



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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# YOUR CITY COUNCIL





## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

February was full of opportunities for Taylor residents to ask questions and share feedback about major projects and initiatives in the City. We hosted a Downtown Connections meeting to introduce City staff to downtown business owners and held a Meet the Contractor event for neighbors impacted by the Donna Channel Drainage Improvements Project.

The City also held two open houses to gather input on the Comprehensive Plan update, along with two meet-and-greet sessions to introduce the community to the four finalists for Chief of Police. A single finalist will be selected in the next few weeks before being presented to City Council for confirmation.

In addition, City Council held a workshop to review the data collected from the Comprehensive Plan open houses and the online resident survey. If you couldn't make it, you can find the full presentation on the City's website.

Community feedback plays a vital role in the decision-making process, helping City leadership and staff make informed choices that best serve our residents. Your voice matters!

Now March is here, which means spring is right around the corner. We've got plenty of great Spring Break programming coming up, courtesy of Parks and Recreation and the Taylor Public Library.

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events and continuing to work together to keep Taylor informed, engaged, and moving forward!

*Brian Laborde*

# CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Finalists For Police Chief Position Announced

The City has narrowed the search for the next Chief of Police to four candidates: Joseph Branson, Joseph Chacon, Albert Garcia, and Johnny Siemens. Two meet and greet sessions for residents were held in February. The City Manager will select a finalist in the coming weeks and present that choice to the City Council for confirmation.

[Learn More About the Finalists Here](#)

## 2025 Annual Report Now Available

The City of Taylor has released its 2025 Annual Report. The 21-page report highlights the City's achievements in 2025, including the adoption of a new Downtown Master Plan, a continued focus on fiscally responsible growth management, and preparations for the City's year-long Sesquicentennial celebration. Highlights include the City's tax rate decrease, key roadway improvements, and expanded programming and events.

[View the Annual Report Here](#)



## City Promotes Four Staff Members

The City has promoted four staff members. Tyler Bybee has been promoted to Interim Assistant City Manager, Daniel Seguin has been promoted to Interim Executive Director of Community Services, Betsy Schultz has been promoted to Interim Parks & Recreation Director, and Jerrod Kingery has been promoted to Communications Manager.

[More Information on Their New Roles](#)

## Donna Channel Improvement Update

Construction continues on the Donna Channel Drainage Improvements Project. A meet the contractor event was held on February 12 in the neighborhood on Drake Lane to allow residents to get contact information, ask questions, and understand how the project will impact their homes during construction.

[Follow Project Updates Here](#)



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## Comprehensive Plan Open Houses | February 9 & 11



## Police Chief Finalists Meet and Greet | February 18 & 19



# DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

## WHAT'S COMING TO TAYLOR

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



**Project Name:** Colt Recycling  
**Project Type:** Special Use Permit  
**Location:** 601 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
**Description:** Light electronics disposal service  
**Permit Status:** Approved  
**Project Status:** The City Council approved Ordinance 2026-08 at the February 12 Council meeting



**Project Name:** Sonora Bank  
**Project Type:** Neighborhood Plan  
**Location:** 602 SW Carlos G Parker Blvd  
**Description:** Neighborhood Plan with a Sonora Bank and three additional commercial properties  
**Permit Status:** N/A  
**Project Status:** The Neighborhood Plan was approved by City Council at the February 12 Council meeting



**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 Neighborhood Plan was approved by City Council at the February 12 Council meeting



**Project Name:** 804 Rices Crossing Road

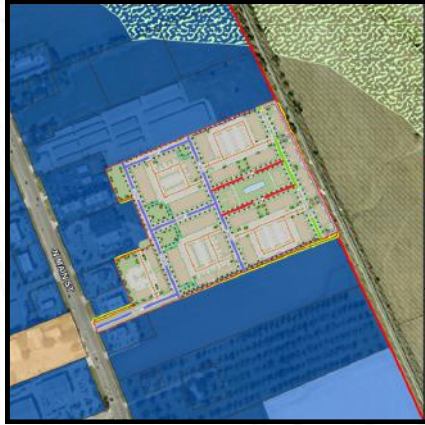
**Project Type:** Place Type Amendment/Rezoning

**Location:** 804 Rices Crossing Road

**Description:** Applicant sought to rezone property to come into conformity with current Land Development Code

**Permit Status:** N/A

**Project Status:** Place type amendment from P2: Rural to P2: Rural Commercial approved by City Council at the January 22 Council meeting



**Project Name:** Taylor Apartments

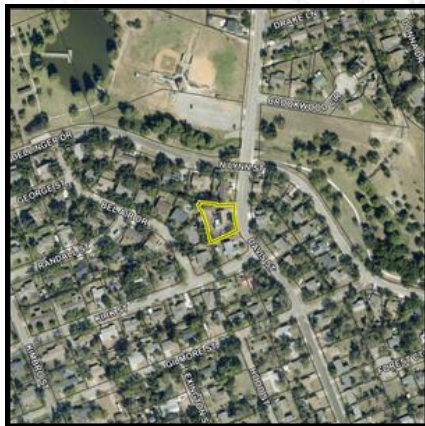
**Project Type:** Neighborhood Plan

**Location:** 3601 N. Main St.

**Description:** 384 multifamily apartment units and 38 town homes, located behind Tractor Supply and Whataburger

**Permit Status:** N/A

**Project Status:** The Neighborhood Plan was approved by City Council at the December 11, 2025 Council meeting



**Project Name:** Pediatric Therapy Practice

**Project Type:** Special Use Permit

**Location:** 2105 Davis St.

**Description:** Home-based pediatric therapy practice

**Permit Status:** Approved

**Project Status:** City Council approved the Special Use Permit at the January 8 Council meeting



**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:** Expected to open late March

[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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## Special Called City Council Workshop

6:00 PM | TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | 801 VANCE 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.

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## City Council Meeting

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

MARCH

A photograph of an outdoor community event. In the foreground, there are several tables covered with red and white checkered tablecloths, displaying various items like bags of snacks and jars. In the background, people are gathered around tables, some looking at items. A green semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the top half of the image, containing the text 'COMMUNITY EVENTS' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## Taylor Talks

6:00 PM | TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | 801 VANCE ST.

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## Taylor Second Saturdays

ALL DAY | DOWNTOWN

16

## Teddy Bear Picnic

10:30 AM | TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | 801 VANCE ST.

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## Music on Main: The Animeros

7:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK | 400 N MAIN ST.

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## Touch-A-Truck

10:00 AM | TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | 801 VANCE ST.

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## Youth Safety Bike Rodeo

2:00 PM | NAOMI PASEMANN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# 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



## Senior Fit

FRIDAYS | 10:30 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE

## Youth Spring Break Activities

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## Shamrock Suncatchers

1:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE

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## Pickleball Playday

1:00 PM | AGES 6 - 9

2:00 PM | AGES 10 - 12

MURPHY PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

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## Basketball & Futsal Pop-Up

1:00 PM | MURPHY PARK

BASKETBALL COURTS

# MARCH

# LIBRARY EVENTS

- 2** **Sensory Storytime**  
11:00 AM
- 3** **Caregiver Support Group**  
10:00 AM
- 3** **AGE Town Hall**  
11:00 AM
- 3** **Taylor Talks**  
6:00 PM
- 7** **Puzzle Swap**  
12:30 PM
- 9** **Grief Support**  
6:30 PM
- 10** **Homeschool Hangout**  
1:00 PM
- 16** **Teddy Bear Picnic**  
10:30 AM
- 17** **Movie: "The Fox and the Hound"**  
10:30 AM
- 18** **Solar Prints Crafts**  
10:30 AM
- 19** **Family Yoga**  
10:30 AM
- 20** **Touch-A-Truck**  
10:00 AM
- 21** **Make and Take Craft: Rockets**  
10:00 AM
- 23** **Grief Support**  
6:30 PM
- 24** **Teen Writers Circle**  
4:30 PM
- 24** **Silent Book Club**  
6:00 PM
- 26** **Poetry Night at Black Sparrow**  
6:00 PM
- 27** **STEAM Challenge**  
4:30 PM
- 28** **Sensory Hour**  
10:00 AM

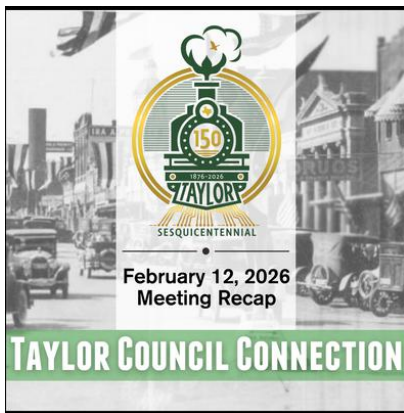
## WEEKLY

- 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
- S** **VITA Tax Help**  
SATURDAYS | 9:00 AM

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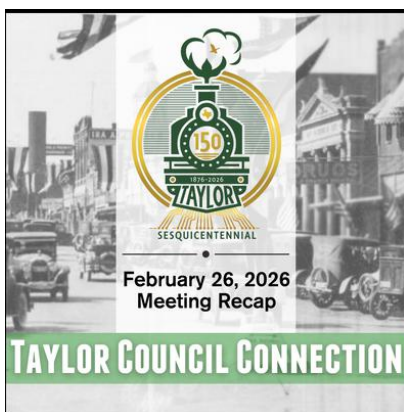
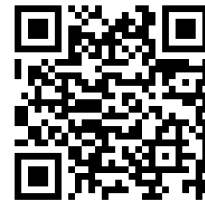
## COUNCIL MEETING RECAP VIDEOS

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



### February 12 Meeting

THE COUNCIL APPROVED A FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF INCREASE, APPROVED A PROCLAMATION POLICY LIMITING PROCLAMATIONS TO THOSE THAT RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT CITY INITIATIVES, GRANTS, CITY STAFF, AND CITY EVENTS, AND APPOINTED 40 PEOPLE TO THE CITY'S VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.



### February 26 Meeting

THE COUNCIL HELD FOUR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES, RECEIVED THE CITY'S ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND DECIDED NOT TO ACT ON A SPECIAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FOR A SHORT TERM RENTAL, DIRECTING STAFF TO BRING A NEW SHORT TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE TO COUNCIL IN MARCH.



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)