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ADA Coordinator/Accessibility	(954) 597-3505	Financial Services	(954) 597-3550	Public Works	(954) 597-3700
	1(800)955-8770 (Voice)	Purchasing	(954) 597-3570	Engineering	(954) 597-3712
	1(800)955-8771 (TTY)	Fire Rescue ( <i>Non-Emergency</i> )	(954) 597-3800	Recycling & Trash Hotline	(954) 597-3740
Citizen Hotline	(954) 718-1800	Human Resources	(954) 597-3600	Utilities	(954) 597-3750
( <i>Activated During Emergencies</i> )		Job Line	(954) 597-3615	Customer Service	(954) 597-3590
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City Clerk's Office	(954) 597-3505	Parks & Recreation	(954) 597-3620	( <i>Also used for 24-hour Utilities emergencies.</i> )	
City Commission	(954) 597-3460	Community Center	(954) 597-3620	<b>Service Providers:</b>	
City Manager's Office	(954) 597-3510	Customer Service	(954) 597-3590	Comcast Cable	(954) 252-1937
PIO (Media)	(954) 597-3523	Caporella Aquatic Center	(954) 597-3660	Library (Tamarac Branch)	(954) 720-2282
Community Development	(954) 597-3530	Caporella Fitness Center	(954) 597-3661	Post Office (Tamarac Branch)	(954) 722-3152
Code Compliance	(954) 597-3425	Recreation Center	(954) 597-3674	Tamarac Theatre	(954) 726-7898
Business Revenue	(954) 597-3536	Social Services	(954) 597-3642	Waste Management	(954) 974-7500
		Transit/Shuttle Bus	(954) 597-3649		

# First Things



**SAVE THE DATE!** When you see this calendar icon throughout the *Tam-A-Gram*, be sure to make a note of the date!

**SWISH!** Eight year-olds Kourtnee Gilbert (Photo 2) and Saad Josemond (Photo 3) were recently presented by the City Commission with Proclamations in honor of their accomplishments in the NBA/WNBA Dribble, Dish, and Swish competition. After winning at the local level, both went on to compete in the regional competition at American Airlines Arena in Miami where Kourtnee came in first place and Saad came in third!

**SUMMER CAMP!** This year's **Summer Camp Tamarac** will be an adventure for all campers ages 5 to 12 years old. We offer fun supervised activities including cooking, yoga, sports skills, arts and crafts classes and weekly field trips along with swim trips to the Caporella Aquatic Center. This year, a new payment plan option is available; register your child and check the payment plan option box on the registration form. Registration packets are available at the Tamarac Community Center (8601 W. Commercial Boulevard) and the Recreation Center (7501 University Drive). Call (954) 597-3620 for more information.

**SAVE!** Remember, **PERMANENT WATER RESTRICTIONS** are still in effect. **ODD** numbered addresses may water lawns and landscapes on Wednesdays and Saturdays from midnight to 10:00 a.m., or from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. **EVEN** numbered addresses may water lawns

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**BIG CHECK; AMAZING ATHLETES; COPS:** Photo #1: The City Commission presents a BIG CHECK! (see below); Photos #2 & #3: Two great athletes were recently presented with Proclamations from the City for their accomplishments in the NBA/WNBA Dribble, Dish and Swish competition; Photo #2: (l to r) Kourtnee Gilbert (holding proclamation) pictured with her family, big sister Jada McNary, cousin Lee Alan Reynolds, dad, Tony, mom, Carrie, and baby sister, Keira; Photo #3: (l to r) Saad Josemond (holding proclamation) pictured his mom, Qunisce Grier, and brothers Gracy and Lou-Vion; Photo #4: Richard Grupka and Pete Lozier, members of BSO-Tamarac's Citizens on Patrol (COP) program (see page 3); For more photos from City events and happenings scan the QR Code to the right, or visit: [www.tamarac.org/photos](http://www.tamarac.org/photos).



**PHOTOS:** Scan this QR Code to view more photos of these great events as well as other happenings in the City of Tamarac. [Links to: www.tamarac.org/photos](http://www.tamarac.org/photos).

# \$26k

**Employees break a record!**

**BIG CHECK!** The City's employees set a new record for giving in their 2011 United Way Campaign. Tamarac's 364 employees raised a total of \$26,000 – roughly \$75 per employee! This represents a 30% increase over 2010's record setting campaign. Even more amazing is the fact that Tamarac had the highest per employee contribution of any municipality in Broward County and we were second only to Fort Lauderdale in overall contributions. The check was presented to representatives from United Way at the February 22, 2012 Commission Meeting.

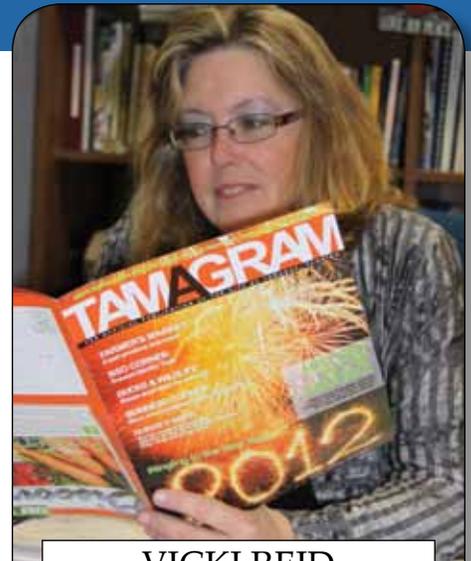
## Life in Tamarac



Photo: Carrie Marrero

**WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!** We're looking for photos taken by residents of everyday life and *happenings* in Tamarac, like this photo taken by **Carrie Marrero** of her 5-year old son **Sebastian**, who plays for the Tamarac Cougars football Pee Wees division (who ended their latest season with the best record!). "I like living in Tamarac because everyone is like a big family," says Carrie.

Do you have a photo to share? If so, please send your high-resolution [only] photos via email to: [pio@tamarac.org](mailto:pio@tamarac.org). Be sure to include your full name, telephone number and a brief description of the photo. **Also, be sure to include a quote on why you enjoy living in Tamarac, *The City for Your Life!*** \*Photos may be published in City publications or websites.



**VICKI REID**

**Vicki Reid**, Executive Director of the Greater Tamarac Chamber of Commerce, takes a few minutes in her office to catch-up on Tamarac's latest news in the *Tam-A-Gram!* **To submit pictures for the next "Who Reads Us" section**, send high-resolution [only] photos to [pio@tamarac.org](mailto:pio@tamarac.org). Please note, the photo must be of *this* issue in order to be considered for publication in the next *Tam-A-Gram*.

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and landscapes on Thursdays and Sundays from midnight to 10:00 a.m., or from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. Please remember, fines can be assessed for illegal watering. For more information, [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).

**VOLUNTEERS:** Congratulations to **Seena Kube** who has been selected as the Volunteer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2012. Seena has been a volunteer with the City since December 2011. Her sweet

demeanor and caring personality has become highly prized in the Parks and Recreation administration office where she assists with the scheduling in the Transportation Division. In addition, Seena helps with other functions as well and is one of the Volunteer Programs biggest recruiters! If you would like to become a volunteer with the City, contact Rose Cure Persad, Social Services Supervisor, at (954) 597-3642, or email [rose.cure@tamarac.org](mailto:rose.cure@tamarac.org).



SAVE THE DATE!

### TAMARAC HISTORY

You're invited to join the Tamarac Historical Society as they present a special slide show presentation on the "History of Tamarac's City Halls." Light refreshments will be served.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2012**

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

**Tamarac Community Center**  
8601 W. Commercial Blvd.  
(Coconut/Palm Rooms)



SAVE THE DATE!

## SHRED-A-THON & PRESCRIPTION TAKE-BACK

BSO's **Operation Medicine Cabinet** and **Shred-A-Thon** events help prevent prescription drug abuse and shred away identity theft by safely disposing of personal documents, check stubs, credit card offers, receipts and any other material that might contain sensitive data.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012**

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

**Kings Point**

7620 Nob Hill Road

(North parking lot; access from N.W. 77 Street)



# First Things

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# COP

**SHERIFF** Lambert has determined that the community policing philosophy best serves the needs of residents of Broward County and the Broward Sheriff's Office. This philosophy is predicated upon the creation of partnerships with the community to prevent crime. One such partnership is the Citizens Observer Patrol or COP Program. BSO-Tamarac's COP Program has emerged as a highly effective approach to community safety, awareness and involvement. Distinctively marked Sheriff's Office COP vehicles patrolling our *Home Town* communities serve as a strong deterrent against potential crime. COP volunteers are local residents who help BSO-Tamarac fight crime by patrolling their community, looking out for suspicious activity or potential hazards and offering assistance to local residents.

Although being the "Eyes and Ears" of the Sheriff's Office is priority number one; other typical assignments include performing checks on unoccupied residences, conducting residential vacation checks, looking in on elderly or home bound residents, reporting potential problems and/or neighborhood safety hazards.

2011 was an enormous success for our BSO-Tamarac COP posts, with 563 active members representing 11 communities and surrounding areas. The dedicated volunteers of BSO-Tamarac COP drove a collective total of 22,337 miles and dedicated more than 3100 valuable hours to the program.

The Tamarac communities with COP Posts are:

- Faircrest 14
- Heathgate/Sunflower
- Isles of Tamarac
- Kings Point (All 13 Communities)
- Lakes of Carriage Hills
- Lime Bay

- The Greens
- Mainlands Sections 1 through 7
- Plum Bay/Plum Harbor
- Westwood Communities
- Woodlands

If you represent a community that is not listed please call for a free presentation to your group or organization.

**Eligibility requirements to become a COP include:**

- Applicants must be 18 years old or older to apply.
- Applicants must live within Broward County.
- Applicants must complete an application form, waiver, and pass a background check.
- To participate, an applicant cannot have any criminal convictions within the last 5 years for the following offenses:
  - Any Felony
  - Any misdemeanor involving drugs or issues commonly referred to under the category of moral turpitude.
- All applicants will be subject to review and background checks.
- Any history which may reflect unfavorably upon the Broward Sheriff's Office may be cause for denial of membership.
- Each candidate must complete 4 hours of training.
- Each member must complete a minimum of three hours of duty per month, on the average, to remain on active status with the program.

Anyone wishing to join the **BSO-Tamarac COP** should contact Deputy Brad Miller or Deputy Carl Fitzgerald at **(954) 720-2239**.

Remember: **"TAMARAC IS OUR HOME TOWN."** Come join us and be part of the solution.



## FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Lieutenant **Jon Frasher** was named the **2011 Firefighter of the Year** by a committee of his peers at Tamarac Fire Rescue. Jon has been with the Department since 2001 and has demonstrated his commitment to public safety by completing degrees in Public Safety, Nursing and Criminal Justice. Jon's skills were recently put to good use while off-duty at a local gym. Another patron suffered cardiac arrest; Jon quickly sprung into action administering CPR, and directing a bystander to get an AED machine, until BSO Fire Rescue arrived on scene. His quick response is credited with saving the person's life — who has made a full recovery. **Congratulations Lieutenant Frasher!**



**BSO:** The BSO website is a great resource for useful information; from crime prevention and safety tips, to crime statistics and booking information. *Links to: [www.sheriff.org](http://www.sheriff.org).*



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# Let's MOVE

As a result of recent budget cuts, Challenger Elementary's physical education program was cut. "Many kids are missing out on activities that would include structured games outdoors such as basketball", according to Vice Principal Glenda McMurray. As part of Tamarac's commitment to increasing play opportunities — as a **Playful City USA** — and its "It Starts in Parks" initiative, not to mention the First Lady's "Let's Move" initiative, the City, in partnership with the school, brought the CATCH Kids Club program to Challenger; a City staff member went to the school twice a week, for an eight week period, to engage fourth and fifth grade students in organized play time and activities. Not only did the children learn about sports and other play activities, they were also taught about proper nutrition, exercise, and more.

Make utility payments...

# QUICK SIMPLE SECURE

As of, January 16, 2012, **Tamarac's Customer Service Division has moved** to City Hall, Room 102 (7525 NW 88th Ave.). Utility payments can be made in person between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m, Monday - Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Fridays. OR, make payments over the phone by calling all (954) 597-3590. It's **Quick. Simple. Secure.** Please note, **new Utility accounts must be opened at City Hall**, however routine payments can be made at the Tamarac Community Center (8601 W. Commercial Blvd.) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m, Monday - Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.

In addition to over-the-phone payments, we also want to remind you that we offer several other convenient payment options:

**C2G:** Did you know that you can view and pay your water bill online 24 hours a day? Visit [www.tamarac.org](http://www.tamarac.org) and click on the "Big GREEN Button", located on the right-hand side of the screen, that says "Pay Your Water Bill". You will need to refer to your water bill the first time you enroll. Once on the web page click on "create password" and follow the instructions.

[CLICK HERE to Pay Your Water Bill](#)

**Recurring Payments Online:** (i.e. checks or credit cards) You can make payments online through C2G (see above) by credit card or from your checking account simply by clicking on Auto Pay.

**TAPP (Tamarac's Automatic Payment Plan):** When you enroll in TAPP, your entire utility bill is paid automatically from your bank account. Once enrolled in TAPP, your utility bill will be drafted fifteen days from the billed date. To enroll in TAPP, call (954) 597-3590.

For more information about Customer Service's move, or about any of the payment options listed here, call (954) 597-3590.



#### Interested in going green?

If you're interested in going paperless, let us know you! Simply call **Customer Service** at (954) 597-3590 and let us know that you would like to enroll in electronic billing. All we need is a valid email address.. It's... **Quick. Simple. Secure.**

#### DID YOU KNOW?

In our continuing efforts to streamline our organization and processes, the City of Tamarac has combined the Public Works and Utilities Departments into one; it's now referred to as the Public Services Department.

# Solar

[green power]

The City of Tamarac has a long-standing commitment to the environment, in fact "A Vibrant Community" is a key component of the City's Strategic Plan (see page 7).

Tamarac's commitment to the environment is reflected in the fact that the City was the first in South Florida to be named a "Florida Green Local Government" by the Florida Green Building Coalition (FGCB). This certification was in May 2008 at the Silver level. Approximately a year later the City was certified at the Gold level; a further reflection of the City's ongoing efforts to protect the environment. The City also won the Florida League of Cities Municipal Achievement "Environmental Stewardship" Award in 2009 and has been recognized by Broward County with two Emerald Awards, in the past couple of years, in recognition of environmental programs.

We've talked about the City's awards and environmental initiatives in previous issues of the *Tam-A-Gram*. They range from an aggressive water conservation campaign to a commitment to reduce green-house gas emissions; from motion-detection lighting in most city facilities, to a community garden.

Most recently the City has undertaken an aggressive campaign to install solar panels at many City facilities. The first facility to receive solar panels was the Community Center in early 2010. Since that time, these energy saving devices



PUBLIC SERVICES EMPLOYEE INSPECTS SOLAR INSTALLATION



**SAVINGS:** See the savings for yourself! Links to: [www.tamarac.org/SolarEnergy](http://www.tamarac.org/SolarEnergy).

have been installed on path lighting at the Sports Complex, as well as Fire Station 15, the Parks and Recreation Administration Building, and City Hall.

Grants from various agencies, both local and federal helped to cover a majority of the costs of the installations.

Solar panels not only save energy, but they also help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. They create energy by convert-

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## WE WANT YOUR... Household Hazardous Waste

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS/HELP THE ENVIRONMENT:** The City of Tamarac, in partnership with Broward County Waste and Recycling Services will be hosting its annual **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics Recycling Roundup** on **Sunday, May 6, 2012**, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, at the Tamarac Public Services Complex (6011 Nob Hill Road).

This is the perfect opportunity to dispose of all those items you know **you shouldn't throw out in the regular trash**, such as: used paint, solvents, pesticides, motor oil, tires (limit 4), household cleaners, fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, lawn



and pool chemicals; and **electronics** such as old computers, batteries, televisions, printers and monitors!

For more information on the **Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Program**, scan the QR Code with your smart phone (links to: [www.tamarac.org/HHW](http://www.tamarac.org/HHW)), or call the **Broward County Hotline** at (954) 765-4999, or the City of Tamarac Public Works Department at (954) 597-3700.

# Code Q&A [question and answer]

**Q:** Driving through Tamarac, I often see various signs attached to lights poles, or freestanding, hocking a variety of services or events. They look bad, and sometimes they even block my field of view. What can be done about these signs? – *District 1 Resident*

**A: SNIPE SIGNS:** “We Buy Ugly Houses”; “Home For Rent”; “Fast Credit Repair”; “HOA Meeting Tonight” are just a few of the many messages seemingly endlessly plastered throughout the City on the signs you’re referring to. These signs, officially referred to as “snipe signs”, are illegal in Tamarac, if placed on public property, because they are non-permitted and when placed on street corners or major thoroughfares may impede the field of vision. In addition to the hazards they can cause, as you mentioned, they simply look bad. They make our community look blighted. The City of Tamarac addresses snipe signs in multiple ways: on any given weekend you will see Code Enforcement Officers picking up the signs off medians and right-of-ways. Blatant repeat violators are

issued a citation through the Code Enforcement process.

I do want to stress that the City’s stance against snipe signs is not to say we do not support the business community; to the contrary, the large majority of the businesses advertised on these signs are from outside our area. The City is happy to support businesses and their legal and permitted advertising.

As we head into the political election season, candidate and other political snipe signs, such as “Smith for Congress!”, will begin to show up everywhere, and in great numbers. These signs are dealt with slightly differently; when found on public property they are removed and held for five days. During that time frame we will attempt to contact the campaign manager to educate



**COMPLETE CODE:** Curious about what the City’s code says about a specific subject? Use this QR Code to quickly link to Tamarac’s complete Code of Ordinances. Links to: [www.tamarac.org/CodeofOrdinances](http://www.tamarac.org/CodeofOrdinances).

them on where to properly locate the signs as well as to provide them an opportunity to pick them up. If the campaign manager does not pick up the signs, they are discarded.

So, what can you do to help reduce the number of snipe signs in the communi-

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## UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: You’re invited to join Tamarac’s elected officials and City staff for these informative **Neighborhood Meetings** — hear about the latest happenings in the City; current and future projects; and how they will enhance our community. This is also a great opportunity to ask questions about what matters to you and your neighbors. For more information, please call: (954) 597-3530.



**APRIL 4 | 6:30 P.M.**  
District 3  
*Kings Point Clubhouse*  
7620 Nob Hill Road

**APRIL 10 | 6:30 P.M.**  
District 2  
*Concord Village*  
6501 N. University Drive

**MAY 2 | 6:30 P.M.**  
District 1  
*Bermuda Club*  
6299 N.W. 57 Street

**MAY 16 | 6:30 P.M.**  
District 4  
*Tamarac Community Center*  
8601 W. Commercial Boulevard

*Please note, the Mayor and other City Commissioners may be in attendance at one or more of these Neighborhood Meetings.*

# CITY OF TAMARAC

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2012



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What do Community Surveys; Resident Phone Calls and Emails; Neighborhood Meetings; Commission Meetings; Homeowner Association Meetings; the “Big RED Button”; and less formal one-on-one interactions between Tamarac’s elected officials, staff, and the residents and businesses of our community have in common? They are all *pieces of the puzzle*.

The City of Tamarac uses the feedback we receive through all of the above, as well as other factors such as economic conditions and industry trends, to identify priorities for the next 1 – 5 years and allocate resources for these programs and projects.

This process is called Strategic Planning.

Tamarac conducts Strategic Planning yearly. It is how we plan for the future; whether that is two months from now, or twenty years. It entails saving for a rainy day and investing in our future. It allows us the flexibility to respond quickly to immediate concerns and to plan for future projects and needs.

Previously, through the Strategic Planning process, we identified five strategic goals that were important to the communi-

ty. In addition, performance measures were developed to track the progress of those goals. You may recall, we published our last Strategic Plan in the October/November/December 2010 issue of the *Tam-A-Gram* (available online at [www.tamarac.org/publications](http://www.tamarac.org/publications), or by scanning the QR Code below).

As a result of your most recent feedback, Tamarac’s five Strategic Goals have been updated. They are: Inclusive Community, Healthy Financial Environment, Dynamic Organizational Culture, Clear Communication, and A Vibrant Community.

The City Commission and staff have updated the Strategic Plan to reflect the priorities of the community and the progress that has been made over the past several years in achieving our goals.

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STRATEGIC GOAL #1



STRATEGIC GOAL #2



STRATEGIC GOAL #3

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## Inclusive Community

The City of Tamarac is committed to providing programs and services that meet the needs of an increasingly diverse community.

**Example:** Voter Turnout

**Action Item:** Work with the Broward County Supervisor of Elections on a voter education program with the goal of increasing voter turnout at Tamarac’s municipal elections.

**Why it matters:** Better educated voters will result in higher voter turnout. Having more residents vote in City elections means that we have higher resident involvement and engagement; it also means that residents feel more vested in their community.

## Healthy Financial Environment

The City of Tamarac will utilize financial management to develop and maintain a healthy financial environment, encouraging and supporting economic development and redevelopment.

**Example:** Commercial Redevelopment Study

**Action Item:** Develop a comprehensive Commercial Arterial Redevelopment Study that will identify existing conditions within the City’s commercial districts and potential for improvements and growth.

**Why it matters:** The Commercial Arterial Redevelopment Study will provide the City with a detailed look at all of the existing commercial properties and businesses in the City. Tamarac is virtually built-out, with only a few empty lots available for new development; however existing properties are prime for redevelopment. This study will identify the best potential uses of the City’s commercial area based on many factors including location, demographics, proximity to other businesses, etc.

## Dynamic Organizational Culture

The City of Tamarac will maintain a culture conducive to the growth and retention of a strong workforce.

**Example:** Streamlining Process  
**Action Item:** Develop interdepartmental Improvement Teams.

**Why it matters:** Residents expect that they expect a high level of service. In fact, our “Customer Service” is a symbol of our dedication to excellence. In an effort to continually improve our service and performance, over the past year we have undertaken a High Performance Improvement Teams will automatically reviewing the way we work to continue to improve.

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Last year’s Community Survey played a key role in this update. The results of the 2011 Survey provide a picture of what the community feels the City is doing right and where you would like to see improvements made. The results of this latest survey are very interesting; one of the key findings is in relation to the Composite Satisfaction Index (CSI), a way to look at overall satisfaction. Nationwide, the 2011 CSI is nine points lower than it was in 2007 (the first year CSI data is available for Tamarac) while the State of Florida’s CSI is eleven points lower, yet the City of Tamarac’s CSI score has stayed relatively the same (see graph on page 9)!

The community feels that the City continues to head in the right direction. Areas with the highest satisfaction levels include: the City’s efforts to involve the community; feeling of safety in commercial/retail areas and city parks; overall quality of services (21 percentage points above the national average and 18 percentage points above the Florida average!); and

the overall appearance of the City.

The areas the community has told us they would like us to continue to work on include: police (BSO-Tamarac) visibility; the flow of traffic in the City; appearance of the City (for instance, canals... see Page 10); availability of sidewalks and biking paths; and the enforcement of City codes and ordinances. These survey findings are also reflected in the questions and comments we receive through other interactions with our residents and the business community. Of course there is more to each of these lists; view the 2011 Community Survey results online ([www.tamarac.org/publications](http://www.tamarac.org/publications)).

As you read through this abbreviated Strategic Plan we have highlighted a key action item related to each goal, how we plan to achieve that goal, and what it means to you... as you will see, to borrow the theme from the 2010 Strategic Plan, we continue to be **right on target...** Be sure to check out a complete 2012 Strategic Plan online at [www.tamarac.org/publications](http://www.tamarac.org/publications) (look for “2012 Strategic Plan: Complete” under other documents).



STRATEGIC GOAL #3

## Additional

We will create and sustain a competitive and development-ready skilled workforce.

Processes  
Annual city-wide Process Im-

Residents have consistently told us they want more service from the City. In fact, our motto is "Second to None!" Our focus is on serving the community. In the past several years we have implemented our Service Initiative. The Process Improvement Initiative. We will continue to further this effort by systematically doing things so we can con-



STRATEGIC GOAL #4

## Clear Communication

The City of Tamarac will ensure effective communication within the organization and throughout the City, and enhance the visibility of City programs and services.

**Example:** Website

**Action Item:** Re-develop the City's public website.

**Why it matters:** Most of Tamarac's residents have access to the internet; in fact, our most recent survey shows that eighty-six (86%) of respondents have access at home. In an effort to expand and enhance the City's communication efforts, we are in the process of developing an entirely new website that will provide easier online access to some of our most common services through a more intuitive user interface. The goal is to increase the use of the City's website as a one-stop, 24/7, source of information and services.



STRATEGIC GOAL #5

## A Vibrant Community

The City of Tamarac will provide resources, initiatives and opportunities to continually revitalize our community and preserve the environment.

**Example:** Corridor Improvement Study

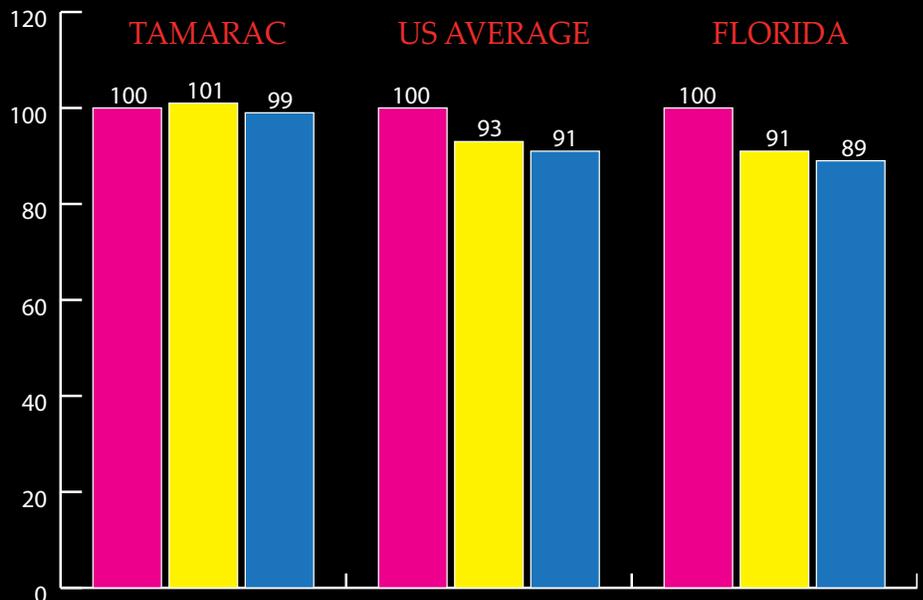
**Action Item:** Develop a Corridor Improvement Study to recommend areas for potential improvements to the City's streetscapes, signage, wall placement, etc.

**Why it matters:** Residents have consistently ranked appearance of the City as a priority. The Corridor Improvement Study will provide a comprehensive plan to address aspects of appearance, security, safety, and the environment. For instance, the study will identify what type of street furniture and landscaping should be used; and where walls would be most appropriate. The Study will look to coordinate all of these in an effort to define a sense of "place" for Tamarac; it will also help prioritize each project.

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**CUSTOMER SATISFACTION:** This graph represents the Composite Satisfaction Index (CSI), a way of measuring overall satisfaction levels, for the City of Tamarac for the period 2007 - 2011. This information is derived from the mean overall satisfaction scores provided by residents through the City's Community Surveys; it shows that over the past several years, while the national and Florida average CSI scores have decreased, Tamarac's have stayed relatively the same!

■ 2007  
■ 2009  
■ 2011





## The puzzle at work.

So how does the puzzle come together? To give a real-world example, let's take **canal maintenance**.

The feedback we've received from the community has always placed a high priority on community appearance. One of the items identified in one of the City's first Community Surveys as needing attention was the over 650 acres of canals [and waterways] in the City. Well maintained canals not only provide aesthetic appeal, but they also help the envi-



ronment. As a result of your feedback, a comprehensive Canal Maintenance Program was developed.

### How the pieces came together:

1. Community feedback identified that canal and waterway maintenance could be improved.
2. City staff studied the problem and discussed it with the City Commission through the Strategic Planning process.
3. The City Commission established canal maintenance as a priority.
4. Staff developed a plan of action which identified the need for new equipment.
5. The City Commission passed a budget that included funds for the required equipment.

Of course this is an abbreviated version of the pieces that came together for the development of the Canal Maintenance Program; but we wanted to illustrate the process.

As a result, Tamarac's canals are some of the cleanest around. They are maintained monthly by a staff of 6; 37 aerators have been installed which help to circulate water at the "dead" ends of the canals; and from time-to-time grass carp (fish) are introduced into the canals — they help to control vegetation.

## What we've already accomplished:

Here is a sampling of the items the community has ranked as priorities and a couple of the ways in which the City has addressed them through Strategic Planning.

### Community Appearance:

- Parks: Tamarac Sports Complex was expanded to include three baseball fields, a new playground, walking paths, and the City's first skate park.
- Streets: Improvements were made to medians and landscaping on key corridors such as Nob Hill Road and Commercial Boulevard, as well as along many of our neighborhood streets.
- Canals: A comprehensive maintenance program ensures that all 650 acres of the City's canals are cleaned on a monthly basis (see sidebar).

### Crime Prevention & Public Safety:

- Police Visibility: BSO's Citizens on Patrol (COPs) program has been expanded to involve more residents than ever before throughout the community (see page 3 for more information).
- Street Lighting: The City upgraded streetlights with brighter and more energy efficient bulbs to help improve visibility on streets, sidewalks, and at City facilities.

### Transportation:

- Traffic Flow: The City installed traffic calming devices around the City, including roundabouts and speed humps. Additionally, pavers in City medians provide a safe haven for walkers crossing our streets.
- Walking & Biking Paths: Multi-purpose paths were installed at parks throughout the City.
- Sidewalks: Sidewalk improvements have been made in neighborhoods throughout the City.
- Public Transportation: Tamarac's Red Route was expanded from 3 to 5 days per week with extended hours.

### What's next?

Over the coming months and years we'll continue to gather and assemble the *pieces of the puzzle*. Future issues of the *Tam-A-Gram* will feature more information related to the City's Strategic Plan and the progress we're making to achieve our goals. In the mean-time, be sure to visit us online at [www.tamarac.org/publications](http://www.tamarac.org/publications) (look for "2012 Strategic Plan: Complete" under other documents) to view a more detailed version of this document. There you will see all the goals and action items for the coming years.

We encourage you to be involved; attend Commission and Neighborhood Meetings, leave input online through the "Big RED Button" ... after all, Tamarac is, *The City for Your Life!*



**ONLINE:** For more information about the City of Tamarac, visit us online! Links to: [www.tamarac.org](http://www.tamarac.org).

# AndLast

## Code Corner | Continued From: Page 6

ty? If you see a sign on the swale or median, grab it and discard it, or if it belongs to a neighbor, or your association or management company, inform them that they are not allowed on public property and must be relocated to private property.

Of course, you can always report the signs, or any other code violations, to Tamarac's Code Compliance Division at (954) 597-3425. Please keep in mind; we never want snipe signs (or any potential code violation) to cause a dispute amongst neighbors. If you feel uncomfortable bringing a sign's illegality to the attention of your neighbor or association, call us. That's what we're here for.

You can also report code violations, ask questions, or even pass along a compliment or comment to the City 24/7 through the "Big RED Button" on the City's homepage ([www.tamarac.org](http://www.tamarac.org)) which links to the Citizen Request Tracker software. There is also a convenient mobile version of this application for the iPhone so you can contact us on the go! Look for it in the App Store.

More info: [www.tamarac.org/CodeofOrdinances](http://www.tamarac.org/CodeofOrdinances)

## Solar | Continued From: Page 5



ing the sun's energy into usable energy. This process helps to offset the consumption of traditional fossil fuel energy thus reducing the carbon footprint of the buildings where the solar panels are installed. Residents can view a real-time display of what the City has been saving with the solar panels installed at the Community Center by logging onto [www.tamarac.org/SolarEnergy](http://www.tamarac.org/SolarEnergy). There you will see how much energy has been saved, the monetary savings to the City, and the green-house gas emission reductions. Other facilities will be added in the future.

Residents interested in solar power should visit [www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org) for more information about potential rebates and incentives for renewables and efficiency.



# TAMARAC THEATRE

OF PERFORMING ARTS

**NEW SHOWS:**

**"Gypsy"**

April 7 - April 29, 2012

**UPCOMING:**

**"Prisoner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave."**

May 12 - June 3, 2012

**SHOW TIMES:**

Saturday ..... 2:00 & 8:00 pm

Sunday ..... 2:00 pm

**TICKETS:** ..... \$25 per show

**ALSO, BE SURE TO CHECK OUT:**

...our continuing "Intellectual Smorgasbord Lecture Series"! Visit us online for details.

**NOW AVAILABLE! SAVE ON SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS\*:**

3 SHOWS: \$67 • 4 SHOWS: \$84 • 5 SHOWS: \$99

**INFORMATION/TICKETS: (954) 726-7898 / [www.ttopa.org](http://www.ttopa.org) / 7143 Pine Island Rd.**

Discovery

flip for it

Now that you've read the informative Tam-A-Gram, it's time to Flip For It! and learn about the great programs and activities Tamarac's Parks and Recreation Department offers... it's all in the Discovery section of the Tam-A-Gram!

# CAPORELLA AQUATIC CENTER

Visit the Caporella Aquatic Center located at 9300 NW 58 Street. Enjoy its many amenities including a 25 meter swimming pool with zero depth entry and slide, children's water playground, 3,000 sq. ft. fitness room, locker rooms, picnic tables, and more.

**Pool Hours:** Pool: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Slide and Sprayground: 2:30 - 6:00 pm  
**Saturdays:** Pool, Slide, and Sprayground: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
**Sunday:** Pool, Slide, and Sprayground: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Lap Swimming**  
**When:** Monday and Wednesdays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Pro-active Arthritis Water Exercise Class**  
Work on balance and coordination while increasing range of motion, joint flexibility, muscle strength, and cardiovascular fitness without causing strain.

**When:** Monday and Wednesday, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Fee:** Senior Program Members: **FREE**  
Non-Senior Program Members: \$2.00 per class

**Swim Lessons**  
Swim Lessons are offered for beginner level swimmers. Swimmers will learn front float, back float, and general arm and leg motions for swimming freestyle and backstroke. **Classes and levels subject to change.**

**When:** Parents/Tots (Ages 3-5):  
Monday/Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 pm;  
Tuesday/Thursday, 5:00 - 5:45 pm;  
Saturday, 9:00 - 9:45 am & 10:45 am  
Tots Only (Ages 3-5):  
Monday/Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 pm;  
Level 1 (Ages 6 & over):  
Monday/Wednesday, 5:00 - 5:45 pm;  
Tuesday/Thursday, 5:00 - 5:45 pm & 6:00 - 6:45 pm;  
Saturday, 9:00 - 9:45 am  
Level 1 (Advanced):  
Saturday, 10:00 - 10:45 am  
Level 2 (Intermediate, Ages 6-16); and  
Adult Level 1 (Ages 17 & over):  
Tuesday/Thursday, 6:00 - 6:45 pm  
Residents: \$40.00, Non-residents: \$50.00  
Weekday classes are twice a week for 4 weeks, Saturday classes are 8 weeks.

**Water Aerobics**  
Get a total body workout to improve motor skills, balance, strength, and posture. Moderate to high level of cardio will be achieved.

**When:** Monday/Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 pm  
Residents: \$45.00, Non-residents: \$55.00  
**Fee:** (8 sessions)

## EVENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

**OPPORTUNITY:** Sponsoring a special event is a great marketing approach to reach your desired audience. By partnering with the City of Tamarcac, we will provide you with an avenue to promote your business and assist in increasing visibility in the community. Contact (954) 597-3620 for more information.

We invite you to start today at the Tamarcac Wellness Center! We have a variety of free weights, life fitness machines, treadmills, elliptical cross trainers, recumbent life cycles, stationary bikes and more. The Wellness Center offers a friendly non-competitive workout environment with an awesome view of our competitive pool or community garden. If this is your first visit, our qualified friendly staff will show you around and get familiar with the equipment. We also have personal weight training classes available consisting of lecture and practical applications that will teach you the basic concepts of weight training including safety, proper technique, training progression, and different training methods.

We offer a full array of membership options. Visit the Tamarcac Wellness Center today at 9300 NW 58th Street or contact us at (954) 597-3660 or visit our website at [tamarcac.org/parks](http://tamarcac.org/parks) for more information.

## WELLNESS CENTER

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**Personal Weight Training Sessions are available by appointment; call (954) 597-3661:**  
1 person individual session \$60.00  
2 person shared session \$30.00 per person  
3 person shared session \$20.00 per person  
4 person shared session \$15.00 per person

# TAMARAC

Now that you've read about [just a few] of the great programs and activities Tamarcac's Parks and Recreation Department offers... *Flip For It!* and read the City's informative magazine, the *Tam-A-Gram!*

**MORE ONLINE:** Want to read back issues of the *Tam-A-Gram*, or share the current issue with a friend? The Current issue of the *Tam-A-Gram*, along with past issues and other informative City of Tamarcac publications are available online, simply scan this QR Code! Links to: [www.tamarcac.org/publications](http://www.tamarcac.org/publications).





## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Activity	Day	Time	Ages	Resident/ Non-Resident Fee	Location	Session
Animation Class	Wed.	6:30 - 7:30 pm	14 & over	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	6-week
Ballet, Tap & Jazz	Mon.	6:00 - 6:45 pm	4 - 6 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Recreation Center	4-week
Cartooning Class	Sat.	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	10 & over	\$60/\$70	Recreation Center	6-week
	Sat.	12:00 - 12:55 pm				
Hip Hop / Cheerleading	Wed.	6:00 - 6:45	5 - 11 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Recreation Center	4-week
	Wed.	10:30 - 11:45 am	18 mos. - 4 yrs.	\$20/\$30	Recreation Center	4-week
Imagine Art	Sat.	12:00 - 12:45 pm	4 - 11 yrs.	\$36/\$46	Community Center	4-week
Kempo Karate	Mon. & Wed.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	7 - 18 yrs.	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	4-week
Kids Cooking	Tues.	6:30 - 7:30 pm	7 - 12 yrs.	\$35/\$45	Recreation Center	4-week
Kraffy Kids	Mon.	10:00 - 10:45 pm	18 mos. - 4 yrs.	\$20/\$30	Recreation Center	4-week
Level 1 Ballet & Tap	Sat.	10:00 - 10:45 am	3 - 5 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Community Center	4-week
Level 2 Ballet, Tap & Jazz	Sat.	11:00 - 11:55 am	6 - 10 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Community Center	4-week
Little Sprouts Cooking	Tues.	10:00 - 10:45 am	18 mos. - 4 yrs.	\$20/\$30	Recreation Center	4-week
Start Smart Sports Development	Thurs.	6:00 - 6:45 pm	3 - 5 yrs.	\$30/\$40	Multi-Purpose Center	6-week
Step Dance	Thurs.	6:30 - 7:30 pm	10 - 14 yrs.	\$30/\$40	Recreation Center	4-week
Taekwondo (Beginner)	Tues. & Thurs.	5:00 - 6:00 pm	4 - 12 yrs.	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	4-week
Taekwondo (Advanced)	Tues. & Thurs.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	7 - 12 yrs.	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	4-week
Teen Club	Thurs.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	12 - 17 yrs.	\$50/\$60	Multi-Purpose Center	Annually
Tennis Lessons	Tues.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	6 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Sports Complex	4-week
Tiny Tots Program (Includes: Imagination Mornings, Water Safety, Little Sprouts Cooking, Squirts Sports and Water Safety)	Mon. - Fri.	10:00 - 10:45 am	18 mos. - 4 yrs.	\$50/\$60	Recreation Center	Monthly Membership
Tumbling	Sat.	11:00 - 11:45 am	3 - 5 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Community Center	4-week
Wing Chun	Mon. & Wed.	7:00 - 8:30 pm	10 & over	\$75/\$85	Recreation Center	4-week

The City of Tamarac offers all of these great activities and more! For more information call Parks and Recreation at (954) 597-3620. On Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/TamaracParks](http://www.facebook.com/TamaracParks). PLEASE NOTE: Programs and Activities are subject to change and/or cancellation. Please call ahead to verify class time and locations.

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

Activity	Day	Time	Ages	Resident/		Location	Session
				Non-Resident	Fee		
Badminton	Mon. & Wed.	6:00 - 9:00 pm	13 & over	\$3/\$5	Community Center	Per Class	
	Sat.	5:00 - 9:00 pm					
Ballroom Dance	Wed.	7:30 - 8:30 pm	18 & over	\$50/\$60	Community Center	6-week	
Fitness Boot Camp	Tues. & Thurs.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	16 & over	\$6/\$8	Recreation Center	Per Class	
Line Dancing (Beginner)	Thurs.	6:00 - 8:00 pm	18 & over	\$7/\$8	Community Center	Per Class	
Line Dancing (Intermediate)	Tues.	7:15 - 8:45 pm	18 & over	\$5/\$6	Community Center	Per Class	
Line Dancing (Intermediate)	Thurs.	8:00 - 9:30 pm	18 & over	\$7/\$8	Community Center	Per Class	
Middle Eastern Dance	Tues.	7:00 - 8:30 pm	18 & over	\$45/\$55	Community Center	4-week	
Mixed Art	Wed.	9:30 - 11:30 am	18 & over	\$40/\$50	Recreation Center	8-week	
Pilates & Yogalates	Sat.	9:30 - 10:30 am	16 & over	\$20/\$30	Recreation Center	4-week	
Pottery Class	Mon.	6:00 - 8:45 pm	16 & over	\$50/\$60	Recreation Center	8-week	
Table Tennis	Sat.	2:00 - 9:00 pm	18 & over	\$1/\$2	Community Center	Per Class	
Taekwondo	Tues. & Thurs.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	13 & over	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	4-week	
Zumba	Mon.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	13 & over	\$20/\$30	Recreation Center	4-week	
	Wed. or Fri.	7:00 - 8:00 pm			Community Center		
Zumba Toning	Tues. & Thurs.	9:30 - 10:30 am	16 & over	\$20/\$30	Recreation Center	4-week	
	Wed.	7:00 - 8:00 pm				8-week	
<b>FITNESS SCHEDULE</b>							
Body Sculpting	Thurs. & Fri.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Where: Tamarac Community Center				
Boot Camp	Wed.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Fee: Residents: \$5, Non-residents: \$6 per class				
Pilates	Mon. & Thurs.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	Residents: \$45, Non-residents: \$54 for 10 classes				
	Wed.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Residents: \$132.50, Non-residents: \$198.75 for annual membership				
Strength Training Aerobics	Tues.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	Seniors: Residents: \$106.00, Non-Residents: \$149.00				
	Mon.	5:30 - 6:30 pm					
Weights with Will	Thurs.	7:00 - 8:00 pm					
	Sat.	9:00 - 10:00 am					
Yoga							

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## 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 social service programs that may be available in Broward County. For transportation issues, to register for our Transportation Program or to inquire about transit, please call (954) 597-3649. Schedules for the Red and Yellow Transit Routes are available at [www.tamarac.org/transportation](http://www.tamarac.org/transportation) and at City facilities.

### SERVICES/GROUPS

**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am

**Bereavement Support Group**  
When: Every Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 am

**FREE! 911 Cell Phones for Seniors**  
Call (954) 597-3642 to set up an appointment to receive a phone. Donations of cell phones are accepted.  
When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 9:00 am

**FREE! Amplified Phones (Center for Communications)**  
Provides amplified phones and TDDs FREE of charge to residents of the State of Florida who are deaf and/or hard of hearing. Call Social Services for more information (954) 597-3642.  
When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month, 10:00 - 11:00 am

**FREE! Blood Pressure Screenings**

Provided by Alternative Home Health Care.  
When: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month, 11:00 am - 12:00 am

**FREE! Eye Screenings**

Please call (954) 597-3642 to schedule an appointment.

**FREE! Eyeglass Repair Program**

When: Every Tuesday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**FREE! Hearing Screenings**

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 9:00 - 10:45 am

**FREE! Individual Limited Senior Counseling**

Contact Sharon Roseman, LCSW at (954) 895-6031 for an appointment. Short-term counseling only. Tamarac residents only.

**Life Journey Support Group for Seniors**

Reminiscence therapy, facilitated by Sharon Roseman, LCSW.  
When: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

**Meals on Wheels: Lunch**

Served at 11:30 am for seniors 60 and older. Suggested donation: \$2. Provided by Broward Meals on Wheels. **Must** reserve meal no later than noon the day prior by calling (954) 724-2544 between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm.

**Senior Coping Skills Group**

When: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Senior Social**

Join us for bagels and coffee and an educational lecture.  
When: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 11:00 am

**SHINE Counselor**

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

**Veterans Advisor**

When: Every Friday, 8:00 - 11:00 am.  
No appointment necessary.

### PROGRAMS

**Caregiver Support Group**

Are you a full time caregiver for someone over the age of 60? Do you feel stressed out and overwhelmed? Meet others who share similar experiences caring for a loved one. In partnership with the Jewish Family Services. Please call Susan Panzer, at Jewish Family Services for **FREE** respite for your loved ones so you can attend this meeting; (954) 370-2140.  
When: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:30 am

**Chronic Disease Self-Management Program for Diabetes**

Do you suffer from diabetes Type 1 or 11? Classes are 2.5 hours, once a week over a 6 week period. Participants who suffer from Diabetes disease are invited. In partnership with the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Broward County and funded by the Health Foundation. Space is limited. Healthy lunch is provided at each class. Please call (954) 597-3642 to register.  
When: Thursdays, April 5 - May 10, 2012, 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

**Financial Counseling**

**Do you need to learn how to manage your finances?** Learn how to budget or use online banking during your one-on-one consulting session with a financial specialist. Also get assistance with applying for federal programs such as Medicaid, Food Stamps and Cash Assistance. **FREE** for Tamarac residents. Please call (954) 720-2485 to set up your sessions. By appointment only. In partnership with CareSource, Inc., a non-profit social services agency.



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

**TICK TACK... Time for Summer Camp!** This year's Camp

Tamarac will be an adventure for all campers ages 5 to 12 years old. We offer fun supervised activities including cooking, yoga, sports skills, arts and crafts classes and weekly field trips along with swim trips to the Caporella Aquatic Center. Camp Tamarac is sure to be a place no camper will want to leave at the end of the summer!

We are also excited to announce a new payment plan option this year open to all camp registrants! Register your child and check the payment plan option box on the registration form to make

Registration packets are available now and can be picked up at

the Tamarac Community Center at 8601 W. Commercial Boulevard or the Recreation Center at 7501 University Drive. For more information contact (954) 597-3620.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT... It Starts in Parks!** Parks offer the perfect venue for community and regional events – tournaments, food festivals – that draw visitors and new dollars into our backyard. A vibrant and growing community...



## SENIOR PROGRAMS

**Calling all Seniors!** Want to live a more vibrant life, form new friendships, feel a sense of achievement, and get in heart healthy shape? Be part of the fun and become a member of the award winning Tamarcac Community Center Senior Program!

With over 40 different activities, programs and services per week, there is truly something for everyone. The Senior Program has over 800 members who participate in activities such as jazzercise, painting, line dancing, scrabble, volleyball, chair yoga, and much, much more. Where else can you enjoy all these activities all for \$30 a year!

The Senior Program is available to individuals ages 55 and up from Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. For more information and to check out our program listing, please visit the Community Center (8601 W. Commercial Blvd.), or call **(954) 597-3620**, or visit us on the web at [www.tamarcac.org/parks](http://www.tamarcac.org/parks). You can also get updates on Tamarcac's Senior Program through **Twitter** ([www.twitter.com/CityofTamarcac](http://www.twitter.com/CityofTamarcac)) and **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/TamarcacParks](http://www.facebook.com/TamarcacParks)).

*Below is a partial list of the classes Tamarcac's Senior Program has to offer. Call (954) 597-3620 for more information...*

### INDULGE YOUR PASSION

Zumba, Bingo, Badminton, Movies, Ballroom Dancing, Volleyball...

### STIMULATE YOUR MIND

Scrabble, Dominoes, Mah Jong, Rummikub, Cards, Computer Classes, Computer Club, Battle of the Sexes Trivia...

### ENLIGHTEN YOUR SPIRIT

Happy Hookers (knitting club), Morning Walkers, Line Dancing...

### EXERCISE YOUR BODY

Jazzercise, Yoga, Proactive Arthritis Water Aerobics Class, Heart Healthy, Chair Yoga, Body Basics, Stretch & Tone, Yagaitles...

### EXPRESS YOUR CREATIVITY

Creative Writing, Painting, Arts & Crafts...

## ADULT TRIPS

Register for all trips at the Tamarcac Community Center located at 8601 W. Commercial Boulevard from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. All bus trips will leave from this location. **For information about any of our trips, call (954) 597-3620. PLEASE NOTE: Trips are subject to change and/or cancellation, please call to verify dates and times. No refunds one month prior to trip date (no exceptions).**

### Broward Center – "South Pacific"

**When:** Thursday, April 12  
**Fee:** Residents: \$75, Non-Residents: \$85  
 (Bus leaves at 6:00 pm / returns at 10:00 pm)

### Lake Worth Playhouse: "Music Man" and Tides Grill

**When:** Thursday, April 26  
**Fee:** Residents: \$60, Non-Residents: \$70  
 (Bus leaves at 4:00 pm / returns at 11:00 pm)

### LaFing Matterz (Dinner and Show)

**When:** Thursday, May 3  
**Fee:** Residents: \$75, Non-Residents: \$85  
 (Bus leaves at 5:00 pm / returns at 10:00 pm)

### Boynton Beach Theatre: "I Write the Songs"

**When:** Thursday, May 10  
**Fee:** Residents: \$40, Non-Residents: \$50  
 (Bus leaves at 5:00 pm and returns at 11:00 pm)

### Kravis Center: "Les Miserables"

**When:** Thursday, May 24  
**Fee:** Residents: \$70, Non-Residents: \$80  
 (Bus leaves at 6:00 pm / returns at 10:30 pm)

### Broward Center: "La Cage Aux Folles – The Musical"

**When:** Thursday, June 14  
**Fee:** Residents: \$70, Non-Residents: \$80  
 (Bus leaves at 6:00 pm / returns at 10:00 pm)

### Caldwell Theatre: "How to Succeed in Business, Without Really trying"

**When:** Thursday, June 21  
**Fee:** Residents: \$35, Non-Residents: \$45  
 (Bus leaves at 5:00 pm / returns at 10:00 pm)

**Tamarcac is a Playful City!**

We commit to:

- Making play a priority!
- Using innovative programs to get children active, playing and healthy.
- Actively implementing ways to improve the accessibility, quality, and quantity of play and play spaces for children.
- Reducing the play deficit through partnerships.

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**\*PLEASE NOTE: Adult Trips are subject to change and/or cancellation, please call to verify dates and times.**

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Tamarac Community Farmers' Market

The Tamarac Community Farmers' Market is a great place to shop for fresh produce, cut flowers, spices, honey, sauces, baked goods, Hummus, and other artisanal goodies.

**Where:** Veterans Memorial Park, 7825 Southgate Blvd.  
**When:** Every Sunday of the month, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

### Twilight Concert in the Park

Bring your lawn chairs and dance the night away in your City park. Enjoy the sounds of rock and roll from the Strange Brew Band.

**Where:** Tamarac Sports Complex  
**When:** Friday, April 13th, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Fee:** Free

### City of Tamarac and the Tamarac Chamber of Commerce: Preventative Health and Wellness Expo

Join us for a free community wide event. The Expo will include health and wellness vendors offering their products and services, health screenings, children's activities, raffle prizes and much more. Vendors wishing to exhibit must fill out an application. Call (954) 597-3642 or (954) 722-1520 for more information.

**Where:** Tamarac Community Center  
**When:** Saturday, April 21st, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### Concert on the Green

**Where:** Colony West Country Club, 6800 NW 88th Avenue  
**When:** Friday, May 11th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
**Fee:** Free

### Memorial Day Ceremony

Join us in remembering our Veterans as the City pays tribute to those who gave their lives to protect our freedom. The City of Tamarac Veterans Affairs Committee along with our Mayor and City Commission, invite you to join them on this special holiday. Winners of the "What Memorial Day Means to Me" essay contest will be recognized.

**Where:** Veterans Memorial Park  
 (Corner of Southgate Blvd. & University Dr.)  
**When:** Monday, May 28th, 10:30 am

### Father's Day Fishing Tournament

Grab your fishing poles and bait and enjoy a day of fishing with your family. Price includes a gift for dad and a grilled lunch. Fishing starts promptly at 9:00 am.

**Where:** Caporella Park  
**When:** Saturday, June 16th, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm  
**Fee:** \$5.00 per person

### Senior Lunch with Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross

Enjoy an all American Lunch with special hosts Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross. Food will be served while enjoying music and dancing. Get your tickets in advance at the Tamarac Community Center (space limited to the first 200 seniors).

**Where:** Tamarac Community Center  
**When:** Thursday, June 28th, 12:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$5.00 per person

### Artist of the Month Exhibit

Visit the Tamarac Community Center to view:

**April:** Andrea Huffman, (Assorted Multi Media)  
**May:** Donovan Edmond, (Oils)  
**June:** Louis Louissaint, (Acrylic)

## FACILITY LOCATIONS

Caporella Aquatic Complex and Fitness Center  
 9300 N.W. 58 Street

Caporella Park  
 5200 Prospect Road

Gary B Jones Park for People and Pups  
 8101 Southgate Boulevard

Sunset Point Park  
 11000 W. McNab Road

Tamarac Community Center (TCG)  
 8601 W. Commercial Boulevard

Tamarac Multi-Purpose Center  
 7531 N. University Drive

Tamarac Park / Recreation Center  
 7501 N. University Drive

Tamarac Sports Complex  
 9901 N.W. 77 Street

Tepford Park  
 10003 Southgate Boulevard

Veterans Memorial Park  
 7825 Southgate Boulevard

For more information about Tamarac's Parks and Recreation and the programs and services we offer call (954) 597-3620. For a detailed map of our parks and facility locations, visit us online at [www.tamarac.org/locations](http://www.tamarac.org/locations).

### Times and locations subject to change without notice.

The following sports leagues are offered in the City of Tamarac. Please contact the sports league at the phone number provided for more information.

### Youth Sports Leagues.....Phone Number

Flag Football.....(954) 721-5131  
 Girl's Softball.....(954) 597-3674  
 Little League.....(954) 720-0301

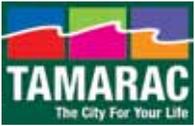
([www.tamaraclittleleague.com](http://www.tamaraclittleleague.com))

T-Ball/Coach Pitch.....(954) 720-0301  
 Youth Basketball.....(954) 597-3620  
 Youth Football/Cheerleading.....(954) 721-5131  
 Youth Soccer.....(954) 804-5022

([www.tamaracsoccer.com](http://www.tamaracsoccer.com))

### Adult Leagues.....Phone Number

Co-Ed Softball.....(954) 597-3674  
 Men's Basketball.....(954) 533-5538  
 Men's Soccer.....(954) 553-0272



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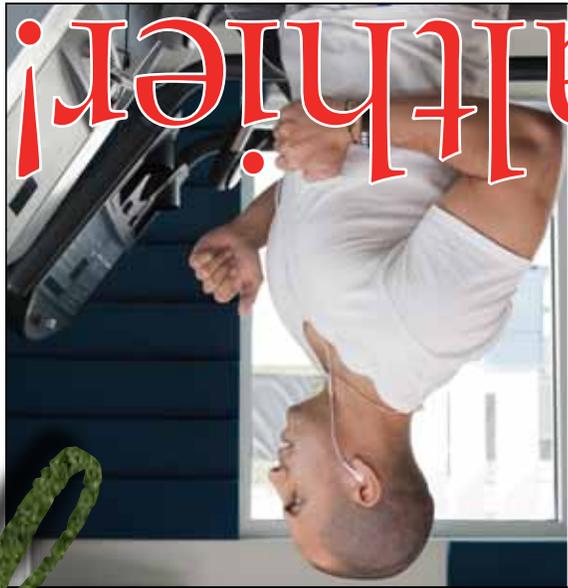
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It's time to get in shape and live a healthier lifestyle. You are not too old and it's never too late to start working out. Exercising can increase your life expectancy by leaps and bounds and considerably improve your quality of life. Studies have shown that exercise is a vital part of good health. Weight training and regular physical activity combined with proper nutrition prevents obesity, heart disease,



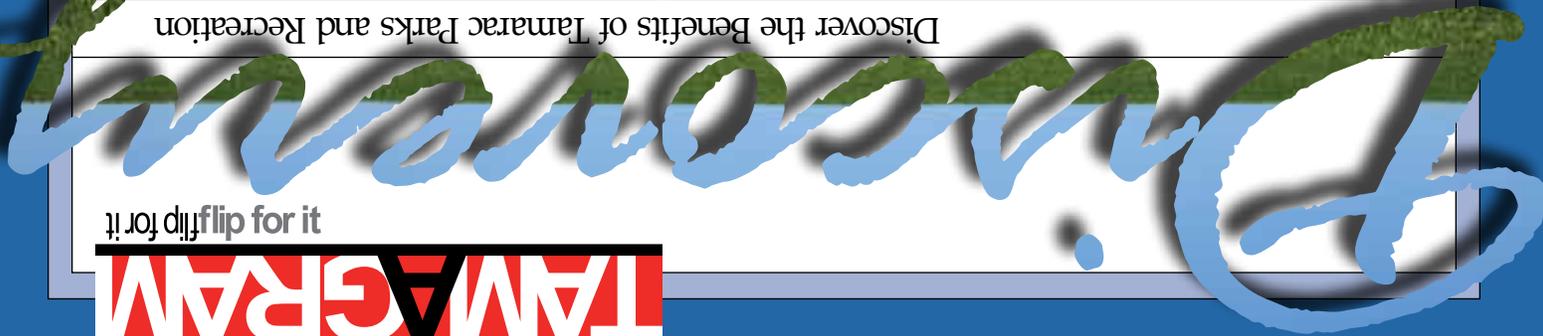
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