



## District 3 Digest

An E-Newsletter from  
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## District 3 News & Information

Hello JULIE,

I cannot believe it's December already!

2019 has been a great year for me and the City with so many things accomplished. Below is a look at some accomplishments for 2019:



- **Education**

- Creation of Education Stakeholders Group (community members)
- Cities Supporting Our Schools (elected officials from 7 cities)
- Tamarac Elementary's outside makeover
- Participated in Broward Reads for the Record
- Dr. Seuss' Birthday Event

- **Community Needs**

- Passage of Super Senior Tax Exemption for seniors who make less than \$25,000 per year and have been residents of the city for 25 years or more
- Hosted event with the Broward County Property Appraisers Office on tax exemptions for residents
- Hosted Sealing and Expungement One Stop Shop in partnership with the Broward Clerk of the Courts and Broward State Attorneys Office
- Passage of an ordinance allowing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries
- Passage of the Human Trafficking Awareness Sign ordinance & the training of city personnel on the signs of trafficking
- Planning of the first Youth Human Trafficking Summit hosted by the City of Tamarac for January 2020
- Buffer Wall project along McNab

I am looking forward to another productive year in 2020!

## National League of Cities City Summit



November saw the Tamarac City Commission in San Antonio for the National League of Cities City Summit. This was a week full of great breakout sessions on a variety of topics. The majority of my time was spent on what our city can do to create resiliency and sustainability and in

breakouts dealing with race and equity.

In the breakout sessions on resiliency and sustainability there was discussion on getting past the debate on why our climate is changing and getting to what we can do to prepare for the changes and help mitigate the damage to cities. During the 2019 Strategic Planning Sessions, I asked our city to compile the existing resiliency plans within departments and work on creating a comprehensive plan. This will allow our city to plan for future sea level rise (yes, even as far west as Tamarac is!), damaging weather events and mitigate our carbon footprint. This is a work in progress and will require thoughtful planning.

I also learned that 2020 is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! I will be asking the Commission to celebrate in a big way in April. Stay tuned for more details as they become available!

As a member of the Race, Equity and Leadership Council (REAL Council), I attended several breakouts on this topic, which included discussions on how to look at systemic issues when hiring to ensure equitable hiring practices. I was very happy to learn that Tamarac is doing things right, in that regard!

When talking about equity, most people tend to think about race, however our Council works on equity in a broader sense and includes race, gender and sexual orientation among our equity work. The REAL Council also met with a number of Chief Equity Officers from across the US to discuss how to ensure that they have what they need to do their jobs no matter who is in office.

[Check out my website](#) for more on the Summit.

## Upcoming Events

December brings a number of festive special events to the City so I am providing a link to those events for you to visit! [Click here](#) to visit the Special Events page.

I couldn't let December go by without saying thank you for your interest in our City and for your support throughout the year. I wish you a very Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

**Julie**

Don't forget to check out my website on a regular basis, especially the bills that I am tracking in the Florida Legislature and the position papers from the Florida League of Cities on proposed bills that will have an impact on Tamarac and it's residents! [Click here.](#)



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