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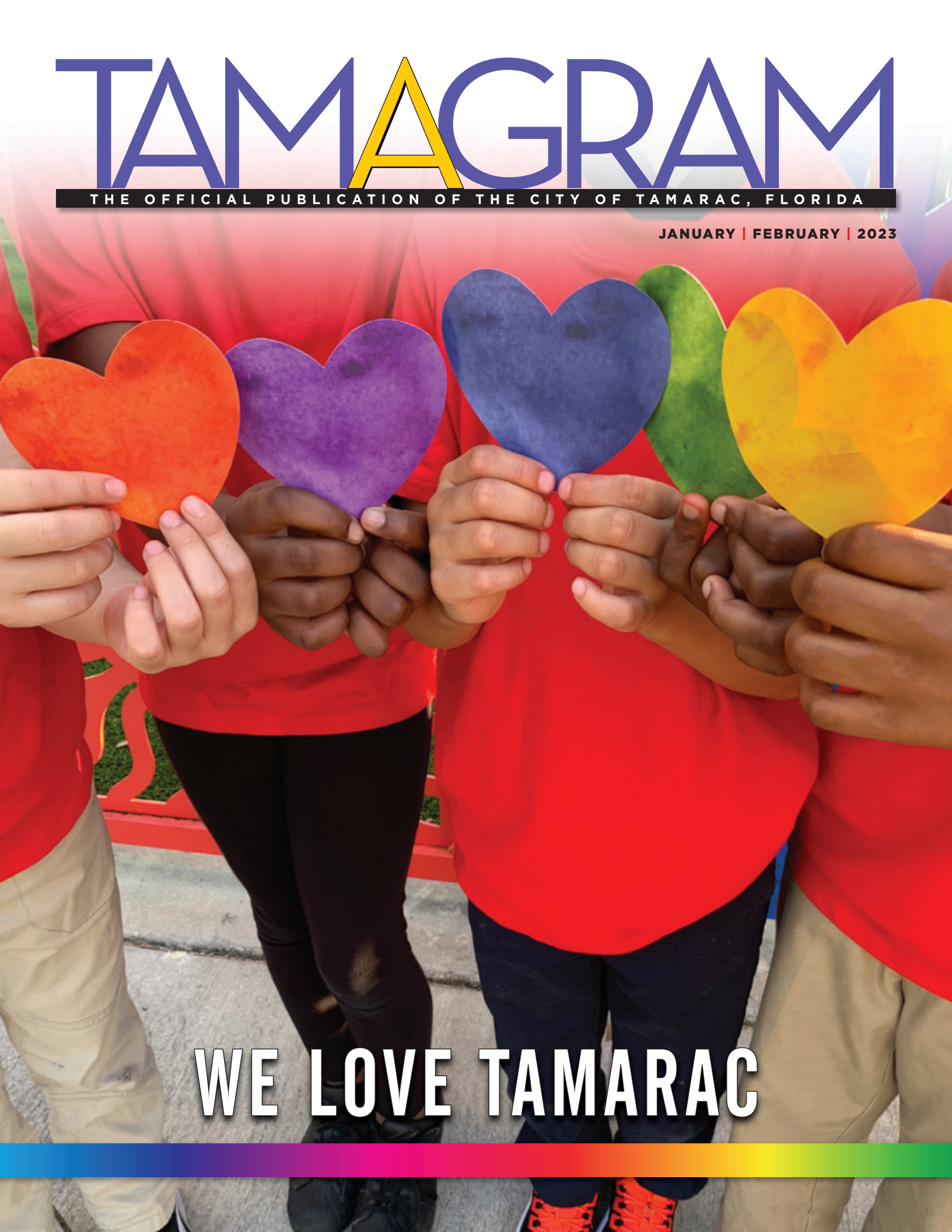

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WE LOVE TAMARAC

Is it even possible to count the ways we love the City of Tamarac? As our community tackles 2023 full steam ahead, more reasons emerge daily to love "The City For Your Life."

We closed out 2022 with new leaders on the Tamarac City Commission. At the helm of District 2 is Commissioner Morey Wright, Jr. Tamarac's new District 4 Commissioner is Kicia Daniel. Both were sworn into office on Nov. 21, 2022, along with Michelle J. Gomez, now serving her second term as Mayor. In December 2022, Marlon D. Bolton, Tamarac's District 1 Commissioner, was named Vice Mayor. He will serve a 12-month term in this role.

In addition to our new leaders, our cityscape is getting a new look in 2023...mainly through major renovation projects at parks throughout the City. Dec. 12, 2022, the City of Tamarac celebrated the launch of the Caporella Park Enhancement Project with a groundbreaking ceremony. This is one of four park renovation projects currently underway in Tamarac. Our parks and facilities have lots of ways for you to stay fit and maintain those 2023 health and fitness New Year's resolutions. Learn more in the Discovery Section.

After an abrupt halt in 2020, due to the emergence of COVID-19, a new Tamarac University graduating class completed their coursework in Fall 2022. If you're interested in registering for future classes, page 7 has details.

Valentine's Day is almost here! Help us count the ways our community members love Tamarac. Please submit your one paragraph response to PIO@Tamarac.org, before 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30. By participating, your response could appear in a City of Tamarac Valentine's Day social media post.

In the meantime, "The City For Your Life" wishes you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year. In 2023, let's stay connected! For information about Tamarac's events, activities, updates and resources, visit www.Tamarac.org or follow us on social media.

Children in Tamarac's Fast Track After School Program show their Tamarac love and pride.

Commission Editorial
Mayor Michelle J. Gomez

This time of year is perfect for beginning anew and appreciating all that we have before us. I'm grateful for your support and the pleasure of serving with the new Commission. I'm very excited for our strategic planning sessions to begin, so we can work through the projects and programming already underway, and initiate new ones that'll provide us with even more reasons to love Tamarac!

We have a lot to be proud of in Tamarac. We are a "big" small City with a lot of heart! We're proud of our progress from a retirement community into a vibrant multigenerational and multicultural city with a hometown feel. Tamarac remains open for business and welcomes new residents.

Thank you once again for giving me the privilege of being your Mayor. As always, I remain available via email, phone or in person at the office or your favorite coffee place.

Wishing you excellent health, hope, joy, and prosperity this 2023!

Warmest Regards,
Michelle

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Mayor Michelle J. Gomez was sworn-in for a second term in office on Nov. 21, 2022.

Commission Editorial
Vice Mayor Marlon Bolton, District 1

I hope you all had a great holiday season; and I hope you spent time with your family and friends. This is my first newsletter of the new year, and I wish everyone great success and good health in 2023. This year will undoubtedly bring unique challenges; but we are resilient and strong. We will overcome the obstacles as they come once again.

Last year, we welcomed two brand-new Commissioners, Morey Wright, Jr. and Kicia Daniel, who will represent districts 2 and 4, respectively. I am excited to get to know my new colleagues and work with them to move our City forward.

Looking ahead, I am most excited about February; because we will host our first goal-setting retreat of the year. During this meeting, we will discuss how we will move our priorities for East Tamarac forward. We accomplished a lot last year and there is no stopping now. We broke ground at Caporella Park, which will be renovated at the tune of $4.5 million. During our goal-setting retreat, we will discuss and solidify plans for the future and for the Shaker Village Club House property, Sabal Palm Park at Central Parc, the Eastside Water Distribution Project, Shaker Village and Mainlands 1-5 street resurfacing, the Prospect Road wall and speed humps on streets east of 441.

Vice Mayor Bolton attends the Caporella Park Enhancement Project Groundbreaking Ceremony in December 2022.

Members of the Tamarac City Commission, contractors, City staff and residents celebrated at the Caporella Park Enhancement Project Groundbreaking Ceremony in December 2022.

I hope to see you at our Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration. And, let us not forget the families of the students who tragically lost their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14, 2018.

My cell phone number is (954) 275-3850. Please call me if you need my assistance with anything. (No text messages, please.)

Until Next Time,

Marlon D. Bolton, Vice Mayor, District 1

Scan this QR Code with your smart device to learn more about my work.

Commission Editorial
Commissioner Morey Wright, Jr., District 2

I'm incredibly grateful to the residents of District 2 for the humbling opportunity to serve as your Commissioner. Thank you to the many people who have already let me know what issues are important to you. As your Commissioner, I will be your voice, champion and fighter for these important issues.

I want to thank my predecessor Vice Mayor Gelin, for his service to District 2. A big congratulations to Mayor Gomez on her re-election and to Dr. Kicia Daniel on becoming the Commissioner of District 4. Thanks to these extraordinary women, Tamarac is now the only Commission in Broward County with a doctor and a lawyer. I'm elated to work with these two accomplished women. I also look forward to working with trailblazing Commissioners Bolton and Villalobos, to continue blazing trails for the residents of Tamarac.

I genuinely believe that together we can make Tamarac the safest, greenest and most prosperous City in America. For questions, concerns or ideas, feel free to email Morey.Wright@Tamarac.org.

Commissioner Morey Wright, Jr. photographed with Commissioner Kicia Daniel, Mayor Michelle Gomez, and Vice Mayor Marlon Bolton. (R to L)

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Commissioner Wright takes the oath of office surrounded by loved ones on Nov. 21, 2022.

Commission Editorial
Commissioner Elvin Villalobos, District 3

The new year always brings a sense of newness to that which reminds us that the past is gone and a new day has been born. You begin to identify ways to start your day with a win and create personal goals. These things always start with a small step. It is the droplets of life that make the waves of impact we make in ourselves and others. "Measure twice... cut once." This year, you can make it better than 2022!

I want to welcome our two elected Commission Members – Commissioner Daniel of District 4 and Commissioner Wright of District 2. Join me in wishing them the very best on this new personal journey, as we serve our mutual Tamarac constituents with excellence.

The ending of 2022 brought lots of love and laughter with so many highly anticipated and fun events and activities brought to you by our City staff and commission. From the 41st Annual Tamarac Turkey Trot 5K bringing together nearly 2,100 participants, to adopting families for the holiday season in 2022.

Your feedback and continual support are essential to our success in Tamarac. Your comments, concerns and appreciation are always welcomed by me. Your attendance is always appreciated at our Regular Commission Meetings and Commission Workshops at City Hall.

You can connect with me on social media, by emailing Elvin.Villalobos@Tamarac.org or by calling or texting (954) 821-9734.

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Commission Editorial
Commissioner Kicia Daniel, District 4

This is my favorite time of year. It reminds me of all the things I love, like family, friends, fellowship and showing appreciation, love, kindness and gratitude to others. I am especially grateful for the opportunity to be Commissioner of District 4. I will give my community the very best that I have to ensure that priorities you have set forth and need are attainable. I will work diligently to make Tamarac a world-class community, addressing the needs of District 4 first and foremost.

The New Year's holiday reminds me of the wonderful opportunity to start fresh, right wrongs and renew our hope and faith in each other and in our futures. In the new year, we can resign ourselves to dream big, to strengthen our relationships with our children and those we hold dear. Let's welcome new beginnings. Let's dream big dreams of a better community together.

I am excited to share one of my upcoming projects. The first one will be for our residents interested in joining me on a journey of "Financial Recovery and Abundance." One reason I ran for office was to assist fellow residents with overcoming setbacks that appear to cripple our finances...whether it be a failed business, lawsuit, tragedy, bankruptcy, identity theft, foreclosure, etc. I have been there; but I was able to rise up and stand better than before. Remember, what others call failure is actually just a part of your journey to success.

May the new year bring you peace, love and an abundance of happiness.

Happy New Year,
Kicia Daniel, Commissioner, District 4

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Surrounded by family, Commissioner Daniel takes the oath of office on Nov. 21, 2022.

22 RESIDENTS GRADUATE FROM TAMARAC UNIVERSITY

For the first time in two years, Tamarac University (TU) is in session! Twenty-two students showcasing Tamarac's diversity completed eight weeks of required coursework. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022, the Fall 2022 class graduated during a celebration with neighbors, family and friends in the Tamarac Commission Chamber. This was the first TU graduating class since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are thrilled to once again offer our residents the opportunity to meet with City staff and to learn about the City they love and call home," said Jim Twigger, TU's staff liaison. "Tamarac University is an exceptional program that provides residents with an inside and in-depth look at how our City operates, and what makes Tamarac so great!"

TU gave these recent grads a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the City's operations. Students met with Tamarac Commission members. They engaged during informative lectures by City staff from all departments. Sessions also included field trips to City facilities, including a fire station, community centers, parks, public services buildings and City Hall.

In an anonymous survey submitted after one of the Fall 2022 sessions, one student stated, "The level of how each department explains their role and how it works is awesome and easily understandable."

Applications to enroll in TU's Spring 2023 class are available at www.Tamarac.org/TU. Spring sessions begin Tuesday, March 7. The application deadline is Friday, Jan. 27, at 5 p.m. For more information, please contact TU@Tamarac.org.

The City's Financial Services team gives TU students an overview of their duties and responsibilities.

TU students get a closer look at Tamarac Fire operations during a field trip to Station 15.

Twenty-two residents complete TU's Fall 2022 session.

2,000 TURKEY TROTTERS KEEP LOCAL THANKSGIVING TRADITION RUNNING

The 41st Annual Tamarac Turkey Trot 5K continued our City's most beloved holiday tradition! In 2022, on Thanksgiving morning, nearly 2,100 participants raced through Tamarac's Woodmont area to complete the 3.1-mile course.

Kristian Bodden, 21, and Sonja Friend-Uhl, 51, claimed medals for the best overall male and female runners. Bodden's finishing time was 16:16 and Friend-Uhl's was 19:29. Medals were also earned by age group winners, ranging from young children to senior citizens.

"It was really fun," said Kay Bloom, a nine-year resident and first-time Turkey Trotter. "People were very friendly; and I feel really supported and a part of the community." Bloom, plans to keep the tradition going in years to come.

The Tamarac Turkey Trot has grown steadily since the first race in 1980. In the last two decades alone, participation has nearly doubled, and is expected to continue growing.

Scan this QR Code with your smart device to view 2022 Turkey Trot photo highlights.

TURKEY TROT
Tamarac 5K Run
41st Annual
2022
5K

Scan this QR Code with your smart device to view 2022 Turkey Trot video highlights.

GREEN SCENE

Did you know the City of Tamarac participates in a co-op with six other cities to host household hazardous waste and e-waste drop-off events for residents? These events provide residents with a convenient and responsible way to dispose of certain hazardous household items. You're invited to participate in any event listed below. Just make sure to bring proof of residency. Times, locations and a list of accepted materials are available at www.Tamarac.org/HazardousWaste.

2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

January 7	Fort Lauderdale	April 29	Fort Lauderdale	October 14	Coral Springs
February 11	Coral Springs	May 6	Tamarac	October 28	Pompano Beach
February 25	North Lauderdale	May 27	Pompano Beach	November 11	Fort Lauderdale
March 11	Coconut Creek	August 12	Coconut Creek	December 2	Tamarac
March 25	Lauderdale Lakes	August 26	North Lauderdale		

Tamarac also provides bulk trash pickup services for residents. Bulk trash is collected weekly from single-family homes and quarterly from condominiums (see schedule below). For details about what's accepted and what's not, visit www.Tamarac.org/BulkTrash.

2023 QUARTERLY BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR CONDOMINIUMS

January 4 • April 5 • July 5 • October 4

Call (954) 597-3750 for additional information on these collection services.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ninety-eight-year-old Jeannette Weinberg has volunteered at the City's Community Center for more than 20 years! During this time, she has helped with many facets of operations. She recently picked up a new role assisting the Senior Programmer with guiding participants to classes and checking IDs. We love Jeanette and are proud of her for helping us keep our Senior Program positive and successful!

TAMARAC FIRE RESCUE'S 2023 CPR/AED CLASS SCHEDULE IS NOW AVAILABLE

Get certified in two lifesaving techniques at CPR/AED classes provided by Tamarac Fire Rescue.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, better known as CPR, allows you to help someone who isn't breathing or whose heart has stopped. Automated external defibrillators (AED) are emergency medical devices that automatically diagnose life-threatening cardiac conditions and shock the heart to get it pumping again.

Upcoming CPR/AED Classes
January 14 • March 11 • May 13 • July 15
September 23 • November 18

Classes are held from 9 a.m. – Noon,
at Tamarac Fire Station 15, located at 6000 Hiatus Rd.

Advance registration is required. Call (954) 597–3800 or visit www.Tamarac.org/FireRescue to sign-up.

MAKING YOUR WAY AROUND A ROUNDABOUT

The City of Tamarac has a total of seven roundabout intersections, with two installed in 2022. Roundabouts serve as a traffic calming feature to reduce speeding and redirect traffic flow with ease. When navigating Tamarac's roundabouts, there are a few safety tips to keep in mind to protect motorists and pedestrians sharing the roadway.

Hiatus and McNab Road Roundabout Traffic Calming Project

- Choose your desired lane before entering the roundabout by adhering to signs that direct drivers to travel right, left or straight.
- Before entering, look left and right, then yield to vehicles already in the roundabout. They have the right-of-way.
- Adhere to posted speed limits.
- Yield to persons using crosswalks within the roundabout when entering and exiting.
- When emergency vehicles approach the roundabout before you've entered, pull over to the right to allow them to pass. If you're already inside, make the first possible exit to allow the emergency vehicle to pass.

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TAMARAC
The City For Your Life

Earn a living while making a difference in the community. Explore challenging and rewarding experiences, along with professional development opportunities through our range of positions. We want you to #WorkWithUs!

FEATURED POSITIONS

- **Assistant Engineer**
- **Enterprise Application Specialist**
- **SCADA Operations Analyst**
- **Structural Inspector**
- **Records Coordinator**
- **Webmaster**
- **Utilities Service Worker I**
- **On-Call Bus Driver**
- **Water System Operator (Meter Reader)**

New Public Information Office team member

For more information or to apply, visit www.Tamarac.org/Jobs.

TAMARAC CITY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Tamarac's Regular City Commission Meetings are held in-person in the Tamarac City Hall Commission Chamber, located at 7525 NW 88th Ave. Please join us for upcoming Regular Commission Meetings on the following dates.

Wednesday, January 11, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, January 25, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 8, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, February 22, 9:30 a.m.

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 about Tamarac's Regular Commission Meeting and Commission Workshop schedules, 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.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY COMING SOON

Join Mayor Michelle J. Gomez for the State of the City Address, where she will share a recap of 2022 accomplishments and insight into what the future holds for Tamarac. The speech will open a regularly scheduled 7 p.m. Commission Meeting at City Hall. If you're unable to attend, you can stream it live on-demand at www.Tamarac.org/Meetings or via Facebook.

The official date will be announced at www.Tamarac.org/SpecialEvents.

CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Take a look at construction and development projects currently underway or coming soon to Tamarac!

Private Development

- Tamarac Self Storage, 8251 W. McNab Rd.
- Rock Island Self-Storage, 5602 Rock Island Rd.
- Elite Dialysis, 8201 N. University Dr.
- Dunkin', 7001 N. Pine Island Rd.
- Tamarac Day Care, 7830 N. University Dr.
- 5601 Hiatus Road Industrial, 5601 N Hiatus Rd.
- Fairfield Inn & Suites, 6800 NW 88th Ave.
- Parkside Memory Care, 7501 NW 76th St.
- The Enclaves at Woodmont single-family residential community, sales office, 7910 NW 79th Ter.
- Bailey Square Apartments, 6170-6190 Rock Island Rd.
- Eden West Apartments, 8601 & 8701 W. McNab Rd.
- Tamarac Circle – Five Home Development, 5400-5440 NW 57th Ct.
- Lake of Tamarac Townhomes – Six Unit Townhouse Development, 5980 NW 94th Ave.
- Clinica Las Mercedes, 6650-6682 NW 57th St.
- Sonny's The CarWash Factory Office Building, 5601 N. Hiatus Rd.

Major City Projects

- Tamarac Lakes Sections 1 & 2 Water Main Improvement Project, W. Prospect Rd.
- Sunset Point Park Sunset Hammock Artwork Project, Parking Lot and Restroom Improvements, 11000 W. McNab Rd.
- Veterans' Memorial Park Parking Lot Expansion, 7825 Southgate Blvd.
- Traffic Calming Project, NW 70th Ave.
- Hiatus and McNab Road Roundabout Traffic Calming Project

Hiatus and McNab Road Roundabout Traffic Calming Project

Public/Private Partnerships

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

GROWTH ON THE HORIZON FOR SONNY'S THE CARWASH FACTORY

Paul Fazio, CEO of Sonny's The CarWash Factory

Would you have suspected that the world's largest manufacturer of conveyorized carwash equipment was nestled quietly in Tamarac's Commerce Park? During a recent visit with Paul Fazio, CEO of Sonny's The CarWash Factory, the Tam-A-Gram team got a look behind the walls at what he calls "a one-stop-shop for anyone looking to build a conveyorized carwash," and at the vision for this industry leader's latest expansion project.

Sonny's CarWash has 45 facilities and approximately 1,880 employees throughout the nation. In November 2022, Sonny's CarWash broke ground at the site of the newest expansion project at its Tamarac-based national headquarters, located on Hiatus Road, just beyond Commercial Boulevard. Scheduled for completion in September 2023, this site will include a new distribution center for raw materials and finished goods. It is expected to increase Sonny's current 660 person Tamarac-based workforce by approximately 100 employees by the end of first year. Currently, Sonny's The CarWash Factory is among Tamarac's five largest employers.

"Thankfully our niche of the carwash industry is rapidly expanding," said Paul. "We are the leaders in the world in the niche of conveyorized car washing. We believe this growth in the industry will continue; and we are positioning ourselves to continue to be the company of choice for the industry."

At the existing four-building Sonny's CarWash campus in Tamarac, the company manufactures all the equipment to build its custom carwash tunnel designs, houses its software development team and its branded carwash sign production team. It's home to what Paul calls "Sonny's CarWash University," which provides continual staff and client product training. The current campus also houses the centralized office staff that supports all other facilities across the Country.

Today, Sonny's The CarWash Factory reaches far beyond the wildest dreams of Founder, Sonny Fazio – Paul's late father. Sonny started washing cars in Lynn, Massachusetts, in 1949. He eventually moved to Florida. In nearby North Miami, he started Sonny's as a carwash supply company in 1978. It evolved into the powerhouse we know today.

In 2001, with Paul at the helm, he chose Tamarac as the company's new home due to the hospitality received from the City's leadership at a time when other places weren't as accommodating. "It made choosing Tamarac as the home of my business a very easy decision; and look at us now," Paul expressed.

To learn more about the Sonny's CarWash story and services, visit www.SonnysDirect.com.

NEW LOOK AND AMENITIES IN STORE FOR CAPORELLA PARK

Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 the City of Tamarac's Mayor and Commissioners officially broke ground at Caporella Park to celebrate the new Enhancement Project.

The $4.5 million renovation will include new amenities such as a non-motorized boat launch with floating dock, shaded amphitheater, vortex splash pad, picnic shelter, barbecue grill, playground with sunshade, new restrooms, concessions room, a multipurpose trail, a centralized fitness area and more.

Tamarac's Mayor and Commissioners break ground at Caporella Park renovation site.

Caporella Park will be closed during the renovation process. It is expected that Tamarac's friends, families and neighbors will be able to once again enjoy the park and all its new features in late 2023.

The enhanced Caporella Park will offer beautiful lakeside views and a tranquil space to meet and mingle. The park will become the nucleus of community life, where Tamarac residents can come together to celebrate holidays, host family gatherings and participate in community events.

The Caporella Park Enhancement Project is a tangible reminder of Tamarac's commitment to creating a connected and vibrant community.

Rendering of amphitheater slated for construction at Caporella Park

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TAMARAC'S HOLLY, JOLLY, HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

Tamarac's 2022 holiday season was "merry and bright," even for our furry friends. When the sun went down on Dec. 1, Tamarac enjoyed live musical performances, crafts, a guest appearance by Santa, and a colorfully illuminated Christmas tree, menorah and kinara.

Dec. 9, Santa and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer flew into Tamarac Park for Rudolph's Winter Wonderland, where guests enjoyed carnival games, face painting, a bounce house and samples of Santa's favorite holiday cookies decorated by local children.

Our furry friends weren't left out of the holiday fun! Dressed in their best holiday apparel, Tamarac's four-legged friends and their owners attended the annual Paws With Claus Holiday Paw-ty at Gary B Jones Park for People and Pups, on Dec. 10. Pets enjoyed a tail-wagging good time competing in the Best Dressed Holiday Hound Contest and photo ops with Santa.

TREE LIGHTING

RUDOLPH'S WINTER WONDERLAND

PAWS WITH CLAUS HOLIDAY PAW-TY

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 spray ground. The complex also offers a 3,000-square-foot fitness center, locker rooms and outdoor picnic tables. Call (954) 597-3660 for more information.

As part of our current safety procedure the pool opens in sessions to allow social distancing and time to sanitize between sessions.

OPEN SWIM SESSIONS ARE CLOSED FOR THE SEASON. SESSIONS WILL RESUME MARCH 1.

PROACTIVE ARTHRITIS WATER AEROBICS CLASS

Proactive Arthritis Water Aerobics classes are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Winter hours are 10 – 11 a.m. These classes are free to Senior Program members.

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.

Tamarac Fitness Center

FITNESS CENTER

The Tamarac 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 to help you get familiar with the equipment. For more information, contact the fitness center at (954) 597-3661 or visit www.Tamarac.org/Parks.

ANNUAL FITNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP FEES

Adults:	$150
Seniors/Active Military/Veterans:	$135
Teens (Ages 16 – 17):	$95
Teens (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 additional information or to register online, visit www.Tamarac.me/Webtrac. Classes and schedules are subject to change. Classes are located at Tamarac Recreation Center, 7501 N. University Dr.

BALLET, TAP AND JAZZ
Saturday | 10 a.m.
$60 Residents; $70 Non-Residents

CHEERLEADING AND HIP HOP
Saturday | 11 a.m.
$60 Residents; $70 Non-Residents

TAE KWON DO
Tuesday & Thursday | 4:45 - 7:30 p.m.
$80 Residents; $90 Non-Residents

GYMNASTICS
Saturday | 11 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.
$60 Residents; $70 Non-Residents

READING
Saturday | 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
$60 Residents; $70 Non-Residents

FAST TRACK AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Monday – Friday | 3 – 6 p.m.
$150 Residents; $185 Non-Residents

IMAGINATION MORNINGS Toddlers 2-4 years
Wednesday | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
$25 Residents; $35 Non-Residents

Image captured during Tae Kwon Do class at the Tamarac Recreation Center.

WEEKLY ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

Classes are held in-person. For additional information, online registration or costs, visit www.Tamarac.me/Webtrac. Classes and schedules are subject to change. Classes are held at Tamarac Community Center, 8601 W. Commercial Blvd. or Tamarac Recreation Center, 7501 N. University Dr.

TAMARAC COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSES

BOOTY BARRE WITH CAROL
Monday | 6 p.m.

CYCLING WITH CAROL
Monday | 7:15 p.m.

TRANSFORM 60 WITH MIKE
Tuesday | 6 p.m.

YOGA WITH CAROL
Tuesday | 6 p.m.

CYCLING WITH CAROL
Tuesday | 7:15 p.m.

BALANCE AND RECOVERY WITH GAZELLE
Wednesday | 6 p.m.

BEAT BURNERS WITH VINCENT
Wednesday & Friday | 7 p.m.

BODY SCULPTING WITH GAZELLE
Thursday | 6 p.m.

CYCLING WITH CAROL
Thursday | 6 p.m.

YOGA WITH BETH
Thursday | 7 p.m.

BODY SCULPTING WITH MIKE
Friday | 6 p.m.

CYCLING WITH CAROL
Saturday | 9:30 a.m.

YOGA WITH CAROL
Saturday | 10:30 a.m.

WEEKLY ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

TAMARAC RECREATION CENTER CLASSES

ZUMBA WITH MARIA
Monday | 6:30 p.m.

CHEEKY WITH YASMINE
Monday | 7:30 p.m.

ZUMBA WITH MARIA
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday | 9:30 a.m.

ZUMBA FITNESS WITH KARLENE
Tuesday | 7 p.m.

GET EM' WITH YASMINE
Wednesday | 7:30 p.m.

ZUMBA TONING WITH PAULA
Thursday | 6 - 7 p.m.

CARIBBEAN DANCE WITH KARLENE
Thursday | 7 p.m.

BARRE FITNESS WITH MARIA
Saturday | 10:35 - 11:35 a.m.

STRENGTH AND TONE WITH YASMINE
Saturday | 9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY SENIOR CLASSES

The classes below are for pre-registered guests only. Walk-ins are not allowed.

KICKBOXING LITE WITH MARK
Monday | 10:30 a.m.

CREATIVE WRITING
Tuesday | 10 a.m.

MAT YOGA AND MEDITATION WITH DEBBIE
Thursday | 11:30 a.m.

CARDIO WITH DEBBIE
Tuesday | 11:30 a.m.

BINGO
Tuesday | 12:30 p.m.

MAH JONG
Tuesday | 1 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE LINE DANCING WITH HELAINE
Wednesday | 12 p.m.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS LINE DANCING WITH HELAINE
Wednesday | 1:15 p.m.

STRETCH & CORE WITH MARK
Thursday | 10:15 a.m.

CHAIR YOGA WITH DEBBIE
Tuesday | 10:15 a.m.

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS WITH NATACHA
Thursday | 4:30 p.m.

PING PONG
Wednesday | 12 p.m. & Thursday | 1:30 p.m.

CLAY WORKSHOP WITH MICHELE
Friday | 10:30 a.m.

CHAIR YOGA AND MEDITATION WITH DEBBIE
Friday | 10:15 p.m.

JAZZERCISE WITH WARREN
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday | 10 a.m.

SENIOR DANCE
Thursday | 2 p.m.

TAMARAC SOCIAL CLUB
1st and 3rd Thursday | 1 p.m.

YOGA WITH BETH
Monday | 12:30 p.m. & Wednesday | 10 a.m.

SIT AND FIT WITH DEBBIE
Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 11:30 a.m.

TAI CHI/QIGONG WITH MARK
Monday | 9 a.m & Friday | 8:30 a.m.

HAPPY HOOKERS
Monday | 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

ADVANCED RUBBER STAMPING
Every Other Thursday | 11 a.m.

ZUMBA
Tuesday | 11:15 a.m. & Friday | 11:30 a.m.

PICKLEBALL
Beginners | Monday & Wednesday | 1 p.m.
Intermediate/Advanced | Tuesday & Friday | 1:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Thursday | 6 p.m. & Saturday | 1:30 p.m.
Residents: $7; Non-Residents: $8

YOU MUST BE A SENIOR PROGRAM MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE

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've 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 to learn more about these and other social service programs available in Broward County.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING

Free limited counseling sessions are available for Tamarac residents only. To make an appointment, call Lakshmi at (954) 655-7040. Please leave a message with your name and phone number. Calls are returned within 24 hours.

FREE HEARING SCREENING

Hear for Good, Inc. provides free hearing tests with a board-certified doctor of audiology and discounted 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

Under a grant from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Program is a free and confidential counseling service to assist current and prospective Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers. A network of trained volunteers is available to assist with Medicare, Medicare Savings Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Financial Assistance, Prescription Drug Plans and more. Call (954) 745-9779 for more information.

SENIOR SOCIAL

Senior Social events are available to both residents and non-residents, ages 55 and older. Events are held the third Tuesday of every month, at 11 a.m., at Tamarac Community Center. Programs include educational lectures and light refreshments. For more information, contact Monique Alexander at (954) 597-3626.

VITA – VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Free tax assistance will be provided by volunteers of Hispanic Unity beginning in January. For more information call VITA Hotline at (954) 678-6882 or visit www.VITAtaxesfree.org.

POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT GROUP

Led by a licensed mental health therapist, guests will learn strategies to cope with life changes. Sessions are held every Monday, from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., at Tamarac Community Center. For more information or to sign up, call (954) 597-3642.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Door-to-door paratransit service is available to residents 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.

EXPRESS SHUTTLE

Dates to be announced. Members ride free on the Express Shuttle to Coral Square Mall, BJ's Wholesale Club, Doris Italian Market and other popular stores. There is a $1 fee for non-members.

The shuttle departs from the Tamarac Community Center.

Departures: 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Return: 2 p.m.

For more details, please call (954) 597-3649.

EAST SIDE COMMUNITY SHUTTLE

Residents of Tamarac Lakes North, Tamarac Lakes South, Tamarac Lakes 1 and 2 and Boulevards of Tamarac can connect to the Tamarac Red Route at Sunshine Plaza, every Monday and Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Shuttle timetable available online at www.Tamarac.org/439.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY UNITY MARCH

Celebrate Tamarac's diversity and togetherness at this community march.

When: Monday, January 16
9 - 11 a.m.
Where: Tamarac Park

ROCK N' RIDE CONCERT AND CAR SHOW

Join us for live music, food trucks, and car show.

When: Saturday, February 11
3 – 6 p.m.
Where: Tamarac Sports Complex

LEAGUES

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

YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

Recreational baseball league for both boys and girls, ages 4-17. Registration for the Youth Baseball Spring League begins Tuesday, Jan. 3. Practice sessions and games will begin in April and the season will conclude in June. Space is limited. Volunteer coaches are needed. Practice sessions and games will be held at the Tamarac Sports Complex or at Tamarac Park.

Residents: $90; Non-Residents: $110

CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL

Recreational softball league for adults, ages 18 and older. Registration for the Spring season begins in January. Games will begin in February. All games will be played at the Tamarac Park.

Fee: $425 Per Team

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Recreational basketball league for both boys and girls, ages 6-17. Registration for the Youth Basketball Spring League begins Monday, Feb. 6. Practice sessions and games begin in April. The season concludes in June. Space is limited. Volunteer coaches are needed. Practice sessions and games will be held at either the Tamarac Community Center or at Tamarac Park.

Residents: $90, Non-Residents: $110

For more information about programs and activities listed in the Discovery section of Tam-A-Gram, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 597-3620. Times and locations are subject to change without notice.

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.

Swim Central Annex Park
5800 NW 98th Ave.

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.

ADULT TRIPS AND TOURS

Explore these exciting new entertainment options for active adults. Register in-person at Tamarac Community Center or online at www.Tamarac.me/webtrac. For more information, please call (954) 597-3620.

THE FULL MONTY THE MUSICAL

Lauderhill Performing Arts Center
Friday, January 13 | 4 - 11 p.m.

Residents: $55; Non-Residents: $65

TINA TURNER THE MUSICAL

Broward Center
Friday, January 27 | 4 - 10 p.m.

Residents: $85; Non-Residents: $95

HENRY FLAGLER MUSEUM (DAY TRIP)

West Palm Beach
Thursday, February 16 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Residents: $35; Non-Residents: $45

42ND STREET THE MUSICAL

Lauderhill Performing Arts Center
Friday, February 24 | 4 - 11 p.m.

Residents: $55; Non-Residents: $65

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