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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MAIN NUMBER ................................................. (954) 597-3500
ADA Coordinator/Accessibility ....................... (954) 597-3600
Voice ...................................................... 1 (800) 955-8770
TTY ......................................................... 1 (800) 955-8771
Citizen Hotline ...................................................... (954) 718-1800
(Activated During Emergencies)
Building Services................................................. (954) 597-3420
Building Inspections, Building Permitting and Inspection Results
City Clerk’s Office ............................................... (954) 597-3505
City Manager’s Office......................................... (954) 597-3510
PIO (Media) .................................................... (954) 597-3523
Community Development .................................... (954) 597-3530
Code Enforcement ............................................. (954) 597-3425
Business Revenue ............................................. (954) 597-3537
Financial Services............................................. (954) 597-3550
Purchasing......................................................... (954) 597-3570
Customer Service ............................................. (954) 597-3590
Fire Rescue (Non-Emergency)............................. (954) 597-3800
Human Resources .............................................. (954) 597-3600
Job Line ......................................................... (954) 597-3615
Risk Management ............................................. (954) 597-3613
Mayor and Commission................................. (954) 597-3460
Parks & Recreation............................................. (954) 597-3620
Community Center .......................................... (954) 597-3620
Caporella Aquatic Complex ......................... (954) 597-3660
Caporella Fitness Center ............................... (954) 597-3661
Social Services ............................................ (954) 597-3642
Transit/Shuttle Bus ......................................... (954) 597-3649
Police/BSO Tamarac District (General) ......... (954) 720-2225
(Non-Emergency) ........................................... (954) 764-4357
Public Services .............................................. (954) 597-3700
Engineerings.................................................... (954) 597-3712
Recycling & Trash Hotline ......................... (954) 597-3740
Utilities (Water)............................................... (954) 597-3750
Billing Inquiries .............................................. (954) 597-3590
Utilities (Leaks, Breaks, etc.)...................... (954) 597-3750
Water Treatment Plant ................................. (954) 597-3775
(Also used for after-hours utilities emergencies.)

SERVICE PROVIDERS:

Florida Power & Light............................................. (954) 797-5000
Waste Management ........................................... (866) 684-3142
Comcast Cable ................................................. (954) 252-1937
Library (Tamarac Branch) ............................... (954) 765-1500
Post Office (Tamarac Branch) ....................... (954) 722-3152
Tamarac Together

These are unprecedented times. The Coronavirus and its ripple effects have impacted almost every aspect of every day. From the indiscriminate loss of life and widespread fear to the devastating effects on businesses and their employees, the toll has reached far and wide. There are some things that your City simply can’t impact, but there are many things we can – and we have.

While this pandemic is unlike any we’ve ever seen, we are experienced in emergency response. Much like the plan in place for hurricanes, Tamarac geared up our emergency plan for operations during this crisis. The goal was clear: to keep our residents and employees as safe as possible, while continuing to provide much needed City services.

We moved forward in phases, taking carefully measured actions based on what was best for the community. We ensured that Tamarac’s first responders had the personal protection equipment they needed. And we closed facilities to the public to limit the spread of the virus, while keeping operations running through a mix of employees working both onsite and remotely.

Once that was in motion, we found ways to help with immediate needs. We put a moratorium in place on water service disconnects, to allow residents and businesses an opportunity to delay payments for a few months. The City deployed grant money to allow us to feed an additional 50 seniors. We worked with Feeding South Florida and several religious organizations to help those in the general population with food emergencies. And we opened a program to assist qualified residents with money to pay up to three months of mortgage, rent or utility bills.

While parks and recreation facilities remained closed, staff developed a wide array of online classes to help you stay fit both physically and mentally. You’ll find details elsewhere in Tam-A-Gram. Also in this issue is a detachable Resource Guide, offering a comprehensive list of agencies and contact information should you need support during this time. You can also find the information on the City’s website at www.Tamarac.org/CoronavirusResources.

It’s been tough and, realistically, it will probably get worse before it gets better. Rest assured that your City is on top of it. We’ll make the difficult decisions that will move us forward, with as little negative impact as possible. In time, life will get back to normal; although it will probably be a new normal.

For now, stay safe and stay home, and we’ll get through this Tamarac, together.

Michelle J. Gomez, Mayor
Marlon D. Bolton, Vice Mayor, District 1
Mike Gelin, Commissioner District 2
Julie Fishman, Commissioner District 3
Debra Placko, Commissioner District 4
Not so long ago, before social distancing became a thing, we came together to celebrate our multicultural community at the One Tamarac festival. An estimated 2,500 people joined us for performances that we won’t soon forget by the legendary Sugar Hill Gang, The Latin Ensemble and a number of local groups representing a variety of cultures.

Know that when the time is right, we will come together once again to celebrate our unity as a community.
Hurricane Preparation

With the 2020 hurricane season just around the corner and the ongoing effects of the pandemic, it’s more important than ever to prepare now.

The City of Tamarac is not in a mandatory evacuation zone. However, you should consider your individual circumstances when determining whether to stay home or evacuate. If you do leave your home, it’s better to stay with family or friends than to go to a shelter, if possible. Reviewing your insurance policies, having an up-to-date list of needed medications, establishing who will install your hurricane shutters and preparing your house should all be part of your plan. Don’t forget about your pets, whether that means getting supplies or finding safe pet lodging if you evacuate.

When a storm threatens South Florida, make sure to fill your vehicles with gas, have fuel for your generator and cash in your possession. Remember, gas pumps and ATMs don’t work during a power outage.

Stay Connected:
The best way for the City to communicate with its residents during a hurricane is through CodeRED emergency notifications. It’s FREE and easy. Visit www.Tamarac.org and click the red Emergency Services button on the home page, or text TamaracCodeRED to 99411. You can opt to receive phone calls, email and/or text notifications when we have critical information to share.

Keeping Up Appearances

When it comes to our City’s homes and businesses, appearance counts. We thank our 4th Quarter 2019 Neighborhood Beautification Recognition Award winners for doing their part to make Tamarac shine.

Residential Property Winners

DISTRICT 1
Thuan Cao Do and Mai Q. Mennillo
4811 NW 58th St.

DISTRICT 2
Jacqueline and Daniel H. Murillo
5732 S. Bayberry Ln.

DISTRICT 3
Phyllis Albert
8013 NW 108th Ave.

DISTRICT 4
Gary and Linda Silvers
7009 NW 81st St.

Commercial Property Winner

CITYWIDE
Pollo Tropical
8851 W. Commercial Blvd.

Any Tamarac property owner can nominate a home or business for these awards. Forms are available at www.Tamarac.org/Neighborhood Beautification Program.
The 2020 Census – It’s Your Turn to Respond

Health care workers and first responders have been our heroes on the front line of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, it’s your turn to help them help our community by responding to the 2020 Census.

Census data is used to plan funding for hospitals, clinics and emergency services. Your participation helps ensure our community gets its fair share.

An undercount in the 2010 Census cost Broward County almost $211 million over the past decade. That means money that could’ve served our community went somewhere else. Let’s not let that happen again!

If you haven’t completed your questionnaire, there’s still time to do so and no reason to delay. Responding is fast and easy and can be done online, by phone or mail.

Remember, it doesn’t matter if you’re a citizen or not, or if you own or rent your home. Everyone counts in Tamarac, and it’s important that you and everyone in your household, including young children, are counted.

For more information, visit www.2020Census.gov.

Proactive Policing

BSO Tamarac introduced a new policing structure to strengthen bonds with the community and deepen its understanding of the needs of those it serves.

Here’s how it works. BSO has nine geographic patrol zones in Tamarac and a team is assigned to each one. These teams consist of four deputies and a sergeant, detective and crime analyst. Instead of rotating in different areas of the City, team members work almost exclusively in their zone. This focus allows them to better connect with and understand residents and businesses.

“I believe this community-oriented approach will improve response times and enhance our ability to identify and respond to crime trends,” said BSO Tamarac District Captain Jeff Cirminiello. “Zone policing also leads to more cooperation and trust between deputies and members of the community as they get to know each other.”

As an example, when the Central Parc community experienced an increase in car break-ins, BSO deputies assigned to the area worked with information provided by residents to investigate, identify and ultimately apprehend the group of youths committing these crimes.

Zone team deputies have already met with numerous residents and business owners who have shared their issues and concerns. This helps BSO Tamarac address their issues or, when more appropriate, guide them to the proper resource. If you have problems that you would like to address with your BSO Tamarac zone deputies, call (954) 720-2225 to connect with them.
Proclamations

When the Commission celebrated Black History Month in February, they recognized the following individuals for their contributions.

The late W. GEORGE ALLEN was the first Black student to earn a law degree from the University of Florida. As a prominent civil rights attorney, he helped to integrate public schools, beach access and parks in Broward County.

KIMM R. CAMPBELL, LCSW is the Assistant to the Broward County Administrator and President and CEO of Transitions Consulting Group, Inc. She also established the Broward County Office of Equity and Community Investment and spearheaded a comprehensive Dismantling Racism Initiative.

ANDREA C. KNOWLES, MPA was the first African American to serve as the Executive Director of the Broward Legislative Delegation and Broward Days, Inc. Andrea serves as the Vice Chair of Victory Living Programs, which helps people with developmental challenges learn to live independently, and is a member of the United Way of Broward County Public Policy Advisory Committee.

DR. SONJA KERR opened her Tamarac-based, no-appointment-needed Family Medical Inc. in 2003. She was inspired by her mother, a New York City emergency room nurse, to pursue a career in medicine.

JULIET M. ROULHAC, ESQ. is the Florida Power & Light (FPL) Director for Corporate Affairs for Broward and West Florida. She serves as the Chair of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance and mentors Nova High School students as a part of the Women of Tomorrow program.

GERALD A. STREETE is the Treasurer of the Kings Point African American Cultural and Social Club and the membership chair of the Kings Point Democratic Club. He writes the monthly Kings Point newsletter, “The Kings Point Democratic Voice.”
The last six months have brought many changes for Tamarac-based University Hospital and Medical Center (UHMC). In addition to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, they’ve welcomed a new chief executive officer and purchased advanced robotic surgical technology.

CEO Ben Harris came onboard late last year. In addition to nearly 20 years in the healthcare industry, his background includes a unique personal experience with an infectious disease. Ben was hospitalized for six months while battling West Nile virus in 2017. His gratitude for the quality care he received fuels his desire to provide excellent care to every patient, every time.

That’s what UHMC has strived to do during the pandemic, caring for more than 40 COVID-19 patients.

As part of HCA Healthcare, one of the largest healthcare systems in the nation, UHMC was able to provide pandemic pay and all the personal protective equipment needed for staff.

Before the pandemic, the hospital had the opportunity to make two significant investments in technology. It acquired its second da Vinci surgical system, used in a wide variety of surgeries, and a MAKO minimally invasive robotic joint replacement system. Surgeons use these systems to perform less invasive procedures with greater precision. Patient benefits can include less pain and a faster recovery.

City Commission Meetings

Tamarac will host virtual City Commission meetings to promote social distancing until concerns about the spread of the Coronavirus have passed. Meetings are streamed live at www.Tamarac.org/CityCommissionMeetings and on Facebook Live (City of Tamarac Facebook page).

**Commission Meetings:**
- May 27th, 9:30 am
- June 10th, 7 pm
- June 24th, 9:30 am

**Commission Workshops:**
- May 26th, 9:30 am
- June 8th, 9:30 am
- June 22nd, 9:30 am

The public is welcome to participate in virtual meetings. You can submit public comments by:

- Emailing CityClerk@Tamarac.org. Comments that take three minutes or less to read orally will be read into the record. All comments submitted by email will become part of the public record.
- Submitting comments online during the meeting through Facebook Live.
- Signing up to comment via telephone by registering online at www.Tamarac.org/SignUp. You’ll be contacted by phone at the appropriate time during the meeting to give your comments.

Meeting times are subject to change. To confirm, visit www.Tamarac.org or call the City Clerk’s office at (954) 597-3505. Contact the Clerk’s office if you have questions about how to submit a public comment for virtual meetings.

The Best Just Got Better

Tamarac Fire Rescue (TFR) is good - and they’re nationally recognized for it. But for them, good wasn’t good enough. Despite holding the prestigious ISO Class 1 rating for fire protection services since 2015, a rating that less than 1% of the fire departments in the country have, TFR staff knew they could do better.

The goal: the most distinguished accreditation for their industry, established by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI).

This recognizes fire departments for utilizing best practices and self-accountability when providing residents and businesses with industry-leading fire protection and medical services. It’s measured by honing in on 253 indictors in 10 performance categories: governance and administration, assessment and planning, goals and objectives, financial resources, programs, physical resources, human resources, training and competency, essential resources, and external systems relationships.

The accreditation process is long and arduous and includes conducting a community survey, extensive self-assessments and reporting, thorough document reviews and onsite assessments by CFAI.

“It took five years, but the entire team came together to earn this accreditation,” said Division Chief Jonathan Frasher. “It verifies and validates everything we do for the community.”

Only 84 of more than 30,000 fire departments in the United States and Canada have the CFAI accreditation and an ISO Class 1 rating.
CORONAVIRUS RESOURCE GUIDE

This guide provides resources you may need as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, one of the greatest challenges of our lifetime. Tear it out to keep as a handy reference. Please note, some hyperlinks are case sensitive.

LOCAL RESOURCES

CITY OF TAMARAC

Citizen Hotline: (954) 718-1800
Social Services: (954) 597-3626
Coronavirus Updates: http://www.tamarac.org/Coronavirus

BROWARD COUNTY

Coronavirus Hotline: (954) 357-9500
24-hour helpline for crisis, health and human services support: http://www.211-broward.org/, 211
Coronavirus Information: http://www.broward.org/Coronavirus

FLORIDA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE

(850) 717-9337

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

http://www.floridahealth.gov/
COVID-19 Call Center: (866) 779-6121

RESOURCES FOR SENIORS

Aging & Disability Resource Center: http://www.adrcbroward.org/
(954) 745-9779
HelpLine@ADRCbroward.org

South Florida Institute on Aging (SoFIA): http://www.thesofia.org/
(954) 484-7117

Florida Department of Elder Affairs: http://elderaffairs.state.fl.us/
(800) 963-5337

This information is subject to change.
PERSONAL FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

REEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE
Florida Department of Economic Opportunity: Reemployment Application: http://www.floridajobs.org/RAApplication

- Information: http://www.floridajobs.org/ (800) 204-2418

CareerSource Broward: http://www.careersourcebroward.com/ (954) 677-5555

BILL DEFERMENT

Deadline to file and pay taxes extended to July 15

Suspended service disconnects, assistance for those experiencing COVID-19 hardships (888) 988-8249

Not charging disconnects or late fees for those who contact them because they can’t pay during this period
800-COMCAST (266-2278)

Waiving late fees incurred between March 13th – June 30th due to economic hardships related to Coronavirus for postpaid wireless, home phone or broadband residential, U-verse TV or DIRECTV customers
(800) 288-2020

Florida Pre-Paid: http://www.myfloridaprepaid.com/
Payments deferred until July
(800) 552-4723

TAX STIMULUS CHECKS
Economic Impact Payments/Stimulus Checks: http://www.irs.gov/Coronavirus

AVOIDING SCAMS
BBB tips on Avoiding COVID-19 Scams: http://www.bbb.org/Coronavirus (561) 842-1918

CDC’s Tips on Avoiding Phone Scams and Phishing Attacks: https://bit.ly/COVIDphishing (800) 232-4636

This information is subject to change.
U.S. Small Business Administration: https://www.sba.gov/answerdesk@sba.gov


Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at FAU: https://bit.ly/SBDCcovid19 (954) 762-5235

Florida State Minority Supplier Development Council: https://fsmsdc.org/about-us/


Florida Department of Economic Opportunity: http://www.floridajobs.org/ (877) 846-8770

Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program: https://floridadisasterloan.org/


Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance / COVID-19 Resource Center: http://www.gflalliance.org/COVID-19


CareerSource Broward / COVID-19 Employer Resources and Updates: https://careersourcebroward.com/coronavirus (954) 677-5555

Tamarac North Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce: https://www.tnlcoc.org/ (954) 722-1520

Tamarac Economic Development Office: Contact Lori.Funderwhite@tamarac.org (954) 597-3513


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FOOD RESOURCES

Aging and Disability Resource Center:
http://www.adrcbroward.org/
(954) 745-9779

Feeding South Florida:
http://www.feedingsouthflorida.org/
(954) 518-1818

Farm Share: https://farmshare.org/

Meals on Wheels South Florida:
http://www.mowsoflo.org/
(954) 731-8770

Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutritional Services:
https://www.browardschools.com/food-service
(754) 321-0215

Summer BreakSpot:

Together4Broward:
http://www.together4broward.org/

MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION RESOURCES

Broward Addiction Recovery Center (BARC):
https://www.broward.org/AddictionRecovery
(954) 357-4880

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration:
http://www.samhsa.gov/
(800) 622-HELP

Florida Department of Children and Families:
http://www.myflfamilies.com/
24/7 Abuse Hotline: (800) 962-2873

Florida Initiative for Suicide Prevention:
http://www.fisponline.org/
(954) 384-0344

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/
24/7 Hotline: (800) 273-8255

CORONAVIRUS HEALTH INFORMATION

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
https://www.cdc.gov/
(800) 232-4636

CDC: Coronavirus Updates:
https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus

CDC: Use of Cloth Face Coverings:

This information is subject to change.
BEAT THE BOREDOM WITH ONLINE CLASSES

With today’s technology, social distancing doesn’t have to be dull. Tamarac is offering a variety of FREE online classes that will help you beat the boredom, and engage your mind and body, while you’re staying safely at home.

The City will continue seeking new ways to meet your social, fitness and recreational needs until life fully returns to normal. Visit www.Tamarac.org/Parks or call (954) 597-3620 for information on new programs. At the time of this writing, the City has started opening parks for passive use. Watch for additional announcements about the reopening of parks and facilities and the resumption of special events.

ADULT EXERCISE CLASSES

Sundays, 10 am, Cardio kickboxing
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 436 712 309. Password: 272144

Mondays, 9 am, Tai-Chi/Qigong
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 609 683 270. Password: 027453

Mondays, 12:30 pm, Stretch & Strong
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 900 273 338

Mondays, 5:30 pm, Strength & Stretch

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 10 am, Jazzercise
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 578 683 3689. Password: funjazz

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11 am, Sit & Fit
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 856 460 9893. Password: SharShar1

Tuesdays, 11:30 am, Mat Yoga & Meditation
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 856 460 9893, Password: SharShar1

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:30 am, Zumba
Visit https://bit.ly/2yAILAm

Wednesdays, 1 pm, Absolute Beginners Line Dancing Class
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 369 304 2370, Password: 568767

Thursdays, 11:30 am, Chair Yoga & Meditation
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 856 460 9893, Password: SharShar1

Thursdays, 6 pm, Booty Barre

Fridays, 12:15 pm, Mat Yoga
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 856 460 9893

Fridays, 8:30 am, Tai-Chi/Qigong
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 609 683 270. Password: 027453

Saturdays, 9 am, Yogalates

Saturdays, 10:30 am, Zumba

KIDS CLASSES

Wednesdays, 4 pm, Zumba Kids Class

ADULT CREATIVE CLASSES

Tuesdays, 10 am, Creative Writing
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 590 658 2607

Thursdays, 4 pm, Drawing Experience
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 437 336 507, Password: 5BXyu5

Fridays, 3 pm, Spanish
Visit www.Zoom.us
Meeting ID:780 5629 8172, Password: 0X097U

Class offerings, schedules and log-on instructions are subject to change. Visit www.Tamarac.org/Parks for the latest class information, or call Tamarac Parks and Recreation at (954) 597-3620 during normal business hours.
Sign up for CodeRED notifications so you’re in the know during critical situations and emergencies like the Coronavirus pandemic, hurricanes and more. It’s easy!

- Visit www.Tamarac.org and click the Emergency Services button.
- Text TamaracCodeRED to 99411
- Call (954) 597-3800 if you need assistance setting up your account.

You can opt to receive phone calls, emails and/or text notifications when we have important information to share.