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# Celebrating Success

**T**here are so many wonderful things happening in our City and with our residents and businesses. But sometimes we fail to stop and appreciate them. That's why we're focusing this issue of Tam-A-Gram on shining a light on the people and programs that make Tamarac so special.

Did you know that our residents are served by 16 public schools, both in and out of our City limits? They're providing cutting-edge educational experiences, especially at the high school level. There's Chinese studies at Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy, the International Baccalaureate program at Boyd Anderson, the criminal justice program at J.P. Taravella, and the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education program starting this coming school year at Piper. We're sharing some of the schools' successes inside the magazine, as well as honoring the educators and school employees whose focus on students help make it possible.

We're celebrating the fact that more people are becoming actively involved in the community. This year's Tamarac University was the largest class ever, with 52 graduates.

And, we're honored that Tamarac has been recognized as among the best small cities in the nation in which to start a small business.

Of significant importance is the City's continued financial stability. We've been acknowledged for our efforts by the renowned rating agency Fitch for our "strong financial resilience and superior inherent budget flexibility." This magazine includes a special Condensed Annual Financial Report, to help you better understand where the money comes from and where it goes. It's a pullout, so keep it on hand for future reference.

We're also celebrating the success of Tam-A-Gram. Readers (and that includes most everyone in the City) have told us they appreciate the information and updates. That's why we've begun to produce the newsmagazine every other month, starting with this issue.

There's a lot to celebrate in Tamarac and we're going to get into the habit of sharing the news on a regular basis, so keep reading!

# Education Connection

A well-rounded education is not only critical to future success, it's important to the long-term health of our community.

Here are some of the many achievements by schools serving Tamarac's youth.

## TAMARAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ▶ Tamarac Elementary will offer its first voluntary prekindergarten (VPK) program during the 2019-2020 school year. Twenty 4-year-olds will be accepted into the free, income-based program on a first-come, first-served basis. The VPK class will run from 8:35 am – 3 pm for the entire school year. All students will receive free height/weight, vision, hearing, speech and developmental level screens.
- ▶ The school dedicated the beautiful Zen Garden created by HandsOn Broward and Kao USA to the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy. Seventeen benches surround the garden, each one is hand painted to commemorate the lives lost.



Tamarac Elementary's Zen Garden built by HandsOn Broward and Kao USA volunteers.

- ▶ Tamarac Elementary will kick off the school year by welcoming Richard Garrick as its new principal. Mr. Garrick joins Tamarac Elementary after serving as principal at Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary for nearly 8 years.

## DISCOVERY ELEMENTARY

- ▶ Knowing how to swim is a crucial skill for Florida residents. Kindergarten students at Discovery Elementary were offered a program that provides 10 free 30-minute water safety classes over a two-week period. The students learned important water safety skills that allowed them to build their confidence, and had a blast while doing so.
- ▶ Discovery Elementary's second-graders stepped back in time to showcase their Black history knowledge. The school hosted a wax museum night where each student dressed up as their favorite Black historical figure and gave a speech for parents and visitors.

# Education Connection

## MILLENNIUM 6-12 COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

- ▶ Students showed their love for science at this year's Florida State Science Fair. Middle schoolers receiving awards include Charlie Willis, third place, Angelina Pozo-Marinho and Eva Rabinowitz, second place, and Mai Morgan Huynh who received first place. Abigail Forsyth won the Flinn Scientific Special Award for using creative thinking to solve a scientific problem.

High school award winners are: Destiny Csapo, Nathan Douglas, Samantha Forsyth and Brianna Stewart third place. Alisha Jithesh, Vinai Sewaliah and Isabella Young, second place, and Aiyana Brown, first place.

Additionally, ninth-grader Zaria Montanez received the Environmental Science Eye Special Award and Alisha Jithesh, tenth grade, earned the Publix Special Award for researching new options to help the environment.

- ▶ Millennium students celebrated the Chinese New Year by learning to read and write the language, and performed traditional songs, dances and kung fu basics. Ninth-grader Jayla Austin received an "Excellent" rating for a poem she wrote and read in Chinese for a competition in Las Vegas.
- ▶ The school recently inducted 75 students into its first-ever National Honor Society chapter. These elite high school students are recognized for demonstrating excellence in service, leadership, character and accomplishments.



The induction of Millennium's first National Honor Society members.

# Education Connection (continued)

## J.P. TARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ Did you know that Taravella is the only school in Broward County to partner with a local police department to certify criminal justice students as police service aides and traffic accident investigators? The curriculum includes demonstrations, lectures and scenarios. Seniors observe police officers working in dispatch, the crime scene investigation unit and participate in ride alongs.

## BOYD ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ Months of hard work and preparation paid off for the Boyd Anderson choir. At the 2019 WorldStrides Heritage Orlando choir competition, they claimed second place, competing against schools from across the country.

Chorus President Michael John Murray III received the “Ovation Award” for keeping the choir together while making everyone feel welcome.

Choir Director Brian Niu described the experience with one heartfelt word, “memorable”.



Boyd Anderson culinary students catered breakfast to a crowd of more than 100 at the 2018-2019 teacher and employee recognition ceremony. (See page 5).

## PIPER HIGH SCHOOL

- ▶ Piper will offer the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Program for 9th - 11th grade students in the upcoming school year. This diploma is internationally recognized and accepted in 164 countries. The rigorous course was developed by the University of Cambridge in England. Piper students who earn their AICE diplomas will receive the highest level of Bright Futures Scholarships at any four-year Florida university, as well earn up to two and a half years of college credit.
- ▶ Congratulations to Marie Hautigan who has been named principal after having served in an interim position over the past school year.

# Excellence in Education

Tamarac was joined by the City of North Lauderdale and the Tamarac North Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce in recognizing teachers and school employees who serve the community with an Excellence in Education award.

## TEACHERS



**Standing**, left to right: Principals Dr. Marsha Reece, Everest Charter; Roberta Ray, Tamarac Elementary; and Dr. Josh Kisten; Broadview Elementary. Teachers Amy Norcutt, Pinewood Elementary; Rachel Beckford, Everest Charter; Lasrene Farquharson, Lauderdale Lakes Middle; and Matthew Lewis, Piper High. Principals Marie Hautigan, Piper High; and Mary DeArmas, J.P. Taravella High; and Assistant Principal Darlene Milner, Pinewood Elementary. **Seated**, left to right: Teachers Madison Rabun, J.P. Taravella High; Deasha Whyte, Challenger Elementary; Beth Ann Fraser, Tamarac Elementary; and Marcia Mitchell, Broadview Elementary. **Not pictured:** Benita Small-Williams, Morrow Elementary; Damarlie Doriah, Discovery Elementary; Heather Mattson, Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy; Jillian Mostal, Silver Lakes Middle; Katherine O'Hara, Renaissance Charter; Kimberly Rhoden, Excelsior Charter; and Lise Mabour, Northeast High.

## SCHOOL EMPLOYEES



**Standing**, left to right: Principals Dr. Marsha Reece, Everest Charter; Roberta Ray, Tamarac Elementary; and Dr. Josh Kisten, Broadview Elementary. School employee honorees Brittany Poitier, Broadview Elementary; John Rachel, Lauderdale Lakes Middle; Xiomara Jordan, Everest Charter; Mary Paul, Piper High; Principals Marie Hautigan, Piper High; Mary DeArmas, J.P. Taravella High; honoree Cynthia Feyers, Pinewood Elementary; Assistant Principal Darlene Milner, Pinewood Elementary; and Principal LaShonda White, Renaissance Charter. **Seated:** left to right: School employee honorees Arron Power, Tamarac Elementary; Earnestine Headings, Excelsior Charter; Jessica Suarez, Renaissance Charter; Claude Clark, Challenger Elementary; Anu Mahabir, J.P. Taravella High and Lydia Cox-Creary, Boyd Anderson High. **Not pictured:** Audwin Bynes, Northeast High; Christopher King, Morrow Elementary; Debra Holdren, Lloyd Estates Elementary; James Wright, Millennium 6-12 Collegiate Academy; Kelly Pesce, Silver Lakes Middle; and Kim Macfadden, Discovery Elementary.

# Pride of Ownership

The City's Neighborhood Beautification Recognition Program recognizes owners who take pride in their property's appearance. Congratulations to our award winners. Their well-maintained properties improve the City's appearance and boost community spirit.

## 1st Quarter Residential Property Winners



### DISTRICT 1

Tommie B. Jr. and Vera L. Butts  
5730 NW 54th Ter.



### DISTRICT 2

Kevin P. Payne  
9205 NW 67th St.



### DISTRICT 3

Yung Hui Su and Chao Qun  
8102 NW 106th Ave.



### DISTRICT 4

Kenneth and Maria Rader; Susanna  
and Elkhatabi M. Luna, et al  
8330 NW 73rd St.

## 1st Quarter Commercial Property Winner



### CITYWIDE

Mural Development LLC  
Mural Plaza  
6510-6590 N. University Dr.

# Tireless Efforts Honored

**T**amarac resident Herbert Daley was one of 17 Broward residents honored at the County's 45th Annual Pioneer Day for his role in creating a diverse and vibrant community.

Herb has made his mark in our City as the ultimate volunteer. He's at most City events, serving with the Broward Sheriff's Office's Citizen Observer Patrol, Tamarac Fire Rescue's Citizens Emergency Response Team or the Tamarac Veterans Affairs Committee. He's also active with the Florida Attorney General's Seniors vs. Crime office in Tamarac, volunteers with Tamarac's 911 cellphone program and is a member of the Broward Veterans Coalition.

In addition, Herb is a Tamarac Historical Society Hall of Fame inductee and served on the Tamarac Charter Board during the last charter review. Thank you, Herb, for your tireless efforts to make our community even better.



*Herbert Daley. Photo courtesy of Downtown Photo.*

## Finding Fire Hydrants Faster

**T**amarac Fire Rescue literally took their innovation on the road when they initiated a program to help first responders find fire hydrants faster on areas of Florida's Turnpike with sound walls. The solution was simple but effective: place signs and road pavement markers at wall locations where there are hydrants on the other side. They also created booklets with hydrant location information to be carried on all apparatus that responds to calls on the turnpike.

This program enables crews to more quickly access water supplies when they're fighting vehicle fires, where every second counts. It reduces the response time, manpower and equipment used per incident. It also lessens the environmental impact, physical damage to road surfaces and road closure times.

Fire Rescue developed a plan outlining the need, cost savings, proposed locations and an efficient design for the signs, and presented the idea to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE).

FTE was quick to see the benefit and got on board. The program was first rolled out locally on the turnpike and Sawgrass Expressway. It has since been implemented on the turnpike throughout the state and was adopted by the National Fire Protection Association.

Tamarac Fire Rescue thanks staff for developing and championing this innovative solution, especially retired Firefighter/ Paramedics Paul Kelly and Sienna Megna. Their efforts made this concept a reality, helping to make Florida's Turnpike safer.



*Tamarac fire hydrant location sign.*

# Proclamations



The Mayor and Commission honored the late Princess Patricia Stanley for fighting for equity for all children as well as her dedication to serving the community.



To celebrate the strength and perseverance of veterans living with disabilities, the Mayor and Commission proclaimed April as Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Month.



Too many children and families are without a father figure. The non-profit Fathers M.I.A.'s mission is to reconnect families and provide opportunities for positive change. The Mayor and Commission presented the organization's founder, Gernald Hawkins Sr., with a proclamation naming April 6th "Fathers MIA As We Honor Her Day".



An estimated 20,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with a bleeding disorder that causes their blood to not clot properly. To raise awareness, the Mayor and Commission declared March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month.



It's estimated that 1 in 59 children is diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, making it one of the fastest growing developmental disabilities in the world. The Mayor and Commission supported increased awareness by proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month.



Lung cancer kills more women than breast cancer each year. Of the 400,000 Americans living with lung cancer, two-thirds never smoked or quit smoking. To encourage lung cancer screenings, Michael Garcia of the American Lung Association accepted the proclamation naming May 6th - 12th National Women's Lung Health Week/Turquoise Takeover Initiative Week.

# Award-winning Historical Society

Tamarac is fortunate to have an active historical society that works to preserve our history and enrich our community spirit and culture. It's no surprise they won the Judge Clayton Nance Award at Broward County's 45th Annual Pioneer Day.

The historical society coordinated the City's 50th Anniversary Time Capsule and produced a book on Tamarac's history. Every year, they host a Hall of Fame event recognizing people who make a difference in our community as well as a luncheon honoring Tamarac centenarians. They also led the Veterans Honor Wall project

to recognize Tamarac veterans who served in the armed forces to protect our freedom.



Historical society presented with the Judge Clayton Nance Award. Photo courtesy of Downtown Photo.

## Commission Meetings

Join us at upcoming City Commission meetings and workshops at Tamarac City Hall. They are open to the public.

**July 8th Commission Workshop:**  
9:30 am, Room 105

**July 10th Commission Meeting:**  
7 pm, Commission Chambers

**August 26th Commission Workshop:**  
9:30 am, Room 105

**August 28th Commission Meeting:**  
9 am, Commission Chambers

City Hall is located at:  
7525 NW 88th Ave.

If you can't attend the meeting,  
watch it live or On Demand at  
[www.Tamarac.org](http://www.Tamarac.org).

## Green Scene



*Tips to help you recycle the right way and conserve natural resources.*

- Don't put plastic bags, wrap, film or flexible packaging in your recycling, and don't put recyclables in plastic bags. These materials are not recyclable. When in doubt, throw it out!
- Conserve water while washing your car. Park on the lawn and excess water will be absorbed into the ground. Quickly wet the car, then turn off the hose and use a bucket of water while washing, until you give the car a final rinse. Or you can always let mother nature wash your car when it rains.

# Be Smart with Sharps

**S**harps are medical devices like needles, lancets and syringes that pierce or cut the skin. People with a wide range of medical conditions use sharps at home. They can also be used to give medicine to pets.

Sharps should never be flushed down the toilet or thrown in the trash. Immediately after use, they should be placed in a special sharps container kept out of reach of children and pets.

Tamarac-based Arthur's Pharmacy and Medical Supply offers a safe and convenient disposal option for residents, who can drop off sharps containers for a \$7 disposal fee. Even better, if residents purchase a new

sharps container when turning one in for disposal, there's no fee at all.

They do require sharps to be in a commercial sharps container, which can be purchased at most medical supply stores.



*Sharps containers*

## Location Assistance for New Businesses

**Y**ou've dreamed of starting your own business. You've got the capital you need, created a business plan and found a great location in Tamarac to lease. What could go wrong?

A lot, if you don't do your homework. Too often, people sign leases on commercial or retail spaces that aren't zoned for their type of business or that are burdened with open permits, code violations or safety issues that landlords don't tell you about. Even if these problems can be corrected, the lost time and money it takes can hurt your chance of success.

That's why the City launched its Business One Stop Shop (BOSS) program to help business owners quickly identify and avoid any potential pitfalls with a new location. City representatives will also walk you through the process of obtaining a business tax license,

certificate of occupancy and any building permits you might need to make the space work for you.

To check your potential new business address before you sign a lease, please complete the BOSS form on our website at [www.Tamarac.org/BOSS](http://www.Tamarac.org/BOSS) and you will receive a response from the City with information about that location within three business days. For assistance finding the perfect location for your business, contact our Economic Development division at (954) 597-3513.



# Shipping and All That Jazz

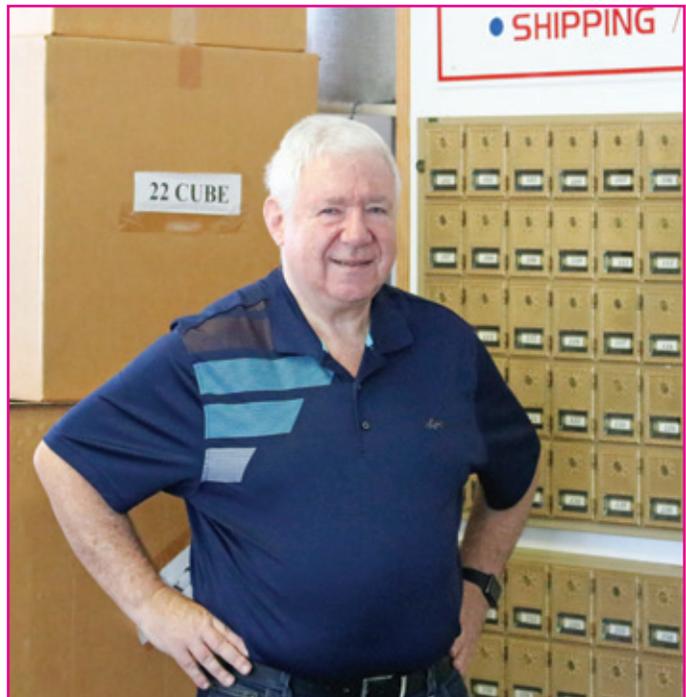
**T**amarac Postal Center is a “mom and pop” shop owned by professional jazz musician-turned-entrepreneur Sam Goldstein. He opened the business, located in the Marketplace at Tamarac shopping center, 19 years ago and offers shipping services for letters and parcels, private mailbox rentals, notary services, key duplication, faxing, scanning and more.

Music will always be an important part of Sam’s life, and he still enjoys tickling the ivories and making music with friends for fun. But after decades of working late nights and weekends, the schedule became too much.

Seeking more regular hours, Sam took a job working with an electronics distributor in downtown Miami. There, he learned all about shipping. When he decided he wanted to venture out on his own, he had the necessary experience to open a retail shipping store.

After a long search for just the right location, Tamarac was the clear choice. His shop at 6805 W. Commercial Blvd. is not only on a major highway, it’s in the middle of a vibrant community with a high demand for his services.

In the early days, most of Sam’s customers were seniors. Today, they range from older residents to young people who are on the move, as well as snowbirds and frequent travelers who want their mail and packages shipped someplace safe when they’re out of town.



*Sam Goldstein at your service.*

No matter who they are or what product they want, everyone gets the same high level of personalized service at Tamarac Postal Center.

“I ask questions to understand what’s important to my customers and help them select the service that best meets their needs, whether their primary concern is safety, convenience or price,” said Goldstein. “People appreciate that, and they come back. I’ve been here so long, many of my customers are like family now.”

“As the City’s grown over the past 20 years I see a greater diversity in our customers, which I love,” said Goldstein. “I love the location and the culture here in Tamarac – this is definitely the right community for us.”

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## **CORRECTION:**

*In the last issue, we misidentified the top female player in the Sunshine State Dominoes Championship. The top female player was Venice Benton.*

# Annual Water Quality Report Available Online

**Y**ou can view your City of Tamarac annual water quality report online at [www.Tamarac.org/2018WaterReportWest](http://www.Tamarac.org/2018WaterReportWest), or [www.Tamarac.org/2018WaterReportEast](http://www.Tamarac.org/2018WaterReportEast) if you reside east of NW 31st Avenue.

These reports contain important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. We detected 8 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.



## News You Can Use

**T**amarac wants to keep residents and local businesses engaged and informed about all that's happening in the City. Did you know you can get email and text notifications tailored to your interests delivered directly to you?

Signing up is quick and easy - just visit [www.Tamarac.org/StayConnected](http://www.Tamarac.org/StayConnected).

From there, enter your email address, then add your phone number if you'd like to get text messages. Next, click the envelope and/or phone icons for the lists that interest you, and you'll receive an email or text to confirm your subscriptions.

To keep up on general City news, subscribe to the City-at-Large email list to receive our monthly Tam-A-Gram Extra e-newsletter



**Stay  
Connected**

Sign Up For Notices

and more. You can also check out our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor. And we hope everyone has signed up for CodeRED emergency alerts, our primary way of reaching you with time-sensitive, emergency-related information.

Because the City is subject to public records laws, email addresses and phone numbers provided will be subject to public records disclosure.

# Under Construction

*A look at current construction projects in the City of Tamarac.*

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## **PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS:**

- Tamarac Village, north side of Commercial Blvd. between Pine Island Rd. and NW 94th Ave.
- Colony West redevelopment, to include a new clubhouse and cart barn (6850 NW 88th Ave.), and an adjacent Fairfield Inn & Suites (6800 NW 88th Ave.)



**Tamarac Village**

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## **PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT:**

- Hidden Trails and Manor Parc communities, sales office at 4893 NW 55th Pl.
- The Enclaves at Woodmont community, sales office at 7910 NW 79th Ter.
- MD Now, Commercial Blvd. and NW 47th Ter.
- Woodspring Suites, 5751 Madison Ave.
- KFC, University Dr. and NW 58th St.



**Fairfield Inn & Suites at Colony West Golf Club**

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## **MAJOR CITY PROJECTS:**

- Fire Station 36, 7499 NW 72nd St.
- Waters Edge Park, 7508 NW 61st St.
- Tephford Park Outdoor Fitness Facility, 10003 Southgate Blvd.
- Buffer walls in different sections of McNab Rd., NW 57th St., NW 64th Ave. and Commercial Blvd.



**MD Now building on Commercial Blvd.**

# Volunteer of the Quarter

If it has to do with the City of Tamarac, Joel Davidson is always eager to lend a helping hand. He began volunteering when he joined the Code Compliance board in 2006. Thirsty for more, he later joined the Historical Society in 2009, where he served as vice president for eight years.



Joel loves serving our City and fellow residents, both young and old. He chaired the Historical Society's Centenarian Celebration Event Committee and is on the Parks and Recreation Foundation's Board of Directors.

As an active member of the Kiwanis Club, Joel served as Distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Tamarac, and as Outstanding and Distinguished Lt. Governor, as well as Club Leadership Education Trainer for Kiwanis Florida District 23.

Joel's commitments keep him busy and we're grateful for all he does. Thanks, Joel, you're truly an asset to our community.

## Tamarac University's Record-Breaking Class

Congratulations to Tamarac University's (TU) Class of 2019. With 52 graduates, this is the largest group we've hosted since initiating the program 12 years ago. We're proud of its popularity and our community's level of interest and engagement.

TU participants spend eight weeks learning about the City and how it operates. Many

grads go on to become board or committee members, active volunteers and even elected officials.

Do you want to TU? The program is held once a year, and the application process starts in November. Watch for information in Tam-A-Gram and at [www.Tamarac.org/TU](http://www.Tamarac.org/TU).



Graduate class from Tamarac University's (TU) Class of 2019

# MEMORIAL DAY 2019



The community honored veterans and paid tribute to those who gave their lives to protect our freedom at Tamarac's Memorial Day ceremony. Master Sergeant Rafael A. Ortiz, U.S. Army (Ret.) delivered a keynote speech and "What Memorial Day Means to Me" essay contest winners shared their compositions. Congratulations to Juliyah Jean of Renaissance Charter School, Giana Duran of Tamarac Elementary School and Marissa Fogelman of Challenger Elementary School, and thanks to all our veterans!

## A Place to Thrive

**T**amarac is a wonderful place to start and grow a business. We're ideally located, business-friendly and financially healthy. In fact, we ranked as the 43rd best small city in the U.S. to start a small business in a report by Go.Verizon.com. They looked at local workforce education levels, in-city commute times, income per capita, broadband access, SBA loan availability and overall tax friendliness.

Tamarac values small businesses. From the City's new ordinance giving local businesses preference when we hire vendors, to our new Business One Stop Shop (BOSS) program to help companies get started in Tamarac, we continue to find new ways to make our community a place they can thrive.

To read the Go.Verizon.com report, visit [bit.ly/43Tamarac](http://bit.ly/43Tamarac).

## An Historic Event

### TAMARAC HISTORICAL SOCIETY 10TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT

July 16th and 17th

10 am - 2 pm

and 4 - 8 pm

Tamarac Community Center  
8601 W. Commercial Blvd.

Free and open  
to the public

## Celebrating Arbor Day

**T**here's a Chinese proverb that says the best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second-best time is now.

Tamarac, designated as a Tree City USA for the past 26 years, observed Arbor Day this year by giving fourth graders at Challenger Elementary free native slash pine seedlings. City staff and Mark Torok, a Senior Forester with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service spoke to the students about the importance of trees and how to care for their seedlings.



*City staff and Mark Torok speaking to students.*

# DISCOVERY

## We'll Never Forget

**T**S Aquatics team member Nicholas Dworet lost his life in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting. He was only 17 years old, but this outstanding young man's legacy won't be forgotten.

In his honor, approximately 75 swimmers of all ages attended a Swim-A-Thon at the Caporella Aquatic Complex to raise money for the Swim4Nick foundation. Its mission: to keep Nick's memory alive by helping kids learn how to be better swimmers. The Swim-A-Thon raised an estimated \$8,500 from donations, silent auctions, raffles and

merchandise sales. It will be used for future events, scholarships and grants.

In addition, a Swim4Nick starting block was dedicated at the event that memorializes a quote from Nick to inspire swimmers for years to come.

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*"I will train as hard as I can in and out of the water. Even on my hardest days I swear to give it my all, and I will let nothing stand in my way."*

**-Nicholas Dworet**

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To learn more about the Swim4Nick foundation, visit [www.Swim4Nick.org](http://www.Swim4Nick.org).



Swim-A-Thon photo courtesy of Ken Webster Photography.

# 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 additional information on the classes and lessons listed below.

## SUMMER HOURS

### POOL, SLIDE AND SPRAYGROUND

#### Mondays

thru Sundays: 10 am - 6 pm

### SWIM LESSONS

#### Water Exploration and

**Safety Class:** Ages 1 - 2 with parent

#### Parent and

**Preschool:** Ages 2 - 4 with parent

**Tot:** Ages 3 - 5

**Levels 1 and 2:** Ages 5 and over

**Adult Level 1:** Ages 13 and over

**When:** Call for days and times

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

### PROACTIVE ARTHRITIS WATER EXERCISE CLASS

**When:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays  
9:30 - 10:30 am (summer hours)

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

### 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

The Caporella Fitness Center offers a friendly, non-competitive workout environment with a variety of cardio equipment, weight machines and free weights. 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](http://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.*

*Personal training available, please contact (954) 597-3661 for prices.*

### SIZZLE & SCULPT

**When:** Mondays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Where:** Caporella Fitness Center

**Fee:** Included with fitness membership or \$8 per class



Caporella Aquatic Complex



## 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 West McNab Rd.

**Tamarac Community Center**  
8601 West Commercial Blvd.

**Tamarac Multi-Purpose Center**  
7531 North University Dr.

**Tamarac Park Recreation Center**  
7501 North 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 are 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 26th for boys and girls ages 4 - 17 years old. Practices begin in late November with games starting in December/January. The season concludes 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 begin in September, and the season concludes 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 INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING ATHLETIC LEAGUES, PLEASE CALL (954) 597-3620.

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

### FOR YOUTH TACKLE FOOTBALL/ CHEERLEADING CALL (954) 618-7027

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

# CITY OF TAMARAC PARKS AND



## YOUTH RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Activity	Day	Time	Ages	Resident/ Non-Resident Fee	Session
<b>MULTI PURPOSE CENTER</b>					
Basketball Fundamentals	Wed.	6 - 6:45 pm	10 - 14 yrs.	\$30/\$40	4-week
Zumbatomic	Wed.	5 - 6 pm	4 - 12 yrs.	\$20/\$30	4-week
<b>RECREATION CENTER</b>					
Archery	Tues.	6 - 7 pm	7 - 18 yrs.	\$45/\$55	4-week
Art & You	Mon.	6:30 - 7:30 pm	7 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week
Ballet, Tap & Jazz	Sat.	10 - 11 am 11 am - 12 pm	3 - 6 yrs. 7 - 12 yrs.	\$45/\$55	4-week
Belly Dancing	Tues.	5 - 6 pm	6 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week
Fashionista	Sat.	12:30 - 1:15 pm	6 - 14 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week
Gymnastics	Thurs.	6 - 6:45 pm	5 - 12 yrs.	\$45/\$55	4-week
Hip-Hop/Cheerleading/ Tumbling	Sat.	11 am - 12 pm	5 - 12 yrs.	\$45/\$55	4-week
Imagination Mornings	Wed.	10:30 - 11:15 am	2 - 4 yrs.	\$25/\$35	4-week
I-Imagine Art	Sat.	11:45 am - 12:30 pm	5 - 14 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week
Kempo Karate	Mon. & Wed.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	7 - 18 yrs.	\$70/\$80	4-week
Kids Cooking	Tues. (1st & 3rd)	6 - 8 pm	7 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	2-week
Lil Sprouts Cooking	Mon.	10:30 - 11:15 am	2 - 4 yrs.	\$25/\$35	4-week
Move & Play	Tues.	10:30 - 11:15 am	2 - 4 yrs.	\$25/\$35	4-week
Start Smart Move & Play	Wed.	5:30 - 6:15 pm	4 - 6 yrs.	\$45/\$35	6-week
Taekwondo	Tues. & Thurs.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	6 - 12 yrs.	\$80/\$90	4-week
<b>SPORTS COMPLEX</b>					
Youth Tennis	Tues.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	6 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	4-week

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>.

# RECREATION ACTIVITIES

## ADULT RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Activity	Day	Time	Ages	Resident/ Non-Resident Fee	Session
<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b>					
Aerobic Cycling	Mon. Tues. Thurs. 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
Badminton	Mon. & Wed. Sat.	6 - 9 pm 5 - 9 pm	13 & over	\$3/\$5	Per Class
Table Tennis	Sat.	2 - 9 pm	18 & over	\$1/\$2	Per Class
<b>MULTI PURPOSE CENTER</b>					
Volleyball	Mon. Thurs. Sat.	6:30 - 8:30 pm 7:15 - 8:30 pm 1:30 - 4 pm	16 & over	\$5/\$6	Per Class
<b>RECREATION CENTER</b>					
Vegan Cooking Classes	Thurs. (1st & 3rd)	7 - 8:30 pm	16 & over	\$50/\$60	2-week
Wing Chun	Tues. & Thurs.	6:30 - 8 pm	13 & over	\$80/\$90	4-week
<b>RECREATION CENTER FITNESS SCHEDULE</b>					
Dance Fit	Tues.	7 - 8 pm			
Salsa Fitness	Mon. Thurs.	6 - 7:30 pm 7 - 8 pm			
Pilates	Sat.	9:30 - 10:30 am			
Zumba Fitness	Mon. Wed. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Sat.	7 - 8:30 pm 7 - 8 pm 9:30 - 10:30 am 10:30 - 11:30 am			
<b>COMMUNITY CENTER FITNESS SCHEDULE</b>					
Balance & Recovery	Wed.	6 - 7 pm			
Kickboxing	Mon.	6 - 7 pm			
Pilates	Tues.	7 - 8 pm			
Power Sculpting	Thurs. & Fri.	6 - 7 pm			
Tone and Sculpt	Tues.	6 - 7 pm			
Tai Chi	Wed.	7 - 8 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 the Recreation Center and Community Center 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.*

## BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Free screenings and educational materials on community resources will be provided to participants. For sponsorship information, call (954) 597-3626.



**When:** Saturday, July 27th, 10 am - 1 pm

## SENIOR LAWN ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

This program is designed to allow youth to give back to those in need. Teens will assist adults with limited mobility by completing outdoor duties including, but not limited to, light gardening, sweeping porches and driveways, trash/debris pick up, light yardwork and garbage/recycle bin take out. To qualify for this program, you must be a:

- Tamarac resident
- Senior (55+)
- Adult with a limiting disability

For more information and registration, please call (954) 597-3626.

## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?

Tamarac is creating a list of people interested in a future parent and family support group. It will provide a safe place where parents and caregivers can obtain resources, receive ongoing support, vent, share information and ideas, learn positive coping skills, gain perspective, relieve loneliness and build friendships. Please call (954) 597-3642 to be added to our interest list.

## 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

## INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Free limited sessions for Tamarac residents only. Please call counselors Lakshmi at (954) 655-7040 or Jessica at (954) 317-9460 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.

## 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

## FREE HEARING SCREENING

Hear for Good, Inc. will conduct free hearing tests and provide discount hearing aids through its nonprofit foundation. Consultations with a board-certified doctor of audiology are free. Pricing on hearing aids is based on your income. Consultations are by appointment only. Please call (954) 597-3642 to make an appointment.

## PEACE OF MIND SUPPORT GROUP

Are you looking for peace of mind? Please join a licensed psychologist from Jewish Family Services for group sessions on various topics.

**When:** First and third Wednesday of the month, 10 - 11 am

## CARRY ON KITS

Donations are being accepted for those in need of personal toiletries along with small suitcases to carry items. Please call (954) 597-3626 for more information.



### **CENTER FOR HEARING AND COMMUNICATION-AMPLIFIED PHONE**

Provides amplified phones and TDDs free of charge to Florida residents who are deaf or hard of hearing.

**When:** Monday, August 12th, 10 - 11:30 am

### **SENIOR SOCIAL**

Join us for light refreshments and an educational lecture.

**When:** Third Tuesday of each month, 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.

### **NEW SUPER WALMART EXPRESS**

**When:** Every Wednesday

Please call (954) 597-3649 for more information.

### **TRANSPORTATION AND EXPRESS SHUTTLE SERVICES**

Door-to-door paratransit service is available to the disabled and 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](http://www.Tamarac.org) and 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).

### **FORT LAUDERDALE HISTORICAL TOUR**

Thursday, July 11th, 3 - 8 pm

Residents: \$23, Non-residents: \$33



### **LAKE WORTH PLAYHOUSE - FOOTLOOSE**

Thursday, July 25th, 4 - 11:45 pm

Residents: \$75, Non-residents: \$85

### **MARLINS VS BRAVES GAME**

Thursday, August 8th, 4 - 11:45 pm

Residents: \$40, Non-residents: \$50

### **NORTON MUSEUM - ART AFTER DARK**

Thursday, August 22nd, 4 - 11:45 pm

Residents: \$20, Non-residents: \$30



### **DINNER WITH DIVAS - LIPS**

Thursday, September 5th, 6 - 10 pm

Residents: \$70, Non-residents: \$80

### **WIENER MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE ARTS**

Thursday, September 19th, 2 - 8 pm

Residents: \$25, Non-residents: \$35

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## FOURTH OF JULY

### PATRIOTIC SPLASH SWIM PARTY

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

**Where:** Caporella Aquatic Complex  
**When:** Thursday, July 4th, Noon - 4 pm  
**Fee:** \$4.50 (17 & under), \$5 (Adults)

### ALL-AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Celebrate the biggest and best birthday party in the City of Tamarac at the All-American Celebration!

Join us for a free outdoor concert featuring Jam Band, 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 City Hall (7525 NW 88th Ave.) and the Community Center (8601 W. Commercial Blvd.). For more information, call Parks and Recreation at (954) 597-3620.

**Where:** Tamarac Sports Complex  
**When:** Thursday, 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

### MERMAID AND PIRATE SPLASH

Join us for a magical sea adventure. Enjoy a special visit from a mermaid and pirate.

**Where:** Caporella Aquatic Complex  
**When:** Saturday, August 3rd, Noon - 3 pm  
**Fee:** \$4.50 (17 & under), \$5 (Adults)

### BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH

Join us at our community appreciation event and enjoy music, aquatic games and much more. First 60 children (ages 5-14) in attendance will receive a "Back to School" goodie bag.

**Where:** Caporella Aquatic Complex  
**When:** Saturday, August 17th, Noon - 3 pm  
**Fee:** \$4.50 (17 & under), \$5 (Adults)

## Calling All Tamarac Veterans

Our City's Veterans Honor Wall pays tribute to residents, past and present, living and deceased, who served in the military. Located at Veterans' Memorial Park, it consists of a growing number of glass panels etched with veterans' names, ranks, branches of service and years of service. Panels are typically dedicated at our Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

We already have 1,000 Tamarac veterans honored on ten panels, but we want more! We're actively collecting names for panel 11. We're over halfway to reaching 100 by

September 1st, which would allow us to dedicate a new panel on Veterans Day 2019.

Are you a veteran or do you have a loved one whose name you'd like to submit? You just need to complete a simple application and provide proof of the veteran's residency and honorable discharge. This information is reviewed by the Tamarac Historical Society.

Applications are available at [www.Tamarac.org](http://www.Tamarac.org), the Parks and Recreation Administration Building (6001 Nob Hill Rd.) and the Community Center. You can also call (954) 597-3621 to request one.

# 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 at the Tamarac Community Center. This program is for seniors aged 55 and up. 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

**Booty Barreless** ▲▲▲▲: Fri. 10:15 am

**Booty Barre Flexibility** ▲▲▲▲: Tues. 9:45 am

**Carol's Cardio** ▲▲▲▲: Fri. 11:15 am

**Chair Yoga** ▲: Tues. and Thurs. 11:30 am

**Core Yoga** ▲▲: Wed. 11:30 am

**Group Strength Training** ▲▲▲▲: Wed. 10:15 am

**Jazzercise** ▲▲: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 10 am

**Line Dancing** ▲▲: Mon. and Thurs. 11 am

**Meditation** ▲: Fri. 10:15 am

**Movement Mix** ▲▲: Wed. 10:15 am

**Proactive Arthritis Water Exercise Class** ▲▲: Mon., Wed., and Fri. 10 am (Aquatic Complex)

**Rise and Shine** ▲▲: Fri. 10:15 am

**Senior Dance - Ballroom:** Thurs. 1 pm

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

**Stretch and Strong** ▲▲: Thurs. 9 am

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

**Yoga** ▲▲: Mon. 10:45 am; Wed. 11:30, Fri. 12:15 pm

**Zumba** ▲▲: Wed. & Fri. 11:30 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 Power Hour:** Mon. 11:15 am; Thurs. 11:15 am (members only, Int & Adv)

**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

## TAMARAC SOCIAL CLUB AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL CLUB

Meeting times vary for these clubs; check the senior program monthly calendar for more information.



Seniors dancing

## BECOME A SPONSOR!

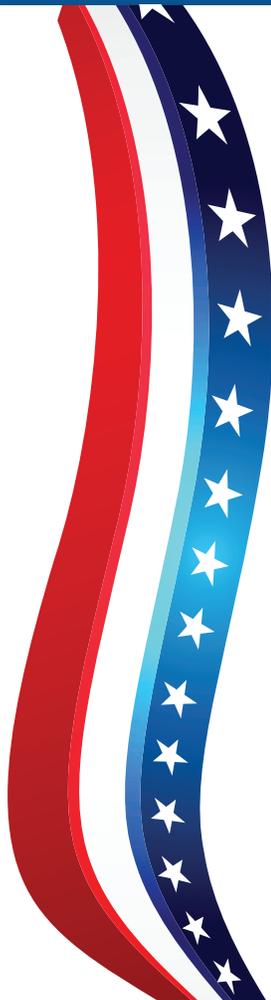
Sponsoring a special event is a great way to reach your target audience. Partnering with the City of Tamarac provides an opportunity to promote your business and increase visibility in the community. Contact the Tamarac Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 597-3624 for more information.

FOOD VENDORS, PLEASE CALL (954) 597-3625 TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON HOW TO BE A VENDOR AT CITY EVENTS.



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# CELEBRATE THE FOURTH

Join us for a spectacular All-American Fourth of July celebration featuring a free outdoor concert by Jam Band playing top 40 party music and one of the best choreographed fireworks displays in South Florida! The family-friendly event also includes food trucks and a kid's area with inflatables, games, face painting and more.

**When:** Thursday, July 4th  
6 - 9:30 pm  
Fireworks at 9 pm

**Where:** Tamarac Sports Complex  
9901 NW 77th St.

Limited onsite parking. Free shuttle buses available from City Hall and the Community Center. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation department at (954) 597-3620.

# City of Tamarac Condensed Annual Financial Report

*This condensed report is part of our ongoing effort to be transparent and to help the community better understand the City's finances. It summarizes information provided in our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. To view the City's full CAFR, visit [www.Tamarac.org/CAFR](http://www.Tamarac.org/CAFR).*



## 2018 Accomplishments & Statistics



*\*Calendar Year 2018*

## Statement of Net Position (in millions)

This provides a picture of the City's assets, liabilities and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as "net" position. Over time, increases or decreases may serve as a useful indicator of whether the City's financial position is improving or deteriorating. For fiscal year 2018, the City's net position increased by \$22 million to \$291.2 million. Following is a Comparative Statement of Net Position at September 30, 2018 and 2017 (in millions).

	Governmental Activities		Business Activities*		Total	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Current and other assets	\$ 134.2	\$ 108.1	\$ 80.0	\$ 74.0	\$ 214.2	\$ 182.1
Capital assets	107.8	109.2	82.3	70.9	190.1	180.1
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>242.0</b>	<b>217.3</b>	<b>162.3</b>	<b>144.9</b>	<b>404.3</b>	<b>362.2</b>
Total deferred outflows of resources	16.0	21.3	4.4	5.3	20.4	26.6
Long-term debt outstanding	78.1	65.3	27.4	28.3	105.5	93.6
Other liabilities	8.2	5.4	6.4	3.4	14.6	8.8
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>86.3</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>102.4</b>
Total deferred inflows of resources	12.3	15.7	1.1	1.6	13.4	17.3
Net investment in capital assets	91.2	91.7	61.8	57.5	153.0	149.2
Restricted	16.3	12.2	19.9	11.9	36.2	24.1
Unrestricted	51.9	48.3	50.1	47.4	102.0	95.7
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 159.4</b>	<b>\$ 152.2</b>	<b>\$ 131.8</b>	<b>\$ 116.8</b>	<b>\$ 291.2</b>	<b>\$ 269.0</b>

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

\*Business-type activities are defined in the Enterprise Funds section.

**Current and Other Assets:** Includes cash, investments and receivables. Inventory that can be converted to cash within one year.

**Capital Assets:** Long-term investments in land, buildings, equipment, infrastructure improvements and construction-in-progress.

**Current Liabilities:** Debts that can be paid off in one year or less, such as accounts payable, accrued payroll and compensated absences.

**Long-term Liabilities:** Represents mainly debt obligations of the City.

**Deferred Outflows of Resources:** A consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.

**Deferred Inflows of Resources:** An acquisition of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period.

**Net Position:** Difference between total assets and total liabilities.

**Revenues:** Income from charges for purchases, use or benefit from goods or services.

**Expenses:** Money spent or costs incurred through the City's operations.

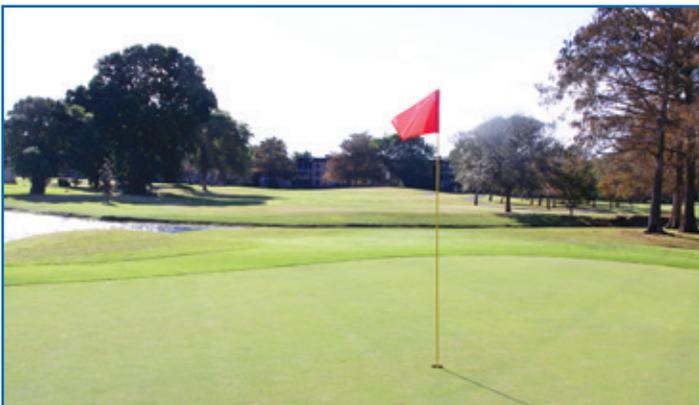
## Condensed Statement of Activities (in millions)

The City's revenues exceeded its expenses by \$23.6 million in fiscal year 2018. Citywide revenues increased by \$11.6 million; mostly due to an increase in tax revenues, charges for services and grants. Total expenditures increased by \$5.2 million from fiscal year 2017, mostly due to increases in public safety costs, transportation costs and the economic environment.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities*		Total	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>85.1</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>37.0</b>	<b>125.4</b>	<b>113.8</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>96.6</b>
Increase (decrease) in net position	8.3	8.9	15.3	8.3	23.6	17.2
Net position, October 1 (as restated)	151.1	143.3	116.5	108.5	267.6	251.8
<b>Net position, September 30</b>	<b>\$ 159.4</b>	<b>\$ 152.2</b>	<b>\$ 131.8</b>	<b>\$ 116.8</b>	<b>\$ 291.2</b>	<b>\$ 269.0</b>

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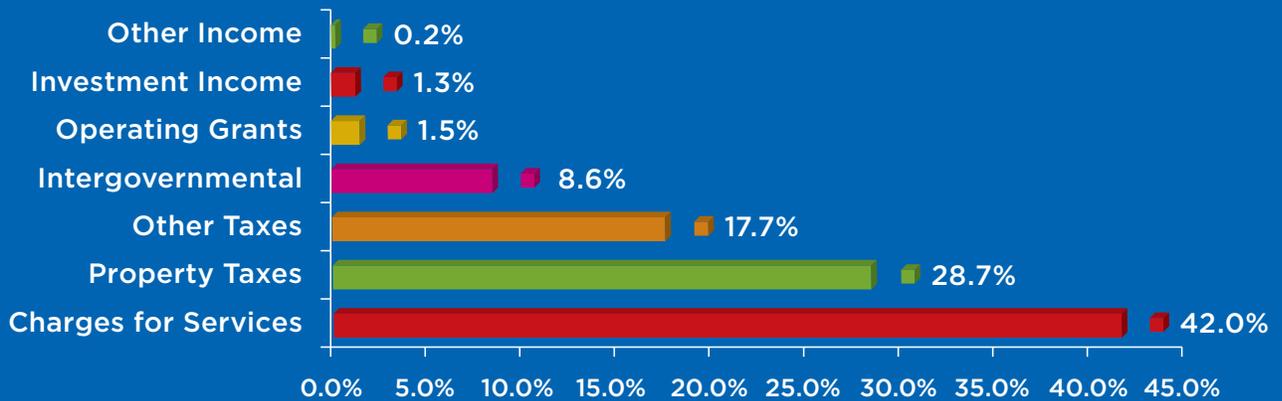
## Governmental Funds

Funds typically used to account for tax-supported governmental activities. The City's major Governmental Funds are the General Fund, Fire Rescue Fund and Capital Project Funds.

*Where the money comes from:*

### REVENUES

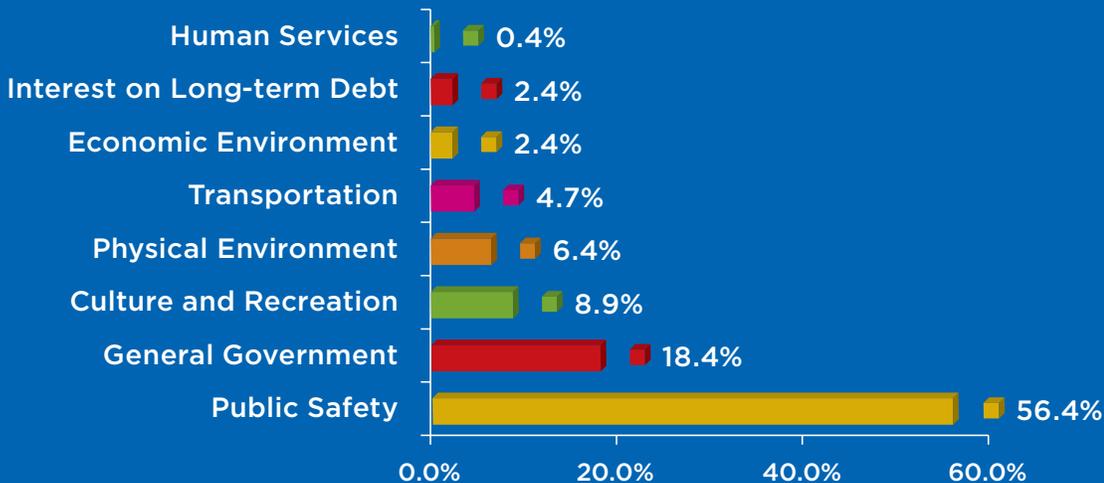
FY18 Total \$85.1 million



*Where the money goes:*

### EXPENDITURES

FY18 Total \$72 million



## General Fund

The City's primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. These activities are funded principally by property taxes from individuals and businesses, and charges for services.

### General Fund Revenues

General Fund revenues for fiscal year 2018 totaled \$61.3 million (excluding transfers), a 5.8% increase from fiscal year 2017.

REVENUES	2018	2017
Property Taxes	24,401,960	22,230,903
Other Taxes	8,616,250	8,610,733
Franchise Fees	5,184,411	5,174,213
Charges for Services	2,376,657	2,357,352
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,965,150	1,931,413
Intergovernmental	7,203,831	6,805,354
Licenses and Permits	783,872	775,914
Fines and Forfeitures	1,863,654	1,769,964
Investment Income	475,727	259,226
Other	8,452,569	8,071,644
Special Assessments	6,144	5,777
Transfers In	1,503,468	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 62,833,693</b>	<b>\$ 57,992,493</b>

### General Fund Expenditures

General Fund expenditures increased by \$1.6 million (excluding transfers) from \$41.6 million in fiscal year 2017 to \$43.2 million in fiscal year 2018.

EXPENSES	2018	2017
General Government	13,342,183	12,863,584
Public Safety	18,409,073	17,823,145
Transportation	1,355,600	1,386,257
Culture and Recreation	4,616,497	4,404,468
Physical Environment	4,443,033	4,127,976
Economic Environment	494,978	425,625
Human Services	315,750	301,101
Capital Outlay	229,523	277,269
Transfers Out	15,601,234	17,471,784
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 58,807,871</b>	<b>\$ 59,081,209</b>

General Fund expenditures are classified by the type of service provided:

**General Government:** Services provided for the benefit of the public and the governmental body.

**Public Safety:** Services that provide for the security of persons and property, mainly from the Police and Fire Rescue departments.

**Physical Environment:** Services to achieve a satisfactory living environment.

**Capital Outlay:** Expenditures for the acquisition of fixed assets.

**Economic Environment:** Cost of providing services which develop and improve the economic condition of the community and our neighbors.

**Transportation:** Cost of services for the safe and adequate flow of vehicles, travelers, and pedestrians.

**Culture/Recreation:** Cost of providing and maintaining cultural and recreational facilities and activities for the benefit of the community.



## Enterprise Funds (Business-type activities)

Any activity that charges a fee to users for goods or services to recover the cost of the service provided.

The Enterprise Funds include: Utilities Fund, the Stormwater Fund and the Golf Course Fund. An enterprise fund is used to account for activities for which a fee is charged to external users for goods and/or services.

REVENUES	2018	2017
Charges for Services	33,965,316	34,239,670
Other	53,565	14,776
Capital Contributions	4,541,003	1,505,914
Nonoperating Revenues	1,711,538	1,339,912
Transfers In	4,865,748	497,398
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 45,137,170</b>	<b>\$ 37,597,670</b>
EXPENSES	2018	2017
Salaries, Wages, Benefits	6,831,085	7,059,969
Contractual Services, Materials	11,465,559	10,836,739
Depreciation	4,941,245	4,789,461
Other Services and Charges	5,734,069	5,353,291
Nonoperating Expenses	1,103,792	1,258,524
Transfers Out	17,527	17,016
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,093,277</b>	<b>\$ 29,315,000</b>

## Condensed Statement of Outstanding Debt (in millions)

At fiscal year-end, the City had \$79.6 million in bonds and notes outstanding, an increase of \$15.8 million from fiscal year 2017. The increase is due to the City's issuance of Capital Improvement Revenue Bond Series 2018 which added approximately \$18 million in new money debt, for the purpose of financing Fire Station 36, Waters Edge Park and several buffer/sound walls in the community. All \$79.6 million are revenue bonds and notes backed by budget appropriations and fee revenues. In 2018, a Standard and Poor's review upgraded the City's Capital Improvement Bond credit rating of AA. These ratings reflect the strong financial performance and credit position of the City. Additional information about the City's long-term debt can be found in Note 9 of the CAFR, available at [www.Tamarac.org/CAFR](http://www.Tamarac.org/CAFR).

Here's a summary of the City's debt position (in millions):

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities*		Total	
	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017
Revenue bonds and notes	\$ 53.9	\$ 37.3	\$ 25.7	\$ 26.5	\$ 79.6	\$ 63.8