



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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# YOUR CITY COUNCIL





## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

As quickly as it arrived, January has come and gone. We began our Sesquicentennial year with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March from Robinson Park to Heritage Square Park, followed by a standing-room-only celebration at the Taylor Public Library honoring Dr. King's legacy and the enduring power of his message. The day was a powerful reminder of the unity that defines our community. While we may sometimes appear divided on social media or at the ballot box, at our core, Taylor remains deeply connected.

January also brought our first winter storm of the season, creating icy roadways and temporary closures throughout the City. I am incredibly proud of our Fire and Police Departments, along with our Public Works team, for their tireless work to keep residents safe during the storm and in its aftermath. Their dedication is a true testament to public service.

One new feature in this newsletter I'd like to highlight is our Development Update, which gives residents a clearer look at what's currently under development across Taylor. This section is designed to keep the community informed about new construction projects and other development activity taking place throughout the City. As Taylor continues to grow, the Development Update helps provide transparency and context around where and how that growth is happening.

*Brian Laborde*

# CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **New Development Services Director**

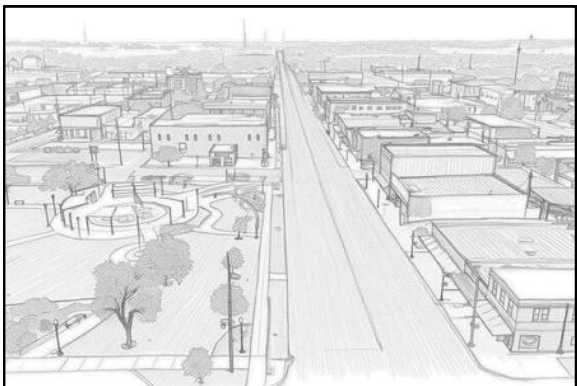
The City of Taylor is pleased to welcome Martin Griggs as the City's new Director of Development Services. He brings more than 14 years of experience in community and development services to his new role. Prior to joining the City of Taylor, he served as Deputy Director of Community Development for the City of Pearland, Texas.

[More About Martin Griggs](#)

## **Water Bill Relief Due To Winter Storm**

Due to increased water usage from dripping faucets during January's winter storm, the City of Taylor will apply a \$6.27 credit to all residential and commercial users to offset the additional water use. In addition, the City will waive any late fees or penalties for any payments due between Jan. 26 and 30. The City will also waive permit fees for plumbing work needed to repair water lines damaged during the winter freeze event.

[Find The Full Details Here](#)



## **Comprehensive Plan Open Houses**

The City of Taylor is planning for future growth and invites the community to help shape what comes next. Join us at one of two Open Houses—Feb. 9 at the Dickey-Givens Community Center from 6–8 p.m., or Feb. 11 at the Taylor Public Library from 6–8 p.m.—to share your input on current conditions, priorities, and future needs. If you are unable to make it to one of these open houses, we have an online survey linked below.

[Take The Survey Here](#)

## **Youth Safety Bike Rodeo**

The annual Youth Safety Bike Rodeo will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 2–5 p.m. at Pasemann Elementary School, and kids ages 4 through 14 are invited to participate in this fun, hands-on event featuring an obstacle course, trail ride, bike safety tips, and more designed to build skills and confidence while riding.

[Register For The Bike Rodeo Here](#)



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## Martin Luther King Jr. March and Celebration | January 19



## Donna Channel Drainage Improvements Groundbreaking | January 22



# DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

## WHAT'S COMING TO TAYLOR

Every month, we're providing an advanced look at projects in development around Taylor.



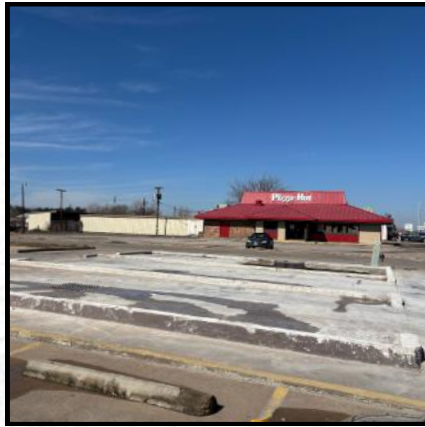
**Project Name:** Project Comal  
**Project Type:** Employment Center Plan  
**Location:** 1901 Industrial Dr.  
**Description:** Industrial, mixed use of industrial uses permitted under the Employment Center Plan  
**Permit Status:** Permit issued July 2, 2025.  
**Project Status:** The ordinance approving the Employment Center Plan was introduced at the Jan. 8 City Council meeting. No action was taken.



**Project Name:** Sonora Bank  
**Project Type:** Neighborhood Plan  
**Location:** 602 SW Carlos G Parker Blvd  
**Description:** Neighborhood Plan  
**Permit Status:** N/A  
**Project Status:** The ordinance approving the Neighborhood Plan was introduced at the Jan. 22 City Council meeting. No action was taken.



**Project Name:** Taylor Commons  
**Project Type:** Neighborhood Plan  
**Location:** 709 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd  
**Description:** Commercial Master Planned Development with a hotel pad site, 3 to 4 restaurant pad sites, and a general retail pad site.  
**Permit Status:** N/A  
**Project Status:** The ordinance approving the Neighborhood Plan was introduced at the Jan. 22 City Council meeting. No action was taken.



**Project Name:** Wendy's

**Project Type:** Special Use Permit

**Location:** 2101 N Main St

**Description:** Fast food restaurant with drive-thru service

**Permit Status:** N/A

**Project Status:** Previous car wash structure demolished



**Project Name:** Taylor Corner Gas Station

**Project Type:** Final Plat

**Location:** 2211 W 2nd St

**Description:** New convenience store/gas station

**Permit Status:** N/A

**Project Status:** Completed and open for business



**Project Name:** iMarket America

**Project Type:** Employment Center

**Location:** South side of US 79 between E. MLK Jr. Blvd and CR 619

**Description:** Industrial space and supporting commercial development

**Permit Status:** Permits issued

**Project Status:** Under construction



**Project Name:** Panda Express

**Project Type:** N/A

**Location:** 3000 N Main Street

**Description:** Fast food restaurant with drive-thru service

**Permit Status:** Permits issued

**Project Status:** Under construction



[Click here or scan the QR code for more updates](#)

# CITY MEETINGS



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## Zoning Board of Adjustment

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

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## Historic Preservation Commission

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

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## Planning & Zoning Commission

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## City Council Meeting

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## Tax Increment Financing (TIF) #1 Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## Main Street Advisory Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## Parks and Recreation Board

6:00 PM | DICKEY-GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER | 1015 BLVD. MLK JR.

26

## City Council Meeting

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

FEBRUARY



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

12

## Moody Museum Valentine's Gala

4:00 PM | MOODY MUSEUM | 114 W 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET

14

## Taylor Second Saturdays

ALL DAY | DOWNTOWN

## CLOSURES

16

All City of Taylor Offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19 for Presidents' Day. Trash pickup will run on its normal schedule.

# PARKS EVENTS



## Senior Fit

TUESDAYS | 10:30 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



## Pilates

TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



## Track Time/Walk 2 Run

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELD TRACK



## Yoga

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



## Butts 'N' Guts

THURSDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



## Track Time/Walk 2 Run

THURSDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELD TRACK



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# FEBRUARY

# LIBRARY EVENTS

- 2** **AGE Town Hall**  
11:00 AM
- 3** **Taylor Talks**  
6:00 PM
- 4** **Storytime: "Courage (BHM)"**  
10:30 AM
- 7** **Puzzle Swap**  
12:30 PM
- 9** **Grief Support**  
6:30 PM
- 17** **Senior Tech Class**  
10:00 AM
- 17** **Homeschool Hangout**  
1:00 PM
- 17** **Date Night: Painting Roulette**  
1:00 PM
- 18** **Storytime: "Lunar New Year"**  
6:00 PM
- 20** **STEAM Challenge**  
4:30 PM
- 21** **Make & Take Craft: Flowers**  
10:00 AM
- 24** **Teen Writers Circle**  
4:30 PM
- 24** **Silent Book Club**  
6:30 PM
- 25** **Storytime: "Fun With Maps"**  
10:30 AM
- 28** **Sensory Hour**  
10:00 AM

## WEEKLY

- M** **Chair Yoga**  
MONDAYS | 9:30 AM
- W** **Storytime**  
WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM
- W** **Senior Social**  
WEDNESDAYS | 2:00 PM
- TH** **Chair Yoga**  
THURSDAYS | 9:30 AM
- TH** **Chair Massage**  
THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM
- F** **Senior Social**  
FRIDAYS | 2:00 PM | EXCEPT FEB. 6
- S** **VITA Tax Help**  
SATURDAYS | 9:00 AM

## CLOSURE

**16** The Library will be closed Monday, February 16, for Presidents' Day.

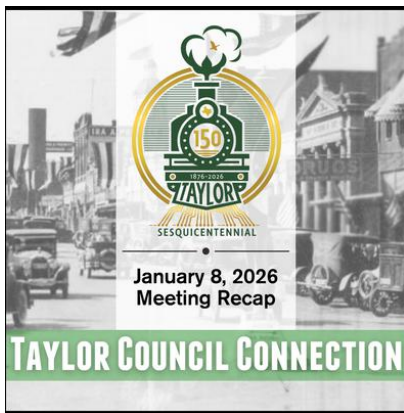
## NOTICE

The Main Library area will be closed Feb. 9-14 for inventory. Please enter through the side door for programming.

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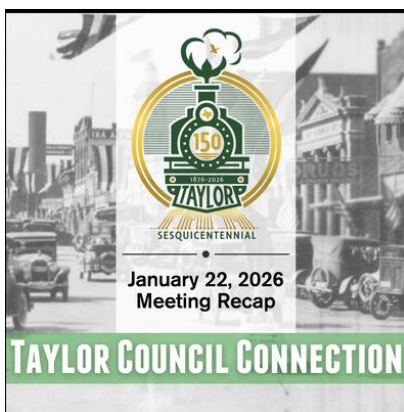
## COUNCIL MEETING RECAP VIDEOS

The Council Connection video series provides a recap of what happened at each Council meeting. They are released within a week following each meeting.



### January 8 Meeting

THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A WATER MAIN IN FRONT OF MAIN STREET ELEMENTARY, HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON ANNEXATION AND REZONING FOR A PROPOSED DATA CENTER, HEARING QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE PROJECT.



### January 22 Meeting

THE COUNCIL HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDING THREE NEW FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS AND APPROVED AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SITTING, LYING DOWN, AND SLEEPING IN PUBLIC SPACES, AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING OR SOLICITATION, AND THE OBSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS.



**View all past meetings at [TaylorTX.gov/Videos](https://TaylorTX.gov/Videos)**

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## CITY OF TAYLOR COUNCIL



Left to Right: Greg Redden (District 1), Shelli Cobb (District 2), Mayor Dwayne Ariola (At-Large), Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek (District 3), Heather Long (District 4)