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Forging Ahead

There can be no doubt that 2020 will go down in history as a time of great uncertainty and turbulence, requiring unprecedented levels of fortitude and resilience from all of us. In the midst of a worldwide pandemic, economic recession, social unrest, systemic racism and widespread political polarization, the people of Tamarac have embodied those virtues and have risen above the din of negativity and noise.

In Tamarac, we remain the cohesive community that we've always been. We know that we are stronger together than divided. That's what makes our City such a fabulous place to build a family, build a business and build a life. We are One Tamarac, made up of people from every walk of life. We look out for each other and live as neighbors. We are a community that cares and stays connected. We demonstrate how listening to one another and respecting others and their points of view creates a strong and caring community that lifts all of us up.

Although we may be tired of our new normal, we need to double down on the practices that protect us and keep us healthy - always wearing our masks, observing social distancing guidelines and washing our hands frequently. This is our civic responsibility.

In September, the Mayor and Commission passed a balanced, prudent budget, taking a sober look at our current financial position with a pragmatic view toward the future. As the City's leaders, they are ensuring

that Tamarac will continue to be a premier City in Broward County, carefully evaluating how our precious resources are spent, while compromising nothing that maintains the high quality of life you expect from the City of Tamarac - The City For Your Life.

Despite the many challenges of 2020, we continue to move forward with our City's long-held dreams of a downtown and revitalized Colony West. As you can see from the cover photos of this edition of Tam-A-Gram, these dreams are coming true - the future is bright and the sky is the limit for the redevelopment and rebirth of our beloved Tamarac.

Stay safe and watch out for one another. Despite the obstacles, we are forging ahead toward a better future. We will get through this together!



Tamarac's Here to Help: Financial Assistance

Thanks to residents doing their part during the pandemic, the state entered Phase 3 in September and restrictions were eased. If we remain vigilant, it is hoped things will continue to improve.

However, some people are still experiencing financial uncertainty. The City is committed to helping its residents, and is offering numerous programs to ease the hardship during these challenging times.

While funds for some of these programs originated from the City's reserves and the Community Development Block Grant, other programs and additional rounds of applications will be made possible from Tamarac's allotment of more than \$3 million from Broward County's Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This fund reimburses eligible non-budgeted expenses incurred due to (or related to) the pandemic.

In October, the City opened its fourth round of applications for the **Residential Assistance Program**, which provides qualified Tamarac residents struggling to pay their rent, mortgage, past due HOA fees or utility bills with up to six months of assistance. More than 300 applications have been accepted in the first three rounds of applications, and are still being processed.

The City partnered with T-Mobile to launch the **Connectivity and Technology for Employment Support Program**. To help residents who've lost their jobs, this program



offers eligible applicants an 8-inch tablet and two years of connectivity to help with their job and employment searches.

The **Emergency Repair Grant** provides homeowners experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 with assistance for major emergency repairs, including roof or other repairs an inspector deems necessary.

In addition, through the **Minor Home Repair Program**, the City assisted income-restricted residents with repairs to correct minimum housing code violations, weatherization and health/safety issues in the home.

Visit www.Tamarac.org/Housing for the latest updates on the programs listed above.

The City already conducted a first round of enrollment for the **Small Business Stabilization Grant Program**. A second round of applications will be conducted if funds permit.

Thank you for your trust during these uncertain times. Look for updates on the City's website, www.Tamarac.org, and social media platforms for grant program updates.

Neighborhood Improvement Program 2.0

Are you a Tamarac homeowner in need of financial assistance to correct code violations on your residence? With the return of the Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP IT), The City For Your Life is here to help.

The Code Compliance Officers who inspect properties in the community and issue warnings and violations to homeowners who aren't meeting the City's requirements for the upkeep of their properties have revamped the City's NIP IT program. The program takes a collaborative approach to address violations by providing financial assistance to eligible homeowners, while also helping them improve the curb appeal of their homes.

The amount of assistance is based on household income.

2020 INCOME LIMITS			
FAMILY SIZE	VERY LOW (50 % AMI)	LOW (80 % AMI)	MODERATE (120 % AMI)
1	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 49,950.00	\$ 74,880.00
2	\$ 35,650.00	\$ 57,050.00	\$ 85,560.00
3	\$ 40,100.00	\$ 64,200.00	\$ 96,240.00
4	\$ 44,550.00	\$ 71,300.00	\$ 106,920.00
5	\$ 48,150.00	\$ 77,050.00	\$ 115,560.00
6	\$ 51,700.00	\$ 82,750.00	\$ 124,080.00
7	\$ 55,250.00	\$ 88,450.00	\$ 132,600.00
8	\$ 58,850.00	\$ 94,150.00	\$ 141,240.00
9	\$ 62,370.00	\$ 99,792.00	\$ 149,688.00
10	\$ 65,934.00	\$ 105,494.00	\$ 158,242.00

NIP IT 2.0 funds can help correct issues with the building's exterior, roof, fence, landscaping, irrigation system, walkway, driveway and more.

Call the Code Compliance office at (954) 597-3425 or visit www.Tamarac.org/168 to fill out the application or for additional information.



Always Putting Safety First

Tamarac Fire Rescue (TFR) puts safety first in everything it does. And because having the right equipment is essential, we're very pleased to announce that TFR has recently added new safety vehicles to its fleet.

Weighing in at 36,000 pounds, TFR's new 2020 E-One Typhoon Fire Engine 389 features a 1,500-gallon-per-minute pump, 750-gallon water tank and a 30-gallon tank of foam concentrate used for car fires and fuel leaks.

Many studies, including ones from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, show an increase in firefighters' occupational cancers, versus non-firefighters. To keep our heroes safe, the new engine is the City's first with a Clean Cab design. This layout reduces exposure to cancer-causing carcinogens that may be present on used fire equipment. This is made possible by storing contaminated gear in separate compartments, away from the cab.

"It's a solemn and scary fact of life for firefighters," said Fire Chief Percy Sayles. "We've installed air contaminant extractors in our stations, improved our ability to keep bunker gear free of contaminants and we're always looking for ways to improve the safety of our crew."

In addition to the engine, TFR also christened two new rescue units.

Since 2006, Tamarac Fire Rescue has been altering their transport units to include a Clean Cab-like design.

The two new 2021 Freightliner medium-duty rescue units include that and other safety features, without additional modifications.

The patient compartments at the rear of the vehicles are outfitted with anti-bacterial lights that kill germs when illuminated and a Power-LOAD stretcher that smoothly raises the patient into the rescue unit, then locks in place for transport. In addition, there's an intercom that allows paramedics to communicate with the driver as well as a built-in child safety seat.

Because every second counts during an emergency, each rescue unit in TFR's fleet shares an identical layout, which allows crew members to operate in any rescue unit and know where every item is stored.

These new top-of-the-line rescue units service Stations 15 and 36. Engine 389 replaced the 15-year-old unit 350 at Station 41. This purchase was budgeted over the course of 10 years, and paid for through Tamarac Fire Rescue's Fiscal Year 2020 vehicle replacement fund.



Not This Time, Scammer

The Federal Trade Commission as well as media reports have warned that scammers are impersonating loved ones in jail as well as banks and service providers in an attempt to extract personal information from victims. The Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) urges the public to never provide private information over the phone.

To reduce the chances of Tamarac residents becoming victims, BSO provided scenarios of commonly used scams, how to determine if it's legitimate or a fraud, and what to do if it is.

Scam 1:

Grandparent scams involve a scammer contacting an elderly victim, claiming to be their grandchild (or his or her attorney) who needs money to get out of jail. The individual will then ask for a credit card number or bank account information to collect the money. Some scammers will go as far as sending a "lawyer" to the victim's house to collect the money. As a result of feeling both panicked and pressured, the victim is deceived into providing funds before realizing it's a con.

If you receive a call like this, write down the caller's phone number and hang up. Then immediately call the person directly who's supposedly in jail to ensure everything's OK.

Scam 2:

Another scam involves a caller impersonating a bank, falsely claiming they want to resolve an issue with your "compromised account" and asking for your account and PIN numbers to verify your information. With this information, which should NEVER be shared, they can quickly and easily drain your account. Some scammers will send a "bank employee" to the victim's house to collect the bank card and PIN number.

To avoid becoming a victim, note the caller's number, hang up, then call the number on



the back of your ATM card. Explain the call you received to the bank representative to confirm it's a scam. Remember, a bank will never send an employee to your house to collect your bank card and information.

Scam 3:

Another scenario involves a caller claiming to be a TV or internet provider with a great offer that may include every channel or high-speed service for an unbelievably low, one-payment fee. Rather than extracting personal information, the scammer will request a payment in the form of a gift card completed over the phone. Hang up if you ever receive a call like this. Companies will never ask for gift cards as payment. Remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

"A lot of ploys involve seniors because people think they are easy victims," said Sergeant Devoune Williams. "With many people being socially isolated, and some even being lonely because of the loss of their spouse, scammers prey on their emotions."

BSO encourages residents to report all scams so they can, in turn, warn other residents. For further information, see the Federal Trade Commission's Consumer Information site:
<https://bit.ly/ScamAlerts954>.

Prudence Pays

Just as many of you have suffered a loss of income during the pandemic, the City is experiencing decreases in revenue from sales tax, state revenue sharing, the local option gas tax and our Parks and Recreation programming.

That's why a conservative approach was taken with the City's Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021) budget, which went into effect on October 1, 2020.

While COVID-19 trends are looking positive at the time of this writing, we can't predict the path of the pandemic or when the local economy will return to normal.

We may continue to see revenue loss in the areas described above, so the City adopted certain austerity measures. For instance, no new staffing positions or reclassifications are included in the budget, with the exception of three Firefighter/Paramedics and two critically needed part-time Park Rangers.

We evaluated capital improvement projects very carefully and are only funding those that are deemed necessary, eligible for funding through the County's transportation surtax, or already underway and in need of additional funds to complete.

We are delaying any vehicle replacements paid from the capital equipment fund this fiscal year. The City will also continue a soft ban on travel and training in FY 2021.

The millage rate for property tax rates was kept at 7.2899 mills; FY 2021 will be the ninth year it remains the same. Keeping the millage rate flat will still generate more overall property tax revenue for the City. This is mainly due to an increase in taxable values and growth as new developments are constructed.

It's important to note that even with an increase in property tax revenue, we are not able to keep pace with inflationary escalations to the cost of City operations due to the loss in revenue in other areas.

Given all these factors, where did we land with this year's budget?

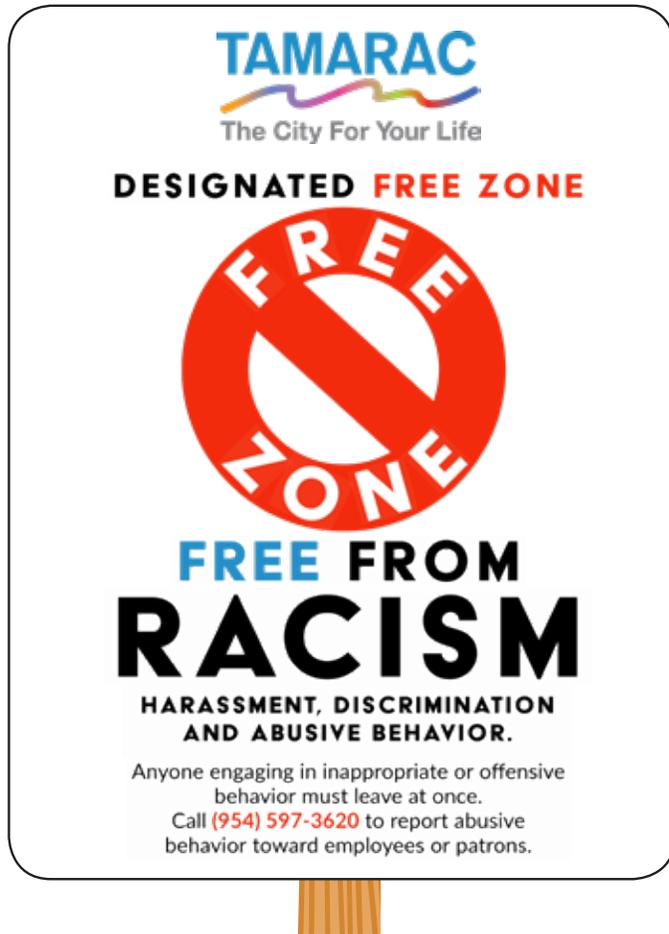
The City Commission approved a budget of \$184,292,023 for FY 2021. While that may sound like a big number, it's almost \$13 million, or about 7% less, than last year's budget.

In times like these, it's important to be prudent and focus on budgeting for our most critical needs first. This budget allows us to continue to provide all the essential services and some additional programs and services that will help maintain the quality of life our residents enjoy.

Circumstances require us to tighten our belts this year. But we are working hard to find innovative and cost-effective ways to continue providing the excellent services you deserve.



Taking a Stand



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

In the City of Tamarac,
we celebrate that we are
not all the same.

Our diversity is our strength.
We are a dynamic workplace
and community because of the
different perspectives,
abilities and experiences that
we bring to the people
we serve every day.

Earlier this year, the tragic killing of George Floyd put a spotlight on systemic racism and social injustice and created an even greater sense of urgency around addressing it.

Tamarac is addressing these challenges in several ways. The City Commission is creating a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board to help ensure our services and programs are equitable and accessible for all and celebrate our community's unique cultural differences. The Board will include five regular members appointed by the City Commission.

After hosting employee meetings to discuss systemic racism, City leaders learned that some Parks and Recreation employees have been victims of racist behavior at City parks. Through brand-new **Free Zone**

signs in the City's parks and public spaces, Tamarac reaffirms our zero-tolerance policy for discrimination, harassment and racism. These signs make it clear that engaging in any such behavior is grounds for removal from City parks and facilities.

The Diversity and Inclusion Statement (see above) demonstrates the City's commitment as an employer.

The City continues to seek ways to right any overt or hidden forms of racism in our community and to advance fairness, equity and inclusion. Tamarac is a City that embraces and celebrates our multiculturalism and diversity. We are a unified community that celebrates everyone's uniqueness and dignity - regardless of race, age, language or gender.

Make Your Move

If you're unemployed or underemployed, CareerSource Broward can help you get the skills and training you need to create a brighter future. Eligible Broward County residents can receive a scholarship of up to \$12,000 to pursue a long list of degrees or certification programs at 20 different schools.



Scholarship recipients are connected with CareerSource Broward staff members who provide support as they go through their training. CareerSource Broward also provides access to computers, printers, phones and professional workshops to connect with Broward employers who are looking to hire.

Training programs include nursing, accounting, HVAC, pharmacy technician, web development, welding technology, respiratory care, radio and television broadcast, building construction technology, computer information technology and a whole lot more!

For additional information, visit www.GetCash4School.com or call (954) 677-5555. To learn more about CareerSource's services, visit www.CareerSourceBroward.com.

Celebrating Success

While much of the economic news we hear lately is bad, it's not all doom and gloom.

City Furniture, one of the largest businesses in Tamarac, is doing well. In fact, they've experienced an uptick in sales due to the pandemic. And in September, they announced plans to hire more than 500 new employees by the end of the year.

"Families coping with the COVID environment suddenly need their homes to multitask as workplace, school and staycation refuge," said Andrew Koenig, City Furniture president. "By making their online or in-store shopping process fast, easy and safe with great values, we're on track for our highest-ever annual sales in our company's history."

In addition, City Furniture co-founder and CEO Keith Koenig received an Ultimate CEO Award from the *South Florida Business Journal*. This award recognizes South Florida's top CEOs, highlighting their talent and leadership.

The Mayor and Commission were proud to recognize Keith Koenig at a recent Commission meeting. We congratulate City Furniture on its success!



Celebrating the Season

Because large gatherings are still discouraged, this year's Turkey Trot will be hosted virtually. The City is still determining what the rest of our holiday events will look like this year. As the holiday season approaches, please continue to follow us on social media for updates on future events as new guidelines emerge.

THE 40TH ANNUAL (VIRTUAL) TAMARAC TURKEY TROT

While we can't run together on Thanksgiving, this virtual race allows you to run when you want, where you want!

Where: Anywhere

When: Anytime

Fees: \$15 - Includes short-sleeved shirt and medal with pick up at Tamarac Community Center
\$20 - Includes short-sleeved shirt, medal and shipping charges inside the U.S.
\$20 - Includes long-sleeved shirt and medal with pick up at Tamarac Community Center
\$25 - Includes long-sleeved shirt, medal and shipping charges inside the U.S.

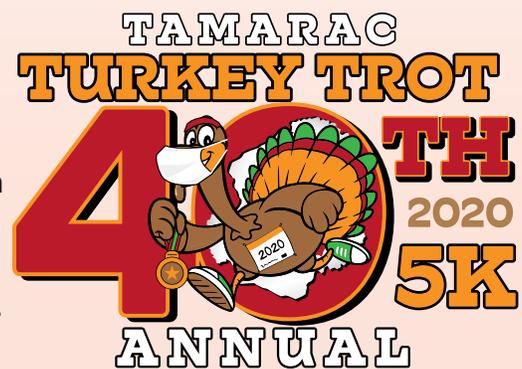
Registration closes on November 25th at 11:30 pm.

Shirt and Medal Pick Up:

Emails will be sent to participants when shirts and medals are ready for pick up at the Tamarac Community Center, 8601 W. Commercial Blvd.

Tracking for this virtual race is made possible through the free RaceJoy mobile app, available for Apple and Android devices.

Register at www.RunSignUp.com/TamaracTurkeyTrot.



Building Permits Made Easy

Are you getting ready to renovate your home? Thanks to the City's partnership with Broward County, applying for permits is now much more streamlined.

Tamarac's **ePermitsOneStop** allows residents and contractors to submit their applications and have their plans reviewed online for permits, licenses and approvals from both the City and County right from one webpage, www.Tamarac.org/Building.

Whether a resident needs an asbestos certificate, transportation concurrency, environmental review or notice of commencements, submitting permit requests online is convenient. It also saves time and is safer in today's environment, as

it requires no in-person interactions.

"Not only are we delighted to provide a seamless permitting experience to our residents, but we're one of the first cities in Broward to do so for both City and County permits," said George Folles, Chief Building Official/Building Director.

In addition to submitting permits online, with the County now in Phase 3 of the COVID-19 Recovery Plan, those who prefer to submit their permit requests in person will soon be able to do so again.

Please call the Building department at (954) 597-3420 with any questions regarding the permit process.

Despite the pandemic, Tamarac has made significant progress this year on two signature development projects, Colony West Golf Club and Tamarac Village. These projects demonstrate the City's commitment to smart growth and quality development that will impact our community in positive ways, ensuring Tamarac remains a vibrant and economically resilient place where people and businesses can thrive.

COLONY WEST GOLF CLUB

Colony West is getting a much-needed makeover to make its facilities as outstanding as its golf courses. Soon, a redesigned and beautifully landscaped entrance will welcome residents to the revitalized property. Visitors will enjoy inspiring public art at the exterior entrance and in the lobby of the new state-of-the-art clubhouse.

Amenities that residents have long desired include a stylish, yet comfortable restaurant where locals can mingle, relax and enjoy a quality meal. There will be no finer place to host life celebrations - like weddings and anniversaries - than the 3,200-square-foot banquet facility. Its panoramic views of the greens and high-end finishes will make special events even more memorable.

A new Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott is being built at Colony West, offering a welcoming place for out-of-towners to stay, whether they're here to golf, attend an event at Colony West or simply enjoy all that South Florida has to offer.

The redeveloped Colony West is expected to be the crown jewel of Tamarac, with a grand opening for the clubhouse anticipated in the first quarter of 2021.

TAMARAC VILLAGE

As if Colony West wasn't enough of an economic driver for the City, less than two miles away from the golf club, Tamarac's highly anticipated "downtown" mixed-use hub is coming to fruition.

Tamarac Village will include 44,000 square feet of commercial space for shops and restaurants, 401 luxury residential apartments and a City park featuring an amphitheater and splash pad. This public-private partnership project is expected to be completed in 2023. The first residential phase of 211 apartments will be complete this November. The leasing center is open, and a number of move-in specials are currently being offered.

Together, Colony West and Tamarac Village will enhance the lifestyle residents enjoy, providing additional dining, shopping, living, entertainment and employment opportunities. These developments are shining a spotlight on Tamarac that will attract additional investment in the City, including the revitalization of older retail plazas, making the Tamarac of tomorrow even better than the Tamarac of today!

ON DEVELOPMENT



Construction Corner

Construction and redevelopment continue around town. Here's a look at current construction projects in the City.

Private Development

- The Enclaves at Woodmont community, sales office at 7910 NW 79th Ter.
- Hidden Trails community, sales office at 4802 NW 48th Ter.
- Eden West multi-family community, northeast corner of McNab Rd. and Pine Island Rd.
- Alazhar School redevelopment, 7201 W. McNab Rd.
- Community Christian Church, two-story building, 10001 W. Commercial Blvd.



Tamarac Exchange Center

- Tamarac Exchange Center, 6899 N. Hiatus Rd.
- Safeguard Self Storage, two-story addition, 6101 W. Commercial Blvd.

Major City Projects

- Swim Central Annex Park, NW 94th Ave. and NW 58th St.



New Tamarac Sports Complex Concession Building

- New Tamarac Sports Complex Concession Building, 9901 NW 77th St.

Public/Private Partnerships

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

Green Scene



Here are some do's and don'ts for recycling this holiday season.

Do's:

Remember to recycle clean cardboard, paper boxes, cards and envelopes. Keep bows, ribbons, gift boxes, gift bags and even wrapping paper to use again next year. Consider using reusable tote bags, brown paper bags or interesting magazine or newspaper pages as gift wrap. You can also create personalized and recyclable gift wrap using craft paper and markers or crayons.

Watch for information from the City on how and when you can recycle live Christmas trees.

Don'ts:

The following items are not recyclable: string lights, artificial trees, foam packaging, tinsel, ribbons, bows, gift bags, tissue paper and wrapping paper.

Good Eats

As more restaurants and grocers decide to make Tamarac their home, the variety of culinary offerings available in the City continues to expand.

To satisfy your sweet tooth, visit **Sweet Realities**, a new custom cakery located in The Shoppes On University. Both walk-up customers and custom orders are welcome.

Sweet Realities is owned and operated by 24-year-old entrepreneur and baker extraordinaire, Alexis Collins. While she's always known how to cook, she only discovered baking at 19 years of age, when she began her quest to make the perfect cookie after making a bad batch.

Following her passion, she went on to pursue a degree in culinary management and also attained a business specialist certification from a local technical college in June 2018. This year, on August 15th, Alexis realized her dream of opening her storefront.

"I chose my location in Tamarac because it's in the middle of everything, and I like the diversity of the community," said Alexis.



Alexis specializes in gourmet cakes, cupcakes and desserts, as well as specialty cocktails and cocktail-inspired, infused cupcakes. Sweet Realities also offers an event space for rent

(located next door to her storefront), along with setup and custom party décor services.

Sweet Realities is open 11 am – 6 pm Wednesdays – Fridays, and 10 am – 3 pm on Saturdays and Sundays for walk-in customers or to take custom orders. It is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, visit www.SweetRealities.com.

Mi Campo Farmer's Market is a new, family-owned market located in the Kings Point Plaza on Nob Hill Road that provides a convenient spot to purchase healthy groceries. Mi Campo offers fresh fruit and vegetables as well as a large variety of organic, vegan, gluten-free and kosher-approved products.

"The City has been very welcoming and every day we are getting new customers who appreciate having a market like ours close by," said Alay Luna, owner of Mi Campo Farmer's Market. "Tamarac is a diverse city and we have foods that cater to many different ethnicities."

Its mission is to provide customers with a combination of quality products, great prices, excellent customer service and a warm atmosphere. Store hours are 8 am – 7 pm, seven days a week. Weekly specials are posted on Mi Campo's website, www.MiCampoFarmersMarket.com.



Double Take on Neighborhood

In this issue, we proudly recognize the residents and businesses that received Neighborhood Beautification Recognition Awards in the first and second quarters of 2020. We thank them for doing their part to beautify our community!

Q1 2020 Residential Property Winners



DISTRICT 1

Eduardo and Joann Hernandez
5821 NW 56th Pl.



DISTRICT 2

Gregory Higgins
6717 NW 58th St.



DISTRICT 3

Shirley Bass Etal and Robert J. Richardi
7100 NW 89th Ave.



DISTRICT 4

Alan C. Joseph Jr.
7812 NW 77th Ave.

Q1 2020 Commercial Property Winner



CITYWIDE

Arrigo Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram Sawgrass /
Arrigo DCJ Sawgrass Inc.
5901 Madison Ave.

Beautification Awards

Would you like to nominate a property for a beautification award?
Forms are available at www.Tamarac.org/NeighborhoodBeautificationProgram!

Q2 2020 Residential Property Winners



DISTRICT 1

Leonardo and Jannette Velez
2719 NW 53rd St.



DISTRICT 2

Andrew and Cynthia Silverman
5200 Avocado Dr.



DISTRICT 3

Gustavo and Ana Nunez
7051 NW 108th Ave.



DISTRICT 4

Jose Ivanovio Porto Jr. and Thalita
Cristina Alves-Porto
8011 NW 74th Ter.

Q2 2020 Commercial Property Winner



CITYWIDE

KFC, Red Ruby Corp.
7556 NW 58th St.

Bulk Collection: A Real Convenience

If you take advantage of holiday sales to treat yourself to new appliances, furniture or bedding, remember the City's bulk collection service offers a convenient way to dispose of your old items if you aren't able to donate them.

Bulk collection accommodates large items that regular garbage collection can't, such as couches, chairs, mattresses, tables and appliances. Appliances with refrigerant, such as refrigerators and water coolers, must display proof the refrigerant has been removed and captured by a certified technician.

Bulk pickup can also include tree trimmings, branches, lumber, carpeting and metal poles as long as they are cut into sections of 4 feet or less and tied in bundles.

There are some items that you cannot put out for bulk. These include construction

material (e.g., roof shingles, tiles, remodeling or construction debris, sheetrock, concrete, brickwork, etc.), household hazardous waste or any commercially generated waste, such as yard waste left by a landscaping service.

Single family homes in Tamarac will continue to receive weekly curbside pickup in 2021. Not sure what day pickup is in your neighborhood? The schedule is available at <https://bit.ly/WMTamaracMap>.

The City also provides bulk collection for condominiums on a quarterly basis for household items. Please make sure to follow association guidelines for where and when to put items out to be picked up.

**2021 Quarterly Bulk Collection
Schedule for Multi-Family Homes:
January 6 | April 7 | July 7 | October 6**

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste Drop-Off Event on December 5

Dispose of items like paint, lawn and pool chemicals, pesticides, televisions and computers the right way at this upcoming event, which will be held from 9 am - 2 pm at the Public Services building on 6011 Nob Hill Road. For more information on requirements, visit www.Tamarac.org/HazardousWaste.

Annual Water Quality Report Available Online

You can view your City of Tamarac annual water quality report online at www.Tamarac.org/2019WaterReportWest or www.Tamarac.org/2019WaterReportEast if you reside east of NW 31st Avenue.

These reports contain important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. We detected 7 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.



City Commission Meetings

Join us for City Commission meetings at the times and dates below.

Commission Meetings:

November 10th, 7 pm

December 9th, 7 pm

The City will continue to follow the Governor's Executive Orders on local government public meetings and expects to begin in-person Commission meetings in November. While open to the public, members of the public can continue to view Commission meetings via livestream at www.Tamarac.org/Meetings and on the City of Tamarac Facebook page. You can sign up for public participation at www.Tamarac.org/Meetings, or submit comments to be read orally directly to CityClerk@Tamarac.org.

Meeting times are subject to change. To confirm, visit www.Tamarac.org/Meetings or call the City Clerk's office at (954) 597-3505.

Now Accepting Applications

Would you like to help the City explore the benefits and opportunities of partnering with a Sister City?

Tamarac is accepting applications for its new Sister Cities Committee through December 4th.

Committee members will research Sister City programs and explore opportunities to enter into relationships with municipalities registered with Sister Cities International. The committee reports its findings to the City Commission. Members serve as volunteers and do not receive compensation or benefits.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/TamaracBoards> to submit your application.

Fire Hydrant Testing Underway

Don't be alarmed if you notice an increased presence of Tamarac Fire Rescue personnel throughout the community in November. Crew members will be testing all 2,185 fire hydrants in the City.

These inspections are conducted annually and are crucial to ensuring our hydrants are in proper working order for the times they're needed.

Seeing a leaking or flowing hydrant during this time should be expected. Please contact the City's Public Services department at (954) 597-3750 to report a hydrant that's been flowing for more than six hours.





Player One, Are You Ready?

With online gaming continuing to gain popularity, Tamarac's Parks and Recreation department is pleased to announce a newly formed partnership with eSports leader, Mission Control.

Mission Control focuses on eSports to digitally create organized social experiences through the shared passions of video games and friendly competition.

Whether you own a PlayStation 4, Xbox One or Nintendo Switch console, you'll be able to join the action with your favorite sports, racing and competitive games from the comfort of your own home.

Are you ready to compete? Stay tuned for additional information.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Call our information and referral line at (954) 597-3642 for more information on these and other social service programs that may be available in Broward County.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Free limited sessions for Tamarac residents only. Call counselors Lakshmi at (954) 655-7040 or Jessica at (954) 317-9460 to make an appointment. Please leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned within 24 hours.

FREE HEARING SCREENING

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

SHINE COUNSELOR

Have questions regarding your Medicare/Medicaid insurance? SHINE is a free, unbiased and confidential counseling service that assists current and prospective Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers, under a grant from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. SHINE's trained volunteers provide counseling on Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, prescription assistance, long-term care insurance/planning and Medicare fraud, waste and abuse. Call (954) 745-9779.



TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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

Tamarac also offers two free community bus routes, the Red and Red Extension Transit Routes, to locations across the City. Schedules are available at www.tamarac.org/439 and at City facilities. To track the bus in real-time, download the "Ride Systems" app and then choose "Ride Tamarac."



ONLINE CLASSES

SENIOR ZOOM CLASSES

TAI CHI/QIGONG WITH MARK **Mondays at 9 am, Fridays at 8:30 am**

Tai Chi uses slow, gentle movements and breathing techniques, which may help improve cognitive functioning, including the ability to focus, multi-task and make decisions. Qigong is also a gentle exercise composed of movements that are repeated several times, often stretching the body with fluid movements that build an awareness of how the body moves through space.

CREATIVE WRITING WITH JANIE **Tuesdays at 10 am**

If you enjoy writing short stories, poetry or your personal history, please join us for our creative writing workshops.

JAZZERCISE WITH WARREN **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays at 10 am**

Jazzercise is a 60-minute dance-based group fitness program. This class features a fusion of dance resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and Latin style movements set to popular music.

YOGA WITH BETH **Mondays at 12:30 pm, Wednesdays at 10 am**

Mat yoga for all levels.

SIT AND FIT WITH DEBBIE **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 11:30 am**

This creative, chair-based workout utilizes props from home, including weights, water bottles, pillow or ball, necktie, towel and belt.

MAT YOGA AND MEDITATION WITH DEBBIE **Tuesdays at 11:30 am**

Mat yoga class with the last 10 minutes of class dedicated to meditation.

CHAIR YOGA AND MEDITATION WITH DEBBIE **Thursdays at 11:30 am**

Chair yoga class with the last 10 minutes of class dedicated to meditation on Fridays. All levels welcome.

CHAIR YOGA WITH DEBBIE **Fridays at 12:45 pm**

Chair yoga class. All levels welcome.

CARDIO GOLD WITH DEBBIE **Tuesdays at 12:45 pm**

Join Debbie for a low-impact, heart-pumping class, suitable for most beginners or experienced fitness fans, including a warmup, series of balance, stability, flexibility and strength exercises. Participants learn new body awareness and can use light hand weights and a chair as tools.

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS WITH NATACHA **Fridays at 3 pm**

Spanish class for beginners.

CLAY WORKSHOP WITH MICHELE **Thursdays from 1 - 3 pm**

Classes will consist of participants working independently on various projects. Participants will schedule time with the instructor to pick up clay for projects and for dropping off finished projects to be fired.

TOTAL BODY WORKOUT WITH CAROL **Thursdays 1:15 pm**

This class is a high-intensity workout that will target all of your muscles, including the hips, glutes, thighs, chest, back, shoulders and arms. You'll increase your muscle mass and strengthen your whole body. Light weights will be used.

55+ SENIOR PROGRAM: REGISTRATIONS FOR OUR NEW PROGRAM YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

- Visit <https://webtrac.Tamarac.org>.
- Whether you have an account or not, choose "Login"
- Current and former members enter your username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please select the appropriate option.
- New patrons will need to create a new account. Once you are logged in, please choose "Memberships" and then the "55+ Senior Program".

ONLINE CLASSES

ADULT CLASSES

BOOTY BARRE WITH CAROL

Mondays at 6 pm

Booty Barre is a workout routine that can be classified as a dance-inspired aerobics class that has a combination of exercises with elements of Pilates and low-impact exercises. These exercises help to reshape the glutes, in addition to toning and sculpting the lower half of the body.

ZUMBA

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays at 9:30 am

Targeted body-sculpting exercises and high-energy cardio work with Latin-infused music. Zumba moves to create a calorie-torching, strength-training dance fitness party.

YOGA WITH CAROL

Tuesdays at 6 pm

YOGALATES WITH JAMIE

Saturdays at 9 am

Yoga helps restore the mind, renew the body and prevent injuries. Each pose helps to lengthen muscles and the connective tissues that surround the joints.

BALANCE AND RECOVERY WITH GAZELLE

Wednesdays, Thursdays at 6 pm

BODY SCULPTING WITH GAZELLE

Thursdays at 6 pm

BODY SCULPTING WITH MIKE

Fridays at 6 pm

These classes provide a high- and low-impact work-out, including aerobic and anaerobic exercise that helps strengthen muscles and improve the cardiovascular system.

ZUMBA WITH JAMIE

Saturdays at 10:15 am

This aerobics class provides both high- and low-impact exercises to strengthen muscles and improve the cardiovascular system.

Registration information for Adult Fitness classes, including cost, can be found at www.Tamarac.org/Parks.





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40TH ANNUAL TAMARAC TURKEY TROT

A New Spin on a Tamarac Tradition

Everyone's favorite - the Tamarac Turkey Trot - will go virtual this year. While we can't run together on Thanksgiving, this virtual race allows you to run when you want, where you want!

Entry Fees: \$15 - \$25

Runners will receive a commemorative T-shirt (choice of short or long sleeves) and a medal.

Register online at
www.RunSignUp.com/TamaracTurkeyTrot

