



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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YOUR CITY COUNCIL





MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

I would like to extend congratulations to our newly elected council member, Greg Redden, Council Member District 1, who was sworn in during a special called City Council meeting on May 13. I encourage everyone to join me in congratulating Councilmember Redden, and the City of Taylor looks forward to working with him.

A runoff election for the District 4 Council seat is happening on June 7. Following the canvassing of the votes cast during the runoff, the new councilmember will be sworn in and City Council will elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to serve until next May.

Meanwhile summertime is here, and there are tons of great activities happening in Taylor. The Taylor Public Library and Taylor Parks and Recreation have released a full slate of fun programming for kids, from football and cheerleading camps to Movie Mondays and arts and crafts at the Library.

This month, the Taylor Fire Department is celebrating its newest fire engine with a traditional "push-in ceremony," a time-honored tradition that dates back to the days of horse-drawn fire wagons that firefighters had to manually push back into the station after each call. I want to welcome everyone out to Station 1 for this ceremony to celebrate the unity of the Taylor Fire Department and honor the history of firefighting.

Brian Laborde

CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Runoff Election

With no candidate for City Council in District 4 receiving a majority of the votes during the May 3 election, a runoff election has been called for June 7. Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Taylor City Hall Auditorium located at 400 Porter St.

[Click Here For More Runoff Election Information](#)

New District 1 Councilmember Sworn In

At a special called City Council meeting on May 13, the Taylor City Council canvassed the votes from the May 3 election. Greg Redden was sworn in as a new councilmember for District 1, with Judge Will Ward administering the oath of office. Mr. Redden takes the place of outgoing councilmember Gerald Anderson, who has represented District 1 since 2019.

[More About Councilmember Redden](#)



Taylor Human Resources Wins Two Awards

The City of Taylor HR department brought home two awards from the Texas Municipal Human Resources Association Annual Conference. Senior HR Generalist Christina Cummings-Medina won the Human Resources Professional of the Year Award, and the department as a whole won the Human Resources Impact Award. Congratulations!

[About Taylor Human Resources](#)

Airport Manager Receives TxDOT Award

Taylor Municipal Airport Manager Stacey Batch was awarded Airport Professional of the Year at the Texas Department of Transportation's 2025 Texas Aviation Conference. To receive this award—the highest aviation honor in the state—an individual must be nominated by TxDOT staff, airports, consultants, tenants, or businesses. Congratulations, Stacey!

[About Taylor Municipal Airport](#)



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Taylor Fest | May 3



Shred Fest | May 10 & 16



TAYLOR ON FOOT



The Taylor on Foot community walking program officially launched on May 17. The program is designed to meet residents where they are—fostering communication between the City and community members to hear concerns, identify solutions, and build trust.

During the first event, five teams made up of 26 participants—including City Council members and volunteers from City staff, police, fire, the Greater Taylor Foundation, and Taylor ISD—walked through District 3 and knocked on 61 doors.



Of the homes visited, 31 residents answered and spoke with volunteers. 15 required a follow-up from one of the participating organizations regarding concerns they shared. The most common concerns were street conditions, speeding, and water rates. As a result, City staff have already been directed to install speed limit signs and a radar sign on T.H. Johnson. The next Taylor on Foot is scheduled for July 19 in District 4. View feedback from residents at the link below:



[Taylor On Foot](#)

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE TAYLOR FIRE DEPARTMENT



Stay Hydrated

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, especially during outdoor activities.
- Avoid excessive caffeine and alcohol, which can lead to dehydration.



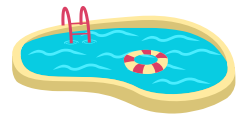
Protect Yourself from the Sun

- Wear sunscreen with at least SPF 30 and reapply every 2 hours.
- Wear sunglasses, wide-brimmed hats, and light, breathable clothing.
- Seek shade during peak sun hours (10 AM – 4 PM).



Practice Water Safety

- Never swim alone; always have a buddy or adult supervision.
- Make sure children wear life jackets near water.
- Learn CPR and basic water rescue techniques.



Watch for Heat-Related Illness

- Know the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke: dizziness, nausea, rapid pulse, and confusion.
- Take breaks in cool or shaded areas.



Prevent Bug Bites

- Use insect repellent containing
- Wear long sleeves and pants in areas with mosquitoes or ticks.
- Check for ticks after spending time outdoors.



Grill and Campfire Safety

- Keep grills and campfires at least 10 feet away from buildings or trees.
- Never leave a fire or grill unattended.
- Have water or a fire extinguisher nearby in case of emergency.



Travel Safely

- Wear seat belts, obey speed limits, and never drive under the influence.
- Prepare an emergency kit for road trips (water, snacks, flashlight, first-aid kit).



Protect Your Pets

- Never leave pets in hot cars.
- Make sure they have plenty of water and shade.
- Walk them during cooler parts of the day.



CITY MEETINGS



10

Planning and Zoning Commission

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

12

City Council Meeting

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

18

Main Street Advisory Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

18

TIF #1 Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

18

Parks and Recreation Board

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

25

Public Arts Advisory Board

5:30 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

26

City Council Meeting

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

JUNE

A photograph of an outdoor community event. In the foreground, there are several tables covered with red and white checkered tablecloths, displaying various food items and bags. In the background, people are gathered around tables, some of which have signs like "TRICK or TREAT" and "More!". The scene is set in a paved area with buildings and trees in the distance.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

7

Runoff Election Day

POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM | TAYLOR CITY HALL

7

Taylor Fire Department "Push-In" Ceremony

10:00 AM | STATION 1 - 200 WASHBURN ST.

14

Historic Downtown Walking Tour

10:00 AM | CURBSIDE COFFEE COMPANY - 114 W. 2ND ST.

14

Taylor Second Saturdays

ALL DAY | DOWNTOWN

21

Juneteenth Parade & Brunch

9:00 AM | STARTS AT 5TH & MAIN ST.

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Juneteenth Freedom Festival

5:00 PM | ROBINSON PARK

CLOSURES

19

All City of Taylor
Offices will be closed
Thursday, June 19 for
Juneteenth

PARKS EVENTS



Zumba

MONDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



Senior Fit

TUESDAYS | 10:30 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



Pilates

TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



Track Time

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELD TRACK



Yoga

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



Drum Fit

THURSDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



Senior Fit

FRIDAYS | 11:00 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK

June Special Events

Murphy Park Playdays

TUE & THU | 9:00 AM | MURPHY PARK PAVILION

Splash Pad Days

MON | 9:00 AM | ROBINSON PARK

FRI | 9:00 AM | HERITAGE SQUARE

Summer in the Park

TUE & THU | 7:00 PM | ROBINSON PARK

(BEGINS JUNE 10)

Free Sports Camps

Tennis

JUNE 3 & 24 | 10:00 AM | MURPHY PARK

Football

JUNE 10 & 12 | 10:00 AM | MEMORIAL FIELD

Soccer

JUNE 17 | 10:00 AM | MEMORIAL FIELD

Cheer Skillz

JUNE 3, 5, 24 & 26 | 9:00 AM | MURPHY PARK PAVILION

JUNE

LIBRARY EVENTS

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

4

Wildlife on the Move

10:30 AM

7

Puzzle Swap

2:30 PM

9

Grief Support

6:30 PM

11

Oscar Munoz Magic

10:30 AM

18

BK Bones

10:30 AM

23

Grief Support

6:30 PM

25

Wild Things Zoofari

10:30 AM

27

Jam Session

2:00 PM

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The Library will be
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19 for Juneteenth

WEEKLY

M

Chair Yoga

MONDAYS | 9:30 AM

M

Monday Movie

MONDAYS | 2:30 PM

T

Hooks and Needles

TUESDAYS | 9:00 AM

T

LEGO/Crafts for Kids

TUESDAYS | 2:30 PM

TH

Chair Yoga

THURSDAYS | 9:30 AM

TH

Chair Massage

THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM

TH

Teen Crafts

THURSDAYS | 5:00 PM

F

Senior Social

FRIDAYS | 2:00 PM

COUNCIL CONNECTION

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.



May 8 Meeting

COUNCIL APPROVED AN AMENDMENT TO THE TIRZ SURROUNDING SAMSUNG, MOVING LINDE GAS OUT OF THE ZONE AND BRINING AN ESTIMATED \$1.7M A YEAR INTO THE GENERAL FUND, AND RECEIVED A PRESENTATION ON THE WELLNESS AND RECREATION CENTER FEASIBILITY STUDY.



May 22 Meeting

COUNCIL AMENDED AN AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY TO EXTEND OUR \$2M FINANCIAL OBLIGATION FOR CORRIDOR A2 TO 2028, AND INTRODUCED AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENTS AND RV PARKS.



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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), Robert Garcia (District 4)