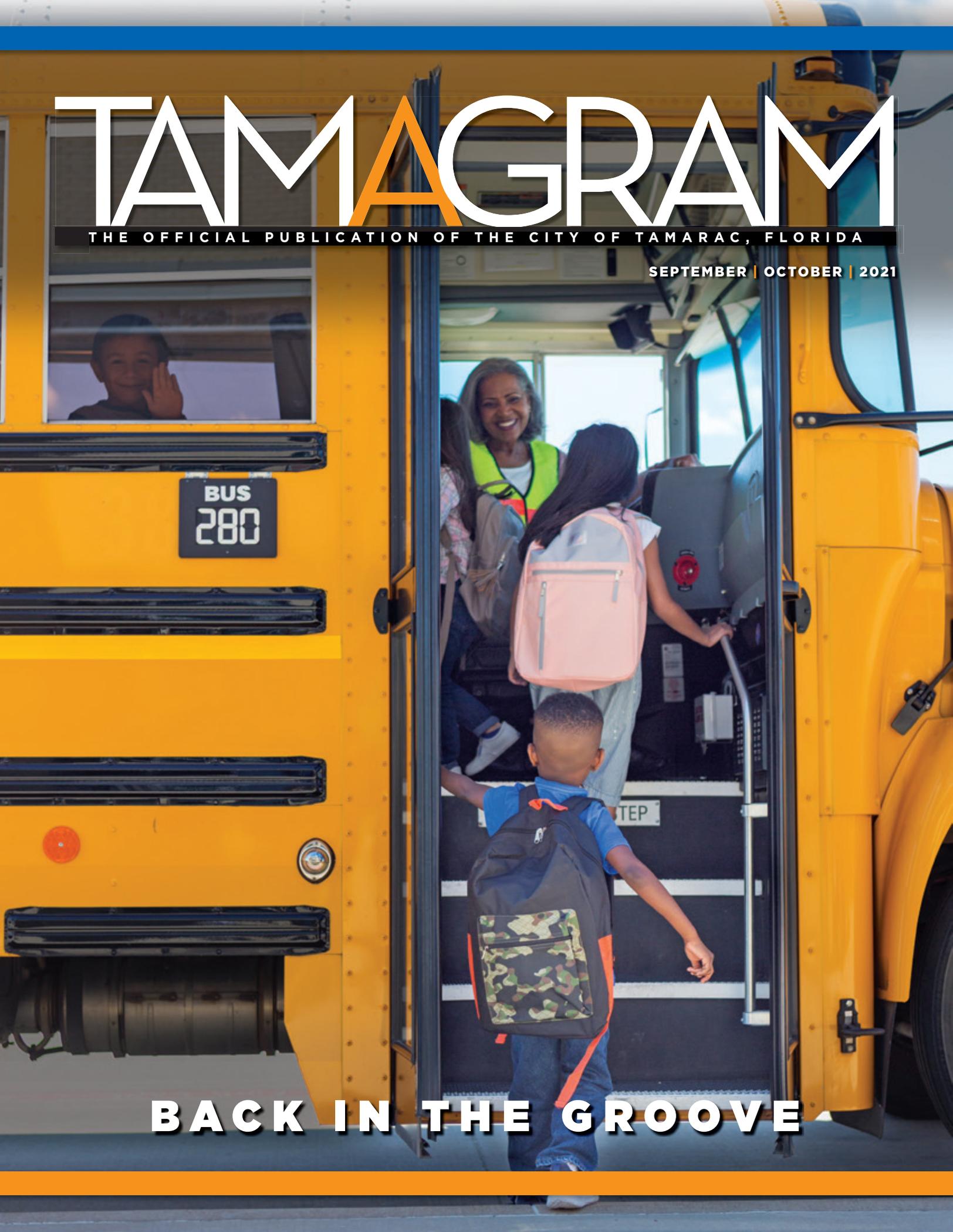


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Back In The Groove

As fall arrives, our reflections of summer 2021 are much closer to “normal” than last year’s experience. Neighbors, families and friends gathered in person once again to enjoy the everyday thrills of summer. The City of Tamarac was no exception.

After a year off in 2020, our community came together once more for an evening of live music, food, fun and fireworks to commemorate our nation’s independence at the All-American Celebration. Together, we honored local veterans on Memorial Day. We successfully resumed Tamarac’s enriching youth summer camp program with a 50% reduction in the number of campers and counselors, in the interest of public health. Plus, for the first time, our City proudly hosted an energetic and memorable Juneteenth Storytime Extravaganza, featuring live African music, dance and more.

Higher COVID-19 vaccination rates at the start of the year set the stage for a slight return to normalcy this summer. To maintain the momentum, however, public health authorities urge members of the community who have not been vaccinated to do so, as recent months have shown an uptick in COVID-19 cases in our state and nation. Let’s stay vigilant in keeping Tamarac safe! A listing of area vaccination sites is available at www.Tamarac.me/VaccineLocator.

As Tamarac’s 2022 fiscal year approaches, the City’s Financial Services Department is taking a new approach to keeping our community informed and engaged through a series of helpful videos explaining important aspects of the City’s budget in easy-to-understand tidbits. To view these helpful videos, visit www.Tamarac.org/FY2022BudgetPrep. For other important updates and resources, follow the “City of Tamarac” on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Nextdoor. You may also visit us online at www.Tamarac.org.



All-American Celebration



Memorial Day Ceremony



Tamarac Summer Camp



Inaugural Juneteenth Storytime Extravaganza



Tamarac Tidbits Video: Budget



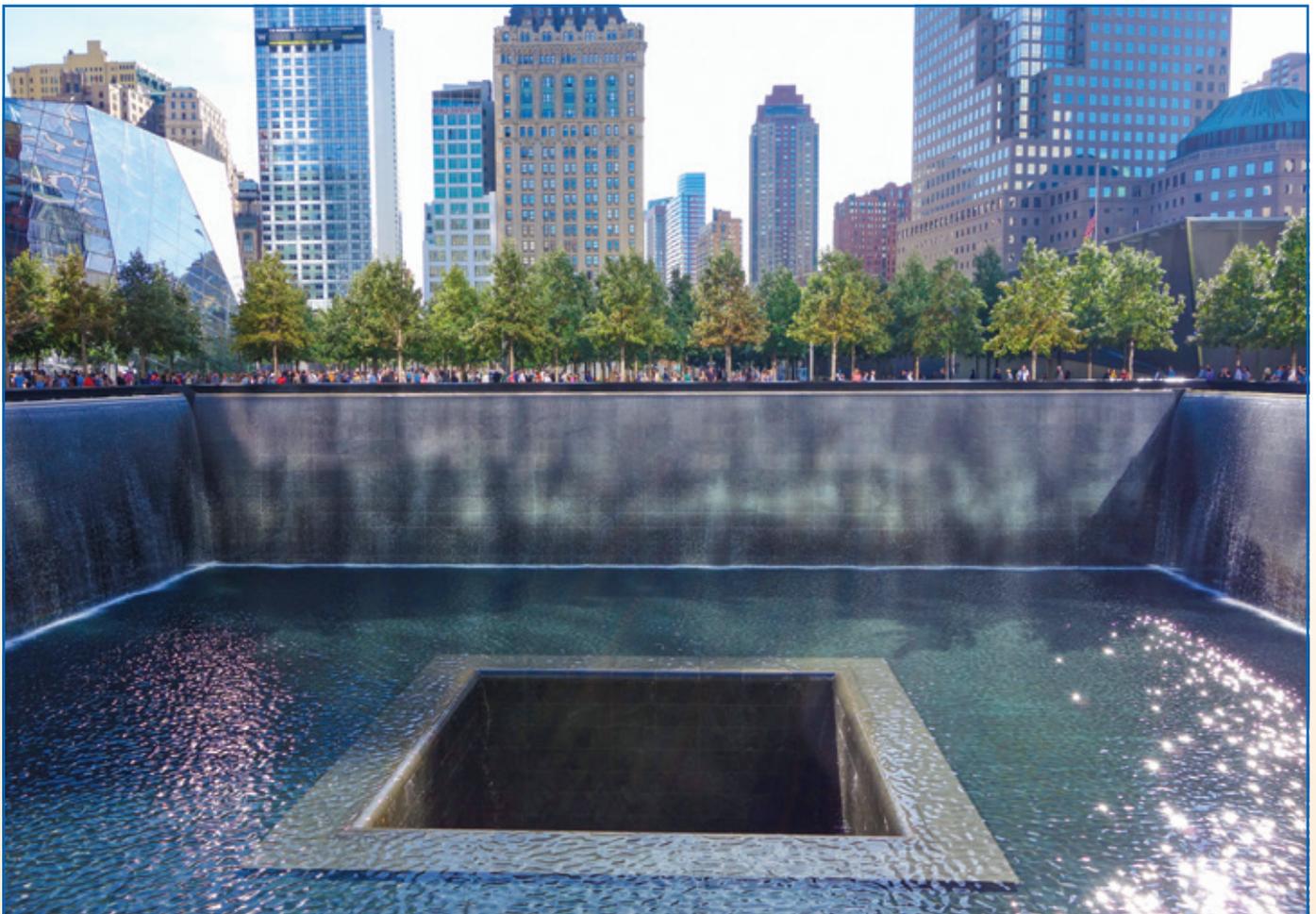
A Message From Mayor Michelle J. Gomez

September 11, 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of the events that changed our lives forever. For me, it is a day full of juxtapositions: pain and relief; despair and strength; disdain and love. After 20 years, feelings of pain for everyone who died that day and since then from the day's events linger, and relief for the survivors remain. Although despair is gone and disdain has dissipated, gratitude and love continue to grow for all of our first

responders, volunteers and survivors. We are stronger together.

I hope that you will join us at our City's commemoration of this important day. Together we'll remember the victims and their families, and honor the courage of all the firefighters, EMS, police and other first responders, volunteers, and survivors. I am very proud of our strength as a nation!

NEVER FORGET.





A Message From Vice Mayor Elvin Villalobos, District 3

Books anyone? Literature for Incarcerated Teenagers (LIT) is an initiative created by Dan and Vera Ortiz to encourage incarcerated youth to read. Moving forward, I will be collecting books at my office to donate to this heartwarming cause. If you have gently used, teen-friendly, paperback books that you'd like to contribute, please email me at Elvin.Villalobos@Tamarac.org or deliver them to City Hall, 7525 NW 88th Ave. Desired genres include science, technology, art, self-improvement, etc. I'd also like to acknowledge Jessica P. and Barbara M., our first book donors.

As a leader in green initiatives, Tamarac has been awarded Silver- and Gold-level certifications from the Florida Green Building Coalition. Maintaining a clean city is an important component of being a green city. To participate in a future Tamarac street cleaning initiative, please email me. Earlier this year, it was quite rewarding to participate in a street cleanup initiated by college student Victoria Felix for a school project. Let's continue these efforts.

Did you know that Tamarac was established July 19, 1963 by Kenneth E. Behring? Happy Birthday, Tamarac!

Did you know that among Broward County's 31 cities, Tamarac's single-family homes have the 6th lowest median taxable value and our City's condos have the 5th lowest taxable value? Please scan the QR code below for more information.

For many reasons, Tamarac is "The City For Your Life." It is my pleasure to serve you. If you ever need to get in touch, please contact me at Elvin.Villalobos@Tamarac.org.



Vice Mayor Villalobos pictured with Dan and Vera Ortiz, Founders of Literature for Incarcerated Teenagers (LIT).



Vice Mayor Villalobos, participating in early 2021 Tamarac street cleanup hosted by an area college student.

Scan this QR code with your smart device to view taxable values of single-family homes and condos within Broward County's 31 cities.





A Message From Commissioner Marlon Bolton, District 1

I would like to take this moment to welcome back all the folks who had the opportunity to escape the Florida heat and take a break from their usual routine this summer. I am also excited to welcome residents escaping cooler weather elsewhere. With schools back in session and the doldrums of the season soon to wane, we can refocus our lives feeling refreshed and eager to take on the next challenge that life presents.

I think we can all agree that during the last two summers, we saw changes in our habits, relationships and attitudes about many of the things we once thought were so important. The good news is that we have persevered through these changes.

In our City, September is the month when the City Commission and City staff begin the process of assessing priorities established during our early-year goal setting sessions and planning out a budget that will sustain us through the next fiscal year.

I am excited about the new projects coming down the pike for those of us residing in east Tamarac. I advocated for almost \$15 million for the East Side Distribution Expansion Project, which will connect the City's west side water supply system to the east.

Caporella Park will see enhancements to the tune of approximately \$5.2 million.

We have also budgeted funds to clean up our canals, beautify our streets, improve streetlights along Commercial Boulevard, and construct new walls. We will continue to assist homeowners with Curb Appeal Grants up to \$3,000 to correct deficiencies with sidewalks, driveways, gutters and more. Also open to Tamarac residents is the Paint Rebate Program, which reimburses homeowners up to \$200 upon completion of exterior home painting projects.

During my upcoming listening tour, I will roll out a list of projects that will benefit the City's east side. Soon, I will visit your local homeowners association meetings to educate residents on our accomplishments this year.

Finally, remember, if you need my help, you can call me any time. My cell phone number is (954) 275-3850.

Caporella Park Enhancement Project





A Message From Commissioner Mike Gelin, District 2

I hope everyone had a great summer. After a tough school year, students and parents looked forward to a season of celebrations, family gatherings, vacations, fun in the sun...and in the rain. The City of Tamarac celebrated Juneteenth for the first time in its history. We also celebrated America's independence with a wonderful fireworks display. This summer, Tamarac also turned 58!

In August, most students returned to school for the first time since the pandemic started and enjoyed reconnecting with teachers, administrators, school resource officers, friends and classmates. The social aspect of education was taken for granted before the pandemic; but today we all understand and appreciate the value of relationships.

Parents can also reclaim their time after being home with students, while juggling work and other activities.

I am enjoying my time serving the community as a basketball coach with the Tamarac Freshman Basketball League at the Tamarac Community Center. It's wonderful to engage with parents and children in this beautiful City. I am also looking forward to celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month to learn about the full depth and breadth of our local Hispanic community.

As we close out the year, we must continue to remain vigilant in the fight against COVID-19. Let's work together to return to the full sense of normalcy we all desire. Be safe out there and stay healthy!



City of Tamarac's 2021 All-American Celebration



A Message From Commissioner Debra Placko, District 4

I would like to urge all of our homeowners associations to take advantage of Tamarac's Neighborhood Partnership Program.

In partnership with the City, this matching grant program could help your neighborhood with signage upgrades, median landscaping, hedge replacement, enhanced lighting and small outdoor fitness structures.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Property must be in the City of Tamarac
- Must be an active association that is registered with the City
- The association must have officers and be able to show meeting minutes of their elections
- Each association must be a non-profit corporation
- Associations may have no pending code violations

The program allows for \$10,000 per district, with each grant at a maximum of \$4,999.

Below are before and after pictures of signs recently completed with the aid of Tamarac's Neighborhood Partnership Program. These beautifully updated signs have a great new design. Plus, they were built with a more sustainable material, which will allow them to last many years.

Congratulations to the Les Jardins and Palm Ridge neighborhoods on your new sign. I look forward to more associations submitting applications soon, once the program reopens.

You can find the complete rules and application instructions at www.Tamarac.me/TNPP.



Tamarac Kids Go Back to School

When the summer fun ends, back-to-school season begins! The Tam-A-Gram team sat down with a few Tamarac students for a glimpse into their thoughts about kicking off the 2021 - 2022 academic year.

Meet 5-year-old Chase, a kindergartener who made his elementary school debut. He is excited about “meeting new friends.” Chase said he looks forward to breaks from learning to play games of “hide and seek, freeze tag and tag, you’re it!” during recess with new friends.



Thomas, 9, is a fourth grader. This experienced elementary school student remembers school before the COVID-19 adjustments. “I’m nervous about going back face-to-face with my teacher; and I’m happy that we’re not on Zoom anymore...and all of those online classes,” Thomas said. After missing his classroom pals due to virtual learning, he added, “I’m excited because I’m gonna meet my friends again.”

Syria, a sixth grader, bids a fond hello to middle school. “I’m most excited about meeting new teachers and meeting new friends,” she said. Syria didn’t mind virtually bonding with friends through video games, but looks forward to working on group projects this year. She said, “I can learn their ideas and my ideas, and we can combine them to make a perfect project.”



Twelve-year-old Noah is in seventh grade.

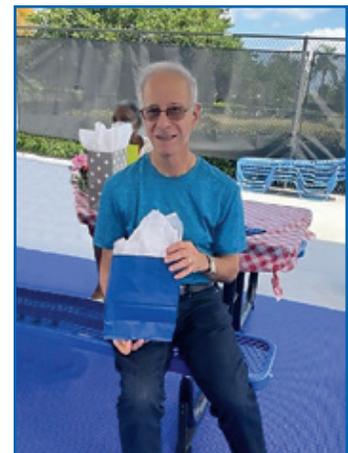
He said he’s a pretty good athlete. “I’m mostly excited about the basketball camps at school,” explained Noah. “What I’m least excited about is history, because I don’t like history at school.” For kids to make it through their least favorite classes, Noah’s advice is, “If you listen to the teacher, your work gets easier through the year.”

Good luck this school year to our featured students and to all of Tamarac’s young scholars!

Volunteer of the Quarter

Since joining our program in 2019, Tamarac volunteer Lowell Roth has devoted his time to community service. He gives back to the community by volunteering at events hosted by the City’s Social Services Division. Throughout the pandemic, Lowell has always been available to help at local food distributions for community members in need.

Lowell, thank you for making Tamarac a better city for everyone. You truly are a valued member of our volunteer program!



Duty Called Tamarac Fire Rescue to Surfside's Collapsed Champlain Towers South

Monday, July 5, 2021, brave members of the Tamarac Fire Rescue (TFR) team responded to the request for aid at the collapsed Champlain Towers South in nearby Surfside. Just 11 days prior, in the early morning hours, the 12-story condominium collapsed without warning as its residents slept, leaving dozens of people unaccounted for.

For seven days, as part of South Florida Taskforce Two, 26 Tamarac Firefighter Paramedics worked 12-hour shifts alongside specially trained colleagues from City of Miami Fire Rescue and cities throughout Broward and Palm Beach counties. TFR served on a strike team consisting of fire departments from Sunrise, Miramar, Lauderhill, Coral Springs and Parkland. They were primarily responsible for debris removal through use of heavy pneumatic

devices and power tools to break up concrete and cut rebar in efforts to locate victims beneath the rubble.

Division Chief Jeffrey Lopez was among those serving on Tamarac's response team. This 22-year TFR veteran says serving the community in this way is the reason he became a firefighter. "Once on scene, the magnitude of what happened was very powerful and a bit overwhelming," said Lopez. He added, "I felt that what we were doing was going to give a family a bit of closure -- by bringing home their family member. I felt very proud of what my team was able to accomplish and be a part of."

The collapse of Champlain Towers South claimed 98 lives. The brave Tamarac Fire Rescue team remains ready to respond again if duty calls.



Photo Source: City of Plantation

October is Fire Prevention Month

While October 3rd – 9th is National Fire Prevention Week, Tamarac Fire Rescue (TFR) has declared October Fire Prevention Month. Throughout October, TFR will educate and provide tips to residents to increase community safety and awareness.

The theme of this year's National Fire Prevention Week is **“Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.”** The goal is to increase awareness of different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make during emergencies. Knowing these sounds will help keep you and your family safer.

When an alarm makes noise, whether it's a beep or chirp, you must take action. It may be as simple as changing the battery, but it might also be warning you of something more urgent.

For information on choosing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and where to

place them, visit www.Tamarac.me/FPW.

Fire Safety Fact: According to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking fires are the number-one cause of home fires and home injuries, accounting for 49% of all reported residential fires.

Remember: Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 7th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour to “fall back.” This is the perfect reminder to always test and replace the batteries in your alarms when you change your clocks.



Peak Hurricane Season is Upon Us

As we enter the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season, it's never too early to make a hurricane plan and start gathering supplies. It's always better to overprepare than not to prepare at all.

To make sure you're equipped, visit www.Tamarac.org/EmergencyManagement, www.Ready.gov/Kit and www.Broward.org/Hurricane for additional material on preparing for a storm.

Are you signed up for Tamarac's CodeRED emergency notifications? It's FREE and easy. Visit www.Tamarac.org, then click the red Emergency Services button on the homepage. Another option is to text TamaracCodeRed to 99411. You can opt to receive phone calls, email and/or text notifications when we have critical information to share.



Construction Corner

Here's a look at construction and development projects currently underway or coming soon to Tamarac! Many of these projects are along McNab Road. If you haven't passed by lately, be sure to check it out soon!

Private Development

- Bailey Square apartment complex, 6170-6190 Rock Island Rd.
- Tamarac Self Storage, 8251 W. McNab Rd.
- The Enclaves at Woodmont single-family residential community, sales office at 7910 NW 79th Terr.
- Eden West apartment complex, 8601 & 8701 W. McNab Rd.
- Alazhar School redevelopment, 7201 W. McNab Rd.
- Tamarac Exchange Center, 6899 N. Hiatus Rd.
- Fairfield Inn & Suites, 6800 NW 88th Ave.

Major City Projects

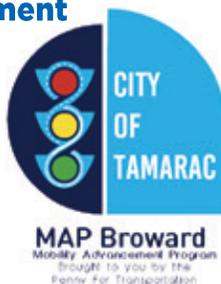
- New Tamarac Sports Complex Concession Building, 9901 NW 77th St.
- Installation of artistic playground fence at Waters Edge Park, 7508 NW 61st St.
- Inspiration Way, temporary sculptures on Nob Hill Rd., between Commercial Blvd. and McNab Rd.

Public/Private Partnerships

- Tamarac Village, north side of Commercial Blvd., between Pine Island Rd. and NW 94th Ave.

Broward Mobility Advancement Program Project (MAP)

- Intersection improvements at Nob Hill Rd. and Southgate Blvd., details are available at www.Tamarac.me/MAPbroward.



Amazon Opens in Tamarac



Photo Source: www.Butters.com

If you thought Amazon's two-day shipping was fast, you'll love five-hour shipping!

This summer, Amazon opened its 178,240-square-foot fulfillment center in Tamarac Commerce Park, located just off the Sawgrass Expressway. Known as a sub-same day (SSD) fulfillment center, this type of facility is located near customers to deliver products quickly, usually within five hours of ordering.

Amazon invested nearly \$25 million in the Tamarac facility. The new facility created about 100 new full-time jobs, with a minimum starting wage of \$15 per hour, plus full comprehensive benefits.

"We're excited Amazon selected Tamarac for its sub-same day fulfillment center," said Lori Funderwhite, Tamarac's Economic Development Manager. "The positive economic impact that a significant investment such as this brings to our community is tremendous. New jobs bring an injection of new salaries into our community, which helps boost spending and supports our local small businesses. In addition, the substantive addition to our commercial tax base enables the City to continue providing an excellent level of service and an unparalleled quality of life."

BSO Provides Helpful Elder Scam Prevention Tools

In Tamarac, we love our senior citizens. Keeping them safe is an ongoing priority. Due to increasing reports of common elder scams sweeping the nation, our friends at Broward Sheriff's Office – Tamarac District, want to keep our seniors from falling victim to such crimes. BSO has a few helpful scam prevention tips to keep local seniors alert, informed and prepared to take appropriate action.



BSO Scam Prevention Reminders

- Be wary of strangers who attempt to start meaningless or odd conversations.
- Always safeguard your social security number.
- Keep your personal identification numbers (PIN) secret. Always use a different PIN for each account.
- When online, never click on links sent in unsolicited emails.
- Never send money or give personal information to unfamiliar companies or unknown persons.
- Be wary of companies that want to send a representative to your home to pick up money, claiming it is part of their service to you.
- Never pay in advance for services. Pay only after they are delivered.
- Call BSO if you don't trust a vendor knocking at your door. When unsure, let BSO respond. BSO advises of many cases of burglars claiming to represent local water or power companies to distract homeowners while an accomplice ransacks the home.

TRIAD is a helpful local resource for cutting crime against seniors through enhanced delivery of law enforcement services. For more information about this partnership between BSO, the Broward County Chiefs of Police and AARP, please call (954) 321-4100.

Tamarac City Commission Meetings

Join us for Regular City Commission meetings at 7 p.m. on the following dates:

**Regular Commission Meeting
September 8th, 7 p.m.**

**Initial Budget Hearing
September 13th, 5:05 p.m.**

**Regular Commission Meeting
September 22nd, 7 p.m.**

**Final Budget Hearing
September 28th, 5:05 p.m.**

**Regular Commission Meeting
October 13th, 7 p.m.**

**Regular Commission Meeting
October 27th, 7 p.m.**

Meetings are held in person in the Commission Chamber, at Tamarac City Hall, 7525 NW 88th Ave.

All City Commission meetings are streamed live at www.Tamarac.org/Meetings and on the City of Tamarac's Facebook page, @Tamarac.Florida.

This schedule is subject to change. For updates on our Regular Commission Meeting schedule and Commission Workshops, please subscribe to our "City of Tamarac - Public Meeting" notifications at www.Tamarac.org/StayConnected, visit www.Tamarac.org/Meetings or call the City Clerk's Office at (954) 597-3505.

2021 SUMMER CAMP RECAP

Summer camp is a wrap! The Tamarac Parks and Recreation Department facilitated a memorable and enriching seven-week summer experience for 175 campers, ages 5 to 12.

From June 21st through August 6th, campers participated in field trips to attractions throughout Broward County, as well as interactive programming including arts and crafts, cooking, team sports and swimming at Caporella Aquatic Center. The Operation R.E.A.D. bus regularly rolled into camp sites, providing an array of interactive literacy activities to get campers in gear for the school year.



ALL-AMERICAN CELEBRATION

Community members were excited about the return of Tamarac's All-American Celebration! After a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this annual celebration of our nation's independence kicked off July 4th weekend two days early. On Friday, July 2nd, approximately 1,500 people gathered at the Tamarac Sports Complex. Despite the rain, guests enjoyed live music by the Valerie Tyson Band, games, activities, tasty treats from local food trucks, and of course, fireworks. This was the City's largest major event since the pandemic began in 2020.



National Voter Registration Day is September 28, 2021! Are You Election Ready?



Have you recently changed your name or address? Would you like to change your party affiliation?

Even though there is not an election this year in the City of Tamarac, Governor Ron DeSantis has called for a Special Election to fill the U.S. House of Representatives District 20 seat, formerly held by the late Congressman Alcee Hastings.

Special Primary Election - November 2, 2021
Special Election - January 11, 2022

If you are a resident of the City of Tamarac, and would like to vote during the Special Election, you must register 29 days before the date of the election.

To check the status of your registration, visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections at www.BrowardVotes.gov.

To register or update your information, visit www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov.



20th Anniversary

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

Let us honor those lost and the survivors of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

**For details of the City of Tamarac's 20th Anniversary
September 11th Memorial Tribute,
please visit www.Tamarac.org/SpecialEvents.**



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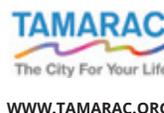
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For more information, please call (954) 597-3800.

Help Keep Our City Beautiful

In our ongoing efforts to keep the City beautiful, Tamarac employees keep an extra eye out for litter as they work around town. This initiative improves the appearance of our community and also reduces wildlife injuries caused by discarded waste.

What can you do to help? Follow these easy tips:

- Secure garbage and recycling in sealed bags or bins.
- Participate in a community clean-up.
- Speak to your family and friends about litter prevention. Share your passion for keeping our City litter free.
- Use cloth bags when shopping.
- Try to avoid buying over-packaged goods with an abundance of plastic, foil, paper and cardboard.



FY2022 Budget Update

Monday, September 13th, at 5:05 p.m., the Tamarac City Commission will vote to establish the fiscal year 2022 budget, first proposed during the July 7th Budget Workshop. The final Budget Hearing will take place Tuesday, September 28th, at 5:05 p.m.

October 1st marks the start of the new fiscal year.

To learn more about the City's budget process, please check our latest "Tamarac Tidbits" videos, at www.Tamarac.org/FY2022BudgetPrep.

Green Scene

Tips for Saving Energy and Cash



- Turning the lights off when you leave a room reduces unnecessary energy consumption. It also helps maintain the temperature of your home, as artificial lighting can increase your home's temperature.
- Buying vintage furniture is a great way to give your living space a unique flair. These high-quality pieces typically come from natural resources, like wood, stone or metals. Plus, they typically last longer than manufactured options sold by big-box stores.

Harnessing the Sun's Energy

The City of Tamarac is taking strides to help protect our planet. We're excited to share news about the solar panels installed at seven City facilities: City Hall, Tamarac Community Center, Fire Station 15, Fire Station 36, Fire Station 41, the Public Services/IT building, and the Parks and Recreation Administrative Building. These energy-saving solar panels resulted in a total savings of \$5,340.00 and a CO₂ reduction of 73,048 pounds in the second quarter of 2021.



Solar Panels at Tamarac Fire Station 36

Savor The Flavors Tamarac Restaurant Hunt Offers Chance to Win Prizes

This September, please support our City's small businesses by participating in the month-long Tamarac Restaurant Hunt. For your chance to win \$1,000 in prizes, simply follow the online route maps and restaurant clues. This fun way to challenge your inner-foodie takes you on a culinary adventure across the global landscape of our City's delicious restaurants.

"I think even longtime residents of Tamarac may not realize how many restaurants we have," said Lori Funderwhite, Tamarac's Economic Development Manager. "We have almost 60 mom-and-pop restaurants offering authentic cuisine that spans the globe. We have a great story to tell with a variety of international culinary delights that reflect our diverse community," Funderwhite added.

This ongoing promotional campaign by Tamarac's Economic Development Office was launched to drive customers to our local small business restaurants who've been experiencing adverse economic

impacts from COVID-19. The campaign is also focused on raising Tamarac's profile in the region as a destination for authentic international cuisine.

The Tamarac Restaurant Hunt runs September 1st - 30th. Visit www.FlavorsOfTamarac.com for game details and our interactive online Tamarac Flavor Map, which features a directory and menu link to our City's array of restaurants.



TAMARAC RESTAURANT HUNT
(Free for all to enjoy!)

Get Ready To Hunt!
September 1st - 30th, 2021

Follow The Clues to Discover New Foods!

DATES September 1-30	LOCATION Tamarac	SIGN-UP www.flavorsoftamarac.com
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Play for Fun & For A Chance to Win \$1,000 in Prizes

Explore Tamarac in a way you've never experienced before. Work individually or grab a friend, a family member or coworkers and select a different route each week.

SCAN ME



DISCOVERY

CAPORELLA AQUATIC COMPLEX AND FITNESS CENTER



Caporella Aquatic Complex amenities include a 25-meter heated swimming pool with zero-depth entry, a slide and a children's water sprayground. The complex also offers a 3,000-square-foot fitness center, locker rooms and outdoor picnic tables. Call (954) 597-3660 for admission fees and information.

As part of our current safety procedures the pool is open in sessions to allow social distancing and time to sanitize between sessions.

POOL HOURS

Monday – Saturday: Session I: 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Session II: 2:30 – 6 p.m.

Sunday: Session I: 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Session II: 2:30 – 6 p.m.

SPRAYGROUND AND SLIDE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Saturday: Session I: 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Session II: 2:30 – 6 p.m.

Sunday: Session I: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Session II: 1:30 – 4 p.m.

PROACTIVE ARTHRITIS WATER AEROBICS CLASS

Proactive Arthritis Water Aerobics classes are offered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 – 11 a.m. These classes are free to Senior Program members. Due to space restrictions, participants must reserve a spot through our online registration system at www.Tamarac.me/Webtrac.

TAMARAC SWIM TEAM

TS Aquatics offers a competitive swim program for children, ages 5 – 18, at the Caporella Aquatic Complex. Free tryouts are held Monday – Thursday, 5 – 7 p.m.

The Caporella Fitness Center offers a friendly, non-competitive workout environment with a variety of free weights, machines, treadmills, elliptical cross trainers, recumbent lifecycles, stationary bikes and more. Our qualified staff will show you around on your first visit and help you get familiar with the equipment. For more information, contact the Caporella Aquatic Complex at (954) 597-3661 or visit www.Tamarac.org/Parks.

ANNUAL FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Adult Membership:	\$150
Senior/Military/Veterans Membership:	\$135
Teen Membership (Ages 16 – 17):	\$95
Teen Membership (Ages 13 – 15):	\$65

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



WEEKLY YOUTH CLASSES

*For registration costs and additional details, visit www.Tamarac.me/Webtrac.
Classes and schedules are subject to change.*

BALLET TAP AND JAZZ

Saturday | 10 a.m.
\$50 Residents; \$60 Non-residents

GYMNASTICS

Saturday | 11 a.m.
\$50 Residents; \$60 Non-residents

CHEERLEADING AND HIP HOP

Saturday | 11 a.m.
\$50 Residents; \$60 Non-residents

WEEKLY ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

*The classes below will be held in-person. Advance registration is required. To register or for additional information, including costs, visit www.Tamarac.me/Webtrac.
Classes and schedules are subject to change.*

BOOTY BARRE WITH CAROL

Monday | 6 p.m.

CYCLING WITH CAROL

Thursday | 6:15 p.m.

CYCLING WITH CAROL

Monday | 7:15 p.m.

YOGA WITH BETH

Thursday | 7 p.m.

TRANSFORM 60 WITH MIKE

Tuesday | 6 p.m.

BODY SCULPTING WITH MIKE

Friday | 6 p.m.

YOGA WITH CAROL

Tuesday | 6 p.m.

HIIT WITH SUSAN

Saturday | 8:30 a.m.

CYCLING WITH CAROL

Tuesday | 7:15 p.m.

ZUMBA WITH SUSAN

Saturday | 9:30 a.m.

ZUMBA WITH MARIA

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday | 9:30 a.m.

STRETCH AND TONE WITH YASMINE

Saturday | 9:30 a.m.

ZUMBA WITH KECIA

Wednesday | 6 p.m.

YOGA WITH CAROL

Saturday | 10:30 a.m.

BALANCE AND RECOVERY WITH GAZELLE

Wednesday | 6 p.m.

CYCLING WITH CAROL

Saturday | 9:30 a.m.

BODY SCULPTING WITH GAZELLE

Thursday | 6 p.m.

WEEKLY SENIOR CLASSES

CLASSES ARE BY REGISTRATION ONLY! NO DROP-INS.
Participation Platforms: **Z** = Zoom; **L** = Live; **Z&L** = Zoom & Live.

KICKBOXING LITE WITH MARK

Monday | 10:30 a.m. (**Z&L**)

CREATIVE WRITING WITH JANIE

Tuesday | 10 a.m. (**Z**)

MAT YOGA AND MEDITATION WITH DEBBIE

Tuesday | 11:30 a.m. (**Z&L**)

CARDIO WITH DEBBIE

Tuesday | 12:45 p.m. (Call for information)

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS LINE DANCING WITH HELAINE

Wednesday | 1 p.m. (**Z&L**)

INTERMEDIATE LINE DANCING WITH HELAINE

Wednesday | 2 p.m. (**Z&L**)

CHAIR YOGA WITH DEBBIE

Thursday | 11:30 a.m. (Call for information)

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS WITH NATACHA

Thursday | 12:30 p.m. (**Z**)

MAH JONG

Thursday | 1:00 p.m. (**L**)

PING PONG

Thursday | 1:30 p.m. (**L**)

CLAY WORKSHOP WITH MICHELLE

Friday | 10:30 a.m. (**L**)

CHAIR YOGA AND MEDITATION WITH DEBBIE

Friday | 12:45 p.m. (Call for information)

JAZZERCISE WITH WARREN

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 10 a.m.
(Call for information)

YOGA WITH BETH

Monday | 12:30 p.m., Wednesday | 10 a.m. (**Z&L**)

SIT AND FIT WITH DEBBIE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 11:30 a.m.
(Call for information)

TAI CHI/QIGONG WITH MARK

Monday | 9 a.m., Friday | 8:30 a.m. (**Z&L**)

HAPPY HOOKERS

Monday | 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. (**L**)

PICKLEBALL

Beginners | Monday & Tuesday | 1:30 p.m.
Intermediate | Tuesday & Wednesday | 1:30 p.m. (**L**)

55+ SENIOR PROGRAM: REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

- Visit www.Tamarac.me/Webtrac.
- Choose "Login," whether you have an existing account or not.
- Current and former members must enter a username and password. If you have forgotten your username or password, please select the appropriate option.
- First time patrons will need to create a new account. Once logged in, please choose "Memberships" and then the "55+ Senior Program."

Classes and schedules are subject to change. For information, visit www.Tamarac.org/Parks or call (954) 597-3620.

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 a message with 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 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, Medicare fraud, waste and abuse. Call (954) 745-9779.



SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER REGISTRY FOR HURRICANE SEASON

If you or anyone in your home has a special need that requires staying at a special needs shelter during a hurricane, please register in advance by calling the Broward County Hurricane Preparedness hotline at (954) 831-3902, TDD (954) 831-3940.

VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Tamarac residents who are at risk due to a disability, frailty or health issue are encouraged to sign up for the Vulnerable Population Registry, especially if they elect to stay at home in the event of a hurricane. This registry is managed jointly by the City and Broward County. Tamarac uses it to plan for emergency responses and to check in with our vulnerable population before and after hurricanes. To register, call Tamarac Social Services at (954) 597-3642 Broward at (954) 831-4000 or TTY (954) 831-3940. You can also register online at www.Broward.org/AtRisk.

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 to locations across the City. They are the Red and Red Extension Transit Routes. Schedules are available at www.Tamarac.org/439 and City facilities. To track the buses in real-time, download the Ride Systems app and select Ride Tamarac.



Free Rides! Thursday, September 16th, and Thursday, October 21st, you can ride free on our Express Shuttle to Coral Square Mall, BJ's Wholesale Club, Doris Italian Market and Bakery and other popular stores.

Departure Location: Tamarac Community Center, 8601 W. Commercial Blvd.

Departure Times: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Return Times: 2 p.m.

Masks are mandatory as per federal guidelines.

FACILITY LOCATIONS

**Caporella Aquatic Complex
and Fitness Center**
9300 NW 58th St.

Caporella Park
5200 Prospect Rd.

Colony West Golf Club
6800 NW 88th Ave.

Gary B Jones Park for People and Pups
8101 Southgate Blvd.

Mainlands Park
4500 Monterey Dr.

Sunset Point Park
11000 W. McNab Rd.

Tamarac Community Center
8601 W. Commercial Blvd.

Tamarac Multi-Purpose Center
7531 N. University Dr.

Tamarac Park Recreation Center
7501 N. University Dr.

Tamarac Sports Complex
9901 NW 77th St.

Tephford Park
10003 Southgate Blvd.

Veterans' Memorial Park
7825 Southgate Blvd.

Waters Edge Park
7508 NW 61st St.

ATHLETIC LEAGUES

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

YOUTH SOCCER

Recreational soccer league for both boys and girls, ages 4 - 17. Registration for the youth soccer league is taking place through September 30th. Practice begins in late November, with games starting in January. The season concludes in March. Space is limited and volunteer coaches are needed. Practice sessions and games will be held at either the Tamarac Sports Complex or Tamarac Park.

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

ADULT SPORTS

Leagues are forming for Co-ed Softball, Men's Softball and Flag Football. Please call (954) 597-3623 for additional information.

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.





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