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	1(800)955-8770 (Voice)
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Citizen Hotline	(954) 718-1800
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Transit/Shuttle Bus	(954) 597-3649
Police/BSO Tamarac District <i>(Non-Emergency)</i>	(954) 720-2225
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All Service Refuse	(954) 583-1830
Comcast Cable	(954) 252-1937
Library (Tamarac Branch)	(954) 720-2282
Post Office (Tamarac Branch)	(954) 722-3152
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# First Things

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Firefighter/Paramedic **Paul Kelly** was recently named the "2010 Firefighter of the Year" by a committee of his peers. This award acknowledges Paul's work ethic, expertise and the following accomplishments: the establishment of the Florida Turnpike/Sawgrass Expressway Fire Hydrant Access Location Program which was adopted statewide on January 1, 2011; his unending work with the Fire Cadets; and his special work associated with the recent annexation of an industrial area that required pre-fire plan development for over 70 businesses (including developing plans and maps as well as identifying potential problems). Paul received a proclamation from the Mayor and Commission on February 23, 2011. Congratulations!

**GIVING:** Once again the City of Tamarac's employees stepped up to the plate and hit a home run for a great cause. The **2010 Tamarac Employee United Way Campaign** was a huge success, and shattered last year's record. A total of **\$20,026.12** was raised through a variety of activities including: payroll deductions, a basketball shootout, raffles, a silent auction and so much more! The City presented a check to the United Way of Broward County's CEO, Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson, at the January 26, 2011 Commission Meeting.

**HISTORY:** The Tamarac Historical Society welcomed a very special guest speaker on Thursday, February 24, 2011; **Jim Guarino** was one of the City's original real estate agents. Mr. Guarino worked for Ken Behring, Tamarac's founder and original developer, for many years before striking out on his own and opening his own real estate office. He sold countless homes in Tamarac Lakes, the Mainlands and the Woodlands in the early years of the City's history. Do you have time to donate, a story to tell, or mementos to donate? If so, contact the **Tamarac Historical Society** at **(954) 597-3523**.

**CONSERVATION:** The City of Tamarac  
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**A BIG CHECK; A GUEST SPEAKER; AND THE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR:** Photo #1: A big check for the United Way of Broward County; United Way of Broward County CEO Jennifer O'Flannery Anderson receives a check from former City Manager Jeffrey L. Miller; Photo # 2: One of the original real estate agents who sold the City's early developments and Tamarac Historical Society guest speaker, Jim Guarino; Photo #3: "2010 Firefighter of the Year," Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Kelly pictured with his wife (l) Annie and daughter (r) Laurel. For more photos from City events and happenings scan the QR Code above, or visit: [www.tamarac.org/photos](http://www.tamarac.org/photos).

# Life in Tamarac



**WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!** We're looking for photos taken by residents of everyday life and *happenings* in Tamarac, like this one of a colorful iguana taken by Tamarac resident **Bruce Smith**. Bruce says, "I captured this amazing photograph while he was sunning himself on a beautiful South Florida day." Do you have a photo to share? **Send your photos via email to:** [chad.quinn@tamarac.org](mailto:chad.quinn@tamarac.org). Be sure to include your full name, telephone number and a brief description of the photo. **Also, include a quote on why you enjoy living in your community!** (Please note: Photos must be high-resolution.)

# First Things

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was honored with the 2010 Water Conservation Award for Excellence, Best in Class, presented by the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association. The City was recognized for its continued leadership and for far exceeding most other local similarly sized municipalities in the State for water conservation. Speaking of conservation, please continue to help us reduce our water usage, see page 10 for more details.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Congratulations to **Beverly Cook** who has been selected as the Volunteer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2011. Beverly began her volunteer work for the City in 2010 in the customer service water division and has been a tremendous help! Special thanks to Beverly for all her hard work and enthusiasm on behalf of the City. If you would like to become a volunteer with the City, contact Rose Cure Persad, Social Services Supervisor, at (954) 597-597-3642, or via email at [rose.cure@tamarac.org](mailto:rose.cure@tamarac.org).



MIRIAM MARIN

Miriam Marin, a long time Tamarac resident, took a break from her busy volunteering schedule (you'll find her at various City and Chamber of Commerce functions, as well as the Tamarac Theater and Coral Springs Center for the Arts among other places!) to read her *Tam-A-Gram* during a rare quiet moment!

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# HHW

## Join us for Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Recycling

**05/01 MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The City of Tamarac, in partnership with Broward County Waste and Recycling Services will be hosting its annual **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics Recycling Roundup** on **Sunday, May 1, 2011, from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm**, at the Tamarac Public Services Complex (6011 Nob Hill Road).

This is the perfect opportunity to dispose of all those items you know you shouldn't throw out in the regular trash, such as: used paint, solvents, pesticides, household cleaners, lawn and pool chemicals, and much, much more, including old computers and monitors!

For more information on the **Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling Program**, scan the **QR Code** below with your smart phone (links to: [www.tamarac.org/HHW](http://www.tamarac.org/HHW)), or call the **Broward County Hotline** at (954) 765-4999, or the City of Tamarac Public Works Department at (954) 597-3700.



QR links to: [www.tamarac.org/HHW](http://www.tamarac.org/HHW)



[join and be aware]



**IF** you live or work in Broward County, the Broward Sheriff's Office has something important to tell you, and thanks to its ground-breaking online community advisory system, *CyberVisor*<sup>SM</sup>, it can!

By registering online for *CyberVisor*, residents can receive important emails or text messages from the nation's largest fully-accredited sheriff's office about their safety, their neighborhoods, their commutes and much more.

**Information such as:**

- Criminal activity, such as vehicle or home burglaries;
- Traffic information, including road closures and construction zones;
- Upcoming events, like car safety seat inspections or Shred-a-Thons;
- Important safety tips to keep your home, business and property safe;
- Be-on-the-lookout (BOLLO) alerts for wanted suspects or missing children.

BSO has always used technology to stay connected to the people it serves. *CyberVisor* is its own, secure, no-cost advisory system to communicate with the public. Originally introduced to the Public in April 2009, it was the first advisory system of its kind created only for public safety news and information.

Similar to Twitter, *CyberVisor* allows the commands in BSO's multiple jurisdictions to communicate with the residents and businesses they serve.

"Given the state of our economy, those of us in public safety must take advantage of every opportunity to keep residents informed," said Sheriff Al Lamberti at the introduction of *CyberVisor*. "[it] gives us a way to do this at virtually no cost. The more information people have, the safer they are."

To sign up for *CyberVisor*, the BSO Community Advisory System, visit [www.sheriff.org/cybervisor](http://www.sheriff.org/cybervisor).



**CONGRATULATIONS: DEPUTY OF THE YEAR**

BSO Tamarac District Detective **Patrick Keegan** was recently named the "2010 Tamarac District Deputy of the Year" for his tremendous work and abilities. Detective Keegan is an expert in the field of Pain Clinic/Drug Diversion investigations and has become a go-to person for other local, state, and national law enforcement departments and agencies with respect to this issue. He is known for his willingness to share his knowledge with others. As a member of the Selective Enforcement Team (SET), Detective Keegan is expected to help solve a wide variety of problems in our community. **Photo:** Detective Keegan is pictured with Lt. Fred Wood and Tamarac District Chief Marc Duguay.



BSO: The BSO website is a great resource for useful information; from crime prevention and safety tips, to crime statistics and booking information. Links to: [www.sheriff.org](http://www.sheriff.org).

**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can help first responders quickly identify your emergency contacts by saving their numbers with "I.C.E." (In Case of Emergency) as a prefix in your cell phone. For example: "I.C.E. - Mom".

# First Things



# Hydrants

**WE** all know that fire hydrants save lives — well, more specifically the water that they deliver can help save lives and property. Knowing where they are is critical in an emergency; that's why we're proud to announce that two of Tamarac's finest have developed a new fire hydrant signage program that makes it easy for emergency personnel to know where fire hydrants are located along the interstate, especially when they are obstructed by sound barrier walls.

The sound barrier hydrant signage was designed and implemented from the combined efforts of Tamarac Firefighter Paramedics Paul Kelly and Sienna Megna, along with the Florida Turnpike Authority. The **signs** allow Emergency Responders to quickly identify the location of fire hydrants on the City side of the sound barrier (and their **access** points), which will greatly increase the mitigation of any life safety hazard requiring a continuous supply of water. The signs will also reduce the amount of manpower and equipment needed on scene, thus having a positive impact on the environment.

FIRE RESCUE CORNER

BUSINESS CORNER



[participate in business]

# Focus Groups

The City of Tamarac takes great pride in being business-friendly, but we recognize there is always opportunity for improvement. In order to better serve the Tamarac business community, we will be hosting several focus groups. At these meetings we will discuss challenges our businesses may be facing, and attempt to identify issues and solutions.

If you would like to participate, please contact Andy Berns at (954) 597-3513, or via email at [andy.berns@tamarac.org](mailto:andy.berns@tamarac.org). All participating businesses must be Tamarac based; however business owners and/or managers are not required to be Tamarac residents. Focus groups will be scheduled at various times in order to meet most schedules. Meetings will last approximately 1 hour.



Friends.  
Welcome.  
Goodbye.



Be sure to check out [www.tamarac.org/photos](http://www.tamarac.org/photos) for more great images from some of the City's events.

EVENT PHOTOS

So much happening, so little space... be sure to visit our photo sets online at [www.tamarac.org/photos](http://www.tamarac.org/photos) for even more photos of *happenings* in Tamarac! First up, the alumni of the City's citizen academy, **Tamarac University**, recently got together for a potluck dinner — great food, camaraderie, reconnecting with friends, and a cooking demonstration by chef and author John Perides were the highlights of the evening. As we mentioned in the last issue of the *Tam-A-Gram*, Tamarac's long-time City Manager **Jeffrey L. Miller** was retiring: friends and colleagues honored him with a dinner at the Colony West Country Club on Thursday, January 27, 2011. There were many stories of days and adventures past with plenty of laughs (and a few tears) along the way. The following Monday, **Michael C. Cernech**, who was appointed by the Mayor and Commission to succeed Jeff Miller, was sworn-in as the City's new City Manager. Mr. Cernech's mother, Betty, made a surprise trip from Nebraska to attend the ceremony along with his wife Rosemary and son Jensen.



HAPPENINGS: There's always something happening in Tamarac; friends gathering for great food and conversation, or coming together to welcome a new City Manager or goodbye to a retiring one, and so much more. Share with us your "Life in Tamarac", whether that be family gatherings at one of our parks, or an interesting nature scene (see page 1). View our photo sets online at: [www.tamarac.org/photos](http://www.tamarac.org/photos). (Or scan the QR Code above to view the photos on your cell phone!)

DID YOU KNOW?

Beginning with "D. Keller", who was the City's first "City Administrator" from October 1967 through March 1968, Tamarac has had a total of 19 City Managers in our 48 year history; that includes "acting" and "interim" managers. (Prior to 1967, the City was managed by the Behring Corporation.)The City Manager is appointed by the Mayor and Commission and serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the City. The City Manager serves at the pleasure of the Commission and is responsible for all aspects of managing the daily needs of the community; overseeing all departments and operations — from hiring staff, overseeing emergency services, and presenting and managing the annual budget. The City Manager works in partnership with the City's elected officials to handle the day-to-day operations of Tamarac and carry out the initiatives, directives and policies formulated by the Commission.

# Commission Selects Mayor

*Pamela Bushnell named new Mayor; Michelle J. Gomez named new Vice Mayor*

On March 9, 2011, during the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting, Tamarac's City Commission unanimously voted to appoint **Pamela Bushnell** as the City's new Mayor. Ms. Bushnell is the Commissioner for District 1 and was serving as the Vice Mayor for the current year.

Mayor Bushnell fills the vacancy left by Mayor Beth Talabisco who was suspended from office by Governor Rick Scott pending the resolution of current legal matters.

The City's Charter laid out the process by which the Mayor must be selected in cases such as this; the remaining Commissioners had the option to choose from amongst themselves to fill the position or to seek applicants. Ultimately, after much discussion, and with guidance from City Attorney Sam Goren, the Commission decided that continuity of leadership was paramount



MAYOR PAMELA BUSHNELL

and elected one of their own.

Ms. Bushnell will serve out the remaining current mayoral term, which will expire in November 2014. If however Ms. Talabisco is returned to office, Ms. Bushnell will return



VICE MAYOR MICHELLE J. GOMEZ

to her Commission District seat.

In the mean time, the City Commission must now fill the District 1 seat. Beginning on March 14, 2011, applications were made

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# New City Manager Named

The City of Tamarac's Mayor and Commission appointed Mike Cernech to succeed long-time City Manager Jeffrey L. Miller as Tamarac's new City Manager during the January 12, 2011 City Commission Meeting.

A civil servant with more than 33 years of experience, Mr. Miller's last day of service to Tamarac was January 28, 2011 — he began his career with the City in November 1994 as the Community Development Director and was appointed City Manager in November 1999.

Mr. Cernech arrived in Tamarac in October 2001 by way of Shavano Park, Texas where he was City Manager for four and a half years. He was originally hired to serve as Tamarac's Assistant City Manager and was subsequently promoted to Deputy City Manager in April 2004. His career has spanned both the public and private



MICHAEL C. CERNECH

sectors. He served in various capacities for several local governments since 1993. A Bachelor's Degree in Finance from the University of Detroit, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Trin-

ity University in San Antonio, combined with his work experience, have provided Mr. Cernech with unique and valuable insight and perspective as Tamarac has taken the initiative over the past several years to become a High Performance Organization (HPO) amidst budget challenges.

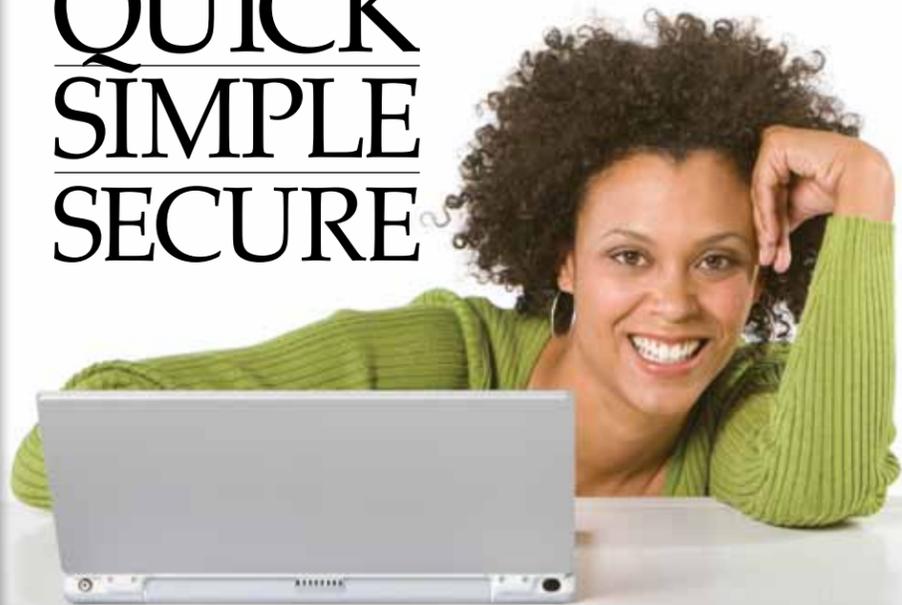
"We're thrilled to have Mike as our new City Manager," stated Mayor Pamela Bushnell. "The continuity he provides in these times is invaluable."

"When I originally was hired by the City back in late 2001 I had told my wife that we would be in South Florida for three years... max, but as the years passed my love for this City and the work we do on behalf of the community has kept me here," said Mr. Cernech. "This is home."

Mr. Cernech was sworn in as Tamarac's new City Manager during a ceremony held Monday, January 31, 2011 at City Hall.



**QUICK  
SIMPLE  
SECURE**



**CLICK HERE to Pay Your Water Bill**

## On the go!

The City of Tamarac is proud to announce a new and convenient way for our residents to contact us on the go; The **Citizen Request Tracker (CRT)™ Apple® iPhone® App!** The CRT iPhone App is the nation's leading citizen request management mobile application on the market; it allows citizens across North America to report issues, from potholes to graffiti, downed street lights to overgrown lots, and so much more directly to their local government using GPS location detection. The CRT iPhone App is an extension of the City's online Citizen Request Tracking service which allows residents to contact the City 24/7 to report problems, concerns, or to share comments and suggestions. To find this service on our website, simply click...

**NEED HELP? Questions? Comments?**

...otherwise known as the "Big RED Button". The iPhone App is available through iTunes®, or through the App Store on your phone, under "Citizen Request Tracker".

**CONVENIENCE:** When it comes to paying your water bill, the City of Tamarac offers many options; from the traditional method of mailing a check each month to the more convenient (and "green") online payment option. If you haven't already checked into our other payment methods, please take a minute to review the options listed here. It's... **Quick. Simple. Secure...** and by using one of our online or automated methods you'll be helping the environment by reducing paper and fuel usage, not to mention you'll save the cost of a stamp! For questions, or assistance setting up recurring payments, an online account, or an automatic payment plan call **Tamarac Customer Service at (954) 597-3590.**



### Interested in going green?

If you're interested in going paperless, please let a customer service representative know that you would like to stop receiving your paper water bill and that you'd like to enroll in electronic billing. It's... **Quick. Simple. Secure.** All we need is a valid email address. Call **Tamarac Customer Service** today at **(954) 597-3590** for complete details and options.

**C2G (Click2Gov):** Did you know that you can view and pay your water bill online 24 hours a day? It's simple, just visit the City's web page at [www.tamarac.org](http://www.tamarac.org) and click on the "Big GREEN Button", located prominently on the right-hand side of the screen, that says "Pay Your Water Bill". You will need to refer to your water bill the first time you enroll. Once on the web page click on "create password" and just follow the instructions.

**Recurring Payments Online:** (i.e. checks or credit cards) You can make payments online through C2G by credit card or from your checking account simply by clicking on Auto Pay.

**TAPP (Tamarac's Automatic Payment Plan):** When you enroll in TAPP, your entire utility bill (water, sewer, garbage, recycling, and storm water) is paid automatically from your bank account. Once enrolled in TAPP, your utility bill will be drafted fifteen days from the billed date.

For more information about any of these options, or to enroll in TAPP, please call **Tamarac Customer Service** at **(954) 597-3590.**

# Windstorm Mitigation

We're all familiar with the rising cost of homeowner and property insurance in Florida, but did you know there are steps you can take, or perhaps have already taken, that can help reduce the cost of your insurance? One way to help reduce the cost of your premiums is through "Windstorm Mitigation". Wind is one of the leading causes of damage to property during a storm. Windstorm mitigation means making your home more resistant to the damages caused by high winds during severe storms, tropical storms and hurricanes. Making your home more resistant to high winds may result in a reduction in the insurance premiums you pay for the windstorm coverage portion of your homeowner's insurance policy, not to mention provide an additional level of protection for your property and possessions.

Florida law requires all residential property insurance companies to provide hurricane insurance premium discounts for certain building fixtures, elements and other construction techniques (see sidebar) which have been demonstrated to reduce the impact caused by wind. The Florida Division of Emergency Management's website [www.floridadisaster.org/mitdb](http://www.floridadisaster.org/mitdb) provides an online wind insurance savings calculator which provides homeowners with a general indication of the type of savings available from insurance companies for homes with wind resistive features.

**What should you do?** Homeowners can contract with a qualified inspector such as a general, building, or residential contractor, or other professional, licensed by the State of Florida, who has passed the appropriate equivalency tests, or is otherwise certified to inspect homes in order to identify potential mitigation measures and verify improvements. Before hiring a contractor, keep

**DISCOUNTS:** In addition to potential discounts for Windstorm Mitigation, due to the efforts of the City of Tamarac discounts are also often available on flood insurance policies. Be sure to check out the special Flood Brochure insert in this issue of the *Tam-A-Gram* for more information!

in mind that the City of Tamarac's Building Department encourages you to verify that the contractor you hire is licensed and insured; the Building Department can help you verify this information, please call **(954) 597-3420** for assistance. Your insurance agent may also be able to recommend a qualified inspector. Inspection costs can vary depending on the provider, but generally cost between \$100 and \$150.

Qualified inspectors examine your home using the official Uniform Mitigation Verification Inspection Form. This form is available from the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation [www.floir.com/pdf/OIR-B1-1802.pdf](http://www.floir.com/pdf/OIR-B1-1802.pdf). Once the inspection is complete, homeowners should submit the completed form to their insurance agent to qualify for premium discounts.

## What to know:

**COMPARE PRICES:** Not all insurance companies charge the same rates, so you may want to comparison shop to ensure you are getting the best deal available. Be sure to do your research online or call a licensed insurance broker. It will be much easier to get the best plan and/or rates if you take the appropriate steps now to assure your home is properly mitigated against storm force winds. For more information about insurance, visit the State of Florida Office of Insurance Regulation's website at [www.floir.com](http://www.floir.com).

**Structures that qualify for wind mitigation inspections:** Single Family Homes, Multi-Family Homes, Commercial Buildings, Condominiums, and Townhouses.

**Elements such as these may qualify for discounts:** Actual Roof Shape, Reinforced Roof Decking, Roof Shingle Attachment Method, Shutter Protection Over Your Windows, Hurricane Straps and/or Hurricane Clips, Full or Partial Impact Resistant Glazing on Windows, and many others.

# Everglades



The Everglades National Park is the largest subtropical wilderness in the United States and boasts rare and endangered species of animals and plants. The park has been designated a World Heritage Site, International Biosphere Reserve, and Wetland of International Importance, significant to all people of the world. The Park is the third largest in the lower 48 states, covering 2,500 square miles, and ranges from sea level to 20 feet above sea level on an Indian-made shell mound.

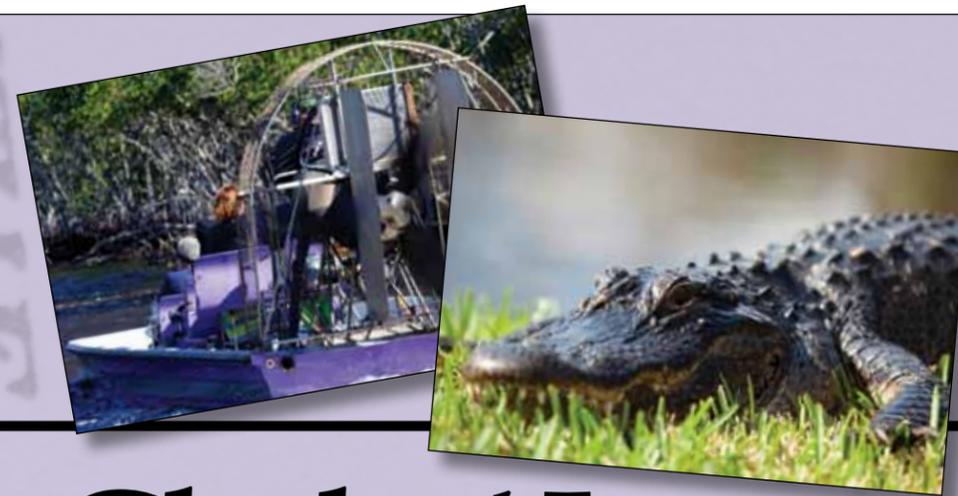
Water in south Florida once flowed freely from the Kissimmee River to Lake Okeechobee and southward over low-lying lands to the estuaries of Biscayne Bay, the Ten Thousand Islands, and Florida Bay. This shallow, slow-moving sheet of water covered almost 11,000 square miles, creating a mosaic of ponds, sloughs, sawgrass marshes, hardwood hammock, and forested uplands. For thousands of years this intricate system evolved into a finely balanced ecosystem that formed the biological infrastructure for the southern half of the state. However, to early colonial settlers and developers the Everglades were potential farm land and communities. By the early 1900s, the drainage process to transform wetland to land ready to be developed was underway.

With the support of many early conservationists, scientists, and other advocates, Everglades National Park was established in 1947 to conserve the natural landscape and prevent further degradation of its land, plants, and animals. Although the captivation of the Everglades has mostly stemmed from its unique ecosystem, an alluring human story of the Everglades is deeply interwoven

with its endless marshes, dense mangroves, towering palms, alligator holes, and tropical fauna.

The Everglades are deeply woven into the fabric of our City as portions of Tamarac, and much of South Florida's western-most development, were once part of the marshy wetlands of the Everglades' outer fringes. The Everglades' conservation area provides our western boundary, but more than just geography the Everglades is a valuable back-up water source that helps to replenish the Biscayne and Floridan Aquifers which supply our area.

Just as importantly, the Everglades help to capture potential floodwaters. Severe storms and hurricanes dump huge amounts of water over South Florida which is collected, and in some instances pumped into, the Everglades. Levees (see Page 9) are an important element of the structure of the Park that helps to keep this water confined to the Park.



## Glades' Levees

SFWMD to Seek FEMA Accreditation of East Coast Protective Levee

As part of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project to modernize the nation's flood zone maps, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is working to obtain FEMA accreditation of the Broward County portion of the East Coast Protective Levee (ECPL). The Federal

for flood-related disasters by providing an official depiction of flood hazards for unincorporated Broward County, Broward's 31 municipalities and properties located within them.

The updated flood maps become effective after a series of public meetings and an ap-

### WHAT IS A LEVEE?

A levee is a man-made structure, usually an earthen embankment, designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering practices to contain or control the flow of water so as to provide protection from flooding during high water events. The primary purpose of a levee is to provide flood protection from seasonal high waters and is therefore only subject to water loading for periods of a few days or weeks in a year. For more information visit: [www.tamarac.org/BrowardFloodMaps](http://www.tamarac.org/BrowardFloodMaps).

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is preparing the first comprehensive review of flood zones throughout Broward County in 14 years, using a new "vertical datum," that enables consistent comparisons of land and water elevations across the nation.

New flood maps are needed due to the dynamic nature of flood hazard conditions, the availability of updated elevation data, improved technology for identifying flood hazards and to account for developments that can affect flood zone boundaries. The new digital flood maps will help community officials and citizens be better prepared

and adoption process. Updated flood maps may be adopted as soon as June 30, 2012 and will then be used for:

- Determining flood insurance purchase requirements;
- Determining flood insurance rates;
- Establishing minimum finished floor elevations for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures.

By adopting the new flood maps, Broward County is assured that FEMA will offer assistance during emergencies and provide flood insurance coverage for county residents.

How does the FEMA levee accreditation affect Tamarac residents? Here's what to know...

- Property owners are urged to check their status under the new maps once preliminary maps become available (tentatively September 2011).
- As of January 30, 2011, all surveys and plans for Environmental Engineering and Licensing applications must utilize the new vertical datum.

For more information visit about levees, the FEMA accreditation and to view the maps (once they become available), visit: [www.tamarac.org/BrowardFloodMaps](http://www.tamarac.org/BrowardFloodMaps) or scan the QR Code below.



SPECIAL THANKS: Information for this article was obtained from the National Park Service and Broward County websites ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) / [www.broward.org](http://www.broward.org)).

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**FLOOD INFO**  
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 Learn more about the City's Class 7 Flood Rating... this rating can reduce your flood insurance premium up to 15%... check with your carrier.  
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## Water Shortage

### KEEPING AN EYE ON THE WATER SUPPLY

For many years Tamarac has been a leader in water conservation efforts. Many of the City's efforts have been recognized with various awards (see Page 2 for our latest achievement!). Everything from offering residents rebates on the purchase of low-flow toilets to the distribution of free faucet aerators (more info at [www.tamarac.org/utilities](http://www.tamarac.org/utilities)); waterless urinals at City facilities to Florida-friendly landscaping, conservation is a part of our culture. The efforts to conserve water have caught on with residents and businesses as well — Tamarac is a leader in Broward County

### DID YOU KNOW?

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is a regional governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state, covering 16 counties from Orlando to the Florida Keys and serving a population of 7.5 million residents. More info: [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).

for per capita water conservation... with the recent dry conditions, now it is time for us to do even more. Help us, and SFWMD, *Keep an Eye on the Water Supply*.

### Mayor | Continued From: Page 5

available to residents of District 1 who were interested in applying for the District 1 seat. The new Commissioner will serve the remainder of the current District 1 commission term, until November 2012. If Ms. Talabisco is returned to office prior to November 2012, Ms. Bushnell will return to her Commission District seat and the appointed Commissioner will have fulfilled their duty of filling the vacant seat.

As of the publication date of this issue of the *Tam-A-Gram*, the new Commissioner has not been selected (we will provide you more details in the July/August/September 2011 issue).

Once Ms. Bushnell was voted as the new Mayor, the Vice Mayor position became vacant causing the Commission to vote from amongst themselves for someone to serve out the remaining Vice Mayor term. The Commissioners unanimously selected District 2 Commissioner **Michelle J. Gomez** to be the new Vice Mayor.

Normally the Vice Mayor position is selected each November prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. In addition to representing the City at various meetings and functions, the Vice Mayor presides over Commission Meetings and Workshops in the absence of the Mayor.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Tamarac's website is a great way to get information about your City; from how to obtain a building permit to news about upcoming events! You can also get the latest information about events, meetings, utility work notices and more on our social media sites! Join us on **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/TamaracFlorida](http://www.facebook.com/TamaracFlorida)) and **Twitter** ([www.twitter.com/CityofTamarac](http://www.twitter.com/CityofTamarac))!



**R**ainfall is our region's primary source for replenishing our limited freshwater supply? Because 2010 rainfall amounts were far below average, water levels are low. Long-term weather forecasts for 2011 predict continuing below-average rainfall leading to great strains on water supplies. With at least two months of the dry season still ahead, water conservation is increasingly critical. Because of this, the South Florida Water Management District has issued a **water shortage watch** for Broward County.

Currently throughout the region, year-round landscape irrigation limits are in effect to better conserve South Florida's water resources. By conserving the water you use on your landscape and in your home or business now, you can help stave off mandatory or more severe water restrictions later.

In Tamarac, there are **permanent water restrictions** allowing irrigation twice a week according to the following schedule:

- Irrigation restrictions apply whether using city water, canals, or wells.
- Irrigation permitted at odd number addresses on Wednesday and Saturday
- Irrigation permitted at even number addresses on Thursday and Sunday.
- Home irrigation is prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

More stringent restrictions may be enacted if the water shortage continues. For information on conservation and the current water restrictions, visit [www.sfwmd.gov/WaterWatch](http://www.sfwmd.gov/WaterWatch), or call the City's Water Conservation Specialist, Bill Franqui, at (954) 597-3792.

Log-on: [www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch](http://www.sfwmd.gov/waterwatch)

## Tamarac's QR Code Roll-out Continues



The City of Tamarac rolled-out it's usage of QR (Quick Response) Codes in the January/February/March 2011 issue of the *Tam-A-Gram*. The response has been great! We've received hundreds of scans of the codes featured in that issue. As promised... more QR Codes have been deployed around the City at facilities such as our Skate Park and the Community Center! We'd love to see "Life in Tamarac" photos of you or your family members, friends and neighbors scanning these codes! See Page 2 for details on the "Life in Tamarac" photo program!



## Online Reading

### DID YOU KNOW?

Current and back issues (going all the way back to the July/August/September 2008 issue) of the *Tam-A-Gram* are now available in a great new user-friendly format! Now you can flip through the magazine right on your computer just like you would the real thing. It's convenient, simple and free! Simply log-on to [www.tamarac.org/issuu](http://www.tamarac.org/issuu). Issuu™ is a free service we've begun using to publish the *Tam-A-Gram* and other publications online. We hope you enjoy... and share the link with your family and friends!

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# TAMARAC THEATER

OF PERFORMING ARTS

**NEW SHOWS:**

**"Annie"**  
April 9 - May 1, 2011

**SHOW TIMES:**  
Saturday ..... 2:00 & 8:00 pm  
Sunday ..... 2:00 pm

**TICKETS:** ..... \$20 per show\*

**UPCOMING:**

2011-2012 Season!  
"Bye Bye Birdie"  
"The Producers"  
"Rumors"  
"Gypsy"  
"The Prisoner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue"

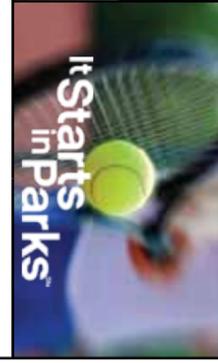
\*Please note: Ticket prices will increase to \$25 per show for the 2011/2012 Season.

**NOW AVAILABLE! SAVE ON SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS\*:**  
3 SHOWS: \$67 · 4 SHOWS: \$84 · 5 SHOWS: \$99

**INFORMATION/TICKETS: (954) 726-7898 / [www.ttopa.org](http://www.ttopa.org) / 7143 Pine Island Rd.**

Discovery Flip for it

Now that you've read the informative *Tam-A-Gram*, it's time to Flip For It! and learn about the great programs and activities Tamarac's Parks and Recreation Department offers... it's all in the *Discovery* section of the *Tam-A-Gram*!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Activity	Day	Time	Ages	Resident/ Non-Resident Fee	Location	Session
Animation Class	Wed.	6:30 - 7:30 pm	14 & over	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	6-week
Ballet, Tap & Jazz	Mon.	6:00 - 6:45 pm	4 - 6 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Recreation Center	4-week
Bolly Baby Fit... Mommy Let's Twist	Mon.	10:30 - 11:15 am	3 - 18 mos.	\$60/\$70	Recreation Center	6-week
Cartooning Class	Sat.	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	10 & over	\$60/\$70	Recreation Center	6-week
Fashion Camp	Sat.	1:00 - 1:50 pm	4 - 11 yrs.	\$36/\$46	Community Center	4-week
Gym Kids	Thurs.	4:00 - 5:00 pm	7 - 11 yrs.	\$20/\$30	Recreation Center	4-week
Hip Hop / Cheerleading	Sat.	12:00 - 12:55 pm	5 - 11 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Recreation Center	4-week
Imagination Mornings	Wed.	6:00 - 6:45 pm	5 - 11 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Recreation Center	4-week
Imagine Art	Wed.	11:00 - 11:45 am	16 mos. - 3 yrs.	\$10/\$15	Community Center	4-week
Jump Start Your Game	Sat.	12:00 - 12:45 pm	4 - 11 yrs.	\$36/\$46	Community Center	4-week
Kempo Karate	Wed.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	8 - 13 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Recreation Center	4-week
Kidokinetics	Mon. & Wed.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	7 - 18 yrs.	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	4-week
Level 1 Ballet & Tap	Thurs.	9:30 - 10:15 am	2 - 4 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Recreation Center	5-week
Level 1 Ballet & Tap	Sat.	10:00 - 10:45 am	3 - 5 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Community Center	4-week
Level 2 Ballet, Tap & Jazz	Sat.	11:00 - 11:55 am	6 - 10 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Community Center	4-week
Start Smart Sports Development	Thurs.	6:00 - 6:45 pm	3 - 5 yrs.	\$30/\$40	Multi-Purpose Center	6-week
Taekwondo (Beginner)	Tues. & Thurs.	5:00 - 6:00 pm	4 - 12 yrs.	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	4-week
Taekwondo (Advanced)	Tues. & Thurs.	6:00 - 7:00 pm	7 - 12 yrs.	\$70/\$80	Recreation Center	4-week
Teen Club	Thurs.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	12 - 17 yrs.	\$20/\$25	Multi-Purpose Center	Annually
Tennis Lessons	Tues.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	6 - 12 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Sports Complex	4-week
Tumbling	Sat.	11:00 - 11:45 am	3 - 5 yrs.	\$40/\$50	Community Center	4-week
Wing Chun	Mon. & Wed.	7:00 - 8:30 pm	10 & over	\$75/\$85	Recreation Center	4-week

The City of Tamarac offers all of these great activities and more! For more information call Parks and Recreation at (954) 597-3620. On Facebook at: www.facebook.com/TamaracParks.

Visit the Caporella Aquatic Center located at 9300 NW 58 Street. Enjoy its many amenities including a 25 meter swimming pool with zero depth entry and slide, children's water playground, 3,000 sq. ft. fitness room, locker rooms, picnic tables, and more.

CAPORELLA AQUATIC CENTER

**Lap Swimming**  
When: Monday and Wednesdays, 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
**Pool Hours:**  
Weekdays: Pool: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Slide and Sprayground: 2:30 - 6:00 pm  
Saturdays: Pool, Slide, and Sprayground:  
10:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Sunday: Pool, Slide, and Sprayground:  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

For Aquatic Center fees and rental information, please call (954) 597-3660.

**Pro-active Arthritis Water Exercise Class**  
Work on balance and coordination while increasing range of motion, joint flexibility, muscle strength, and cardiovascular fitness without causing strain.  
When: Monday and Wednesday, 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
Senior Program Members: **FREE**  
Non-Senior Program Members: \$2.00 per class

**Swim Lessons**  
Swim Lessons are offered for beginner level swimmers. Swimmers will learn front float, back float, and general arm and leg motions for swimming freestyle and backstroke.

**Parents/Tots (Ages 3 - 5):**  
Monday/Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 pm;  
Tuesday/Thursday, 5:00 - 5:45 pm;  
Saturday, 9:00 - 9:45 am & 10:00 - 10:45 am  
**Tots Only (Ages 3 - 5):**  
Monday/Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 pm;  
Tuesday/Thursday, 5:00 - 5:45 pm & 6:00 - 6:45 pm;  
Saturday, 9:00 - 9:45 am  
**Level 1 (Ages 6 & over):**  
Monday/Wednesday, 5:00 - 5:45 pm;  
Tuesday/Thursday, 5:00 - 5:45 pm & 6:00 - 6:45 pm;  
Saturday, 9:00 - 9:45 am  
**Level 1 (Advanced):**  
Saturday, 10:00 - 10:45 am  
**Level 2 (Intermediate, Ages 6 - 16)**  
Saturday, 10:00 - 10:45 am  
**Adult Level 1 (Ages 17 & over):**  
Tuesday/Thursday, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

**Summer Morning Swim Lessons:**  
(June, July, and August)  
Monday - Thursday, 2 week sessions/8 classes  
9:00 - 9:45 am or 10:00 - 10:45 am  
Residents: \$40.00, Non-residents: \$50.00  
**Fee:**

**Competitive Swim Team**  
Beginners to serious competitors of all ages can join the competitive swim team. Private lessons are also available. Call (954) 597-3660 for more information.  
**Water Aerobics**  
Get a total body workout to improve motor skills, balance, strength, and posture. Moderate to high level of cardio will be achieved.  
When: Monday/Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 pm  
Residents: \$45, Non-residents: \$55  
**Fee:**



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We also have a payment plan option open to all camp registrants! Register your child and check the payment plan option box on the registration form to make payments. Registration packets are available now and can be picked up at the Tamarac Community Center at 8601 W. Commercial Boulevard or the Recreation Center at 7501 University Drive.

2011 SUMMER CAMP FEES:

1<sup>st</sup> Child: Resident: \$530.00 Non-Resident: \$635.00  
Each Additional Child: Resident: \$490.00 Non-Resident: \$585.00

For more information, please call (954) 597-3620.

WELLNESS CENTER

We invite you to visit the Tamarac Wellness Center. We have a variety of free weights, life fitness machines, treadmills, elliptical cross trainers, recumbent lifecycles, stationary bikes and more. The Wellness Center offers a friendly non-competitive workout environment with an awesome view of our competitive pool or community garden. If this is your first visit, our qualified friendly staff will show you around and get you familiar with the equipment. We also have personal training sessions available. Visit the Tamarac Wellness Center today at 9300 NW 58th Street or contact us at (954) 597-3661 or visit our website at www.tamarac.org/parks.

TAMAGRAM

Now that you've read about [just a few] of the great programs and activities Tamarac's Parks and Recreation Department offers... Flip For It and read the City's informative magazine, the Tam-A-Gram!



**MORE ONLINE:** Want to read back issues of the Tam-A-Gram, or share the current issue with a friend? The Current issue of the Tam-A-Gram, along with past issues and other informative City of Tamarac publications are available online, simply scan this QR Code! Links to: www.tamarac.org/publications.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

All services are provided at the Tamarcac Community Center (TCC) unless otherwise noted. Call the information and referral line at (954) 597-3642 for more information on social service programs that may be available in Broward County. For transportation issues, to register for our Transportation Program or to inquire about transit, please call (954) 597-3649. Schedules for the Red and Yellow Transit Routes are available at [www.tamarcac.org](http://www.tamarcac.org) and at City facilities.

### PROGRAMS

**Alzheimer's Association: 6 Part Series**  
Join us for 6 FREE lectures starting April 5, 2011. Topics include: How to Achieve a Healthy Brain; 10 warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease; Positive Living; and many more.  
**When:** Tuesday, April 5, 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 12, 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 19, 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 26, 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 3, 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
Tuesday, May 10, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

**Budgeting Your Money: FREE Lecture!**  
CareSource, Inc., a non-profit social services agency, will hold two free lectures on learning the basics of tracking expenses, credit management, and record keeping... all designed to set you on the right path to financial well-being. Please call (954) 597-3642 for more information.  
**When:** Wednesday, April 13, 2011, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Saturday, April 9, 2011, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

**Caregiver Support Group**  
Are you a full time caregiver for someone over the age of 60? Do you feel stressed out and overwhelmed? Meet others who share similar experiences caring for a loved one. In partnership with the Jewish Family Services. Please call Susan Panzer, at (954) 370-2140, for FREE respite for your loved ones so you can attend this meeting.  
**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, 10:30 am

**Women's Support Group: FREE!**  
Women of all ages are welcome to participate in this support group that touches on a wide range of topics such as relationships, social support, parenting and much more! Sessions are facilitated by Lakshmi Subrahmanian, a licensed mental health counselor. Call (954) 655-7040 for more information. Tamarcac residents only.

## EVENTS SPOTLIGHT:

**Concert on the Green**  
Join us for the sounds of Shadow Creek Country & Western band. Event is FREE; food and beverages available for purchase. **Where:** Colony West Country Club  
6800 North Pine Island Road  
When: Friday May 13, 7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Fee: FREE!

**Senior Lunch with Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross**  
Enjoy an all American Lunch with special hosts Uncle Sam and Betsy Ross. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings will be served while enjoying music and dancing. Get your tickets in advance at the Tamarcac Community Center (space limited to the first 200 seniors).  
**Where:** Tamarcac Community Center  
When: Thursday, June 30, 12:00 pm  
Fee: \$5.00 per person

### SERVICES/ GROUPS

**Alzheimer's Support Group**  
**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am  
**Bereavement Support Group**  
**When:** Every Monday, 10:00 - 11:30 am  
**Eye Screenings — FREE!**  
Please call (954) 597-3642 to schedule an appointment.

**Free 911 Cell Phones for Seniors**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 9:00 am. Call (954) 597-3642 to set up an appointment. Donations of cell phones are accepted.  
**Free Eyeglass Repair Program**  
**When:** Every Tuesday, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Free Individual Senior Counseling:** Contact Sharon Roseman, LCSW at (954) 895-6031 for an appointment. Residents only.

**Hearing Screenings**  
**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 9:00 - 10:45 am  
(Not available June, July, August, and September)  
**Mammovan**  
Mobile Mammography Screening provided by North Broward Hospital District. Most insurance is accepted. If insurance is unavailable, there will be a \$75 fee to cover the cost. A referral is recommended. No HMO taken. Call (954) 597-3642 to schedule your appointment.

**Meals on Wheels: Lunch**  
Served at 11:30 am for seniors 60 and older. Suggested donation is \$2. Provided by Broward Meals on Wheels. Must reserve a meal no later than noon the day prior by calling Patrick Massaquoi at (954) 724-2544 between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm.  
**Osteoporosis Screenings**  
Call 1-800-257-0944 to schedule an appointment.

**Project SAFE**  
**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, 9:30 - 11:00 am  
**Senior Coping Skills Group**  
**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
**Senior Social**  
Join us for bagels and coffee and an educational lecture.  
**When:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10:00 am

**SHINE Counselor**  
Serving Health Insurance Needs for the Elderly. Questions regarding your Medicare, Medicaid Insurance? Call the Area Agency on Aging and Disability Resource Center to speak to a SHINE counselor. (954) 745-9779.  
**Veterans Advisor**  
**When:** Every Friday, 8:00 - 11:00 am. No appointment necessary. (Not available July, August, and September)

## ADULT ACTIVITIES

Activity	Day	Time	Ages	Resident/ Non-Resident Fee		Location	Session
				Resident	Non-Resident		
Badminton	Mon. & Wed.	6:00 - 9:00 pm	13 & over	\$3/\$5		Community Center	Per Class
Ballroom Dance	Sat.	5:00 - 9:00 pm					
	Wed.	7:30 - 8:30 pm	18 & over	\$50/\$60		Community Center	6-week
Co-ed Volleyball	Mon. & Thurs.	7:00 - 8:45 pm					
	Sat.	1:30 - 4:00 pm	16 & over	\$80/\$100		Multi-Purpose Center	Membership
Clay Workshop	Mon. & Wed.	5:30 - 8:30 pm	18 & over	\$55/\$65		Community Center	8-week
Fitness Boot Camp	Tues.	6:30 - 7:30 pm	18 & over	\$7/\$8		Recreation Center	Per Class
Line Dancing (Beginner)	Thurs.	6:00 - 8:00 pm	18 & over	\$7/\$8		Community Center	Per Class
Line Dancing (Intermediate)	Tues.	7:15 - 8:45 pm	18 & over	\$5/\$6		Community Center	Per Class
Line Dancing (Advanced)	Thurs.	8:00 - 9:30 pm	18 & over	\$7/\$8		Community Center	Per Class
Middle Eastern Dance	Tues.	7:00 - 8:30 pm	18 & over	\$45/\$55		Community Center	4-week
Mixed Art	Wed.	9:30 - 11:30 am	18 & over	\$40/\$50		Recreation Center	8-week
Pilates & Yogalates	Sat.	9:30 - 10:30 am	16 & over	\$20/\$30		Recreation Center	4-week
Salsa & Ballroom Dance	Tues.	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	18 & over	\$35/\$45		Recreation Center	4-week
Table Tennis	Sat.	2:00 - 9:00 pm	18 & over	\$1/\$2		Community Center	Per Class
Taekwondo	Tues. & Thurs.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	13 & over	\$70/\$80		Recreation Center	4-week
Tennis Lessons	Sat.	9:00 - 10:00 am	13 & over	\$40/\$50		Sports Complex	4-week
Zumba	Mon.	7:00 - 8:00 pm		\$20/\$30		Recreation Center	
	Wed.	9:30 - 10:30 am		\$20/\$30		Recreation Center	
	Wed. or Fri.	7:00 - 8:00 pm	13 & over	\$25/\$35		Community Center	4-week
<b>FITNESS SCHEDULE</b>							
Body Sculpting	Thurs. & Fri.	6:00 - 7:00 pm					
Boot Camp	Wed.	7:00 - 8:00 pm					
H/ILow Impact Aerobics	Tues.	6:00 - 7:00 pm					
Kickboxing	Mon. & Thurs.	6:00 - 7:00 pm					
Pilates	Mon.	7:00 - 8:00 pm					
Strength Training Aerobics	Wed.	6:00 - 7:00 pm					
Yoga	Mon.	5:30 - 6:30 pm					
	Thurs.	7:00 - 8:00 pm					
	Sat.	9:00 - 10:00 am					

**Where:** Tamarcac Community Center  
**Fee:** Residents: \$5, Non-residents: \$6 per class  
Residents: \$45, Non-residents: \$54 for 10 classes  
Residents: \$132.50, Non-residents: \$198.75 for annual membership

**NATURE.. It Starts in Parks!** Whether it's feeling the sun on your face, learning how things grow or enjoying the awe-inspiring beauty of a summer's day, nature's innovation sustains us from the inside out. Spending time outside reminds us of our unique place in the world. A connection to nature...

**It Starts in Parks**

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

**Calling all Seniors!** Want to live a more vibrant life, form new friendships, feel a sense of achievement, and get in heart healthy shape? Be part of the fun and become a member of the award winning Tamarac Community Center Senior Program!

With over 50 different activities, programs and services per week, there is truly something for everyone. The Senior Program has over 1200 members who participate in activities such as Jazzercise, clay workshops, painting, line dancing, scrabble, volleyball, chair yoga, and much, much more. Where else can you enjoy all these activities all for \$25 a year!

The Senior Program is available to seniors ages 55 and up from Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. For more information and to check out our program listing, please visit the Community Center (8601 W. Commercial Blvd.), or call (954) 597-3620, or visit us on the web at [www.tamarac.org/parks](http://www.tamarac.org/parks). You can also get updates on Tamarac's Senior Program through **Twitter** ([www.twitter.com/CityofTamarac](http://www.twitter.com/CityofTamarac)) and **Facebook** ([www.facebook.com/TamaracParks](http://www.facebook.com/TamaracParks)).

**Below is a partial list of the classes Tamarac's Senior Program has to offer. Call (954) 597-3620 for more information...**

### CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Arts & Crafts  
Badminton  
Battle of Sexes Trivia  
Bingo  
Body Basics  
Card Playing  
Chair Yoga  
Coed Basketball  
Computer Class  
Creative Writing  
Happy Hookers Club  
Healthy Heart Exercise  
Jazzercise  
Jewelry Making  
Line Dancing  
Mah Jong  
Meditation  
Scrabble  
Stretch & Tone  
Tai Chi  
Volleyball  
Walking Club  
Water Exercise Class  
Yoga  
Yogalites  
Zumba

## ADULT TRIPS

Register for all trips at the Tamarac Community Center located at 8601 W. Commercial Boulevard from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. All bus trips will leave from this location. For information about any of our trips, call (954) 597-3620. Trips are subject to cancellation. No refunds one month prior to trip date (no exceptions).

### Broward Center for Performing Arts - "Wicked"

**When:** Thursday, April 7  
**Fee:** Residents: \$65, Non-Residents: \$75  
(Bus leaves at 4:00 pm / returns at 11:00 pm)

### Parker Playhouse - "Annie" & Paradiso Italian Restaurant

**When:** Thursday, April 28  
**Fee:** Residents: \$60, Non-Residents: \$70  
(Bus leaves at 4:00 pm / returns at 10:00 pm)

### The Florida Grand Opera Experience

**When:** Thursday, May 12  
**Fee:** Residents: \$55, Non-Residents: \$65  
(Bus leaves at 4:00 pm / returns at 11:00 pm)

### Dinner and a Movie

**When:** Thursday, May 26  
**Fee:** Residents: \$20, Non-Residents: \$30  
(Bus leaves at 4:00 pm / returns at 11:00 pm)

### Broward Stage Door - "The Music Man"

**When:** Thursday, June 2  
**Fee:** Residents: \$55, Non-Residents: \$65  
(Bus leaves at 5:00 pm / returns at 10:00 pm)

### Broward Center for Performing Arts - "HAIR"

**When:** Thursday, June 16  
**Fee:** Residents: \$65, Non-Residents: \$75  
(Bus leaves at 4:00 pm / returns at 10:00 pm)

# SENIOR DANCE

Do you love to dance or socialize? Then join us every Thursday for our senior dances from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Tamarac Community Center. Come listen to the most popular ballroom dance songs and dance with some of south Florida's best senior dancers. Dance styles such as Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Latin America, and the most popular line dances are played. Coffee and snacks are also provided for those who attend. There is no fee if you are a community center member, \$1 fee if you're not. So put on your dancing shoes every Thursday and come out and dance.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Community Garage Sale

**When:** Saturday, April 2, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm  
**Where:** Tamarac Community Center  
**Fee:** \$20.00 per vendor space

### Peter Cottontail's Wet & Wild Egg Hunt

Children ages 2 – 5 years old will enjoy an egg hunt, music, games, candy, prizes, pictures with Peter Cottontail and much more! Don't forget your bathing suit! Pre-registration is required; call (954) 597-3674.

### Sunset Point Park

11000 W. McNab Road  
8601 W. Commercial Boulevard  
Tamarac Community Center (TCG)

### Tamarac Multi-Purpose Center

7531 N. University Drive  
Tamarac Park / Recreation Center

### Tamarac Sports Complex

9901 N.W. 77 Street  
Tepford Park

### Veterans Memorial Park

10003 Southgate Boulevard  
7825 Southgate Boulevard

For more information about Tamarac's Parks and Recreation and the programs and services we offer call (954) 597-3620. For a detailed map of our parks and facility locations, visit us online at [www.tamarac.org/locations](http://www.tamarac.org/locations).

## TAMARAC ATHLETICS

The following sports leagues are offered in the City of Tamarac. Please contact the sports league at the phone number provided for more information.

### Youth Sports Leagues

**Phone Number**  
Flag Football (954) 721-5131  
Girls Softball (954) 881-7003  
([www.tamaracgirlssoftball.com](http://www.tamaracgirlssoftball.com))  
Little League (954) 720-0301  
([www.tamaraclittleleague.com](http://www.tamaraclittleleague.com))

T-Ball/Coach Pitch (954) 720-0301  
Youth Basketball (954) 597-3620  
Youth Football/Cheerleading (954) 721-5131  
Youth Soccer (954) 804-5022  
([www.tamaracsoccer.com](http://www.tamaracsoccer.com))

### Adult Leagues

**Phone Number**  
Coed Softball (954) 720-7103  
Men's Basketball (954) 533-5538  
Men's Basketball League (Over 30) (954) 720-7103  
Men's Soccer (954) 553-0272

### Memorial Day Ceremony

The City of Tamarac Veterans Affairs Committee and Tamarac Mayor and City Commission invite you to join us in remembering our Veterans as the City pays tribute to all those men and women who have served their country.  
**When:** Monday, May 30, 10:30 am  
**Where:** Veterans Memorial Park  
(Corner of Southgate Blvd. & University Dr.)

### Father's Day Fishing Tournament

Grab your fishing poles and bait and enjoy a day of fishing with your family. Price includes a gift for dad and a grilled lunch. Fishing starts promptly at 9:00 am.  
**When:** Saturday, June 18, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm  
**Where:** Caporella Park

### Twilight Concert in the Park

Join us for a FREE evening under the stars as the **Now and Then Band** performs the latest and greatest hits.  
**When:** Friday, April 15, 7:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Where:** Tamarac Sports Complex

### Springfest

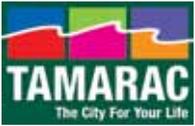
This exciting FREE event features face painting, bounce houses, games, and an egg hunt for ages 10 & under. Egg hunt starts promptly at 10:00 am.  
**When:** Saturday, April 23, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Where:** Tamarac Sports Complex

### Mother's Day Dance

Enjoy a special evening of dinner, dancing, games, and a special gift for all mothers.  
**When:** Saturday, May 7, 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
**Where:** Tamarac Community Center

### Get Healthy, Go Green Expo

Join this FREE event and discover new green products, tips for creating less waste, and how to live a healthier lifestyle. The Expo will include health screenings, fitness demonstrations, "green" vendors, a Farmers Market, and much more! Want to be a vendor? Call (954) 597-3642 for more information.  
**When:** Saturday, May 21, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Where:** Tamarac Community Center



**City of Tamarac**  
 7525 N.W. 88th Avenue  
 Tamarac, Florida 33321-2401

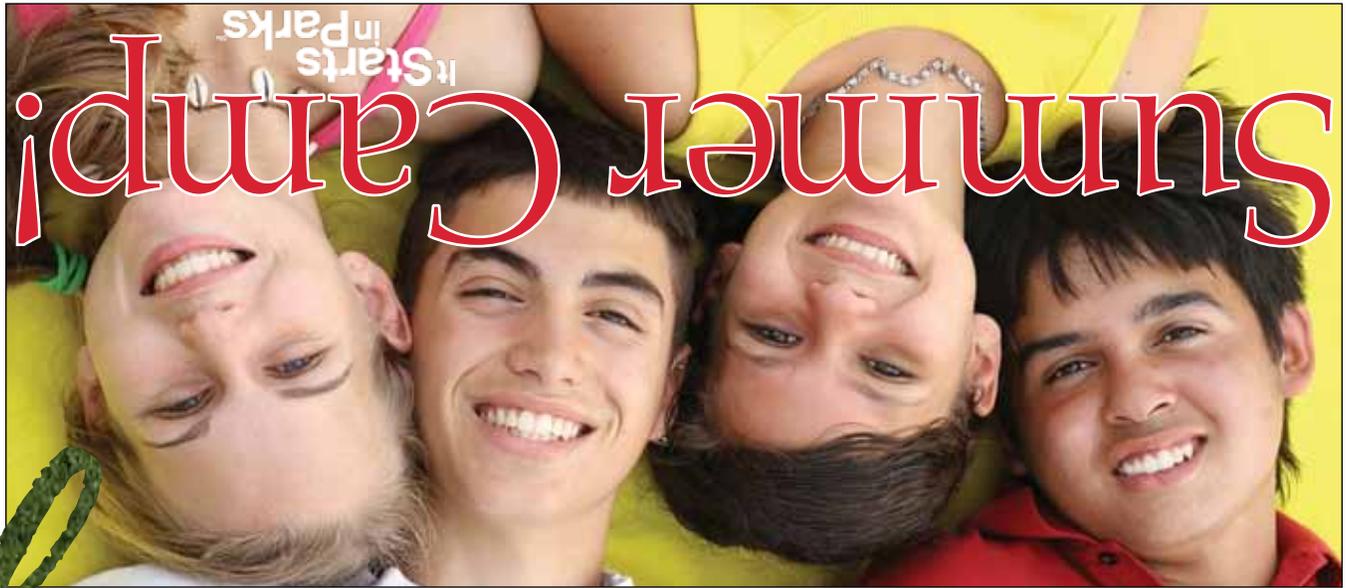
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Camp Tamarac will be a supervised adventure for all campers ages 5 to 12 years old. Offering cooking classes, fitness classes, sports skills, arts and crafts classes and weekly field trips along with swim trips to the Caporella Aquatic Center, Camp Tamarac is sure to be a place no camper will want to leave at the end of the summer! This year the camp will also offer a lunch option for its campers at an additional daily or

groups can utilize for games, projects and more. two other large multipurpose rooms that the Tamarac camp center is located at 7501 N. University Drive which includes an instructional kitchen, fitness/dance room, computer lab, game room, arts and craft room with a kiln, plus 2011 Summer Camp Tamarac program. The Recreation Center will be home to the 2011 Summer Camp Tamarac program. The Rec-



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