

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Council conducts budget reviews during council meetings through September at City Hall, 400 Porter St. Meetings are open to the public and held on the second and fourth Thursdays at 6 p.m.

The city's 2017-2018 fiscal year begins on October 1. The City Council and staff are working together to make the best use of taxpayers' dollars. With economic vitality, quality of life, and transportation/infrastructure as the three main areas, each year it is crucial to make wise decisions by balancing these priorities with available revenues.

This year, we are pleased to be working towards a second consecutive year of reducing the ad valorem tax rate for property owners. As values of homes increase, a lower tax rate reduces the taxes owners pay on the assessed value of their homes. The proposed tax rate of \$0.79 would mark the first time in eight years since the tax rate has been below \$0.80.

Citizens are encouraged to become knowledgeable about the budget process. Each City Council meeting from now through September will include a review of the 2017-2018 proposed budget. The meetings are open to the public and also aired live via the city's cable channel. Videotapes of the meetings are also posted online the following day. www.taylortx.gov

THANK YOU TO THE FIREWORKS SHOW SPONSORS



The 2017 annual Fourth of July fireworks show had much support from local businesses and residents, who contributed funds to make it happen. Leading the way was major sponsor Durcon, who graciously contributed \$2,500 for the event. Other sponsors included Taylor Press, Rep. Larry Gonzales and the Taylor Area Tennis Association, each donating \$1,000. The Taylor Chamber of Commerce, along with Texas Beer Company, helped by collecting donations for the show from the public. The City of Taylor is grateful to everyone who came together in support of the national holiday and our local celebration!

ADOPT A PET - SAVE A LIFE | \$40 FEE

SPECIAL ADOPTION FEE

The Taylor Animal Shelter is bursting at the seams with kittens and cats. Won't you consider adopting one for your family? Now through the end of July, the half-price adoption fee of \$40 includes all rabies shots, and spay or neutering of your new pet. Come by 701 E. 4th St. or call 512-352-5483.



FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH “HOME” PROGRAM

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs in cooperation with the City of Taylor has a program with funds available for rehabilitation or reconstruction of homes owned and occupied by low-to-moderate income residents.

Eligible homes must be inside city limits, and homeowners must have clear and marketable title to their property, be current on payment of property taxes (and mortgage, if applicable), and have incomes below the 80% area median family income limits for Williamson County. For more information or to apply for funds, please contact Karen Rego, Langford Community Management Services, 2901 County Road 173, Leander, TX 78641, or call 512-452-0432. Interested persons may also send an email to karen@lcmsinc.com.

THIS HOUSE FUNDED BY HOME PROGRAM



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

August

11 MOVIES IN THE PARK NIGHT: “MOANA”



Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. The movie is free to watch. Presented in Heritage Square Park by the Parks and Recreation Department. Pets on leashes, please, and in owners' control at all times. Show at dusk.

17 THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING

Taylor Made treasures await at the many unique stores in downtown. Special prices, lots of food for sale. Shop until 8 p.m.

FUN AT THE TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | 801 VANCE ST.

Eyes to the Skies: Solar Eclipse Viewing
Monday, August 21

Join us and get free special glasses to look at the sun as it becomes covered by the moon at midday. More details: www.taylortx.gov/25/

YOGA AT THE LIBRARY: Saturday, August 26 at 8 a.m.

Presented by Hutto Yoga Room. Please bring your own mat and

Teen Writing Club

for middle school and high school students meets Mondays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

HONOR GUARD ACADEMY BEGINS AUGUST 28

Sponsored each year by the Taylor Fire Department and Taylor Professional Firefighters Association, the Academy teaches traditions and history of the Honor Guard, basic facing movements, marching, flag etiquette, color teams, casket watch and casket movement.

Tuition is \$150 for the four days of classes that end with graduation on Thursday, August 31. Spaces are limited. Register in person, by phone or online at www.taylortx.gov/HGA. Call Michele at 512-352-6992 for more information and to sign up.

26 Kid Fish 2017

BULL BRANCH PARK
904 Dellinger Dr.

It's time for the annual fishing tournament for ages 16 and younger. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories.

REGISTRATION: Opens at 8:30 a.m.

EVENT TIME: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

KITE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Register at 9 a.m., Flying at 10 a.m.

Details: taylortx.gov/kite

HOLIDAY CLOSURE | LABOR DAY

City Offices are closed on Monday, Sept. 4

Normal garbage collection schedule

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - August 10, August 24

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. You may watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylortx.gov.