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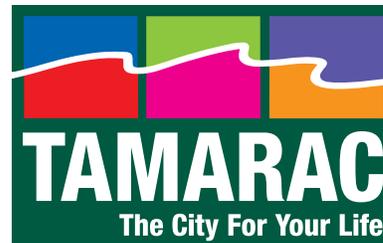
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Value: More than Meets the Eye

Are you one of those folks who needs to see, touch or feel something to believe it has value? What value do you place on peace of mind?

There's a certain comfort in knowing that when you turn on the tap, the water is safe. When you flush the toilet, what you want to go away does just that – and the pipes that sewage travels through won't burst. And, even when the skies pour rain for days on end, the water will dissipate and the streets will clear.

Tamarac is spending a significant amount of money on things that you may not see or touch, but are critical to your quality of life.

- **Inflow and Infiltration (I & I) upgrades throughout the City.** Sounds extremely unglamorous, but it's a critical part of protecting our environment. Relining the 20 miles of our mainlines, 1,466 manholes and 1,826 service lines helps prevent groundwater from leaking into the system. This dramatically decreases the wastewater sent to Broward County for treatment, providing a significant cost savings. The price for this year's I & I upgrade is \$10 million, which will ensure the lines remain sound for the next 50 years. The project will be completed by year's end.
- **Tamarac Lakes South water main replacement project.** A much-needed undertaking, replacing water mains, service lines, fire hydrants (and adding more fire hydrants), as well as resurfacing the affected roads. The project costs \$1,850,000 and is estimated to be completed in summer 2019.

- **Boulevards mainline drainage pipe bursting project.** In this process, the current corrugated metal pipes are replaced with polyethylene pipes. This is an environmentally friendly project which feeds the new pipe through the existing routes, basically "bursting" the old pipe. The cost for this segment is \$1,507,500, a third of which comes from a Florida Department of Environmental Protection grant.
- **A roadmap for smart growth including a Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map, Land Development Code and Zoning Map.** These components will make it easier for businesses and developers to build in the City because they clearly explain the zoning for each area in Tamarac. Proper planning today directly translates into increased property values well into the future.

So, when you look at your tax bill and see just what small percent goes to fund City services, think about what you're getting for your money. It's much more than meets the eye.



Stretching Your Tax Dollars

It costs a lot to run a City of Tamarac's size. You might think that property taxes cover everything. Unfortunately, they don't even come close. Why? Over 63% of Tamarac's property owners paid \$500 or less in ad valorem taxes last year. But for that money, what do you get? Safe streets and neighborhoods, and award-winning parks and recreation activities.

How are property taxes determined?

Property taxes are calculated by dividing the assessed taxable value, less any exemptions, by \$1,000 and multiplying it by that year's millage rate. Since 2013, Tamarac's millage rate has been 7.2899.

Then, there are the taxes imposed by other agencies. Of the total amount collected from those claiming homestead exemptions in 2017, here's how it was divided: School Board: 39%, Broward County: 22%, regional services: 9%, City: 30%.

Tamarac's millage rate has remained steady for the past five years, thanks to a combination of conservative budgeting, modest increases in property values and a boost from new construction. In fact, Tamarac's financial stability has been recognized by the national agency Fitch

Ratings, who lauded the City's "strong financial resilience and superior inherent budget flexibility".

Property taxes bring in about \$26 million in revenue. And, while the money goes a long way, it certainly doesn't cover everything in the \$158 million budget.

That's why there's a need for assessments for residential property owners. There's a Fire Rescue assessment which can only be used for fire services and helps ensure we have the manpower and equipment needed to protect the community. A Stormwater assessment funds the regular maintenance of the City's canals and waterways and an improvement program for culvert headwalls. And, the Residential Solid Waste Collection Services special assessment funds the twice weekly garbage collection and weekly single stream recycling pickup for single family homes with curbside pickup.

Budget flexibility allows us to maintain the City's infrastructure, facilities and services at a consistently high level. It's what you expect, and we'll stretch those dollars tight to ensure we deliver.

You can learn more about how funds are allocated by reviewing the City's budget on www.tamarac.org.



A Class Act

When Tamarac University's Class of 2018 graduated in May, we celebrated their dedication to learning about the City and how it operates. Engaged citizens make a community stronger. Over the past 11 years, TU grads have gone on to become board or committee members, active volunteers and even elected officials. We hope the Class of 2018 finds ways to stay involved.

Interested in being a part of next year's class? It's held once a year and the application process starts in November. Watch for details this fall at www.tamarac.org/TU.



Commissioner Fishman Named Home Rule Hero

Commissioner Julie Fishman received a 2018 Home Rule Hero Award from the Florida League of Cities for her tireless efforts to protect the home rule powers of Florida's cities during the 2018 legislative session.



Home rule is the ability of the City to address local problems with minimal state interference.

"I was proud to add my voice to those who advocated for home rule during Florida's 2017 legislative session, and will continue to support its preservation," said Fishman. "I think it's critical that local elected officials retain the ability to make decisions about issues like businesses, charter schools and vacation rentals that impact those who elected us into office."

Honoring Veterans



Tamarac honored our Korean and Vietnam War veterans by presenting them with commemorative pins at a recent City Commission meeting.

A Place to Thrive

Seventeen years ago, Sonny's The CarWash Factory was looking to expand its facilities and moved to Tamarac. While they considered different locations, the company ultimately chose Tamarac due, in large part, to our business-friendly practices.

Business has been good for Sonny's. Today it's the world's largest manufacturer of conveyerized car wash equipment, parts and supplies. Sonny's Chief Executive Officer Paul Fazio is very proud that it's a true manufacturer. In fact, over the past five years, the company has tripled its equipment manufacturing output.

But there's more to the Sonny's story. The company also has a big impact helping entrepreneurs across the country start and grow their business through OneWash, its one-of-a-kind suite of car wash business solutions.

Sonny's also helps young people prepare for the future by sponsoring a program at Atlantic Technical High School that helps develop future leaders and innovators in science and technology by supporting STEM curriculums (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). The company has even gone on to hire some



of the students who participated.

In total, Sonny's employs about 240 people at its Tamarac headquarters, including welders, machinists and assemblers.

Sonny's has been a good corporate citizen and after all these years, remains committed to Tamarac. In fact, the company's continued growth and success has led to the need for more space, and it's actively looking for additional space in the City.

What would Fazio tell other companies thinking about doing business here? "The City has always been fair with me. I actually see that as huge. Yes, there were times I have gone to them with issues that have come up. And every time we were able to quickly solve these issues in a way that worked for both of us. I don't believe you can ask for more than that."

Tamarac knows that a strong business community is the cornerstone of a vibrant City. We want to be a partner to our local businesses to help them succeed.

We encourage companies considering moving to Tamarac, or those looking to expand in the City, to contact us at (954) 597-3510.



Starting a Business in Tamarac

New businesses are the lifeblood of our community; they create jobs and boost the local economy. With more than 63,000 residents, a central location in the tri-county area and a renewed focus on economic development, Tamarac is a great place to start a new business.

But there's more to opening a business than simply choosing an industry and finding a location. That's why we strongly encourage future Tamarac business owners to contact the Community Development department at (954) 597-3530 **BEFORE** signing a lease or purchasing a property. We can help make sure the location you're interested in is zoned for your business needs and that you understand the requirements to obtain a certificate of occupancy.

Once you've found an ideal location, here are five steps to help you get started:

- Apply for a safety permit from the Building department.
- Apply for a business tax license from the Community Development department.
- Schedule your safety permit inspections and make sure they are approved.
- Request, pay for and receive a certificate of occupancy (CO) after passing your safety inspections.
- Provide the Business Revenue division a copy of your CO.

Completing a safety inspection and obtaining a CO ensures the safety of everyone at your business location. It also ensures that the previous tenant didn't make changes that violated fire or building codes.

To obtain a safety permit, your application must include a copy of the floor plan for the location you will occupy. You can draw a simple line layout yourself. It must include the overall square footage, dimensions of each room, the purpose of each room, door sizes and the locations for the exits, emergency lights and fire extinguishers. Bathrooms are required to be handicap accessible with a 32-inch door opening and handicap grab bars located at the rear and on one side of the toilet(s).

To prepare for your safety inspections:

- Post the permit in your storefront's window and have a copy of the approved paperwork available for the safety inspectors.
- Ensure someone will be at the business to let the inspectors in.
- Have a ladder available that's tall enough for the inspectors to check the ceiling area and dividing walls above the ceiling. **Note:** Any holes in the walls above the ceiling must be sealed.
- For the final fire safety inspection, you **MUST** have all equipment and furniture in place.

A certificate of occupancy must be issued before occupying your new space.

It may sound like a lot, but with a little planning you can get through the process quickly. We're more than happy to work together to get your new business up and running as soon as possible – sometimes in as little as 10 days. So please give us a call. The Tamarac Building department can be reached Monday – Friday from 7:30 am – 4 pm at (954) 597-3420.

Keeping Up Appearances

Tamarac's Neighborhood Beautification Recognition Awards celebrate residents and businesses who take pride in their property's appearance. Well-maintained properties improve the City's reputation, real estate values and community spirit. Congratulations to our 1st quarter award winners!

1st Quarter Residential Property Winners



DISTRICT 1

Andre Rioux and Gisele Hudon
4507 NW 46th St.



DISTRICT 2

Elmo Angelo Bartolome
4911 Woodlands Blvd.



DISTRICT 3

Debra and Herbert Sedler
7004 NW 92nd Ave.



DISTRICT 4

Sandra and Walter Ulloa
8620 Banyan Way

1st Quarter Commercial Property Winner



CITYWIDE

7041 Commercial LLC - The Fountains
7041 - 7111 W. Commercial Blvd.

Colony West's Metamorphosis Begins

Keep an eye out for construction activity at Colony West this summer, following the groundbreaking for this massive site redevelopment project.

Once construction is complete, there will be a new clubhouse with a restaurant and banquet hall, a golf cart barn and a five-story, 120-room Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott.

The hotel is made possible through a partnership between the City and AD1



Global Hospitality Investments. AD1 purchased 2 acres from the City to develop and build the hotel.

The first floor of the clubhouse will feature a full-service restaurant that will be open to the public, as well as a conference room. The second floor banquet hall will provide panoramic views of the golf courses, making it the perfect venue for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, quinceañeras and other celebrations of life's important moments.

When completed in late 2019, Colony West will be an economic development driver for Tamarac, supporting the tourists and business travelers who visit the City.

The Colony West redevelopment is just one of the many projects redefining the City of Tamarac. Continue following Tam-A-Gram to stay informed about this and other projects on the horizon.

Just a Click Away

The City is always seeking ways to share information and provide services in a way that's convenient for you.

That's why we've launched a new mobile app called Tamarac To Go that can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. You can find out about things to do, get the latest news from the City, make online payments and send us questions or requests right from its main page.

In addition, the City's website got a makeover and now works better on smart phones and tablets. Its fresh new look better represents our vibrant community. Check it out at www.tamarac.org.

Both the app and the website include a new citizen request tracker that's more user-friendly and easier to navigate. You access it via the "How Can We Help" icon on each platform's home page.

Click it to submit questions and report issues. You can even report acts of kindness that occur in Tamarac to help us spread positivity and bring attention to the good things happening in *The City For Your Life!*



Tamarac Resident Receives Full Scholarship to Harvard

Eighteen-year-old Tamarac resident Destiny Rochester received the biggest news of her life when she nervously checked her email in March. Click. *“Dear Destiny, Congratulations! I am delighted to inform you that the Committee on Admissions has admitted you to the Harvard College Class of 2022.”*

As an outstanding J.P. Taravella High School student with an impressive 5.35 GPA, Destiny and her family were enjoying a pre-celebratory dinner when they received the news of this life-changing accomplishment.

Destiny was accepted to Brown, Johns Hopkins, Emory, Hofstra and Duke as well as Harvard. The choice was easy. Attending Harvard has been Destiny’s goal since her junior year.



With the help of the Harvard Faculty Scholarship, which covers 100% of tuition, books and housing, Destiny plans on majoring in biochemistry at the nation’s top Ivy League school.

Destiny, you truly represent the best of what Tamarac has to offer. On behalf of the City, congratulations and good luck with your studies at Harvard!

New Vacation Rental Regulations

Short-term vacation rentals may offer income to participating property owners and affordable options for travelers, but they also raise concerns about safety, property values and quality of life for neighboring residents. That’s why Tamarac recently adopted a new common sense ordinance to govern them.

Just like other business owners, people who wish to offer their homes - or rooms within their home - for short-term rental must register with the City and obtain a permit. There is a \$200 application fee for a vacation rental permit, and an annual \$150 permit renewal fee. In addition to the City’s permit, the vacation rental must have a valid business tax receipt from the City and a license as a public lodging establishment issued by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

Tamarac’s new ordinance also requires that a responsible party be designated who will be available via phone 24/7 to respond to concerns about the property’s maintenance and/or the behavior of occupants. Additionally, owners are required to provide a certificate of liability insurance, proof of registration with the Florida Department of Revenue for sales tax collection (if applicable) and proof that they’ve either registered with Broward County for its Tourist Development Tax, or are exempt from it.

There are other requirements to ensure occupants are aware of and follow all applicable City ordinances. For full details, property owners who wish to engage in short-term vacation rentals can call the Community Development department at (954) 597-3530. Forms are also available online at www.tamarac.org.

Adding Beauty Through Art

Vivo, a sculpture inspired by the beauty of the City, is the latest addition to Tamarac's growing collection of public art. Located near the Woodlands Golf Course on the south side of Commercial Boulevard, just west of Rock Island Road, the 15-foot-tall stainless steel helix was created by Roger White Stoller. The 1,500-pound interactive piece of art includes flowers, palm trees, birds and people. What Stoller calls "the seek and find aspect" allows people to discover new things hidden in Vivo's intricate design each time it's viewed.

The artist created Vivo out of stainless steel for its durability and the ever-changing ways it reflects sunlight throughout the day.

Known for his stainless steel work, Stoller's iconic sculptures have been commissioned across the country. Even Google's headquarters in Mountain View, California is home to one of his creations.

Public art improves the City's image, and is one of the many things that gives Tamarac its character. The City's public art is paid for from developer fees on new construction - and sometimes grants. It's administered by the residents who comprise the Public Art Committee.

For more information on the Public Art program, visit the City's website at www.tamarac.org.



Happy New Year, Trees!

Tamarac is committed to protecting and planting trees. In fact, it's been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the past 25 years.

To help educate future generations about the importance of trees, the City frequently partners with local schools for Arbor Day celebrations.

This year, City employees helped Temple Beth Torah Sha'aray Tzedek students celebrate Tu BiShvat, "The New Year of the Trees", a holiday often referred to as the Jewish Arbor Day.

City staff shared information about planting and caring for trees with students in grades 5 - 7. As part of the

program, they planted a live oak tree near the Caporella Aquatic Complex, which was then blessed by Rabbi Michael Gold.



Excellence in Education

The City and the Tamarac North Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce recognized an outstanding teacher and staff member from each public school serving Tamarac with 2018 Teacher and School Employee of the Year awards. Honorees, or representatives from their school, are pictured with Tamarac's Vice Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Commissioners Debra Placko and Julie Fishman and Chamber Chair Ian Gerada.



ORIOLE ELEMENTARY
Kimberly Peoples and Stephanie Taylor



BROADVIEW ELEMENTARY
Elsa Roa and Ernesto Gonzalez



CHALLENGER ELEMENTARY
Rosemary Casares and Lissette De La Torre



LLOYD ESTATES ELEMENTARY
Sifnide Belizaire and Jose Callirgos



PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY
Humberto Barragan
Not pictured: Elizabeth Mathen



PARK LAKES ELEMENTARY
Jennifer Mehu and Kathy Freeman



TAMARAC ELEMENTARY
Linda Walker
Not pictured: Elkin Florez



RENAISSANCE CHARTER
Chanelle Brunner and Karen Holmes



MILLENNIUM 6-12 COLLEGIATE ACADEMY
Kyle Spencer and Florence Carter



LAUDERDALE LAKES MIDDLE
Emmanuel Joseph and Kimberly Foster



SILVER LAKES MIDDLE
Mishca Ricketts
Not pictured: Delia Ford



BOYD ANDERSON HIGH*
Not pictured: Marie Duperval and Lonnie James
*Accepted by Vice Principal Kristie Ford and
Principal Dr. Angel Almanzar



J.P. TARAVELLA HIGH
Lori Sessions accompanied
by Principal Dr. Jason Nault



NORTHEAST HIGH
Michael Ash
Not pictured: Dr. Ruth Hinkson



PIPER HIGH
Elisia Martorana and Brenda Andrus

Not pictured: DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY, Andrea Orta
JAMES S. RICKARDS MIDDLE, Jason Wongsam and Jillian Hernandez

Proclamations



The Mayor and Commission proclaimed March as Women's History Month in the City of Tamarac.



HOPE Fair Housing Center's Rita Scott was on hand as the City proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month. The non-profit is dedicated to eliminating discrimination and segregation.



State Rep. Barrington Russell personally updated our Commission on the 2018 Florida legislative session.



City officials presented Tamarac's City Clerk Patricia Teufel and staff with a proclamation designating May 6 - 12, as Municipal Clerk's Week.



When the Mayor and Commission proclaimed June 1 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, members of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America helped mark the occasion.



With an impressive 5.04 GPA, J.P. Taravella High School student Shayla Taylor earned the \$1,000 Parks & Recreation Foundation (P.A.R.O.T.) Memorial Scholarship. It's given to an outstanding student who engages with the community and partakes in extracurricular activities.

Smart Growth Plans

It's critical that Tamarac's *future* growth is *smart* growth to provide residents and local businesses the environment in which to thrive.

That's why we're updating the plans and regulations that guide our community's development - the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map, Land Development Code and Zoning Map. Together they provide the vision and parameters for future development and redevelopment in the City. Here's what each does:

- **Comprehensive Plan:** The City's master plan for future development and redevelopment, this outlines our long-term vision, goals, policies and objectives. This latest edition will be the first to include an economic development strategy, and includes updates on land use.
- **Future Land Use Map:** A visual guide to the land use revisions outlined in the Comprehensive Plan, this map details the new land use designations and the general land use categories of all properties within the City, as well as the development density.
- **Land Development Code:** The rules and regulations that govern land development in the City.

- **Zoning Map:** This map implements the Future Land Use Map and assigns a more specific zoning district to each parcel of land, which correlates with the detailed rules and regulations for development.

Updates to the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map were presented to the Mayor and Commission in May, where they received initial approval. Before being passed, they must be reviewed and approved by several state agencies and by Broward County, to ensure they are consistent with the county's Land Use Plan.

In addition, the City wrapped up a major project to re-write the Land Development Code and Zoning Map, with the help of a consultant and the community input we've received over the past few years.

We invite you to attend the July 11 Commission meeting, when the updated plan, maps and regulations are expected to be adopted. You can learn more about them by visiting www.tamarac.org/106. We'll share more details in future issues of Tam-A-Gram.

HOA/Condo Quarterly Meeting

Join us for a discussion with the Broward County Property Appraiser, HOPE Fair Housing Center and Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida, Inc. You can learn about a broad array of topics, including: property taxes and tax-saving exemptions, fair housing, and legal problems seniors face.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (954) 597-3530.

Where:

Tamarac Community Center
8601 W. Commercial Blvd.

When:

Wednesday, September 5th
10 am - Noon

At Your Digital Service

As a two-time Digital Cities Survey Award winner, the City of Tamarac continues to be recognized for providing more convenient and efficient service using digital technology.

This spring, Tamarac received a “Service is Beautiful” award from SeamlessDocs, a company that helps governments digitize forms and processes. This award recognizes our use of digital forms that can be conveniently accessed, completed and submitted on our website, from public records requests to applications for City

programs, jobs and much more.

Tamarac was also featured in a case study published by our IT solutions provider, Superior. Using their platforms, the City has processed more than 10,000 building permits and reduced turnaround from 10 to 3 days. We’ve also streamlined our online bill payments.

While the accolades are nice, the real reward is the improved services we’re able to provide our customers – the people who live, work and do business in our City.

Keeping Tamarac Beautiful

In our continuing efforts to keep the City looking beautiful, Tamarac employees are keeping an extra eye out for litter as they work around town. They filled more than 10 trash bags on the first day of this collaborative effort.

The new initiative will improve the look of our community and, as an added benefit, reduce wildlife injuries due to discarded waste.



Service that Doesn't Stop



When Fire Rescue puts out a fire, they continue to care, and often stay involved, long after the initial call. Earlier this year, they helped a family who had just moved to Tamarac when their new home caught fire. Though the fire was extinguished quickly, the family suffered a major loss and the damage forced them out of their home. To make matters worse, all their important documents were destroyed.

In the months after this tragedy, Tamarac Fire Rescue stepped up to the plate by donating funds, and the Fire Prevention division delivered toys and additional supplies to help the family.

Tamarac City Manager Leads FCCMA

Tamarac's City Manager Michael C. Cernech was elected President of the Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA). He was sworn in to office by his children at the group's annual conference themed "The Future Starts Today".

FCCMA is a non-profit for public administrators that promotes the high level of professionalism and ethics that lead to good government.

In addition to the leadership training and development, the environment provides the opportunity to exchange information and ideas and work with other public administrators on solutions to common challenges. The insight gained helps FCCMA members improve the services they provide their communities.

"My involvement provides a great opportunity to showcase all that we're doing in Tamarac. The feedback I've received

on our vision, as well as the challenges we face, has been incredibly valuable," said Cernech.

As President, he plans to focus on promoting city management careers to young people and ensuring that members represent their cities in the most professional way possible.



Annual Water Quality Report Available Online

You can view your City of Tamarac annual water quality report online at www.tamarac.org/2017WaterReportWest, or www.tamarac.org/2017WaterReportEast if you reside east of NW 31st Avenue.

These reports contain important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. We detected 10 contaminants in the West System and 9 in the East. These contaminants were at allowable levels and no health-based violations occurred. Please call (954) 597-3750 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

Volunteer of the Quarter

Tamarac volunteer Marina Sampaio spends one week a month in Ocala where she's earning her Florida Fire Inspector 1 certification from Florida State Fire College. Between school and working part-time, she enjoys volunteering with Tamarac Fire Rescue.

Whether it's filing documents, inputting data, prepping customer satisfaction surveys for their final draft or scanning projects into the computer, Marina completes each assignment on time and with complete accuracy. Her work ethic is second to none; she performs every task flawlessly and with a glowing smile.

Marina spent two years as a Tamarac Fire Rescue Cadet, and the last year volunteering. She's a true asset to the Fire Rescue department and the City.

Thank you, Marina, for everything you do. Good luck with your studies!



Stormwater Management: We're Prepared

Some years we don't get enough rain. Other times we get too much. With 2018 off to a soggy start, here's a look at what the City does during intense rainfalls to manage stormwater and mitigate flooding.

During heavy rains, our canals, lakes, roads, swales and green spaces – including residential yards – are intended to temporarily hold a certain amount of extra water. It then filters into the ground to the underground aquifer that supplies drinking water.

Excess water drains through our stormwater management system, which includes 82 miles of drainage pipes, 527 acres of canals and waterways, and three stormwater pump stations. These assets are maintained by the City's Stormwater division.

During large rain events, Tamarac communities west of Northwest 64th Avenue drain into the C-14 canal that runs along Southgate Boulevard. The City's three pump stations are on that canal to control water levels.

The remainder of the City drains by gravity flow into the South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD) canal system.

When we anticipate heavy downpours, Stormwater employees drive the City's streets to inspect and clean drainage grates. While SFWMD lowers canal levels, City staff also uses portable pumps to further lower them in flood-prone areas.

Unfortunately, there are a few areas in Tamarac vulnerable to flooding during heavy storms – particularly, the areas of Central Parc North/Mainlands 7 and Manor Park/Mainlands 6. We're looking

for permanent solutions, and working with developer 13th Floor Homes as well as other government agencies.

In the meantime, we're doing everything we can to protect residents and property in these areas, and to mitigate inconvenience. As we work through these issues, we urge you to let us know when there is excess flooding that threatens homes in your neighborhood or makes streets unpassable. Call Tamarac's Public Services department at (954) 597-3750 during regular work hours. After hours, call the Water Treatment Plant at (954) 597-3775 and the City will respond.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood insurance is important, even if you're not in a flood zone. Why?

Statistics show that all homes have a 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage, and most homeowners' insurance doesn't cover flood damage.

Fortunately, Tamarac properties in flood zones can receive a 20% discount on flood insurance, thanks to our Class 6 CRS rating by the National Flood Insurance Program. Properties outside the flood zone are eligible for lower cost Preferred Risk flood insurance policies.

To find out if you're in a flood zone, call the Building department at (954) 597-3420, or follow the link to flood protection information on www.tamarac.org at the bottom of the home page.

Coming In 2019: Waters Edge Park

Once again, our residents spoke and the City listened! People living in Tamarac will soon have another park to enjoy.

Two years ago, the City held an open forum so residents could share their thoughts about what they wanted in a park. Waters Edge Park will incorporate your visions of an ideal outdoor space.

Slated to open in the summer of 2019, Waters Edge Park will be located near the southeast corner of University Drive and Northwest 61st Street. Its 6 acres will include an ultramodern 3,000-square-foot splash pad, a covered 6,000-square-foot playground, two picnic shelters, covered benches, restrooms, Wi-Fi and more.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held by year's end.



DISCOVERY

Tamarac Parks and Recreation e-Newsletter

The Parks and Recreation department's monthly electronic newsletter, called *P&R e-News*, highlights department happenings including events, trips, classes and services.

To subscribe, sign up online at:
www.tamarac.org
click the "Stay Connected" button
in the left column and click the
"Online Newsletter" box.

CAPORELLA AQUATIC COMPLEX

Visit the Caporella Aquatic Complex and enjoy its many amenities including a 25-meter heated swimming pool with zero-depth entry, a slide and children's water sprayground. The complex also offers a 3,000- square- foot fitness center, locker rooms and outdoor picnic tables. Please call (954) 597-3660 for Aquatic Complex admission fees and rental information, or for additional information on the classes and lessons listed below.

POOL HOURS

Pool, Slide and

Sprayground: 10 am - 6 pm

SWIM LESSONS

Tot: Ages 3 - 5

Levels 1 and 2: Ages 5 & over

Adult Level 1: Ages 13 & over

When: Call for days and times

Fee: Residents: \$45; Non-residents: \$55

PROACTIVE ARTHRITIS WATER EXERCISE CLASS

When: Mondays and Wednesdays
9:30 - 10:30 am

Fee: Senior Program Members: Free
Others: \$4/Class

H₂O POWER HOUR

Challenge yourself with an interval-based aquatic workout. Focus will be on increasing your fitness level while incorporating strength for the major muscle groups. All classes can be tailored to the individual's ability level. Come out and take a plunge with this challenge!

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays
6:15 - 7 pm

Fee: Residents: \$45; Non-residents: \$55
(Four-week session)

TAMARAC SWIM TEAM

TS Aquatics offers a competitive swim team program for children ages 5 - 18 at the Caporella Aquatic Complex. Free tryouts are held Monday - Thursday, between 5 - 7 pm. For additional information, please e-mail tamaracswimming@gmail.com or visit tsaquatics.com.

FITNESS CENTER

We invite you to visit the Caporella Fitness Center, which offers a friendly, non-competitive workout environment with a variety of free weights, Life Fitness machines, treadmills, elliptical cross trainers, recumbent lifecycles, stationary bikes and more. On your first visit, our qualified staff will show you around and help you get familiar with the equipment. For more information, visit the fitness center today, contact us at (954) 597-3661 or visit our website at www.tamarac.org/parks.

Annual Fitness Center Membership Fees:

Adult Membership:	\$150
Senior/Military/Vets Membership:	\$135
Teen Membership (16 - 17 years old):	\$95
Teen Membership (13 - 15 years old):	\$65

Three-month and six-month membership options are also available for adults, seniors, military and veterans.





FACILITY LOCATIONS

Caporella Aquatic Complex and Fitness Center

9300 NW 58th St.

Caporella Park

5200 Prospect Rd.

Colony West Golf Club

6800 NW 88th Ave.

Gary B Jones Park for People and Pups

8101 Southgate Blvd.

Mainlands Park

4500 Monterey Dr.

Sunset Point Park

11000 W. McNab Rd.

Tamarac Community Center

8601 W. Commercial Blvd.

Tamarac Multi-Purpose Center

7531 N. University Dr.

Tamarac Park Recreation Center

7501 N. University Dr.

Tamarac Sports Complex

9901 NW 77th St.

Tephford Park

10003 Southgate Blvd.

Veterans' Memorial Park

7825 Southgate Blvd.

For more information on any of the programs or activities listed in the Discovery section of Tam-A-Gram, please contact Tamarac Parks and Recreation at (954) 597-3620. Times and locations may be subject to change without notice.

ATHLETIC LEAGUES

The following sports leagues are offered in the City of Tamarac. Registration is available at the Tamarac Community Center.

YOUTH SOCCER

Registration begins August 27th for boys and girls ages 4 - 17 years old. Practices will begin in late November with games starting in January. The season will conclude in March. Space is limited. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Fee: Residents: \$85, Non-Residents: \$100

FALL T-BALL

Registration continues until August 24th for boys and girls ages 4 - 6 years old. Practices and games will begin in September. The season will conclude in November. Space is limited. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Fee: Residents: \$85, Non-Residents: \$100

FIELD RENTAL

Athletic fields are available to rent at a nominal fee. Call (954) 597-3620 for more information.

FOR THE FOLLOWING ATHLETIC LEAGUE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (954) 597-3620.

Youth Baseball, Youth Flag Football, Youth Soccer, Youth Basketball, Men's Basketball, Adult Softball and Adult Flag Football.

FOR YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL/ CHEERLEADING CALL (954) 292-6119

For information on field closures due to rain or maintenance, call (954) 597-3667.

City of Tamarac Parks and Recreation Youth and Adult Activities



YOUTH RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Activity	Day	Time	Ages	Resident/ Non-Resident Fee	Session	Location
Archery*	Mon.	6 - 7 pm	7 - 8 yrs.	\$45/\$55	4-week	Recreation Center
Art & You	Mon.	6:30 - 7:30 pm	7 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week	Recreation Center
Basketball Fundamentals*	Wed.	6 - 6:45 pm	10 - 14 yrs.	\$30/\$40	4-week	Multi-Purpose Center
Ballet, Tap & Jazz	Sat.	10 - 11 am 11 am - 12 pm	3 - 6 yrs. 7 - 12 yrs.	\$45/\$55	4-week	Recreation Center
Fashionista	Sat.	12:30 - 1:15 pm	6 - 14 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week	Recreation Center
Gymnastics	Thurs.	6 - 6:45 pm	5 - 12 yrs.	\$45/\$55	4-week	Recreation Center
Hip Hop/Cheerleading /Tumbling	Sat.	11 am - 12 pm	5 - 12 yrs.	\$45/\$55	4-week	Recreation Center
Imagination Mornings*	Wed.	10 - 10:45 am	2 - 4 yrs.	\$25/\$35	4-week	Recreation Center
I-Imagine Art*	Sat.	11:45 am - 12:30 pm	5 - 14 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week	Recreation Center
Kempo Karate	Mon. & Wed.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	7 - 18 yrs.	\$70/\$80	4-week	Recreation Center
Kids Cooking	Tues. (1st & 3rd)	6 - 8 pm	7 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	2-week	Recreation Center
Krafty Kids*	Mon.	10 - 10:45 am	2 - 4 yrs.	\$25/\$35	4-week	Recreation Center
Lil Sprouts Cooking*	Tues.	10 - 10:45 am	2 - 4 yrs.	\$25/\$35	4-week	Recreation Center
Start Smart Sports*	Thurs.	6 - 6:45 pm	4 - 6 yrs.	\$45/\$55	6-week	Multi-Purpose Center
Taekwondo	Tues. & Thurs.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	6 - 12 yrs.	\$80/\$90	4-week	Recreation Center
Youth Tennis	Tues.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	6 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week	Sports Complex
Zumbatomic	Wed.	5 - 6 pm	4 - 12 yrs.	\$20/\$30	4-week	Multi-Purpose Center

*Classes resume in September

For more activity information, please call the Tamarac Community Center at (954) 597-3620 or the Recreation Center at (954) 597-3674. Registration is also available online for some programs at <https://webtrac.tamarac.org>.

ADULT RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Activity	Day	Time	Ages	Resident/ Non-Resident Fee	Session	Location
Aerobic Cycling	Mon. Tues. Thur. Sat.	7:15 - 8:15 pm 7:15 - 8:15 pm 6:15 - 7:15 pm 8:30 - 9:30 am	16 & over	\$7/\$8 \$55/\$65 \$85/\$100 \$140/\$160	Per Class 10 Classes 6 Months Annual	Community Center
Badminton	Mon. & Wed. Sat.	6 - 9 pm 5 - 9 pm	13 & over	\$3/\$5	Per Class	Community Center
Vegan Cooking Classes	Thurs. (1st & 3rd)	7 - 8:30 pm	16 & over	\$50/\$60	2-week	Recreation Center
Table Tennis	Sat.	2 - 9 pm	18 & over	\$1/\$2	Per Class	Community Center
Wing Chun	Tues. & Thurs.	6:30 - 8 pm	13 & over	\$80/\$90	4-week	Recreation Center
Volleyball	Mon. Thurs. Sat.	6:30 - 8:30 pm 7:15 - 8:30 pm 1:30 - 4 pm	16 & over	\$5/\$6	Per Class	Multi-Purpose Center

RECREATION CENTER FITNESS SCHEDULE

Dance Fit	Tues.	7 - 8 pm
Salsa Fitness	Mon. Thurs.	6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm
Pilates	Sat.	9:30 - 10:30 am
Zumba Fitness	Mon. & Wed. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat.	7 - 8 pm 9:30 - 10:30 am 10:30 - 11:30 am
COMMUNITY CENTER FITNESS SCHEDULE		
Belly Dancing	Wed.	7 - 8 pm
Kickboxing	Mon.	6 - 7 pm
Pilates	Tues.	7 - 8 pm
Power Sculpting	Thurs.	6 - 7 pm
Strong By Zumba	Wed.	6 - 7 pm
Tone and Sculpt	Tues.	6 - 7 pm
Yoga	Mon. Tues. Thurs. Sat.	5:30 - 6:30 pm 6 - 7 pm 7 - 8 pm 9:30 - 10:30 am
Zumba	Wed.	7 - 8 pm

Participants can enjoy fitness classes at both facilities with a 10-class punch card, or with a 6-month or annual membership.

Fees: Per Class: Residents: \$7, Non-residents: \$8
 10 Classes: Residents: \$55, Non-residents \$65
 6 Months: Residents: \$85, Non-residents: \$100
 Annual Membership: Residents: \$140, Non-residents: \$160
 Annual Membership/Seniors: Residents: \$110, Non-residents \$130

*Classes and days are subject to change.
 Please call (954) 597-3620 to confirm.*

For more activity information, please call the Tamarac Community Center at (954) 597-3620 or the Recreation Center at (954) 597-3674. Registration is also available online for some programs at <https://webtrac.tamarac.org>.

SOCIAL SERVICES

All services are provided at the Tamarac Community Center (TCC) unless otherwise noted. Call the information and referral line at (954) 597-3642 for more information on these and other social service programs that may be available in Broward County.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Free limited sessions for Tamarac residents only. Please call counselors Lakshmi at (954) 655-7040 or Jessica at (954) 317-3460 to make an appointment. Program is grant funded and income verification is needed prior to sessions. Please leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned within 24 hours.



LOWER YOUR PRESCRIPTION COSTS

Start saving today with the City of Tamarac Prescription Discount Card program for those without insurance. Benefits include an average savings of 20%, free enrollment and coverage for all family members. No income requirements.

Pick up at Tamarac Community Center.

TEEN PARENTING GROUP BY MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

The City of Tamarac, in partnership with Memorial Healthcare System, cordially invites you to participate in FREE parenting sessions that provide different perspectives on adolescent development, parenting styles, communication, and working together as a family to improve relationships and strengthen family bonds.

When: Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT GROUP

Learn coping skills and how to adjust to life changes, including losing a loved one, health, daily living activities, moving, etc. A licensed mental health therapist will facilitate this important group for all seniors.

When: Mondays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

PEACE OF MIND SUPPORT GROUP

Are you looking for peace of mind? Please join Chief Psychologist, Jessica Ruiz, Psy.D. from Jewish Family Services for group sessions on various topics.

When: First Tuesday of the month, 10 - 11 am

FREE 911 CELL PHONES FOR SENIORS

Call (954) 597-3642 to set up an appointment. Donations of cell phones are accepted.

When: Second Monday of each month at 9 am



SENIOR SOCIAL

Join us for light refreshments and an educational lecture.

When: Third Tuesday of each month at 11 am

SHINE COUNSELOR

Serving Health Insurance Needs for the Elderly. Have questions regarding your Medicare/Medicaid insurance? Call the Area Agency on Aging and Disability Resource Center to speak to a SHINE counselor: (954) 745-9779.





TRANSPORTATION AND EXPRESS SHUTTLE SERVICES



Door-to-door paratransit service is available to the disabled and to people over age 60 with no other transportation. For additional information, please call (954) 597-3649.

Tamarac also offers two community bus routes – the Red and Red Extension Transit Routes – to locations across the City. Schedules and fees are available at www.tamarac.org and at City facilities.

Additionally, the City runs an Express Shuttle once a month. The shuttle starts at 10 am at the Tamarac Community Center and visits the following stops: Coral Square Mall, BJ's, Home Depot, Whole Foods, Sam's Club, Doris Italian Market & Bakery, Michaels and Panera Bread. The shuttle costs \$1 roundtrip, and no sign up is required. Please call (954) 597-3649 for dates.

ADULT TRIPS

Register for all trips at the Tamarac Community Center from 8 am – 8 pm. All bus trips will leave from this location. For information, call (954) 597-3620. Trips are subject to cancellation. No refunds one month prior to trip date (no exceptions).



NORTON MUSEUM – ART AFTER DARK

Thursday, July 12th, 4 – 11 pm
Residents: \$15, Non-residents: \$25

LIPS – DINING WITH THE DIVAS

Thursday, July 26th, 6:30 – 11 pm
Residents: \$60, Non-residents: \$70

ACTORS PLAYHOUSE – THE BIG BANG

Thursday, August 9th, 4 – 11 pm
Residents: \$75, Non-residents: \$85

PAINTING WITH A TWIST

Thursday, August 16th, 5 – 10 pm
Residents: \$45, Non-residents: \$55

MARLINS VS YANKEES GAME

Wednesday, August 22nd, 4 – 11 pm
Residents: \$70, Non-residents: \$80

STONEWALL MUSEUM

Thursday, September 6th, 4 – 11 pm
Residents: \$15, Non-residents: \$25



HOLLYWOOD HOT GLASS STUDIO AND MUSEUM

Thursday, September 27th, 4 – 11 pm
Residents: \$60, Non-residents: \$70

SPECIAL EVENTS

FOURTH OF JULY

PATRIOTIC SPLASH SWIM PARTY

Celebrate the Fourth of July with some fun in the sun. There will be a DJ, raffle prizes, games and much more.

Where: Caporella Aquatic Complex
When: Wednesday, July 4th
Noon - 4 pm
Fee: \$3.50 (17 & under), \$4 (Adults)

ALL-AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Celebrate the biggest and best birthday party in the City of Tamarac! Join us for a free outdoor concert featuring “Chill Factor”, kid’s area with inflatables, face painting, arts and crafts, games and food trucks. Grab your lawn chairs and your camera and get a snapshot with Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross as they make an appearance during the event. The night’s not over until after the impressive, choreographed pyrotechnical fireworks display which kicks off promptly at 9 pm.

Limited on-site parking. Please use the FREE shuttles from Tamarac City Hall (7525 NW 88th Ave.) and Tamarac Community Center (8601 W. Commercial Blvd). For more information, call the Parks and Recreation department at (954) 597-3620.

Where: Tamarac Sports Complex
When: Wednesday, July 4th
6 - 9:30 pm



COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

The market is a great place to shop for fresh produce, honey, sauces, baked goods, pickles, and other artisanal goodies. Come meet the producers and sample their locally prepared, all-natural products.

Where: Veterans’ Memorial Park
When: Every Sunday, 9 am - 2 pm



DIVE-IN MOVIE: “MOANA”

Where: Caporella Aquatic Center
When: Saturday, August 10th, 8 pm
Fee: \$3.50 (17 & under), \$4 (Adults)

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Where: Tamarac Park
When: Saturday, September 15th,
7:30 am - Noon

BECOME A SPONSOR!

Sponsoring a special event is a great way to reach your target audience. Partnering with the City of Tamarac provides an opportunity to promote your business and increase visibility in the community. Contact the Tamarac Parks and Recreation department at (954) 597-3632 for more information.

SENIOR PROGRAM

Want to have fun, try new activities, make friends and get in shape? Tamarac's Senior Program offers more than 40 different activities every week, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm. This program is for seniors aged 55 and up. Activities are at the Community Center unless otherwise noted. For additional information, including full descriptions of the classes and programs listed below, please call (954) 597-3620.

△ Indicates degree of physical challenge

CREATIVE CLASSES

Advanced Rubber Stamping: Thurs. 1 pm

Clay Class: Fri. 10 am

Happy Hookers Knitting Group: Mon. 1 pm

Painting Club: Tues. 1 pm

Writing Group: Tues. 10 am

EXERCISE & MOVEMENT

Belly Dancing △△△: Fri. 9 am

Blend for Balance △△△: Wed. 9 am

Carol's Cardio △△△△: Fri. 11:15 am

Carol's Cardio Kickboxing Plus Muscle Training △△△△: Tues. 9:45 am

Chair Yoga △: Tues. and Thurs. 11:30 am

Core Yoga △△: Wed. 11:30 am

Gentle Yoga △: Fri. 12:45 pm

Jazzercise △△: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 10 am

Line Dancing △△: Mon. and Thurs. 11 am

Movement Mix △△: Wed. 10:15 am; Fri. 11:30 am

Proactive Arthritis Water Exercise Class △△: Mon. and Wed. 10 am (Aquatic Complex)

Senior Dance - Ballroom: Thurs. 1 pm

Sit & Fit Aerobics △: Tues. and Thurs. 10:15 am

Small Group Strength Training △△△△: Wed. 10:15 am (Advance sign up required; RSVP Monday mornings)

Tai Chi / Qigong △: Mon. 9 am; Fri. 8:30 am

Yoga △△: Mon. 10:45 am

Zumba Sentao △△△: Fri. 10:15 am

Zumba Gold △△: Mon. 12:15 pm

GAMES & RECREATION

Bingo: Mon. 12:30 pm

Pickleball △△: (Beg) Mon. & Thurs. 12:30 pm; (Adv) Tues. 12:30 pm; (Int) Wed. 12:30 pm; (Int & Adv) Fri. 12:30 pm

Pickleball Fundamentals: Thurs. 11:30 am (Advanced sign up only)

Ping Pong: Thurs. 12:30 pm; Fri. 10 am

Trivia: Fri. 2 pm

Volleyball △△: Tues. 11:15 am; Wed. 11 am; Fri. 11:15 am





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You can opt to receive phone calls, email and/or text notifications when we have important information to share.



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