them at [Madison Stuff Exchange](http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com) (www.madisonstuffexchange.com).

For more detailed information on large item collection please see the Recyclopedia at: www.cityofmadison.com/streets/documents/recyclopedia.pdf or contact the West Side office at 266-4681.

Of Note: The city no longer collects Computer Monitors, Laptops, Computer CPU's and Televisions at the curb. These items must now be brought to one of the two full service drop off sites for recycling and there is a \$10 fee for each item. Only City of Madison residents may use these sites and proof of residency is required.

Drop Off Locations:

- East: 4602 Sycamore Ave.
- West: 1501 W. Badger Rd.

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday 7:30am - 3pm

New Holiday Closings

The City of Madison self-help drop off sites will be closed on the following holidays:

- May 31, Memorial Day
- July 4, Independence Day
- September 6th, Labor Day
- November 25th & 26th, Thanksgiving Holiday

Social Events and 2011 Directory

The following events are coming up at the Clubhouse:

- Saturday, February 19
from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Chili Dump
- Sunday March 6 at 4:00 p.m.
Gilda's Club Concert.

A flyer with more details on these events will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Seasonal Procedures and Reminders

Main Water Valve - As a homeowner you should know where the water main valve to your house is located and periodically operate the valve to insure that it is in working condition. There are two water main valves, one on each side of the water meter. If you are unsure of the location and/or operating condition of the valves contact the Tamarack maintenance shop at 833-5445.

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 a convenient 12-pound shaker container or in a 20-pound bag. The cost for the container or bag is \$5.00 each and we keep the salt on hand for sale throughout the winter.

WASTE MANAGEMENT 2011 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Trash service is conducted weekly on Thursday.

- Please have trash out for service by 7 am.
- Trash carts are green with a same colored lid.

Recyclables will be collected every other week on the following Thursdays in 2011:		
Jan 13 & 27	Feb 10 & 24	Mar 10 & 24
Apr 7 & 21	May 5 & 19	June 2, 16 & 30
July 14 & 28	Aug 11 & 25	Sep 8 & 22
Oct 6 & 20	Nov 5 & 17	Dec 1, 15 & 29

- The Waste Management recyclable cart is green with a yellow lid.
- Recyclables can be commingled in this container.
- Carts should be located side-by-side: at least 2 feet apart and away from fixed objects.

Please feel free to contact Customer Service at 1-888-960-0008
Monday through Friday from 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. or via e-mail at
WMEservice@wm.com with any questions.

Residents should utilize the city services for the collection of large items which do not fit in the Waste Management trash cart. Large items collected by the city include appliances, furniture, carpeting, mattresses, plumbing fixtures (toilets, sinks, etc.) and other items too large to be safely lifted by a single person. Residents must purchase a sticker to attach to appliances left at the curb. Stickers are available at any Madison Public Library.

The city performs large item collection every other week on Wednesday.

City of Madison 2011 Recycling & Large Item Collection Schedule

Recycling pick up will occur every other week on the following Wednesdays:			Large Item collection will occur every other week on the following Wednesdays:		
Jan 12 & 26	Feb 9 & 23	Mar 9 & 23	Jan 5 & 19	Feb 2 & 16	Mar 2, 16 & 30
Apr 6 & 20	May 4 & 18	June 1, 5 & 29	Apr 13 & 27	May 11 & 25	June 8 & 22
July 13 & 27	Aug 10 & 24	Sep 7 & 21	July 6 & 20	Aug 3, 17 & 31	Sep 14 & 28
Oct 5 & 19	Nov 2, 16 & 30	Dec 14 & 28	Oct 12 & 26	Nov 9 & 23	Dec 7 & 21

Both the city recycling cart and large items must be brought to the city terrace on Westfield Road or Tree Lane.

For more information on City of Madison collection policies visit the city website at
www.cityofmadison.com/streets/collection.cfm
or contact the West Side information office at 266-4681.