

# The Good Life...

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May 2021

## Meeting Calendar

*Meetings are open to all residents.*

### Finance Committee

Wednesday, June 16 - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, July 21 - 4:00 pm

### Architectural Review Board

Monday, June 7 - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday, July 14 - 4:00 pm

### Maintenance Committee

Tuesday, June 8 - 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, July 13 - 4:00 pm

### Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 25 - 6:30 pm  
Tuesday, June 22 - 6:30 pm

### Welcome Committee

### Resident Activities Committee

## Event Calendar

*Please mark your calendars*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Friday  
9 am – 4 pm  
Or by appointment

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## Current News

### WI residents soon to be required to dial the area code in order to make local calls.

People in Wisconsin will soon have to dial local numbers using 10 digits — the area code and the seven-digit phone number.

Currently, people in Wisconsin can place a call to a number in the same area code without dialing the area code. That option will end Oct. 23. This will affect both landlines and cellphones and all of Wisconsin's six area codes — 262, 414, 534, 608, 715 and 920 — as well as more than two dozen other states that have not already switched to 10-digit dialing.

The change is because the Federal Communications Commission is establishing 988 as the new, nationwide, phone number for suicide prevention and mental health help. Until the two-year transition is complete in July 2022, people in need of the hotline should continue to dial 800-273-8255 (800-273-TALK).

### AT&T and Verizon want practice start.

AT&T and Verizon are asking their customers to begin practicing 10-digit dialing starting April 24. Those who forget and dial just seven digits will still have their call completed for now.

Starting Oct. 24 "local calls dialed with only seven digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed," Verizon said in its release to customers.

Those who hear that recording must hang up and dial again using the area code.

People who have programmed seven-digit phone numbers into speed dial functions or cellphone contact lists will need to reprogram those as 10-digit numbers to make a phone call after that point.

### Congratulations, Mitch!

Mitch Cloutier of our maintenance staff is our official Certified Pool Operator (CPO). This spring, he studied hard and passed his CPO test with a 100% score.

Thank you, Mitch. We're ready to a fun summer .

## **Announcing New Schedule for Large Item Collection Beginning June 1, 2021**

### **A work order system will make collection more efficient.**

Beginning on June 1, 2021, the Streets Division's large item pickup will change.

Starting on June 1, when residents need large item pickup, they will need to schedule the collection via a work order system that can be accessed on the Streets Division's website.

### **What will I need to do with the work order system?**

In the work order, you will submit information about what items you are setting out for pickup or taking to a drop-off site. For curbside collection, you will also schedule the date when the items will be picked up.

You will also use the work order system to pay [recycling fees](#) that are necessary for [certain items](#), like appliances or televisions.

### **When can I access the work order system?**

On May 28, 2021 the online order system will be available for the public to schedule large item pickup for the month of June and beyond.

Also on that date, you can begin using this system to purchase recycling fee stickers for items that will be taken to the drop-off site.

### **Where can I access the new system to submit work orders on May 28th?**

The link to the work order system will be available in multiple locations on the Streets Division's website.

Once the work order system is live on May 28, and if you have trouble completing the forms, please contact the Streets Division office that services your home and staff will be able to help.

If you live east of South Park Street, you should call 608-246-4532. If you live west of South Park Street, you should call 608-266-4681. The office is available to help from 7:30am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

### **Why is this change being made?**

The move to the work order system will help collection become more efficient.

Under the current system, large item collection crews rove through streets looking for material to collect. This means crews spend a lot of fuel and time searching for items.

By changing to a work order system, our crews can instead go directly to the homes that have out material, saving fuel and time.

This also allows us to get better data about what we collect. In time, as more recycling opportunities become available locally, work orders allow us to be more intentional with our collection system. For example, when mattress recycling becomes available once again, we can dispatch a truck to specifically pickup mattresses at the stops that have them so we can deliver them to a recycler. This will make for a better process so the recyclable large items will not have to be separated out from the materials we cannot yet reclaim.

And the work order system should practically eliminate missed large item collections as crews will know exactly which houses need collection.

### **Where can I go for more information?**

There will be subsequent news releases in the lead-up to the deploying of the work order system that will provide more details.

The Streets Division also has [a new webpage dedicated to answering questions about the new system and how it will work](#).

You can also [contact the Streets Division offices](#).

### **Contacts.**

- Bryan Johnson, 608-267-2626, [streets@cityofmadison.com](mailto:streets@cityofmadison.com)
- Streets East, 608-246-4532
- Streets West, 608-266-4681

### **Odana Area Plan-Upcoming Meetings**

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in these meetings.

Draft land use, transportation, parks and open space, and maximum height maps for the Odana Area Plan were shared in late January. Project staff have made some edits since that time and are looking forward to sharing updated concepts at two virtual meetings: an Evening Engagement on May 27th at 5:30pm, and a Lunch & Learn on June 1st at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

The same information will be presented at both meetings. In addition to updated maps, potential proactive rezoning of properties and possible official mapping of planned street connections will be summarized. The City anticipates these will be the final Odana Area Plan public meetings outside of discussion and review at board/committee/commission meetings, the first of which will be a Plan Commission update on June 7th. The same information shared at the public meetings will be shared with the Plan Commission.

Draft maps and recommendations will be posted to the project web page in advance of the public meetings - likely on May 21st. To register for the public meetings, please visit the project webpage. <https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/odana-area-plan/3296/>

### **Sauk Creek Greenway Restoration Update**

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Trees Planned for Removal in Spring 2021 based on Private Property Damage Concerns

City Engineering Operations plans to remove 8 trees adjacent to 25 Brule Circle between the access path and property line (see attached). There are 2 trees (tag #4606 and #4584) that are at risk of falling and damaging private property.

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Tree #4583 is a ~26" diameter white oak, with many high dead limbs, and a large hole at the base of the tree showing root collar decay. In order to safely remove tree #4583, and protect adjacent, healthier, oaks, the City will need to remove 1 box elder tree (#4586) that has a wound on its trunk, 1 dead white oak (#4587) and 1 small un-tagged tree.

Tree #4606 is a box elder that is leaning aggressively over the fence. To access #4606 for removal, 2 dead invasive buckthorn (#4607 and #4608), and 1 half-dead black cherry (#4609) will need to be removed.

All trees targeted for removal are marked with pink tape in the field. To view update: <https://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/projects/sauk-creek-greenway-restoration>

## Activities & Events

### **TAM LUNCH PICNIC**

JOIN NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS FOR THE FIRST POST-QUARANTINE TAM LUNCH PICNIC

WALNUT GROVE PARK  
TUESDAY

JUNE 15TH

11:30 a.m.

1. All current safety protocols will be observed.
2. Bring your own lunch and chair.
3. No RSVP necessary.

*All are welcome!*



### **Tamarack Water Aerobics Classes for 2021 Season**

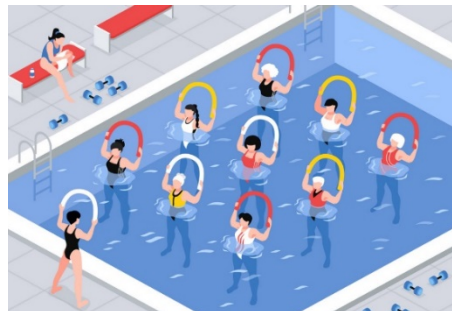
It is time to think about making a Big Splash and gaining some health benefits\* while exercising with your Tamarack neighbors right here at the Tamarack Pool.

\*Hours of Fun \* Increased Range of Motion \* Stronger Muscles \* Improved Physical Health\* Improved Mental Health \* Better Heart Rate \* Social Distancing \* Time Spent Outside \*

#### **Morning Classes**

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

For dates and details contact:  
Jean [jean.hilgers@tamarack.com](mailto:jean.hilgers@tamarack.com)  
or Patti [psponem@gmail.com](mailto:psponem@gmail.com)



#### **Evening Classes**

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

For dates and details contact:  
Jean [citizenjean2@gmail.com](mailto:citizenjean2@gmail.com),  
Pat [pjmaddox@chater.net](mailto:pjmaddox@chater.net) or  
Judy [judybl@tds.net](mailto:judybl@tds.net)

### **Poetry Event Cancelled**

The *POETRY EVENT* scheduled for June has been postponed to next January or February. Thanks for your interest. We'll gather again next winter.

## **Summer Solstice**

It has been a while since we've been able to visit with our friends & neighbors. Let's get the summer started by celebrating the solstice on Monday, June 21st. Bring a chair & your beverage of choice (no glass) to the clubhouse area @ 6:45pm. The Resident Activities Committee will provide dessert & the "Raging Grannies" will entertain us. Rain date will be Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The "Raging Grannies of Madison" are members of a national group that sing out for peace, economic & social justice, and the environment. They want to have fun, refuse to be silenced, and will sing out against those things that harm the planet we will leave to our grandkids.

We hope to see you there!!! No reservations are necessary, but we would like an idea of how many will attend so please email [marysuef4@gmail.com](mailto:marysuef4@gmail.com) with a number for your household if you can.

Watch next month's "Good Life" for updates.

## **Seasonal Reminders & Projects**

### **Pooling Opening Announcement**

Summer's almost here and so is warmer weather. The mechanical updates for the pool have been completed and the chemicals will be going in this week.

**The pool will be opening on Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 10am.**

All residents are encouraged to read the "Summer Recreation Policies" as a refresher for the season. This also includes information on the tennis and pickleball courts. Pool cards and tennis court keys are available from the office. Your cards and keys from 2020 are still valid.

We continue to follow the COVID guidelines from Public Health of Madison Dane County. The policies in the COVID-19 Addendum were approved by the Board of Directors at their April meeting. They will be in place on opening day. As of Friday, May 14, 2021, the Dane County vaccination rate is 53.5% (292,235 residents). We expect to open the pool with the 50% policies in place.

A limited number of tables and chairs will be put out. Please clean them when you leave. Both the showers and the diving board will be closed initially, as it can be difficult to maintain the 6' social distancing.

Residents will be allowed to bring family members and a limited number of guests while following the Dane County and CDC guidelines regarding capacity, social distancing and masks.

Please remember that we are a private, community pool and we all need to be mindful and respect and follow the Covid rules for outside spaces, keeping that 6' spacing from those not in your household, and wearing a mask while on the deck. The catch phrases for this season should be kindness and respect, as the rules are aimed at keeping us all healthy and our pool available for everyone's summer enjoyment.

We plan to monitor usage on a regular basis. The rules may change as the season progresses and the vaccination rate improves.



## Board and Committee Business

### **NO-MOW MAY PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY**

The new Maintenance Committee work group, Neighbors for a Greener Tamarack (NGT), is looking into ways to enhance TT's ornamental plantings and turf policies by reducing the use of harmful chemicals on our lawns and gardens (See April *Good Life* article for more information).

If you have had the chance to walk behind 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48 Oak Creek Trail, you will have seen the first project by the NGT work group get underway. With BOD approval, a large swath of grass is not being mowed throughout May, allowing the many small plants to flourish and in doing so to give the birds and bees the opportunity of an early season feed.



Signs similar to this one mark the extent of the project.

We hope that you take the opportunity to visit the project at any time. In addition, on Tuesday May 25 between 4:00 and 6:00pm and again on Thursday May 27 between 4:00 and 6:00pm, members of the work group will be at the site to talk to Tamarack residents about the project and answer questions. You will see the impact of not mowing. You can also give us some feedback and your thoughts on expanding to other areas next year.

The best access to the area is between 46 and 48 Oak Creek Trail. This route provides the least slope, and the neighbors are OK with its use so do not be shy!  
SO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS and please join us.

A short questionnaire will be available for you to let us know what you think of the project and to leave us your comments.

### **Weed Patrol**

Let's get outdoors! The Weed Patrol will be on duty again this summer. You know that we have plenty of baby buckthorn to get rid of. The thistles are multiplying faster than the rabbits.

If you are interested in joining your neighbors as we remove weeds and invasive, please contact Angie ([angie.swan@tamaracktrails.com](mailto:angie.swan@tamaracktrails.com)). The locations and scheduling will be based on individual availability. Join us!

### **How do I sign up to use the swimming pool and tennis courts?**

The pool and tennis/pickle ball courts are always locked. To gain access to the pool or tennis court, the resident or guest must possess a magnetic key card for the pool and a key for the tennis court gate. Each unit owner may purchase two key cards/court keys at \$10 each. Keys are only available through the Tamarack Office. Pool rules and hours are published annually and distributed to the membership. Sign-up sheets are available in the mailbox at the tennis court gate for tennis and pickle ball reservations. Residents may sign up for a one and one-quarter hour session at a time, up to three days in advance.

### **Food Pantry Update**

The Lussier Food Pantry needs cleaning supplies, household products (toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish, and hand soap, etc.) Also, toothpaste, feminine products, size 3-4 diapers and pull ups. Please keep these items in mind as we continue to support our neighbors.

*Dee Seyfarth - Tamarack Trails/Lussier Center Food Pantry Coordinator*