



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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YOUR CITY COUNCIL





MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

May is shaping up to a busy month here in Taylor. Election Day is May 3, when voters in Districts 1 and 4 will choose the two newest members of the Taylor City Council.

Taylor Fest is also happening on May 3 in Heritage Square Park, featuring an eclectic mix of live music, cultural performances and local vendors. This lively celebration highlights the rich history and vibrant spirit that make the Taylor community truly one of a kind.

For thrill-seekers and creatives, Shred Fest rolls into Pierce Park for its second year on May 10. The event features skateboarding and BMX competitions, art installations and a variety of vendors.

May will also see the Taylor High School Class of 2025 walking the stage for graduation as they take their first steps toward the future. Congratulations graduates, and we wish you nothing but success!

And finally, May 26 is Memorial Day, when we all take time to remember the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States Armed Forces. Without their ultimate sacrifice, none of us would be where we are today.

Summer is right around the corner, and we look forward to seeing everyone out and about enjoying all the wonderful things Taylor has to offer!

Brian Laborde

CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Election Day

Polls are open on May 3 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at two locations: Taylor City Hall Auditorium located at 400 Porter St and Taylor ISD Event Center Event Center located at 3101 N Main St. Residents can vote at either location, regardless of which district they reside in.

[Click Here For More Election Information](#)

Taylor FD CERT Training

Want to do more for your community? Become a member of Taylor's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). These teams are comprised of local citizens who assist the City of Taylor during emergencies or disasters. The City of Taylor Fire Department is offering a mandatory 3-day CERT training June 20-22. [Contact the Taylor Fire Department for registration details.](#)

[Learn More About CERT Here](#)



Wellness and Recreation Center Final Meeting

Taylor Parks and Recreation held its final community meeting for the Wellness/Recreation Center Feasibility Study on Monday, April 21 at the Taylor Public Library. This workshop reviewed the study's findings so far and offered a final chance to share any additional feedback.

[See More Details From The Feasibility Study Here](#)

Citywide Spring Cleanup Event

The City of Taylor is partnering with Waste Connections for the annual Spring Citywide Cleanup on Saturday, May 10 from 8 AM to 3 PM. Items will be collected at two locations: 1414 N. Main and 1407 Welch St. This service is free for residents of Taylor, but proof of residency, such as a City of Taylor water bill or valid ID, is required.

[Click Here For The List Of Items Not Allowed](#)



CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bull Branch Upsizing Phase I

Phase 1 of the Bull Branch sewer improvement project will upgrade existing infrastructure from West Lake Drive to West 12th Street, including upsizing from Main Street to East Seventh Street and from East Seventh to Robinson Park. This is the first of a proposed 3–5 phases, focusing on lower Bull Branch.

[Click Here For The Latest Project Updates](#)

Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center

Construction is progressing at the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center in Murphy Park. Crews are finishing up the main support piers and will soon begin pouring the main shell of the pool. Piers for the water slide are coming up next. The new pool will also feature a playscape, lap lanes, and a lazy river.

[Check On The Pool's Progress Here](#)



TH Johnson/Lake Drive Street Maintenance

The 2024 Street Conditions Assessment identified TH Johnson Drive and Lake Drive as top maintenance priorities. TH Johnson will undergo full-depth reclamation and resurfacing, while Lake Drive will receive targeted repairs and full resurfacing. Both roadways will also be restriped. Work is expected to begin by summer.

[Keep Track Of Construction Here](#)

Taylor On The Radio!

The City of Taylor has partnered with KRXT 98.5 FM for “Taylor Roundup,” a weekly radio show covering all aspects of the City’s programs, services and events. Communications Director Daniel Seguin joins host Steve Laukhuf live in-studio every Tuesday morning during the 9 o’clock hour.

[Watch Past Episodes Here](#)



CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAYLOR ON FOOT



The Taylor on Foot community walk program is launching this month!

Its mission is for City leadership to meet residents where they live, foster two-way communication, listen to resident concerns, identify solutions in collaboration with community partners, humanize the City and build trust with residents.

Each quarter, a small team of City and community leaders will be out walking to visit residents at their homes in Taylor.

Those teams will include City Councilmembers, Taylor Police Officers, City staff and other community leaders.

We'll knock on doors and have conversations with residents to listen, learn and work together to make Taylor a better place! We're looking for feedback, suggestions, concerns and complaints. One district will be targeted per quarter with your councilmember choosing the neighborhood we will walk. We will look to talk with residents from up to 50 homes per walk.

The walks will happen on a Saturday morning from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Check our website calendar for the upcoming dates and where we plan to walk.

We'll let you know we're coming by placing signs in the district in the month of the walk and distributing door hangers to the 50 homes we plan to visit in the week before we walk.

WE'RE WALKING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD! 
Join Us For A Community Walk To Share Your Thoughts & Connect With City Leaders

DATE: TIME: 10 AM - 12 PM

WHERE?
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

WHO'S COMING?
YOUR CITY COUNCILMEMBERS
TAYLOR POLICE OFFICERS
CITY STAFF + COMMUNITY LEADERS

WHY?
TO LISTEN, LEARN + WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE TAYLOR A BETTER PLACE!

Have concerns, ideas, or just want to say hello? We're here to chat and help!

Taylor Texas
CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS



Look For These
Door Hangers
And These Signs

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Easter Egg Hunt | April 19

(Photos Courtesy of Alison Ditto)



Coffee With A Cop | April 24



CITY MEETINGS



City Council Meeting

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



Planning and Zoning Commission

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



Special Called City Council Meeting

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.



Moody Museum Board

5:30 PM | DAN MOODY MUSEUM | 114 W 9TH ST



Main Street Advisory Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



TIF #1 Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



Parks and Recreation Board

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



City Council Meeting

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



Public Arts Advisory Board

5:30 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

MAY



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Election Day

POLLS OPEN 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM | TAYLOR CITY HALL & TAYLOR ISD EVENT CENTER

3

Taylor Fest

10:00 AM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK

10

Spring Citywide Cleanup

8:00 AM | 1302 WELCH ST. & 1424 N. MAIN

10

Taylor Shred Fest

10:00 AM | PIERCE PARK

10

Taylor Second Saturdays

ALL DAY | DOWNTOWN

15

Music on Main - Los Alcos

7:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK

17

Robinson Park Cleanup

8:00 AM | ROBINSON PARK

30

Summer Kick-Off Party with Movie in the Park: "The Wild Robot"

5:30 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK

CLOSURES

26

All City of Taylor
Offices will be closed
Monday, May 26 for
Memorial Day



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

MAY

LIBRARY EVENTS

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Puzzle Swap

2:30 PM

12

Grief Support

6:30 PM

26

Grief Support

6:30 PM

CLOSURES

24

The Library will be closed Saturday, May 24.

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The Library will be closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

WEEKLY

M

Baby Time

MONDAYS | 10:30 AM

T

Hooks and Needles

TUESDAYS | 9:00 AM

W

Story Time

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

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.



April 10 Meeting

COUNCIL RECEIVED AN UPDATE FROM THE MOODY MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD, APPROVED A TASK ORDER WITH HDR FOR WATERLINE REPLACEMENT, AND THE COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED THE TAYLOR ON FOOT PROGRAM.



April 24 Meeting

COUNCIL APPROVED AMENDMENT TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT JUST NORTH OF H-E-B, AUTHORIZED PURSUING POSSIBLE DEBT ISSUANCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND CITY FACILITIES, AND RECEIVED AND UPDATE ON POSSIBLE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE.



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VISIT HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

CITY OF TAYLOR COUNCIL



Left to Right: Gerald Anderson (District 1), Shelli Cobb (District 2),
Mayor Dwayne Ariola (At-Large), Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek
(District 3), Robert Garcia (District 4)