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Library (Tamarac Branch).....	(954) 765-1500
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NEW TREASURES TO EXPLORE IN 2024

Happy New Year, Tamarac! Welcome to 2024! We hope the holiday season gave you the boost you needed to enter the new year with the energy and optimism to achieve your goals!

As usual, Tamarac's holiday season was delightfully eventful, from the City's largest Turkey Trot ever to Santa Claus arriving by boat to the annual Holiday Lighting at the new and improved Caporella Park, the train rides throughout Winter Wonderland and a little holiday magic for the furry, four-legged, good boys and girls at the Paws with Claus Holiday Paw-ty.

In January, we kicked off 2024 with highly anticipated community events like the Martin Luther King Jr. Health Resource Fair & Family Fun Day, the Rock N' Ride car show and a ribbon-cutting celebrating the debut of Speckles McFreckles, "The Dalmatian" sculpture. The One Tamarac Multicultural Festival returns on Feb. 10. In March, we look forward to seeing you at Peter Cottontail's Springfest and much more. Details are available in the Discovery Section on page 21.

A few exciting endeavors carrying over from 2023 are the strategic initiatives set to pave the way for Tamarac's future. An update to the development of Tamarac's Multimodal Transportation and Connectivity Masterplan will take place on Feb. 8. Status updates to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and the Tamarac trash and recycling survey will also be provided during the first quarter of 2024.

Complete date, time and location details for these public meetings will be announced on the City's official website and social media platforms.

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.



Cultural performers at the 2023 One Tamarac Multicultural Festival.



Guests viewing hot rods and vintage rides at the annual Rock N' Ride Concert & Car Show.



City of Tamarac volunteers attending the 2023 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Unity March.



Commission Editorial Mayor Michelle J. Gomez

Happy New Year, Tamarac!

Are you ready? Can you hear it? Can you feel it? Give it a second....There it is! It is the buzz of energy that surrounds us as we enter a new year full of exciting opportunities and chances to make every day the best it can be!

The calendar is already filling up with great events that I look forward to throughout the year. They include One Tamarac, free monthly workouts through Move with the Mayor, the Furever Friends Pet Expo on March 2nd, Concerts and Movies in the Park, Mayor's Play Ball, Mayor's Chess Challenge, Dominos, Family Fun Game Night, and the Ha-Ha's for the Tatas Comedy Fundraiser on October 19th, just to name a few...

As Tam-A-Gram magazine moves back to being a quarterly publication, please make sure you sign up for Tam-A-Gram Extra, the City's monthly digital newsletter. Feel free to contact me to be added to the distribution list. To stay up-to-date with City happenings, you can also check out social media posts from the City and the Tamarac North Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Michelle J. Gomez
delivering the State of the
City Address in 2023.

On February 14th, please join me at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chamber for the 2024 State of the City Address to learn the status of the many great plans and projects underway within our City! Also, in February, we'll celebrate five fantastic residents in honor of Black History Month and in March, we'll recognize another five residents during Women's History Month. Additionally, we look forward to sharing the 2023 City of Tamarac's highlights video at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13th, in the Commission Chamber as well.

Two reminders: it is a leap year, so we have an extra day in February and to move your clocks ahead one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 10th for daylight saving time!

I know you feel it too...**2024 is going to be fantastic!**

Warmest regards,
Michelle





Commission Editorial Vice Mayor Morey Wright, District 2

Happy New Year! I would like to wish you a safe, healthy and prosperous new year. As your District 2 Commissioner and newly appointed Vice Mayor, I will continue working hard to ensure a safe, healthy and prosperous community.

Over the next three months, I look forward to celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Valentine’s Day, Presidents Day and Women’s History Month. Martin Luther King Jr. represented equality, justice and peace. Valentine’s Day is a celebration of love. Presidents’ Day pays homage to extraordinary men (can’t wait to say “and women”) who fought tirelessly to make America the envy of the world. Women’s History Month pays homage to the honorable pillars and most valuable people in our society...women. In the words of the great American Poet Beyoncé Knowles, “Who runs the world? Girls!”

Small Business Shoutout

I’m adding a new section to my Tam-A-Gram Editorial called Small Business Shoutout (SBS). SBS will give exposure to businesses in District 2 and throughout Tamarac that I’ve visited. Feel free to send your business name and location to Morey.Wright@Tamarac.org. In the meantime, I’d like to shout out:

Advanced Insight Accounting DBA Liberty Tax Services

10141 W. Commercial Blvd.

Mannino’s Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria

10012 W. McNab Rd.

Thanks for doing business in Tamarac!
Morey



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





Commission Editorial Commissioner Marlon Bolton, District 1

Neighbors and Friends,
I trust 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. So please let me wish everyone a happy and healthy 2024.

Last year, the residents at Bermuda Club invited me to spend Thanksgiving with them. We had lots of fun, and I will never forget their warmth and inviting attitudes. Over the holidays, I was blessed to have spent time with the residents of Mainlands 3 & 4A, Tamarac Lakes South and Manor Parc.

I wish I could say that 2023 ended with all fun and excitement. Unfortunately, we lost a few of our residents, including Donald Williams, a resident of Mainlands 4. He will be sadly missed and never forgotten.

Soon, we will host our first goal-setting retreat of the year. During this meeting, we will discuss moving our priorities for East Tamarac forward. I will continue promoting the “Bolton Means Business” initiative, which I started last year. This project is focused on empowering and supporting small businesses in Tamarac and encouraging residents to shop locally.

I am also hosting a monthly job fair for Tamarac residents. The first will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at Caporella Park, 5200 Prospect Rd, Tamarac, FL 33309. Residents will have the opportunity to talk with the City of Tamarac’s Human Resources Department and several national, regional and local businesses that are hiring. Please come ready to network with potential employers and with your resumes handy!

Again, I want to wish you a Happy New Year! I look forward to serving you again this year and beyond.

Until Next Time!

Marlon D. Bolton, Commissioner, District 1

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



Commissioner Marlon D. Bolton and resident, Marjorie Brown at the Bermuda Club Thanksgiving Dinner event.



Commissioner Marlon D. Bolton at Community Funday in East Tamarac.



Commissioner Marlon D. Bolton on a tour of the City of Alpharetta, GA.



Commission Editorial Commissioner Elvin Villalobos, District 3

With a simple “Happy New Year,” I extend warm wishes for a wonderful year ahead. As **January** unfolds, Martin Luther King Jr. Day beckons reflection, fostering a spirit of unity and justice. We should all embrace the promise of fresh beginnings.

I would also like to take a moment to remind our residents that the How to Stay Mentally Resilient and Keep A Winning Attitude event with guest speaker Jose Flores will take place at 6 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, in the Tamarac Community Center Ballroom. I hope to see you there!

In **February**, we honor resilience and love. Black History Month invites reflection on the enduring impact of African-American contributions, fostering understanding and unity. Amidst the cultural tapestry, Valentine’s Day adds a touch of warmth, reminding us to celebrate love in all its forms and weaving connections that transcend time.

March resonates with the vibrancy of Women’s History Month, a jubilant celebration and recognition of women shaping our history and gracing our present with their brilliance. From the trailblazers of the past to the unsung heroines of today, let’s joyfully reflect on the incredible journeys and diverse, invaluable contributions of women across time, illuminating our world with inspiration.



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Commission Editorial Commissioner Kicia Daniel, District 4

In 2024, let's embrace peace, truth and positivity together!

As we step into the new year, let's take a moment to reflect on what genuinely brings us joy and peace. The ability to shape our experiences lies within us, urging us to cultivate a peaceful mind throughout the year.

In my capacity as an elected official, the past year was an unforgettable and privileged journey filled with many memorable highs and unfortunate lows. Let's focus on positivity and look forward to avoid losing the joy in our lives by dwelling on negativity.

As we venture into 2024, let's pledge to focus daily on what is honorable, excellent and good. Let's make a collective effort to transform our communication—shifting from negativity to

discussing positive aspects. Let's celebrate the achievements of our family members, uplift our children, speak kindly about our neighbors and most importantly, nurture positive and truthful thoughts about ourselves. Remember to give yourself a little break. Be patient with yourself!

Imagine our homes and workplaces transformed into happy places, where peace and collaboration flourish. Let's concentrate on things within our control, embracing the truth we've experienced and moving forward. Together, let's share uplifting experiences that we can all practice today.

Wishing you a year filled with positivity and joy!



Scan this QR Code with your smart device to connect with Commissioner Kicia Daniel.



CELEBRATING A NEW YEAR AND NEW ART IN TAMARAC

Celso Gonzalez, a visionary artist with 22 years of worldwide experience in public art, is the creative force behind Tamarac's latest public art addition. Standing 16 feet tall and watching over our local heroes in Station 36, Speckles McFreckles, formerly known as "The Dalmatian," is made of concrete and covered in black and white ceramic mosaic tile. In 2021, the City of Tamarac hosted a naming contest open to fourth and fifth graders. Tamarac resident Adoni Wollaston was a 10-year-old Challenger Elementary student when he won the contest, christening the sculpture with the whimsical name Speckles McFreckles.



Located in Sunset Point Park, Sunset Hammock is an impactful public art installation designed by Margi Glavovic Nothard. This art piece will highlight the crucial role of the Everglades in South Florida's ecological balance.

Featuring a 20-foot by 3-foot community periscope, the sculpture offers public views of the Everglades. Once completed, Sunset Hammock will include an outdoor classroom to serve as an iconic artistic symbol of the park.



NOW AVAILABLE: TAMARAC FIRE RESCUE'S 2024 CPR-AED CLASS SCHEDULE

Earn your certification in two crucial life-saving skills through CPR/AED courses offered by Tamarac Fire Rescue.

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, better known as CPR, empowers you to assist individuals experiencing breathing difficulties or cardiac arrest. Automated external defibrillators (AED) are emergency medical devices that automatically diagnose life-threatening cardiac conditions and shock the heart to restore its normal rhythm.



2024 CLASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20	Saturday, July 27
Saturday, March 23	Saturday, September 28
Saturday, May 25	Saturday, November 30

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

Advance registration is required by calling (954) 597-3800 or by visiting www.Tamarac.org/CPR.



TURKEY TROTTERS RUN RECORD-SETTING



The City of Tamarac's 43rd Annual Turkey Trot 5K had record-setting registration numbers in 2023! Taking place on Thursday, Nov. 23, nearly 2,400 runners from across South Florida laced up their running shoes for pre-feast fun. Adding to the excitement, this beloved Turkey Day tradition included a vendor hall full of local athletic clubs and organizations, light refreshments and a trophy presentation. Year after year, this race fosters fitness, fun and community spirit on Thanksgiving morning!



RACE IN 2023



Scan this QR Code with your smart device to view photos from the 2023 Turkey Trot.



Scan this QR Code with your smart device to watch the 2023 Turkey Trot video highlights.



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, January 10	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 14	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 13	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 27	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 Meetings" 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

Join Mayor Michelle J. Gomez on Wednesday, Feb. 14, for the State of the City Address, where she will share insight into what the future holds for Tamarac. The speech will open the regularly scheduled 7 p.m. Commission Meeting at City Hall. If you're unable to attend, you can stream it live or watch on-demand at www.Tamarac.org/Meetings or via Facebook.



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.
- 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.
- Tamarac Circle, Five Home Development, 5400-5440 NW 57th Ct.
- Lakes 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

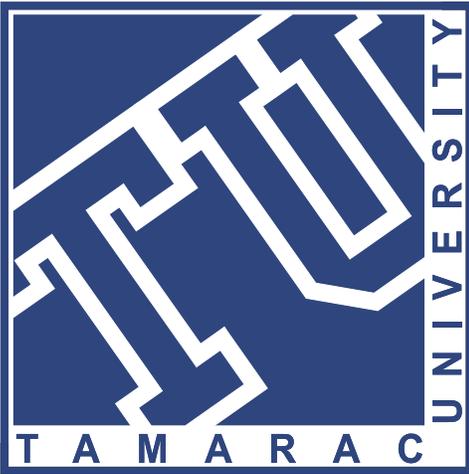
- Emergency Signal at Fire Station #15, 6000 Hiatus Rd.
- Drainage Swales and Sidewalk Improvement Project, NW 77th St., between Nob Hill Rd. and Greenwood Blvd.
- Woodland Greens Water Main Relocation Project, between Commercial Blvd. and NW 58th Pl.

Public/Private Partnerships

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



Tamarac Village Phase III



CLASS OF 2024 CLASS SCHEDULE



Welcome to the 2024 Spring Class of Tamarac University. This 8-week interactive program will give you a behind the scenes look at Tamarac and the opportunity to meet your local government officials face-to-face. In a classroom-like atmosphere, you will learn from elected officials, department directors, and other City staff about the role of local government and public service. Additionally, Tamarac University serves as a training ground for volunteers in community service (including Tamarac's numerous Boards and Committees) and provides networking opportunities for civic-minded residents. Whatever your current role in our community may be, we encourage you to expand upon it and take part in building an even better Tamarac...

"The City for Your Life!"

Please note, order of presentations on any given evening is subject to change without notice. If you have questions or need directions to one of the locations where class will be held, please contact James Twigger at (954) 597-3904 or email TU@Tamarac.org.

- WEEK #1**
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: City Hall
- Introductions / Prog. Overview
 - Mayor & Commission
 - City Manager's Office
- WEEK #2**
Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: BSO Tamarac District HQ
- Broward Sheriff's Office & Tour
- WEEK #3**
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: Fire Station 15
- Fire Rescue
- WEEK #4**
Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: City Hall
- City Clerk's Office
 - Building
- WEEK #5**
Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: City Hall
- Community Development
 - Human Resources

- WEEK #6**
Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: IT/PS Training Room
- Public Services
 - Information Technology
- WEEK #7 ***
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: City Hall
- Financial Services
- WEEK #8 ***
Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: Recreation Center
- City Attorney's Office
 - Parks & Recreation / Tour
- GRADUATION**
Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: City Hall
- Program wrap-up
 - Post-Test
 - Class Pictures
 - GRADUATION!
- *Note:** In observance of the Passover Holiday, there will be no class on April 23rd and April 30th.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

With 18 years of dedicated volunteer service, Lolene Luke has been a cherished asset to the City of Tamarac. From helping with Tiny Tots Crafty Kids, Imagination Mornings, the annual Veterans Day Ceremony and the popular Senior Pickleball Open Play, Lolene's commitment always shines. Her genuine passion for meeting people and making a difference reflects her belief that volunteering is heartwarming. We extend a heartfelt thanks to Lolene for her unwavering time and commitment to our community.



GREEN SCENE: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS



Tamarac participates with six other cities to host household hazardous waste and e-waste drop-off events for residents. These events offer a convenient and responsible way to properly dispose of certain hazardous household items. You're invited to take part in any of the upcoming events mentioned below. Please remember to bring proof of residency. Details regarding times, locations and a comprehensive list of accepted materials can be found at www.Tamarac.org/HazardousWaste.

2024 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

Fort Lauderdale	January 6	Pompano Beach	June 22
Coral Springs	February 10	Coconut Creek	August 10
Coconut Creek	March 9	Coral Springs	September 14
Lauderdale Lakes	March 23	Pompano Beach	October 12
Pompano Beach	April 13	Fort Lauderdale	November 23
Tamarac	May 4	Tamarac	December 7
Fort Lauderdale	May 25		



Scan to view a short video and to learn more about the household hazardous waste collections.

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.

2024 QUARTERLY BULK TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR CONDOMINIUMS

January 3 • April 3 • July 3 • October TBD

Please call (954) 597-3750 for additional information about these collection services.

#WORKWITHUS

Do you want to earn a living while making a difference in the community? Explore opportunities to work for the City of Tamarac. From experts in a wide variety of trades to skilled professionals, we offer a range of challenging and rewarding positions and professional development opportunities. Join us in enhancing the lives of residents and businesses who call Tamarac home. We invite you to #WorkWithUs.



Mildred Velasquez is a Human Resources Risk Technician. She enjoys working at the City of Tamarac because of the professional growth opportunities and team-oriented work environment.



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



FEATURED POSITIONS

- Utility Service Worker I
- Water System Operator I
- Fleet Mechanic II and III

ROCK N' RIDE CONCERT & CAR SHOW

The most exhilarating event is near! Car enthusiasts from Tamarac and throughout the region are invited to rev their engines and ride into the Tamarac Sports Complex on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 3 p.m. for the annual Rock N' Ride Concert & Car Show. Guests can view some of South Florida's most famous hot rods, vintage rides and custom cars. Festivities include delicious bites from food vendors and live musical entertainment by "The Happy Daze Band." The evening will conclude with crowning the overall Best of Show winner.



ONE TAMARAC MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Enjoy an evening of cultural performances at the annual One Tamarac Multicultural Festival at the Tamarac Sports Complex on Saturday, Feb. 10. Festivities kick off at 4 p.m. with an array of cultural activities and musical performances. The festival will include an exhibitor hall filled with educational resources, a kids' zone filled with family-friendly games and delicious bites from local on-site food trucks.



Scan this QR Code with your smart device to view photos from the 2023 One Tamarac.



Scan this QR Code with your smart device to watch the 2023 One Tamarac recap video.



SAY HELLO TO HALLYU KOREAN BBQ

The highly anticipated Hallyu Korean BBQ has officially opened its doors in Tamarac. Located in University Commons, this Korean culinary haven spans nearly 10,000 square feet. The dining facility features 60 table-side barbecue stations, a large-scale VIP dining room fit for private gatherings and two karaoke rooms.

Founded by Ray Park, Hallyu Korean BBQ replicates the vibrant and dynamic entertainment scene of Korea right here in Tamarac! Guests can indulge in a wide selection of meats prepared at their table, partnered with complimentary side dishes.

“We have an all-you-can-eat Korean barbecue dinner menu. The premium thin brisket is a popular choice,” said Park.

Along with the all-you-can-eat dinner menu and main courses, the restaurant also serves popular authentic Korean dishes like teokbokki, seafood pancakes, fried dumplings, baked corn cheese, egg custard, bean paste stew, spicy tofu soup and many more.

Korean culture is infused throughout Hallyu Korean BBQ, from the intimate artwork to the musical entertainment projected onto the walls. If you want to try a new and unique local dining experience. Check out Hallyu Korean BBQ, located at 6800 N. University Drive — open seven days a week, Sunday-Thursday from 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. and Friday- Saturday from 11:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.



2023 MERRY AND BRIGHT HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

HOLIDAY LIGHTING

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the City hosted the annual Holiday Lighting, where residents, neighbors and community members counted down as the Mayor and Commission lit the City's official Christmas tree, menorah and kinara. Guests enjoyed holiday-themed arts and crafts, musical performances by Tamarac Elementary School's dance club and chorus, plus a guest appearance by Santa, who arrived by boat!



WINTER WONDERLAND

A cold front made its way from the North Pole to Tamarac Park as Santa and his friends gathered to greet guests at Winter Wonderland. Family-friendly activities included a ticketed train ride, photo opportunities with Santa and an outdoor play area filled with snow!



PAWS WITH CLAUS HOLIDAY PAW-TY

Tamarac residents, neighbors and their four-legged pals enjoyed an un-fur-gettable holiday experience at the annual Paws with Claus Holiday Paw-ty at Gary B Jones Park for People and Pups. Festivities included photos with Santa, seasonal arts and crafts and the annual Best Dressed Holiday Hound Contest.



The Best Dressed Holiday Hound Contest winners strike a pose with their caregivers and Tamarac elected officials.

LITHIUM-ION ALERT POWER UP SAFETY AWARENESS



LiTHIUM BATTERY SAFETY

Lithium-ion batteries are becoming more prevalent in the devices we use every day. From smartphones, laptops, e-scooters, e-bikes, e-cigarettes, toys and even cars, these pieces of technology rely on lithium-ion batteries for power. Tamarac Fire Rescue reminds us that despite being an efficient power source, lithium-ion batteries pose an increased risk of overheating and potentially exploding when improperly handled, charged or stored.

Tamarac Fire Rescue Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tips:

- Purchase devices that are approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Follow the guidelines outlined in the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use batteries designed for the device.
- Ensure the batteries are properly installed.
- Only use the provided charging cord for the device.
- Never charge devices under pillows, on beds or on couches.
- Unplug the charger once the battery is fully charged.
- Never expose batteries to moisture or water.
- Keep batteries at room temperature; avoid charging in temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
- Store batteries away from potential fire hazards, such as flammable or combustible items.
- Stop using the batteries immediately if you notice an unusual odor, a change in color, excessive heat, a warped shape, leakage or hear strange noises. If it's safe to do so, move the device away from flammable materials and promptly dial 911.

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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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.

POOL HOURS

The pool reopens on March 1, 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.

Call (954) 597-3660 for additional information about swimming lessons.

PROACTIVE ARTHRITIS WATER AEROBICS CLASS

Proactive Arthritis Water Aerobics classes are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 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.

SWIMMING LESSON

PARENT & ME

Ages: 6 months- 3 years
Class Length: 30 minutes/ 8 classes
\$45 Residents; \$55 Non-Residents

LEVELS 1 | 2 | 3

Ages: 4-12
Class Length: 30 minutes/ 8 classes
\$45 Residents; \$55 Non-Residents

ADULT LEVEL 1

Ages: 13 + years
Class Length: 45 minutes/ 6 classes
\$45 Residents; \$55 Non-Residents

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

January 2024 Fitness Center Promotions

- *New guests can enjoy a free one-week pass.*
- *Buy or renew a six-month membership and receive one month free.*
- *Buy or renew a one-year membership and receive two months free.*

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

FOUR-WEEK ROBOTIC CLASS

Monday | 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Monthly Fee: Residents: \$60; Non-Residents: \$70

OPEN VOLLEYBALL

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

CREATIVE MINDS WITH A TWIST

Students will develop their artistic talents and learn about the principles and elements of art by creating works of art influenced by different artists of various backgrounds and art movements.
\$60 Residents; \$70 Non-Residents
Plus \$10 instructor fee for materials
Where: Tamarac Park
Saturday | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Ages 6 - 11)
Saturday | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. (Ages 12 - 16)

SPRING BREAK CAMP 2023

Ages 6-12 years old (1st-5th grade)
Dates: Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29
Hours: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Residents: 1st Child \$145 | 2nd Child \$115
Non-Resident: 1st Child \$170 | 2nd child \$145
Location: Tamarac Park
Five fun-filled days of games, outdoor activities, field trips and much more.
In-person registration only!

WEEKLY ADULT FITNESS CLASSES

TAMARAC RECREATION CENTER CLASSES

ZUMBA WITH MARIA

Monday | 6:30 p.m.

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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 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 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

POWER PUMP PLUS ABS

Monday | 6 p.m.

HEALING YOGA WITH CAROL

Monday | 7 p.m.

TRANSFORM 60 WITH MIKE

Tuesday | 6 p.m.

TOTAL BODY BARRE WITH CAROL

Tuesday | 6 p.m.

HATHA YOGA WITH CAROL

Tuesday | 7 p.m.

STRENGTH AND BALANCE WITH GAZELLE

Wednesday | 6 p.m.

BEAT BURNERS WITH VINCENT

Wednesday & Friday | 7 p.m.

Saturday | 8:45 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 | 9:45 a.m.

20/20/20 WITH PAULA

Saturday | 9:45 a.m.

WEEKLY SENIOR CLASSES

TAMARAC COMMUNITY CENTER CLASSES

Want to have fun, try new activities, make friends and get in shape? Tamarac's Senior Program offers something for everyone. Classes are held Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. This program is for seniors 55 and up. Activities are held at the Tamarac Community Center unless otherwise noted. For additional information, including full descriptions of our monthly calendar with days, times and fees, please visit us at www.Tamarac.org/100 or pick up a copy of our monthly calendar at the Tamarac Community Center, 8601 West Commercial Blvd., or call 954-597-3620. Senior Program membership is required for classes.

GET SOCIAL

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

DANCE FITNESS

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

Would you like to become a City of Tamarac aerobics instructor or group recreation class instructor? Apply at Tamarac Community Center or by calling (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.

BROWARD 211

Broward 211 is a free, anonymous 24-hour helpline that offers listening support, information, referral and crisis services. Professional staff connects people in need with nearly 3,800 programs and services. Bilingual staff and telephone interpreters are available.

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) 597-3637.

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 second and fourth 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.



¡VEA NUESTRA PAGINA WEB EN ESPAÑOL! Visit www.Tamarac.org.
Desplácese hacia abajo hasta la parte inferior de la página. Haga un clic en "Herramientas del sitio" y luego seleccione el idioma deseado en la parte superior de la pantalla.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROCK N' RIDE

Join us for a one-of-a-kind car show with live music by "The Happy Daze Band." Enjoy food trucks, activities and more.



When: Saturday, January 27
Time: 3 - 6 p.m.
Where: Tamarac Sports Complex

GROOVE ON THE GRASS

Enjoy a live outdoor performance and food trucks offering a variety of food and snacks for the evening.

When: Friday, March 1
Where: Caporella Park
When: Friday, April 5
Where: Tamarac Sports Complex
When: Friday, May 3
Where: Tamarac Park
Time: 7 - 9 p.m.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Enjoy watching one of your favorite movies on a huge inflatable movie screen. Pre-movie activities include face painting, a bounce house, food trucks, music and more. Activities start at 6:30 p.m. The movie starts at 8 p.m.



When: Friday, March 8
Where: Tamarac Park
When: Friday, April 12
Where: Caporella Park
When: Friday, May 10
Where: Tamarac Sports Complex

WET & WILD EGG SPLASH

Bring your swimsuit and basket for a splashing good time, for kids ages 2 - 10. The egg hunt will be divided by age group. Entry is \$5 per guest. Registration is required by visiting www.Tamarac.me/Events.



Egg Hunt Age Group Schedule
 10:15 a.m. - Ages 2 - 4 | 10:30 a.m. - Ages 5 - 7 | 10:45 a.m. - Ages 8 - 10.
When: Saturday, March 16
Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where: Caporella Aquatic Complex

PETER COTTONTAIL'S EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The event features face painting, bounce houses, games, and an egg hunt for children ages 10 and older. The egg hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m. Don't be late and miss the action! Bring your own basket.



When: Saturday, March 23
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 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.

SPRING YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration for Youth Basketball's Spring Season begins on Feb. 5. The league is for boys and girls, ages 6-17. Practice sessions and games will start in April. The season will conclude in June. Space is limited. Volunteer coaches are needed.

\$90 Residents | \$110 Non-Residents

YOUTH BASEBALL

Recreational baseball league for both boys and girls, ages 4-17. Registration for Youth Baseball's Spring League will begin on Jan. 15. Practice sessions and games will start in March. The season concludes in May. Space is limited. Volunteer coaches are needed. Practice sessions will be held at the Tamarac Sports Complex or Tamarac Park.

\$90 Residents | \$110 Non-Residents

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.

\$95 Residents | \$105 Non-Residents

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 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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