

**Concerns Regarding the Proposed Road Project in Sunset Memory Gardens
Cemetery
April 8, 2019**

My name is Jude Morse. I've owned and lived in my Tamarack Trails home in Madison at 7381 Tree Lane immediately adjacent to the Sunset Memory Gardens Cemetery for 24 years. I am here today in support of the concerns identified by others about the proposed road project in the Cemetery and I would like to focus on three areas of concern:

- 1) The first concern I want to focus on is the Tamarack Trails Board has not provided an appropriate meeting for the impacted Tamarack Trails homeowners and others to discuss concerns, so the process is flawed. The meeting convened by the Tamarack Trails Board on January 28th, 2019 was when Madison Public Schools were closed due to snow. That day there was ^{approximately} 8-9 inches of snow throughout Tamarack Trails and plowing for many homeowners was not completed in time for the meeting. And the Madison Public Schools also were closed the following three days on Tuesday through Thursday January 29th - 31st, 2019 due to extreme cold. I confirmed the Madison Public Schools closings on Monday January 28 through Thursday January 31, 2019 by phoning the Chief of School Operations office of the Madison Public Schools at (608) 663-1632.

In addition to these horrible weather problem that prevented many Tamarack Trails homeowners from participating in the January 28th meeting, the Tamarack Trails Board did not accurately inform homeowners about the importance of the January 28th meeting. Instead the Board stated in the notice to the homeowners adjacent to the Cemetery and also in the "Condo Newsletter": Please keep in mind that this is very early in a continuing discussion between all entities involved. (See copies I've submitted of the January 10, 2019 notice to "Tree Lane and Randolph Drive Residents" and "The Good Life... " newsletter.)

Therefore the Tamarack Trails Board should be required to conduct another meeting for homeowners to adequately provide that essential part of this process.

- 2) The second concern I want to focus on are problems with the design of the proposed road. In addition to other concerns expressed by my neighbors, the proposed road would not, as stated by the applicants, provide an opportunity for both parking near a grave and also for driving on the proposed road. Because the proposed road is approximately eight feet wide, there would not be enough room across the width of the proposed road for a second vehicle planning to visit a grave farther along the proposed road to pass by another vehicle already parked while visiting a different grave along the proposed road. Because there would not be enough room across the width of the proposed road for both a vehicle parking near a grave and also another vehicle driving along the proposed road, this means that for vehicles to drive by a vehicle already parked on the proposed road, the driving-by vehicles will be forced to drive off the road and likely drive onto Tamarack Trails' property.

Therefore this proposed road project should not be approved.

- 3) The third area of concern I want to focus on is the proposed road project will cause a serious increase in the Cemetery's drainage problems that already negatively severely impact on Tamarack Trails' homeowners and residents. This afternoon at 1:00 I measured an area of accumulated standing water 64 feet by 9 feet of standing water at least 3 inches deep in the proposed road project's area. From my 24 years of living in Tamarack Trails immediately adjacent to the Cemetery, I know this is not unusual and has been worsening over time because the Cemetery is located on "marshy" land plus all the burials in the ground further disrupt the otherwise natural drainage into the Cemetery's ground.

And during the 24 years I've lived in my Tamarack Trails home immediately adjacent to the Cemetery, I've observed serious problems with mosquitos nesting in the accumulated standing water on the Cemetery. I've also

observed several ducks swimming around on accumulated water in the Cemetery!

In addition to the serious existing problems due to accumulated water on the Cemetery, there are severe drainage problems from the Cemetery into Tamarack Trails' property. When I moved into my Tamarack Trails home 24 years ago, there was a log retaining wall by my home along the edge of Tamarack Trails' property adjacent to the Cemetery. Frequently there was so much water gushing out of that log retaining wall that it looked like 20 water faucets had been turned on full-force within the log retaining wall! After several years of that severe gushing of water through the log retaining wall, the wall collapsed and was removed by Tamarack Trails. However frequently there still is such severe drainage from the Cemetery that it creates a sheet of ice along the cul-de-sac road from the Cemetery down to Tree Lane during the colder weather and creates a slippery wet area in the warmer weather. These icy and slippery areas are especially dangerous for a person like myself with multiple severe spine and neurological disabilities.

Therefore for this proposed road project, even if not automatically required by the City of Madison for this type of project, given the severe existing drainage problems in and out of the Cemetery, I urge you to require the type drainage system for the proposed road project that was required for the proposed mausoleum project in the Cemetery approximately 20 years ago.

Thank you for listening to my concerns and recommendations.

Also the process regarding the proposed road needs to be delayed until completion of the City's drainage study ~~that's~~ and recommendations that's scheduled to be completed in late summer.

Tamarack Trails Community Services Assoc., Inc.

102-110 South Westfield Road, Madison, WI 53717 -- (608)-833-1615

January 10, 2019

To: Tree Lane and Randolph Drive Residents

From: Tamarack Trails Board of Directors

As you may be aware, the Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM) owns nearly 1300 burial plots in the area of Sunset Gardens backing on Tamarack Property. It has proven difficult for mourners and visitors to access these graves, and parking along Westfield Road is now taken up by the nearby office building. They now plan to put in an asphalt road along the northern border of the property adjoining ours, entering from Westfield Road heading west and then turning south to meet an existing road within the cemetery. This will provide access for disabled and elderly members of their community to park within the cemetery and not park on TT lawns, gardens, or driveways.

In the process of developing their plans they became aware of a water drainage issue from Sunset Gardens (now owned by Stonemor) onto Tamarack property. JBAM have secured philanthropic funding to install gutters, rain basins and graded swales to help direct runoff, but came to us in order to be good cooperative neighbors and work with us to try to address these issues. Sunset has been informed that they will need to come up with a plan for the rest of the cemetery.

A preliminary meeting was held in early January between their group (James Stein, MD, President), three Tamarack board members (Jean MacCubbin Pres., Janet Hirsch, Anne Rohr), Alderman Paul Skidmore, Angie Swan from our Landscape team, Jayne Meyer (Maintenance Committee) and several TT residents. At this point, Alderman Skidmore is talking with City of Madison drainage personnel as well as the mayor to assess possible city involvement. Numerous trees along the lot line will need to be trimmed, removed, or replanted (some by JBAM); Angie will be the point person for this concern. Rain gardens, stone riprap, swales and catch basins were discussed as several of the numerous suggested options.

The engineering plans from Edge Consulting, the Jewish Burial Society letters, and the water questions that are being addressed will be posted on the TT Office lobby bulletin board.

Please keep in mind that this is very early in a continuing discussion between all entities involved. We will try to keep you informed as more information becomes available.

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Meetings are open to all residents.

Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 23 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, February 27 – 4:00 pm

Architectural Review Board

Wednesday, February 6 - 7:00 pm

Maintenance Committee

No Meeting in January

Tuesday, February 5 – 4:00 pm

Board of Directors

Tuesday, January 22 – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 26 – 6:30 pm

Welcome Committee

Monday, January 28 10:30-11:30 am

Event Calendar

Please mark your calendars

Tamarack Bridge

Wednesdays from 6:30-10:00 pm

Safety Meeting

Monday, February 11 - 7:00 pm

Clubhouse

OFFICE HOURS

M, W, TH, F hours:

9 am – 4 pm

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Current News

New Cemetery Roadway

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Note: No notice of 1/26/19 meeting

Capri Senior Communities

From West Place Workgroup

With senior housing going in at both ends of Tree Lane, we know it's confusing. We're talking about the development that is being planned for the West Place Property adjacent to Tamarack at Honey Locust and Mountain Ash.

The project is being developed for Capri Senior Communities, based in Waukesha. They have an option to purchase the land, contingent on a change in zoning and City approval of the project. While the West Place Workgroup has conveyed some concerns to the developer, we have been pleased with their responsiveness.

The property will be accessed from Tree Lane across from the Wexford Apartments. City staff has requested a street to connect with the private Navitus Drive and, ultimately, to Mineral Point Road.

At the December 13th Neighborhood Meeting, a revised site plan was presented. The three- and four-story structure would have 171 one- and two-bedroom units (135 units of independent living and 36 of assisted and/or memory care) ranging in size from 700 to 1,200 square feet. Capri generally accepts privately-funded independent and assisted living residents.

In addition, there would be 17,000 sq. ft of common area which would include a coffee shop for residents, a café and a wellness center. Underground parking would accommodate 145 vehicles.

The next Neighborhood Meeting will be held in February. Construction would start in Fall 2019.



Library News



Following approval by the Architectural Review Board, Prudy Stewart moved forward to have a "Little Library" built and officially registered (Charter #81306). It has been installed next to the Clubhouse. Our neighborhood of readers has a place to take and share books 24/7. Thanks to Prudy for her donation and to Terry Bloom for building the library.

Karen Wegert and Al Seeger are taking care of our inside library. In addition, they will continue to keep the Little Library stocked with great titles. Thank you to Karen and Al for volunteering.

Happy reading!

The 2019 Recyclopeda is Here!

The City of Madison Streets Division has released its 2019 Recyclopeda. To learn the latest City recycling and refuse guidelines, how to dispose of electronics and large items, and more, you can view a PDF of the 2019 Recyclopeda here:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/documents/Recyclopeda2019-web.pdf>

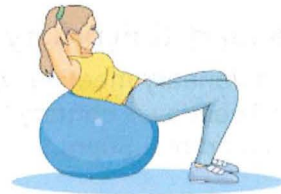
Activities & Events

Forever Fit Fitness Class at Tamarack



Monday & Wednesday 4:00-4:45 - from Jan. 7 - April 29
(No class Feb 4, 6, Mar 4, 6)

Testimonial: "Forever Fit exercise class is a fun, affordable way to get or stay in shape. Patti always makes class fun but varied. We use exercise balls, weights, mats and stretchy bands. It's a great way to improve one's strength, fitness, flexibility and balance. Join us!" Jan Haas!



Payment due by January 1 - \$87.00

Please call Patti Sponem - 279-3149 or Email: psponem@gmail.com

Seasonal Reminders & Projects

Update Your Contact Information for the Office and 2019 Tamarack Directory

We would like to update both our phone number and email contact information for all residents. An information update form appears at the end of this newsletter. If you are a new Tamarack resident or recently changed your phone number or email address, please fill out the form and return it to the Tamarack office by January 31st. Your name and contact information can also be submitted via email to: jean.hilgers@tamaracktrails.com. A new phone directory will be distributed to all residents the first week in February. **Email addresses are not published** and are used only for Tamarack internal communications.

Grounds Update

Landscapers are continuing to dormant prune around the property. Angie is looking to update the No Prune, No Herbicide, No Mulch and Special Landscape list, there are copies of them at the office. Please make sure the information is correct. With residents moving in and out, wants and needs change for the landscaping. I would like to stay up to date on that.

Angie had a resident ask about spraying their Crabapple to prevent apple scab. This was brought up at the MC meeting and decided that the residents will pay for the treatment of the trees. Please let Angie know if you are interested.

Angie Swan – Landscape Superintendent

Maintenance Update

Happy New Year!!

December was a busy month for maintenance. Tim and Mitch started the Lifeguard breakroom remodel. Billable work orders have been depleted considerably by Tim. Mitch has been doing house checks, billable work orders, and tore the deck off the clubhouse. I started decks in December and will continue to work on the list until March. This month we will be working on the office remodel, along with billable work orders, pool pump room replacement of bad pvc, and everything else that comes up.

Josh Ostertag – Maintenance Superintendent

Board and Committee Business

January & February Board Meeting Dates

The January meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22nd. The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26th to avoid a conflict with the City of Madison election. Both meetings will start at 6:30pm.

Maintenance and Safety and Security Committee update:

Security and crime in the neighborhood continue to be a concern. A discussion with West District police officers, including Captain Tim Patton and Lieutenant Michael Hanson, for Tamarack residents has been set for **Monday, February 11th at 7 pm** at the Tamarack clubhouse.

Our goal is to: Refute rumors with facts, discuss status of some prior incidents, gather information on what should be reported to police and when, and what the police/city are doing to stem what appears to be increased crime and violence in the area.

Please come to join us.

The Maintenance Committee took a break and did not meet in January. Our first meeting of 2019 will be February 5th at 4 pm. It will be a busy year, as usual.

Welcoming Committee

Frequently Asked Question: "In the wintertime how soon can I expect to be plowed out?"

With snows 1 to 4 inches deep, the entire community, including sidewalks and steps, will be cleared in about 4 hours. With each new snowfall, the contractor starts in a different phase. In the event of an extremely heavy snowfall (8 inches or more), you may have to wait for your driveway and sidewalks and steps to be cleared, since the main roadways are opened first. In an emergency or if you are on call please dial the emergency number (259-2750) to get your driveway cleared

