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SEASONAL CHEER ENDS TAMARAC'S 60TH YEAR

Cheers to 60 years, Tamarac! As the holiday season unfolds, our City has much to be thankful for. In 2023, the City of Tamarac celebrated the 60th Anniversary of our founding. Throughout the year we experienced many sentimental reflections of our City's legacy, impact and future outlook. We'll take a look back at Tamarac's 60th Anniversary festivities on page 8.

We're ending 2023 with several new Tamarac landmarks, such as the newly opened Fairfield by Marriott Hotel. We're also enjoying updated sculptures on Inspiration Way. Outside of Tamarac Fire Station 36, you'll see active construction of "The Dalmatian" sculpture named Speckles McFreckles, which will soon watch over our local heroes. We're also pleased to celebrate the completion of major City projects like the grand reopening of the newly renovated Caporella Park and Veterans' Memorial Park.

In 2023, more than 200 new businesses opened in Tamarac, including fun family restaurants like Capital Tacos, Savvy Sliders and TropiBowls.

Through community engagement, Team Tamarac also worked hard to enhance the present and future quality of life for our City's residents, business community and guests by launching the See, Click, Fix community beautification initiative, and campaigns to update Tamarac's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, development of the Multimodal Transportation Master Plan and even a residential sanitation survey to tailor this vital service to community needs. Look for the findings from these initiatives in early 2024.

Keeping with tradition, the 43rd Annual Tamarac Turkey Trot will mark the start of our City's festive holiday season. Register today at www.RunSignUp.com/TamaracTurkeyTrot. We'll see you at the race on Thanksgiving morning!

As the season of giving arrives, be sure to prioritize personal safety. Check out holiday safety tips from Tamarac Fire Rescue, on page 11.

Stay connected with what's happening in Tamarac! For information about City events, programs, resources and updates, visit www.Tamarac.org or follow us on social media.



TAMAGRAM

It's important to note that beginning in January 2024, the delivery of Tamagram magazine will shift from bi-monthly to quarterly; however, the informative content of Tamarac's official publication will remain the same.



In 2023, the City of Tamarac celebrated its 60th Anniversary from May to November.



The first of two Multimodal Plan Development meetings took place in October 2023. A community update is set for early 2024.



TropiBowls opened its Tamarac location in January 2023.



Commission Editorial Mayor Michelle J. Gomez

Dear Neighbors,

As always, I remain grateful to serve as your Mayor!

By now, you know that this is the season when I like to reflect on the past year. Throughout 2023, we had a great and busy year!

Our fully remodeled Veterans Park and Caporella Park reopened, and we look forward to Sunset Point Park's artwork being completed soon!

Speaking of art, Ellie, our elephant sculpture on Inspiration Way, had her nose fixed to point to the sky. She looks GREAT! Mr. Pinky, our hot pink Flamingo, located on Pine Island, just North of McNab, looks fantastic. At the time of this writing, Speckles McFreckles is getting his spots placed; and soon he'll be watching over Fire Station 36.

We've had numerous ribbon-cuttings: TropiBowls, Jeff Masarek Behavioral Health, Personal Podiatry Associates, Capital Tacos, Walker's Exclusive Barber Shop & Salon, Metropolitan Medical Center, Hibachi Way, Top Resto & Bar, Legacy at Tamarac, Growing Minds Childcare, Savvy Sliders,

SOS Counseling, Fairfield by Marriott, and Hallyu BBQ (Korean BBQ), just to name some! We look forward to more in 2024!

Tamarac received various awards, including:

- Inaugural Florida League of Mayors Municipal Innovation Award in the Quality of Life category for the new Pet Pantry the City opened in March.
- Tamarac Fire Rescue brought home the hardware and showed the world its strength in the World Rescue Challenge in Spain.
- The Financial Services Department was awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation.

Please continue to monitor the City's official website and social media pages for announcements about Tamarac's 2024 State of the City Address.

In the interim, whether you are in Tamarac to live, work, or play, thank you for making Tamarac The City For Your Life!



Hope to see you at the Turkey Trot! Happy Veterans Day, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and New Year's Eve!

Warmest regards,
Michelle

Congratulations to the members of the Tamarac Fire Rescue team who placed in the World Rescue Challenge in Spain.



Commission Editorial Vice Mayor Marlon Bolton, District 1

The holidays are upon us, and the weather is finally beginning to cool. We have many blessings for which we must give thanks and many opportunities to share our good fortune. As we enter the holiday season, let us take this time to let those around us know how much we value their friendship. This time of the year also reminds me of when I was first elected to the Tamarac City Commission.

I was first elected to serve you as Commissioner seven years ago, this November. Residents in District 1 wanted change. So they went out in great numbers to make it happen. I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve the City of Tamarac. I have remained attentive to the needs of our residents. I am very thankful for the ideas they often bring to my attention and projects they want me to advocate for, such as the newly renovated Caporella Park, which is located on the most eastern end of our City. Residents can now enjoy the new amenities, which include an amphitheater, splash pad, non-motorized boat launch, shaded playground, picnic shelter, fishing pier and more.

Many of the amenities were suggested by residents like you. Special thanks to Gwen and Sandy, Cathy Kessler, Ray August, Sandy Ehrlich and others for their fabulous ideas. Caporella Park will be open from dawn until dusk daily. Please take every advantage of the park. Don't forget to join me at Caporella Park for our Holiday Lighting Ceremony

on Thursday, Nov. 30, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Another project that I am proud of is the Neighborhood Signage Program. This is a citywide branding initiative to create a sense of identity for the City of Tamarac and to respond to the community's need to replace outdated signs. The next east Tamarac neighborhood sign will be installed at Banyan Lakes. Residents often advocate for signs to be installed at entrances and exits of their communities. I would be remised if I did not thank Angie Prieto-Felix and Kerry Phillips for their strong advocacy to see a sign installed within their community.

In many ways, the holiday season is a sweet ending for all the hard work we've put in throughout the year. For the residents of District 1 and me, 2023 was an amazing year! We are getting closer to seeing the completion of our Prospect Road improvements and the many other projects in east Tamarac!

Let me wish everyone the best this holiday season and a prosperous and healthy new year. Please be safe as you join friends and family in celebrations and gatherings in the coming weeks.

Until Next Time!

Marlon D. Bolton, Vice Mayor, District 1



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Vice Mayor Marlon D. Bolton spending time with residents at Mainlands 6 as they celebrated their 55th anniversary.



Commission Editorial Commissioner Morey Wright, Jr., District 2

Happy holidays! It's the season when we celebrate loved ones, reflect and demonstrate kindness to others. This time of year is significant whether you celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Diwali or simply spend time with the special people in your life...the greatest gift of all.

Serving as your District 2 Commissioner over the last year has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. The chance to meet special people in our City is a gift that I cherish every day. I'm proud to have voted AGAINST the development in the

Woodlands and stood AGAINST the thought of development in the Colony West Golf Course.

As we enjoy the holidays and prepare for the new year, let us remember the things that mean the most to us during the holiday season should remain important to us through the next year!

Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa!

Best,
Morey

Commissioner Wright,
Mayor Gomez and
Commissioner Daniel
celebrating Hanukkah
in 2022. (L-R)



Commissioner Wright
pictured with Santa
and local kids.



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latest Commission
initiatives outlined on
the Tamarac Events
Calendar.





Commission Editorial Commissioner Elvin Villalobos, District 3

Meet Jose Flores! Come January 2024, Jose and I will kick-off the new year with a project to help us grow and succeed in our daily lives. Please join us on Friday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m. for the “How to Stay Mentally Resilient and Keep a Winning Attitude” event at Tamarac Community Center.

Jose is a Tamarac resident and a nationally known author and motivational speaker. He spent time with Tamarac’s Expanded Management Team in 2020. We are bringing his impact to you in 2024! Jose’s passion is to inspire, motivate and empower others to learn more, do more and become more. His message tells us to never let our struggles become our standard. It doesn’t matter if struggles are personal or professional, Jose will show you how to push through until you get through!

Event Topics:

- Corporate Unity
- Mind Management
- The Power of Showing Up
- Global Leadership Mindset
- The Entrepreneurial Mindset
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

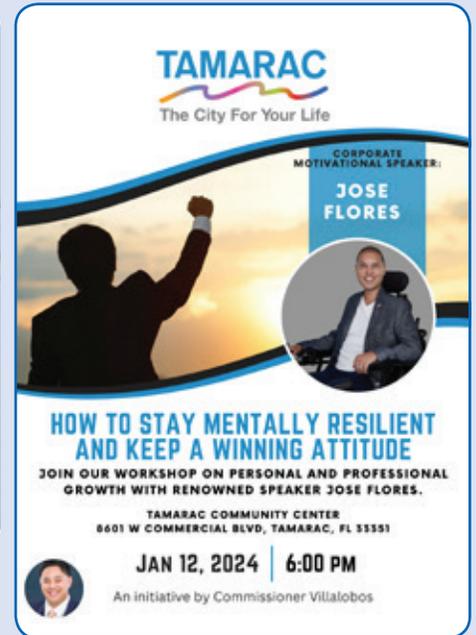
As you end 2023 and start the new year, focus on your goals. Remember to let your mind decide and allow all else to follow. As the holiday season withers away in January, continuing a mindset of giving, love, compassion and achieving your goals – one goal at a time is vital to start and end 2024.

I wish all our Tamarac residents and work family a wonderful and beautiful holiday season!

To learn more about Jose Flores, please visit: www.JoseInspires.com.



Commissioner Villalobos pictured with nationally renowned author, Jose Flores.



Jose Flores presenting dynamic strategies to attendees during a panel discussion.



Elvin Villalobos, Jose Flores and Mayor Michelle Gomez pictured together.



Scan this QR Code with your smart device for the latest updated from Jose Flores.



Commission Editorial Commissioner Kicia Daniel, District 4

EMBRACING THE MAGIC OF MY FAVORITE TIME OF THE YEAR

November and December are dynamic months that usher in my favorite time of the year. As the calendar flips and signs of autumn appear all around, there's an unmistakable magic in the air. November and December bridge the gap between fall and winter, and hold a special place in my heart.

November carries a sense of transition. The air grows crisper, and nature's palette shifts to warm, earthy tones. In many places, it's a time when we bid farewell to the vibrant landscapes of autumn, and trees stand bare, patiently waiting for their winter coats. It's not just nature that transforms. It's our lives, too.

For me, November is synonymous with cozy evenings spent with loved ones, wrapped in blankets and sipping on hot cocoa. It's the month of comfort food, with Thanksgiving at its heart, a time to gather with loved ones and to express gratitude for the blessings of the year. It's the perfect prelude to the

holiday season, and a gentle reminder to slow down to appreciate life's simple joys.

Then comes December, when the world dresses up in its finest holiday attire. The month is synonymous with celebration, as twinkling lights adorn houses and festive decorations bring smiles to our faces. There's excitement as we count down to Christmas and prepare to welcome a new year.

December is a season of giving, where we exchange gifts with loved ones...not just material possessions, but also the gift of time and shared experiences. It's a time to express our love and affection. It reminds us that the greatest gift of all is the presence of those we hold dear.

The holiday season in December is also a time of reflection, a moment to look back at the year that's drawing to a close and set intentions for the year ahead. It's a chance to consider what we've accomplished, the challenges we've overcome, and the growth we've experienced.



Commissioner Daniel cheerfully joined by volunteers of Dare to Care.

Dare to Care and KCM Church Food Pantry are local food pantries available to assist any resident in need this holiday season.

Scan this QR Code with your smart device for the latest Commission initiatives outlined on the Tamarac Events Calendar.



APPLY TODAY: BSO'S COP PROGRAM RETURNS TO TAMARAC

Would you like to do more to ensure Tamarac is free of crime and public safety hazards? Do you enjoy going the extra mile to look out for neighbors in need? Well, you're in luck! Broward Sheriff's Office - Tamarac District is excited to announce the return of its Citizen Observer Patrol Program, also known as COP!

BSO-Tamarac's COP Program is currently accepting applications. Through a pool of vetted volunteer residents, the COP Program will support BSO's public safety efforts within Tamarac's neighborhoods.

COP Program volunteers will patrol Tamarac communities by car and notify BSO dispatchers of emergencies and non-emergencies, suspicious activity and potential public safety concerns. Additionally, these unarmed volunteers will check unoccupied residences upon request and perform wellness checks on elderly and homebound neighbors. The volunteers will quickly become familiar faces in Tamarac, as they will work regular shifts and even provide assistance during BSO and City-sponsored events. No matter where you see them, COP volunteers will be easy to identify thanks to their marked vehicles and BSO-issued

uniforms.

"We're extremely excited to see the impact of this program and to get more involvement from the community," said Capt. Jemeriah Cooper, BSO-Tamarac's District Chief. "All volunteers will be trained and vetted by BSO's Neighborhood Support Team to ensure public and volunteer safety. I'm hopeful that we'll find lots of applicants who are qualified and up for the challenge in Tamarac."

To qualify, volunteers must be at least 18 years old, undergo a mandatory four-hour training, pass a background check, possess a valid Florida driver's license, reside in Tamarac and be willing to comply with all program policies and procedures.

Are you a good fit? Learn more by contacting Deputy Jennifer Marion at (954) 247-6016. At all times, residents are encouraged to report emergencies by calling 911. Non-emergencies can always be reported by calling (954) 764-HELP (4357).



CELEBRATING TAMARAC'S 60TH YEAR!

Incorporated on July 19, 1963, the City of Tamarac celebrated its 60th Anniversary in 2023 with an eclectic array of Citywide festivities to mark the occasion.

The City of Tamarac kicked off its historic 60th Incorporation Anniversary at the **One Tamarac Multicultural Festival** on Saturday, May 20. Guests enjoyed live musical performances by the Tomasito Cruz Band, along with Paul Anthony and the Reggae Souljahs. Guests also enjoyed an array of cultural performances, interactive educational displays and delicious bites from onsite food vendors. The festival concluded with a colorful laser light show, the first in Tamarac's history.



The celebration flowed into summer with a poolside **Dive-in Movie** on Saturday, June 23. While lounging beside the water, residents, neighbors and friends enjoyed a viewing of "Finding Nemo" and family-friendly lawn games.

As the Nation rang in Independence Day on July 4, the City continued counting down to Tamarac's 60th Incorporation Anniversary at the **All-American Celebration**. Dressed in patriotic red, white and blue, families gathered at Tamarac Sports Complex for an evening of live entertainment by the Original Studio 54 Band, a kids' zone filled with inflatables, games, face painting and patriotic hands-on activities. The evening concluded with a colorful fireworks display.



Members of Tamarac's Senior Program celebrated at the July 12 **Party Like it's 1963 Senior Dance!** Dressed in groovy 1960s rags, while boogying down to music of the era, these seniors danced the day away in the Tamarac Community Center Ballroom.



Wednesday, July 19, Tamarac officially turned 60! At the **Tamarac Shines Bright Like a Diamond 60th Anniversary Bash**, the City honored Tamarac's past and celebrated its future by unveiling a commemorative digital public art piece and a presentation to five impactful Tamarac residents at the Tamarac Community Center.



Residents, neighbors and friends took a trip down memory lane at **Vintage Family Fun Day**. The last event of the Citywide anniversary series included old-school outdoor activities fit for the whole family. Guests also enjoyed a magnificent magic show, food vendors, petting zoo, the introduction of Tamarac's first sensory-friendly activity booth and a live performance by the Miamians.



Cheers to 60 Years, Tamarac!

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

Starting July 1, 2023, you can view your 2022 City of Tamarac Annual Water Quality Report online at www.Tamarac.org/2022WaterReportWest, or if you reside east of NW 31st Ave., www.Tamarac.org/2022WaterReportEast. These reports contain important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. Please call (954) 597-3750 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.



NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION AWARDEE

The 1st Semi-Annual Neighborhood Beautification Award winners listed in the September/October 2023 Tam-A-Gram had an error for the District 4 winner. The correct winner's name and address is Harvey Moore, who resides at 8250 NW 69th Ave.



CONSTRUCTION CORNER

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

Private Development

- Elite Dialysis, 8201 N. University Dr.
- Tamarac Day Care, 7830 N. University Dr.
- 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.
- Legacy at Tamarac, 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 Townhome, 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.
- Cali Coffee, 7775 W. McNab Rd.
- Culver's Restaurant, 8251 W. Commercial Blvd.

Major City Projects

- "The Dalmatian" Public Art Project Sculpture Installation, 7200 N. University Dr.
- Sunset Point Park Sunset Hammock Artwork Project, 11000 W. McNab Rd.
- Emergency Signal at Fire Station #15, 6000 Hiatus Rd.
- Drainage Swales and Sidewalk Improvement Project, on NW 77th St., between Nob Hill Rd. and Greenwood Blvd.
- University Dr. Median Landscaping Improvement Project, between Southgate Blvd. and NW 78th St.
- Woodland Greens Water Main Relocation Project, between Commercial Blvd. and NW 58th Pl.
- Citywide Buffer Wall Project Phase 6, Prospect Rd.



Newly renovated Veterans' Memorial Park

Public/Private Partnerships

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

CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES



When you turned back your clocks after daylight saving time ended on Nov. 5, did you also remember to replace your smoke alarm batteries? Smoke alarms should be tested monthly and replaced every 10 years. Homes should have smoke alarms in each bedroom and in the immediate vicinity outside of each room.

It's important to know what you can do to help keep your friends and family safe, while entertaining for the holidays. Here are a few safety tips to ensure a safe holiday season.

Christmas Tree Safety Tips

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2 inches from the base of the trunk.
- Ensure the tree is at least 3 feet away from any heat sources, including candles, stoves or open flames.
- Make sure the tree's placement does not block an exit.
- Be sure Christmas lights are in good working condition and labeled "UL." This indicates they meet current safety standards.
- Unplug Christmas tree lights when leaving home or heading to bed.
- Be sure to add water daily to the tree stand to prevent it from drying out, which can become a fire hazard.

Candle Safety Tips

- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other items that can burn.
- Blow out lit candles when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Place candles in sturdy holders.
- Do not place candles near windows where a curtain could catch fire.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children and pets.

Holiday Cooking Tips

- Historically, the three leading dates for home structure fires caused by cooking are Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
- Do not use the stove if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol.
- Check the food regularly, especially when you're simmering, baking or roasting food. Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, including oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging and towels away from heat sources.



COMPLIMENT, SUGGEST, REPORT!

Learning your feedback and responding to your needs is the City of Tamarac's utmost priority. Connecting with us is at your fingertips with See, Click, Fix.

Get started by scanning this QR code with your mobile device or visiting www.Tamarac.org/Help.

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GREEN SCENE: HOLIDAY EDITION



With the holidays upon us, we'd like to remind residents of how to recycle waste accumulated during the season properly.

DO:

Remember to recycle uncontaminated cardboard, paper boxes, cards and envelopes. Save bows, ribbons, gift boxes, gift bags and even wrapping paper for future use. Explore the option of using reusable tote bags, brown paper bags or eye-catching magazines or newspaper pages as wrapping material. Additionally, get creative by crafting personalized and recyclable gift wrap using craft paper, markers or crayons.

DON'T:

Remember that string lights, artificial trees, foam packaging, tinsel, ribbons, bows, gift bags, tissue paper and wrapping paper are not recyclable.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING:

Give your Christmas tree a new life by repurposing it! From Jan. 2 - Jan. 19, bring your undecorated tree to Tamarac Public Services, 6011 Nob Hill Rd., where it will be chopped into mulch for City landscaping projects. Undecorated trees can also be placed curbside on your regularly scheduled bulk trash pick-up day to ensure they are disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

Note:

The City of Tamarac needs your input to enhance its recycling and trash collection services. Please complete a brief survey at www.Tamarac.org/GarbageServices.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



The Tamarac Historical Society is a vibrant community organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating our City's history. Through research, archiving and the dedication of a passionate group of volunteers, they bring the past to life for current and future generations.

Barbara Tarnove has led the historical society since its inception in 2009, guiding historical research and ensuring its presence in the City. Pam Bushnell, a former City Commissioner, brings a wealth of historical knowledge about our City. Since its origin, Secretary Rea Mills has kept all records and meeting minutes. Treasurer Lynne Caggiano keeps all financial matters in order and efficiently handles all transactions. Lucy Siegel, the Board Member-At-Large, is an enthusiastic recruiter.

Together, this team of volunteers has made the Tamarac Historical Society an integral part of our City, and in 2024, they'll proudly celebrate the chapter's 15th anniversary.



Barbara Tarnove
President

Pam Bushnell
Vice President

Rea Mills
Secretary

Lynne Caggiano
Treasurer

Lucy Siegel
Member-At-Large

NEW ENHANCEMENTS UNVEILED AT CAPORELLA PARK RIBBON-CUTTING



Members of the Tamarac City Commission pictured with community supporters at the Caporella Park Grand Re-Opening.

Residents, elected officials and members of the community gathered at Caporella Park on Saturday, Oct. 28, to celebrate the park’s grand reopening. Following a two-year construction period, attendees were the first to experience the new multi-million-dollar enhancements, including a state-of-the-art splash pad, non-motorized boat launch, a 4,000-square-foot shaded playground and an amphitheater.

“I see significant differences in this place,” said resident James Leblanc. “I love the idea of the shade (shaded playground) and water park (splash pad). You guys totally went way out with everything I could ever imagine, and I am really happy to see this here.”

The park’s enhancements also include a fishing pier, restrooms, a concession facility, a picnic shelter and a shaded fitness station.

“Now that my child is a little bit older, it’ll be nice to use the exercise equipment that they just put in,” said Heather Leblanc. “They’ve never had that before. So, I’m excited for that as well, because it’s not just only for children, but for all of us as well.

With picturesque lake views and new water activities rolling out, Aden Perry Hero Life Rings were also installed throughout the park for enhanced water safety.

Following the ceremony, guests were treated to fall-themed family-friendly festivities at the Fall-O-Ween Celebration. Activities included a magnificent magic show, hands-on arts and crafts and delicious treats from local food vendors.



The new splash pad was a hit among youngsters in attendance.



Family posed at the Fall-O-Ween Celebration photo backdrop.



Members of the Tamarac City Commission pictured from Sarah Perry, President of the Aden Perry Good Samaritan and Scholarship Fund after unveiling of new life rings.

WITH A BRUSH STROKE & A FLASH, LIFE IN ART BRINGS CREATIVE NEW CONCEPT TO TAMARAC

Known for its family-friendly atmosphere and vibrant community lifestyle, the City of Tamarac recently welcomed Life In Art, an artistic hub for all ages that spreads smiles and laughs to everyone who enters through art and photography.

Joining Tamarac's growing list of businesses in August 2023, Life In Art is the creation of longtime Tamarac residents Mark and Kerone Grant. They declared their beloved City as the perfect location to share their passion for art because of the family-focused environment.

Upon entering the studio, guests are greeted by the Grants. A virtual instructor guides participants through painting techniques displayed on a screen. Guests follow along on a provided 16" x 20" canvas. With each brush stroke, the room fills with smiles and laughter as budding artists embrace their creativity.

In addition to glow paint sessions, Life In Art also offers glow-in-the-dark checkers and dominoes sessions, plus an array of creative photo ops.

After completing their painted masterpieces, guests can step onto the 360-degree video booth to showcase their works of art, sharing the experience with friends and family on social media.

"Painting is like a mental vacation. It helps to clear your mind and it's relaxing," said Kerone. This sentiment captures the essence of what the studio aims to provide - a therapeutic and fun artistic escape for everyone."

Did you recently get married? "Marriage in Picture" is a couples' session where each spouse selects and paints a picture symbolizing their marriage, creating a fun and diverse experience. The lovebirds can paint items like roses, mountains or journey paths. After painting, each person explains their choice in 30 seconds. Finally, both partners present their work together on the 360-degree video booth.

If you enjoy a good photo op, the studio boasts 16 fully equipped photo areas, complete with backdrops, lighting and props, making it a haven for content creators. Whether guests bring their smartphones, cameras or even an outside photographer, "Life In Art" offers the perfect backdrop for capturing memorable moments.

If you're planning an event and looking to add an exciting element, consider renting Life In Art's 360-degree video booth and iPad selfie photo booth for your special occasion.

"Life In Art is committed to being a family-friendly business, a place where people can come together, paint, take photos, be creative and cherish quality time one brushstroke at a time," said Mark.

Located at 8423 W. McNab Rd., Life In Art is open seven days a week. For more information or to book a session, visit www.LifeInArtPics.com. Private bookings are also available for those seeking an exclusive artistic experience.



TAMARAC TURKEY TROT CAPTIVATES NEW GENERATIONS

Excitement is building as Tamarac gears up for its highly anticipated 43rd Annual Tamarac Turkey Trot 5K. For more than four decades, the Tamarac Turkey Trot has become a beloved Thanksgiving morning tradition for many dedicated runners, with one young enthusiast eagerly carrying the torch for a new generation.

Before the school bell rings, Malcolm Spence IV, 13, laces his sneakers and hits the pavement, running along his neighborhood's fitness trail. His passion for racing developed at a young age. He participates in club track and field and the Junior Olympic games.

In 2023, he's preparing for his fifth Turkey Trot, with big hopes of claiming a trophy in his age category.

"I am super excited to race in this year's Turkey Trot.

Last year (2022) I placed fifth for my age group, but this year I want first place," said Spence. "I've been running miles and training every morning because on Thanksgiving, I want all my hard work to pay off."

The grandson of 1960 Olympic bronze medalist

Malcolm Spence II, this serious young runner has already picked out his race day shoes, chosen his breakfast and downloaded apps on his watch to track his speed.

As Spence gears up for the big race, his supportive family is encouraging him every step of the way.

"We're extremely proud of Malcolm," said Amanda

Spence, Malcolm's mother. "Every time he participates in a 5K, he puts his heart, body and mind into crossing the finish line. The entire family will be at the race cheering him on."

No matter the athletic ability, the Tamarac Turkey Trot is a memorable experience for all attendees. The race brings together

runners, joggers and trotters of all backgrounds for an unforgettable Thanksgiving Day experience for neighbors and families alike.

Registration for the 43rd Annual Tamarac Turkey Trot is underway. Learn more by visiting www.Tamarac.org/SpecialEvents.



TAMARAC CITY COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, November 8 | 7 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13 | 7 p.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.

TREASURE GALORE AT TAMARAC'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Before the sun rose on Saturday, Oct. 7, excitement filled the air when more than 60 vendors arrived at Tamarac Park with collectibles, clothing and shoes in-hand in preparation for eager shoppers. The park became a local marketplace organized with household goods, jewelry, sporting equipment and more. Hundreds of shoppers came prepared with large empty reusable shopping bags to fill with incredible finds. This annual tradition has been woven into the fabric of the Tamarac community for more than 15 years.



SPOOKTACULAR FUN AT HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

Tiny ghouls and goblins gathered for family-friendly Halloween-themed activities and sweet treats at the annual Halloween Hoopla on Friday, Oct. 20. Attendees roamed under the night sky as spooky sounds of A Seasonal Scare Halloween Party Band filled the air. Guests engaged in hands-on crafts, carnival games and indulged in delicious bites from onsite food vendors. Halloween festivities also included spooky photo stations and an exhibitor row lined with community resources from local organizations.



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 more information.

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

POOL HOURS

The pool will be closed for Open Swim from Dec. 1, 2023 until Feb. 29, 2024.

Monday - Saturday: Session I 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Session II 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Session I 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Session II 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SPRAYGROUND AND SLIDE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: Session I 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Session II 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Session I 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Session II 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PROACTIVE ARTHRITIS WATER AEROBICS CLASS

Proactive Arthritis Water Aerobics classes are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 - 11 a.m.

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.



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.

Swim lessons are available. Call (954) 597-3660 for additional information.

WEEKLY YOUTH CLASSES

For additional information or to register online, visit www.Tamarac.me/Webtrac. Classes and schedules are subject to change.

TAMARAC RECREATION CENTER CLASSES

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

TAEKWONDO

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

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL Ages 9-15

Monday - Thursday | 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Monthly Fee: Residents: \$150; Non-Residents: \$160

OPEN VOLLEYBALL

Saturday | 1:30 - 4 p.m.
Residents: \$7; Non-Residents: \$8

WINTER BREAK CAMP 2023

Ages 6-12 years old (1st-5th grade)
Dates: Dec. 27-29, 2023; and Jan. 2-5, 2024
Hours: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
\$155 Residents; \$180 Non-Residents
Location: Tamarac Park Recreation Center
Seven fun-filled days of games, sports, outdoor activities and field trips.
Please provide your child with a healthy lunch and snack each day.

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.

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.

STRENGTH AND BALANCE WITH GAZELLE

Wednesday | 6 p.m.

BEAT BURNERS WITH VINCENT

Wednesday & Friday | 7 p.m.
Saturday | 8:30 a.m.

POWER SCULPTING WITH GISELLE

Thursday | 6 p.m.

CYCLING WITH VINCENT

Thursday | 7 p.m.

YOGA WITH BETH

Thursday | 7 p.m.

BODY SCULPTING WITH MIKE

Friday | 6 p.m.

CYCLING WITH VINCENT

Saturday | 9:30 a.m.

20/20/20 WITH PAULA

Saturday | 10:30 a.m.

WEEKLY ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

TAMARAC RECREATION CENTER CLASSES

ZUMBA WITH MARIA

Monday | 6:30 p.m.

ZUMBA WITH MARIA

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

ZUMBA FITNESS WITH KARLENE

Tuesday | 7 p.m.

20/20/20 WITH PAULA

Thursday | 6 p.m.

CARIBBEAN DANCE WITH KARLENE

Thursday | 7 p.m.

BARRE FITNESS WITH MARIA

Saturday | 10:35 a.m.

20/20/20 WITH PAULA

Monday | 11:00 a.m.

PINKBERRY BOOST FUSION WITH WENDY

Monday | 7:30 p.m.

CORE SCULPT WITH WENDY

Tuesday | 6 p.m.

ADJUSTABLE BENCH WORKOUT WITH MICHAEL

Wednesday | 6:15 p.m.

CARDIO BLAST WITH WENDY

Wednesday | 7:15 p.m.

POWER CIRCUIT WITH WENDY

Saturday | 9:30 a.m.

WEEKLY SENIOR CLASSES

TAMARAC COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSES

Tamarac's Weekly Senior Classes are open only to pre-registered Senior Program members, ages 55 and older. No walk-ins. Classes are held Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Tamarac Community Center, unless otherwise noted. For full class descriptions, the monthly class schedule and fees, please visit www.Tamarac.org/100, visit the Tamarac Community Center, located at 8601 W. Commercial Blvd., or call (954) 597-3620.

GET SOCIAL

Walking Club | Bingo | Mah Jong
Tamarac Social Club | Spanish on Zoom | Senior Dance | Golden Girls | Men's Forum | Travel Club

DANCE FITNESS

Jazzercise | Line Dance (Beginner, Intermediate & Multi-Level Classes) | Zumba | Dance Fit

AEROBICS

Water Aerobics | Kickboxing Lite | Sit & Fit
Cardio Gold | Stretch & Core | 20/20/20

CREATIVE ARTS

Happy Hookers | Creative Writing | Painting
Beading | Drawing | Clay Workshop
Advanced Rubber Stamping | Sewing and Quilting

MIND BODY WELLNESS

Tai Chi/Qigong | Yoga | Mind Body Balance
Chair Yoga

ATHLETICS

Pickleball (Beginner & Intermediate Level Days)
Ping Pong



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. 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 of 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 residents and non-residents, ages 55 and older. Events are held on 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 Michelle Sendik at (954) 597-3626.

LOUD, CLEAR AND FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES

Florida residents with hearing loss are eligible to receive FREE telephone amplifiers from Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. Existing landline or cell phone service is required. Limited to one per resident. Call (954) 597-3642 for more information.

DEPRESSION BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE GROUP (DBSA)

DBSA offers hope, support and education to improve the lives of people who live with mood disorders. Meetings are every Thursday, from 6 – 8 p.m. Please call (954) 597-3642 for more information.

CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

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

SOFIA SENIOR COMPUTER CLASSES

Please join us in partnership with the South Florida Institute on Aging for free computer and iPhone classes for seniors, ages 60 and older. Please call (954) 484-7117 for information and to register.

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 at City facilities.

TAMARAC PET PANTRY

Income-qualified Tamarac pet owners experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for free donated dog and cat food through the Tamarac Pet Pantry. Food pick-up can be scheduled on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday and Thursday of each month, between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Appointments are required. Supplies are limited. For eligibility screenings and appointments, please call (954) 597-3642.



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SPECIAL EVENTS

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Please join us as we recognize our Veterans who have served our Country.

When: Saturday, November 11
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Where: Veterans' Memorial Park

43RD ANNUAL TURKEY TROT 5K RACE

When: Thursday, November 23
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Where: Tamarac Park
Fee: October 16- November 15, \$30.
 November 16 - 22 or when race sells out, \$35

Register: www.RunSignUp.com

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

Tamarac's Mayor and Commissioners will light the City's official Christmas tree, menorah and kinar. Enjoy a special appearance by Santa Claus and holiday entertainment. Free.



When: Wednesday, November 30
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Caporella Park

WINTER WONDERLAND

Join the City of Tamarac for a holly jolly night of reindeer games. Enjoy bounce houses, face painting, carnival games, cookie decorating, pictures with Santa and a special appearance by Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

When: Friday, December 8
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Where: Tamarac Park

PAWS WITH CLAUS HOLIDAY PAW-TY

Give your pet a shot at winning the Best Dressed Holiday Hound Contest; and don't forget your camera to capture pet photos with Santa from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Free.



When: Saturday, December 9
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Where: Gary B Jones Park for People and Pups

LEAGUES

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

YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC

Fundamental baseball clinic for boys and girls, ages 7-12. Registration for the Youth Baseball Clinic will begin on Monday Dec. 5. All practice sessions will be held at the Tamarac Sports Complex on Wednesday evenings, beginning on Jan. 18.

Residents: \$30; Non-Residents: \$40

YOUTH BASEBALL

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

Residents: \$85; Non-Residents: \$100

MEN'S 30 AND OVER BASKETBALL

Recreational basketball league for men, ages 30 and older. All games will be played at the Tamarac Community Center.

Residents: \$95; Non-Residents: \$105

CO-ED ADULT SOFTBALL

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

Fee: \$425 Per Team

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.

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.



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