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TROTTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON

As we turn the page to a new season, we find ourselves in a time of reflection and anticipation. The fall and winter months bring cooler weather, festive celebrations and an opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished together in Tamarac.

This quarter, our City will also be engage in one of the most important civic duties: voting. Voting is not only a right, but also a responsibility. We encourage every resident to participate in shaping our community's and country's future.

Preparing for the holiday season, it's also a time to celebrate the milestones we've achieved this year. Tamarac has seen significant growth, from

new developments in economic opportunities and the opening of various new restaurants to enhancements in our City services, all aimed to improve the quality of life for our residents.

There are so many exciting events and plans to look forward to this quarter, and there are exciting plans for Tamarac in the new year. As always, stay connected with us, visit www.Tamarac.org and follow us on social media.

We hope everyone has a memorable holiday season filled with growth, gratitude and togetherness.



TAMARAC 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

As Tamarac plans for its future, the City is rewriting its Comprehensive Plan to address anticipated population growth and urban changes. Transitioning from a retirement community to a diverse, family-oriented City, Tamarac is at a critical point. Input from more than 300 residents in 2023 highlighted the desire for smart growth, economic development, and educational opportunities. With a population of 72,000 and an anticipated growth of 20,000 over the next 20 years, the new 2040 Comprehensive Plan will guide the City's sustainable and balanced development while preserving the quality of life residents love. The Plan, scheduled for adoption in winter 2024, positions the City to embrace future opportunities while preserving its core values.

For more information on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan, visit www.Tamarac.org/1191.





Commission Editorial Mayor Michelle J. Gomez

As we welcome the last quarter of the year, I find myself reflecting once again. I remain grateful to serve as your Mayor and to live, work and play in our beautiful City, alongside our engaged residents and business community. With wonderful parks, a wide range of programs and special events for all to enjoy, Tamarac truly has something for everyone.

And we have so much to be proud of this year, including, but **not** limited to:

- The City of Tamarac won its second award in two years from the Florida League of Mayors for the Municipal Innovation Awards in the “**Quality of Life**” category for our City’s Shine Tamarac project!
- MoneyGeek ranked Tamarac in third place as the best place to live in “a small up-and-coming city showing the most promising...financial growth” out of 211 small cities in the United States!
- Tamarac Fire Rescue is winning awards individually and as a Team, from locally to internationally (and we all know individuals win awards due to having a great Team)!
- Millennium 6-12 College Academy, which opened as Tamarac’s first public high school just seven years ago, was recognized by U.S. News & World Report as the highest-ranking public school in

Broward County and the second-highest ranked school in the entire state of Florida!

We still have fantastic events planned through the end of the year, including the 2024 Ha-Ha’s for the Tatas Comedy Night for Cancer Awareness, presented by PuroClean on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Colony West. For more information on the event or tickets, please go to www.Tamarac.me/HaHas or email me at Michelle.Gomez@Tamarac.org. Discounted rooms at the Fairfield by Marriott are also available for attendees. Use this link to make your reservation: <https://bit.ly/HahasMarriott>. Proceeds will benefit Gilda’s Club, Tamarac Employee Benevolent Fund, and the American Cancer Society.

I also hope to see you at the Veterans Day Ceremony on Veterans Day, the Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving Day, the Holiday Lighting event on Thursday, December 5th, and the many other festive events our City offers between now and the end of the year.

As the Tamagram is published quarterly, please email me for regular updates between issues! Wishing you a happy Rosh Hashanah, G’mar Chatima Tovah for Yom Kippur, and happy Halloween, Diwali/Deepavali, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and New Year’s Eve!





Commission Editorial Vice Mayor Morey Wright, District 2

Hello Tamarac!

October is here, and with it comes important observances like Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Let's support these causes and show our solidarity.

Commission on Your Corner

I'm excited to announce the launch of the "Commission on Your Corner" initiative, where I'll be visiting different District 2 neighborhoods to discuss local issues. Join me and share your thoughts, ask questions and connect directly with City leaders.

Upcoming Events

- Community Garage Sale on October 5 at Tamarac Park from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Halloween Hoopla on October 18 from 6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. and Great Pumpkin Splash on October 19 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. for some family-friendly fun.

- On October 28, we celebrate National First Responders Day—thank you to our heroes!

Looking ahead, November brings Election Day on the 5—be sure to vote! Join us for the Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans' Park on the 11 at 10:30 a.m. Remember not to miss the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 5K on November 28 at City Hall.

As we gear up for the holidays in December, mark your calendars for the Holiday Lighting on December 5 at Caporella Park and Winter Wonderland on December 13 at Tamarac Park.

Don't forget to support local small businesses, especially on Small Business Saturday on November 30!

Warm regards,
Vice Mayor Morey Wright



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

Hello Friends,

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 eight 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, and I am very thankful for the ideas they often bring to my attention or projects they want me to advocate for. Take Caporella Park, our newly renovated park on the most eastern end of our City, as an example. 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.

In many ways, the holiday season is a sweet ending for all the hard work we've put in throughout the year. 2024 was an amazing year for me and the residents of District 1. We saw the completion of the Prospect Road improvements, Mainlands sections 1-5 repaving project 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!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marlon D. Bolton, Commissioner, District 1



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





Commission Editorial Commissioner Elvin Villalobos, District 3



World Mental Health Day, observed on October 10, raises awareness about mental health issues and promotes well-being. It's a day to advocate for better policies, support those affected, and reduce stigma. Communities worldwide host events, share resources, and foster understanding to create a more compassionate society.

November blends gratitude and remembrance, with Thanksgiving inviting us to share bountiful feasts and reflect on our blessings. Families gather to enjoy turkey, stuffing, and heartfelt conversations. Simultaneously, Veterans Day honors the brave service of military personnel who have defended our freedom. It's a month marked by heartfelt appreciation, respect for sacrifices made, and a deep sense of community and reflection.

As December wraps up the year, Christmas lights twinkle, spreading festive cheer and creating a magical atmosphere. Families come together, exchanging gifts and creating cherished memories around the holiday table. The end of 2024 brings reflections on the year's experiences and achievements. Amidst the celebrations, there's a sense of hopeful anticipation for new beginnings and the opportunities that lie ahead in the coming year.

I am honored and proud to continue to serve you as your District 3 Commissioner, and please always feel free to reach out with any concerns or compliments and any suggestions you may have to Elvin.Villalobos@Tamarac.org (954) 597-3461.



Commission Editorial Commissioner Kicia Daniel, District 4

As we approach the final stretch of 2024, it's hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by. With the winter season just around the corner, it's more important than ever to prioritize your health and well-being. As the colder months bring a higher risk of illness, now is the perfect time to focus on maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Make sure you're staying active, eating nutritious foods and giving your body the rest it needs to thrive during the winter. Here's to ending the year strong and stepping into 2025 with energy and vitality!

Don't forget to vote by Tuesday, November 5!



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



HOMETOWN HEROES SPOTLIGHT: TAMARAC VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Comprised of 10 members, the Tamarac Veterans Affairs Committee empowers veterans through collaborative and hands-on initiatives. From uniting with local Veterans Affairs agencies to hosting donation drives for unhoused veterans, the Committee takes pride in serving the community.

The Committee spearheads a special initiative that teaches Tamarac students how to properly fold the American flag. The students also learn what the stars and stripes represent.

The Committee looks forward to honoring veterans for their service, sacrifices and patriotism during the City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m., at Veterans' Memorial Park, 7825 Southgate Blvd.

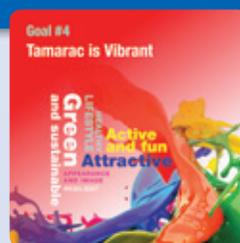
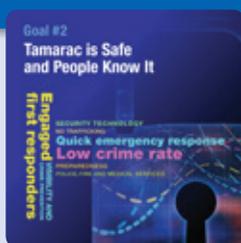
Following the ceremony, Tamarac's Mayor, Commissioners and staff will unveil the latest installment of the Veterans Honor Wall, highlighting 100 local hometown heroes.

In support of the Tamarac Veterans Affairs Committee, community members are encouraged to donate non-perishable food, socks and toiletry items for unhoused veterans. Donation drop-offs and pickups are received at Tamarac's Parks and Recreation Administration building, 6001 Nob Hill Road, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please contact Germania Roman at (954) 597-3621 to learn more.

For more information about Tamarac's Veterans Affairs Committee, please email VeteransCommittee@Tamarac.org.



In recognition of Florida League of Cities Government Week, Tamarac remains dedicated to aligning city operations with its six strategic goals, creating an exceptional place to live and work while upholding our vision of excellence always.



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, October 9		7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 23		9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 13		7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 11		7:00 p.m.

All City Commission Meetings are streamed live at www.Tamarac.org/Meetings, www.TamaracTV.org 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.

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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District 1 Commissioner

Elvin Vilasobos
District 3 Commissioner

Dr. Keria Daniel
District 4 Commissioner

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CONSTRUCTION CORNER

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

Private Development

- Tamarac Day Care, 7830 N. University Dr.
- Parkside Memory Care, 7501 NW 76th St.
- Tamarac Circle, Five Home Development, 5400-5440 NW 57th Ct.
- Lakes of Tamarac Townhome, Six Unit Townhouse Development, 5980 NW 94th Ave.
- Sonny's The CarWash Factory Office Building, 5601 N. Hiatus Rd.
- Cali Coffee, 7775 W. McNab Rd.

Major City Projects

- Emergency Signal at Fire Station #15, 6000 Hiatus Rd.
- Citywide Buffer Wall Project Phase IIC, North side of Commercial Blvd., between NW 58th Way and Rock Island Rd.



Emergency Signal at Fire Station #15

Public/Private Partnerships

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

JOIN THE FLOCK: TAMARAC'S CHERISHED TRADITION



Runners, trotters and walkers of all ages will lace up their sneakers for one of South Florida's most cherished Thanksgiving Day traditions, the City of Tamarac's 44th Annual Turkey Trot 5K. Come Thursday, November 28, at 7:30 a.m., residents and community members near and far will gather at City Hall to participate in Tamarac's most esteemed competition.

Local fitness instructor and resident Wendy Julien has competed in this tradition three times. Winning a race-day trophy isn't the only selling point of the Turkey Trot; each year, Julien looks forward to the communal cheerful atmosphere, the festive photo opportunities at the end of the

course, and, most importantly, strengthening her athletic ability.

"I love the spirit of the community who are always coming out to support," says Julien. "It's also a motivation for me because each year, I get to see how well I can actually do and improve, and each year, I get the chance to win a trophy. Last year, I finished second place in the 35-39 age group, and I am very proud of my 24:03 finishing time."

The 44th Annual Tamarac Turkey Trot 5K is open to the public. Registration for the 44th Annual Tamarac Turkey Trot is underway. Learn more by visiting www.Tamarac.org/TurkeyTrot.



Resident Wendy Julien participating in Tamarac Turkey Trots throughout the years.

READY, SET, VOTE

With the 2024 General Election right around the corner, here are some helpful pre-election reminders for voters.

General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Vote by mail: Request a ballot in person, by mail, telephone or online at www.BrowardVotes.gov. Ballots can be mailed if requested by Thursday, October 24.

Early Voting: Early voting will be held Monday, October 21 - Sunday, November 3 at various sites across the county, including the Tamarac Branch Library. Visit www.BrowardVotes.gov for a complete list of early voting locations in Broward County.

Election Day Voting: Polls will open on Tuesday,

November 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. You must vote at your assigned polling place listed on your voter registration card. It can also be provided by the Broward County Supervisor of Elections office.

If you're not already registered, the deadline to do so for this election is Monday, October 7. You can register online at www.RegisterToVoteFlorida.gov/home or in person at a Florida driver's license office, public libraries, armed forces recruiting offices and at state agencies that provide public assistance or services to disabled persons.

For more information on voter registration or voting options, call the Broward County Supervisor of Elections office at (954) 357-VOTE (8683), or visit www.BrowardVotes.gov.

TAKING HEALTHCARE TO HIGHER HEIGHTS

HCA Florida Woodmont Hospital recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a beautiful event that brought together key community members. The event featured notable speakers from Woodmont's CEO, Cory Mead, HCA Healthcare East Florida Division President Charles Gressle, and two members of the Medical Executive Committee, as well as a special tribute presentation. Mayor Michelle J. Gomez, Vice Mayor Morey Wright and Commissioner Elvin Villalobos also attended.

In addition, 26 medical staff members who have dedicated 25 or more years to Woodmont Hospital and 13 colleagues who have dedicated 30 or more years were recognized. The hospital is



also proud to continue its campus enhancement project with a \$40 million investment from HCA Healthcare, including constructing a new cardiac catheterization lab.

Happy 50th anniversary, HCA Florida Woodmont Hospital!





THE VIEW
AT COLONY WEST

THURSDAY NIGHT JAZZ

FEATURING WEEKLY CHEF SPECIALS



6:00-8:00PM
EVERY THURSDAY

Reservations Recommended

 colonywestgolfclub.com/the-view

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 6850 NW 88th Ave | Tamarac



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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.

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



Staff members from Tamarac's
Building Department

FEATURED POSITIONS

- Assistant Director of Financial Services
- Director of Public Services
- Engineer
- Project Manager
- Water System Operator I

BSO'S IMPORTANT HALLOWEEN SAFETY REMINDERS

As the weather becomes cooler and days become shorter, it's clear that Halloween is just around the corner. Whether you're chaperoning trick-or-treaters or passing out delicious treats from your front door step, it's important to prioritize safety when celebrating the holiday.

For Adults:

- 🎃 Ensure an adult accompanies children as they trick-or-treat.
- 🎃 Make efforts to go trick-or-treating before dark.
- 🎃 Inspect all treats before anything is eaten.

For Children:

- 🎃 Never enter the home of a stranger.
- 🎃 Utilize crosswalks to safely cross the road.
- 🎃 Avoid pranks that can damage property or cause harm to yourself or others.

Remember, as you prepare for an enjoyable Halloween, be mindful of your surroundings and keep safety at the forefront of your mind. For non-emergencies, call (954) 764-HELP (4537). For emergencies, please dial 911.



TAMARAC UNIVERSITY 2025

Get a behind-the-scenes look at your City and how it operates at Tamarac University (TU), an eight-week interactive program held in the spring of each year.

TU provides the opportunity to visit City facilities and learn from elected officials, department directors and other City staff about the role of local government and public service. It serves as a training ground for volunteers and provides networking opportunities for civic-minded residents.

If you're interested in learning about local government and public service, TU might be for you. Applications for the TU Class of 2025 will be accepted starting Friday, November 1, through Friday, January 24. Visit www.Tamarac.org/TU for more information and to apply for this FREE course.



HOTTEST NEW ADDITION IN TAMARAC'S CULINARY SCENE

Just one step inside this eatery, you'll notice a colorful wall covered with graffiti artwork resembling iconic gems relative to Tamarac, tables prepared for dine-in orders and a friendly staff member eager to take your order.

Spread across South Florida with locations in Miami and Fort Lauderdale and internationally in South Korea and Dubai, Hangry Joe's Hot Chicken is delighted to bring its savory meals and delicious desserts to the neighborhood.

"Tamarac serves as an ideal location for Hangry Joe's because we are tailored towards all customers, says Alex Gavilla, Co-Founder and Area Representative for South Florida. "We are family-friendly, kid-friendly and certainly provide great value in every meal for hard-working individuals."

Known for offering a range of entrees, from Korean nuggets to their infamous Mega Chicken Sando sandwich, its wide range of spicy levels truly sets the establishment apart. One spice even requires a waiver. But if it is too hot handle, the restaurant will prepare the meal to your liking.

"We serve Nashville-style Hot Chicken in a variety of delicious dishes - our world-famous Mega Sando, chicken & waffles, chicken tenders, chicken nuggets and loaded mac n cheese are some of our most popular dishes," says Gavilla. We also tailor your meal to any desired spice level - ranging from No Heat to "Angry Hot."

Along with chicken meals, Hangry Joe's serves popular sides like waffle fries with cheese and macaroni and cheese. If you're looking for light finger bites, the eatery offers a range of seasoned chicken wings.

Hangry Joe's is located at 5705 N. University Drive and is open seven days a week. For additional information visit, www.HangryJoes.com.



Alex Gavilla, Co-Owner
Hangry Joe's Hot Chicken.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM TAMARAC FIRE AND BSO-TAMARAC



The holiday season is here! Tamarac Fire Rescue and Broward Sheriff's Office - Tamarac District have teamed up to share important tips to help keep your loved ones safe.

Fire & Electrical Tips

- Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 3. Don't forget to change your smoke alarm batteries.
- Never place Christmas trees near heat sources, including candles, stoves or open flames.
- Be sure Christmas lights are in good working condition and labeled "UL." This indicates they meet current safety standards.
- Never overload electrical outlets.
- Unplug Christmas tree lights when leaving home or heading to bed.
- If using a live Christmas tree, keep the base filled with water to prevent it from drying out. Christmas trees are combustible and increasingly flammable as they dry out. Although Christmas tree fires are not common, they're more likely to be serious when they do occur.

Holiday Cooking Tips

Historically, the three leading dates for home structure fires caused by cooking are Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It's important to know what you can do to help keep your friends and family safe, while entertaining for the holidays.

- 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.

Shopping Tips

The following shopping tips can be applied year-round. They are especially helpful during the holiday season.

- Carry purses close to your body.
- Park in well-lit areas. Be sure to lock vehicle doors.
- Have vehicle keys in-hand upon entering any parking lot to avoid searching for keys outside of your vehicle.
- Take your spare car key and key fob out of your vehicle while shopping.
- Double-check that you have your credit cards, wallet and cell phone after paying for items.



BSO-Tamarac District Deputies pose in holiday safety scenario.

Home Security For Travelers

Traveling for the holidays? Follow these tips to add an extra layer of home security while away.

- Place lights on timers to give the appearance that your home is occupied.
- Tell a trusted neighbor to call the police if they see any suspicious activity on your property.
- Make sure all windows and doors are locked and that your alarm system is activated.
- Suspend newspaper and package deliveries during your absence.

Residents are encouraged to sign-up for BSO's Home Watch Program. This free service provides a deputy to check the exterior of your home to ensure everything is secure. Call (954) 720-2225 for details.



EVERY DROP COUNTS: WHY YOUR WATER BILL NEEDS A BOOST

The City of Tamarac is implementing new water and sanitary sewer rates to ensure it continues to provide quality water services.

Effective October 1, 2024, new water and sanitary sewer rates will be implemented following the City Commission's adoption of these changes during the September 12, 2024, City Commission Meeting.

This decision follows a comprehensive water rate study conducted on June 13, 2024, highlighting several crucial factors needed to maintain and enhance our water infrastructure.

What is a rate study?

A rate study examines a service's current costs and revenues to determine whether an adjustment is needed to recover the cost of providing that service. It also determines appropriate pricing structures for a municipality or utility's water and sewer services.

A historical perspective:

In 2011, the City of Tamarac adopted Ordinance 2011-006 to adjust water and sewer rates annually based on the U.S. Water & Sewerage Consumer Price Index. This was intended to keep rates in line with inflation and rising service costs. However, since 2014, the City has not increased these rates, meaning households have paid the same amount for water and sewer services for a decade. While this decision helped avoid extra costs for residents, it has created a gap between current rates and the increasing costs of providing these services.

What are the new rates?

The proposed water rate changes for the City of Tamarac, based on a recent water rate study, include the following adjustments:

- A blended increase of 9.8% for water and wastewater services

Based on a typical residential water usage of 1,000 gallons per month, the monthly water and sewer bill increase is approximately \$3 - \$5.

Even with the increase, Tamarac's bills remain competitive as one of the lowest rates in Broward County.

You can expect to see these changes on your November statement. For more information and to view the water study results, visit www.Tamarac.org/Water-Rates.

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RATE STUDY
FACT SHEET

What is a rate study?
A rate study examines a service's current costs and revenues to determine whether an adjustment is needed to recover the cost of providing that service. A water rate study determines appropriate pricing structures for a municipality or utility's water and sewer services. The City's water and sewer utility operates as an enterprise fund, which means it runs like a business. It is self-supported by the money collected from users through their water and sewer bills. This means that the utility doesn't rely on taxes for funding but instead uses the fees paid by customers to cover all its expenses, including maintenance, operations, and upgrades to the water and sewer systems. Your money on your water bill goes directly to keeping the water and sewer services running smoothly.

Why is a water rate study necessary?
A water rate study ensures that the rates charged for water services are fair, equitable and sufficient to cover the costs of providing safe water to the community while funding necessary infrastructure improvements.

When will the new water rates take effect?
The new rates are effective October 1, 2024 and will reflect on your November statement.

Where can I find more information?
Detailed information is available on the City's website, Tamarac.org.

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BEHIND YOUR WATER BILL

Based on a typical residential water usage of 1,000 gallons per month, the monthly water and sewer bill increase is approximately \$3-\$5, yet Tamarac's water rate remains one of the lowest in Broward County.

Your money on your water bill goes directly to keeping the water and sewer services running smoothly.

- Water Services**
Source, manage, treat and distribute clean water to homes/businesses
- Wastewater Services**
Source and treat wastewater from homes/businesses
- Infrastructure Improvements**
Enhance, maintain and consistently develop our systems and technology
- Customer Service**
Read meters, provide assistance, customer billing and conservation programs
- Monitoring & Quality Control**
Monitor systems and water usage.
- City Management**
The City provides training to an exceptional team of experts.

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GREEN SCENE: HOLIDAY EDITION



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

DO:

Recycle uncontaminated cardboard, paper boxes, cards and envelopes. Save bows, ribbons, gift boxes, gift bags and even wrapping paper for future use. Consider using reusable tote bags, brown paper bags or eye-catching magazines or newspaper pages as wrapping material. You can also get creative by crafting personalized and recyclable gift wrap using craft paper, markers or crayons.

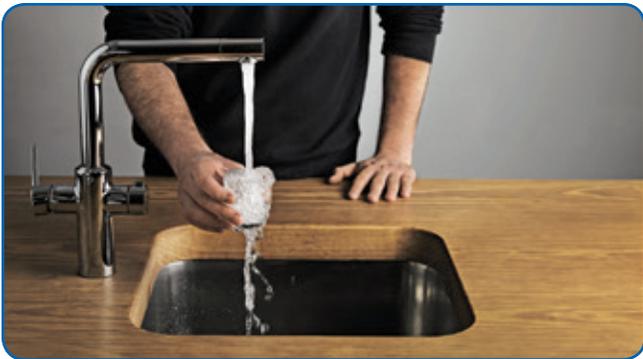
DON'T:

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 Thursday, December 26 - Saturday, January 18, bring your undecorated tree to Tamarac Public Services, 6011 Nob Hill Road, 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.

ANNUAL WATER QUALITY REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE



You can view the 2023 City of Tamarac Annual Water Quality Report online at www.Tamarac.org/2023WaterReportWest, or if you reside east of NW 31st Avenue, www.Tamarac.org/2023WaterReportEast. 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.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

For the past three years, Yvonne Lynch has been an invaluable volunteer within the Parks and Recreation administrative building. She supports the administrative team in various divisions, including Transportation, Social Services and Special Events. Yvonne ensures all volunteers are informed about upcoming meetings and receive birthday cards, playing a key role in volunteer engagement.

Additionally, she covers staff lunches and manages calls, highlighting her dedication and reliability. Volunteering twice a week, Yvonne consistently provides essential administrative support. Her commitment and reliability make her a truly valuable asset to the organization.



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.

CLOSED FOR OPEN SWIM

DECEMBER 1, 2024 - FEBRUARY 28, 2025

POOL HOURS

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, 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 LESSONS

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 years
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

H.I.I.T WITH BLAINE

Tuesday & Thursday:	6:30 a.m.
Saturday:	8 a.m.

Included with the fitness membership.

The City of Tamarac is partnering to provide complimentary fitness memberships to nationally recognized SilverSneakers® program members. Through this collaboration, Caporella Fitness Center will now offer seniors more opportunities to increase their physical activity levels while motivating them to remain active.

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

MONTHLY 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 Ages 3-12

Saturday | 10 a.m.

\$60 Residents; \$70 Non-Residents

Price is based on a four-week month and may fluctuate accordingly.

CHEERLEADING AND HIP-HOP Ages 5-12

Saturday | 11 a.m.

\$60 Residents; \$70 Non-Residents

Price is based on a four-week month and may fluctuate accordingly.

TAEKWONDO Ages 5 and up

Tuesday & Thursday

Tiny Tigers (5-6 yrs old): 4 - 4:45 p.m.

Beginners (9-12 yrs old): 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Beginners (7-8 yrs old): 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.

Advanced (12 yrs and older): 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

\$100 Residents; \$110 Non-Residents

Second child \$80 Residents; \$90 Non-Residents

Yearly ATA Membership fee: \$70

GYMNASTICS Ages 5-12

Saturday | 11 a.m. and 11:50 a.m.

Monthly fee: \$60 Residents; \$70 Non-Residents

READING Ages 5-10

Saturday | 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

\$60 Residents; \$70 Non-Residents

Price is based on a four-week month and may fluctuate accordingly.

FAST TRACK AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Monday - Friday | 3 - 6 p.m.

\$150 Residents; \$185 Non-Residents

Price is based on a four-week month and may fluctuate accordingly.

YOUTH VOLLEYBALL Ages 9-15

Monday & Thursday | 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Fee: Residents: \$150; Non-Residents: \$160

FOUR-WEEK ROBOTIC CLASS Ages 7-12

Monday & Thursday | 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Fee: Residents: \$60; Non-Residents: \$70

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

Saturday | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. (Ages 6 - 11)

Saturday | 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. (Ages 12 - 16)

Price is based on a four-week month and may fluctuate accordingly.

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.

STRENGTH & TONE WITH YASMINE

Tuesday | 7 p.m.

20/20/20 WITH PAULA

Thursday | 6:30 p.m.

BARRE FITNESS WITH MARIA

Saturday | 10:35 a.m.

20/20/20 WITH PAULA

Monday | 11 a.m.

BELLY DANCING WITH MARIA

Tuesday | 6 p.m.

ADJUSTABLE BENCH WORKOUT WITH MICHAEL

Wednesday | 6:15 p.m.

FULL BODY STRETCH WITH YASMINE

Thursday | 7:30 p.m.

PINKBERRYBOOST FUSION WITH WENDY

Monday | 7:30 p.m.

CARDIO BLAST WITH WENDY

Wednesday | 7:15 p.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 WITH CAROL

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.

POWER SCULPTING WITH GAZELLE

Thursday | 6 p.m.

YOGA WITH BETH

Thursday | 7 p.m.

BODY SCULPTING WITH MIKE

Friday | 6 p.m.

BEAT BURNERS WITH VINCENT

Wednesday & Friday | 7 p.m.

Saturday | 8:45 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 W. 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 | Senior Social | Board Games

DANCE FITNESS

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

AEROBICS

Water Aerobics | Kickboxing Lite | Sit & Fit
Stretch & Core | 20/20/20 | Senior Fitness
HIT Small Group Training | Total Body Works Cardio

MIND BODY WELLNESS

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

CREATIVE ARTS

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

ATHLETICS

Pickleball (Beginner & Intermediate Level Days)
Ping Pong | Pickleball Training
for Beginners



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.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Door-to-door paratransit service is available for 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.

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.

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 the 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.

TAMARAC FOOD PANTRY

The Tamarac Food Pantry is available to income-eligible Tamarac residents on the first and third Thursday of each month, subject to supply availability. Appointments are required and can be scheduled every three months.

To determine eligibility and apply, please visit www.Tamarac.org/SocialServices. For additional information, please call (954) 597-3642.

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.

FACILITY LOCATIONS

CAPORELLA AQUATIC COMPLEX AND FITNESS CENTER
9300 NW 58th St.

CAPORELLA PARK
5200 Prospect Rd.

COLONY WEST GOLF CLUB
6850 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Don't miss the City's Community Garage Sale. Vendor spaces are sold out, which means you're bound to find unique treasures!

When: Saturday, October 5
Time: 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Where: Tamarac Park

GREAT PUMPKIN SPLASH

Come join us for spooky water fun, pumpkin picking and pumpkin decorating.

When: Saturday, October 19
Time: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Where: Caporella Aquatic Center
Price: \$5 Registration is required by visiting www.Tamarac.me/Events



HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

Enjoy spooktacular carnival games, bounce houses, Halloween musical entertainment, dancing to the spooky DJ, arts & crafts, and first 500 kids will receive a treat bag.

When: Friday, October 18
Time: 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Where: Tamarac Park Baseball Fields
Price: Free

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Please join us as we recognize our veterans who have served our country.

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



44TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT 5K RACE

Lace up your sneakers for one of South Florida's most cherished Thanksgiving Day traditions.

When: Thursday, November 28
Time: 7:30 a.m.
Where: Tamarac City Hall
Price:
 September 3 - October 13, \$25
 October 14 - November 17, \$30
 November 18 - November 27, \$35
Register: www.Tamarac.org/TurkeyTrot



HOLIDAY LIGHTING

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

When: Thursday, December 5
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Caporella Park
Price: Free



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 13
Time: 6 - 8 p.m.
Where: Tamarac Park Baseball Fields
Price: Free

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.

When: Saturday, December 14
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Where: Gary B Jones Park for People and Pups
Price: Free

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.

LEAGUES

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

WINTER YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Recreational basketball league for both boys and girls ages 7-17. Registration for the Youth Basketball Winter League will begin on Monday, October 28. Practices and games will begin in January and the season will conclude in March. Space is limited and volunteer coaches are needed. Practices and games will be held at either the Tamarac Community Center or at Tamarac Park.

Residents: \$90, Non-Residents: \$110

MEN'S 30 AND OVER BASKETBALL

Registration for the spring season will begin on Saturday, December 14. The "Rookie Run" for new players will be held on Thursday, January 9, and games will begin on Thursday, January 16. All games will be played at the Tamarac Community Center.

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

TAMARAC SOCCER ACADEMY

Developmental academy for both boys and girls. Sessions will be held at either the Tamarac Sports Complex or at Tamarac Park. Please call (954) 740-7101 for more information.

WINTER BREAK CAMP 2024

When: Monday - Friday
Time: Monday - Friday
Where: Tamarac Park
Ages: 6 - 12
 (1st grade - 5th grade)

CAMP DATES

December 23, 26-27, 30-31
January 2-3
Residents: \$170, Non-Residents: \$195
NO CAMP DECEMBER 24, 25, 31 or JANUARY 1.

Please provide your child with a healthy lunch and snack each day.



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44TH ANNUAL TAMARAC TURKEY TROT 5K

Thursday, November 28 | Race Starts @ 7:30 a.m.

Registration: \$30 fee until November 17

Late Registration: \$35 fee until November 27

T-SHIRTS & FINISHER MEDALS

Commemorative Turkey Trot 5K T-shirt
to the First 2,000 Registered

Finisher Medal for All Registered Runners

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Trophies for
Overall Finishers

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Trophies for
Age Group Winners

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Trophies for
Age Group Winners

FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION

www.Tamarac.org/SpecialEvents

www.Tamarac.org/TurkeyTrot



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