

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



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City Manager Message

Happy New Year! And welcome to the first edition of the digital Community Connection Newsletter. We're excited for the digital newsletter and this option will allow a quicker distribution of the newsletter, more up-to-date information, and calendar of events. It also allows us to get more information out to our residents in a timely fashion. The digital newsletter is just one of the many exciting things happening at the City of Taylor this new year.

For most of 2020-21, the City worked on developing an updated Comprehensive Plan. The final plan was adopted on November 18, 2021, and we're looking forward to entering the next phase of the Comprehensive Plan with focus on shifting to development of ordinance updates. You can view the updated Comprehensive Plan here:

<http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/915/Comprehensive-Planning>. We also have a video that summarizes some of the highlights of the Comprehensive Plan that can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/BckuMDHRwb8>

We're also looking forward to working on improvements to our Parks system which were identified in the Parks Master Plan for Murphy, Fannie Robinson and Bull Branch Parks. The Parks Master Plan was approved by Council on June 24, 2021. Some projects that were identified by the Master Plan were completed in 2021, which included installation of state-of-the-art LED lights at the Fannie Robinson Park basketball courts and the Pierce Park Skate Park. Updates will also begin to take shape at Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex and Doak Park. A lot of exciting improvements to our Parks are ahead this year which will continue to benefit the quality of life here at the City of Taylor. The City is also planning to continue with our Capital Improvements Projects (CIP) which will include water and sewer line upgrades, continuing annual street maintenance, streetscape and striping, as well as updates to equipment.

We will also be participating in a monthly sit down with the Taylor Press that will be broadcasted the second Monday of the month on their Facebook page here: www.facebook.com/GoTaylorTx. We will have executive staff members sit down and tell the community a little bit about each department and give some insight on the inner workings at the City of Taylor as well as highlight any events and services the City offers. Growth is coming to Taylor and we are continuing to work and implement policies and procedures to help facilitate that growth and keep making Taylor an amazing place to live, work and play. I'm excited to see what the year holds for the City and its residents.

Brian LaBorde
City Manager

Information Regarding Rental Taxes

Do you have a spare room you are looking to rent for a few days? Are you looking to rent out your house for the weekend? Did you know that such rentals require you to pay both state and local hotel occupancy tax? That's correct!

State law and city ordinance requires short-term rental of all or part of a residential property for less than 30 days to collect and remit the 6% state hotel tax and 7% local hotel tax. In addition, such rentals must be registered with the City and a monthly report must be filed with the payment of the local tax. Airbnb and other such listings may assist you in collecting the hotel tax at the time of booking. The City Finance Department can assist you in getting your property registered.

WASTEWATER AVERAGING PER ZONE			
To find your zone, look at the payment coupon of your water bill next to the billing address.			
	SERVICE DATES	BILLING DATES	NEW RATE APPEARS ON BILL DATE
ZONE 1	11/23/21 - 2/23/22	1/5/22, 2/5/22, 3/5/22	4/5/22
ZONE 2	11/29/21 - 3/2/22	1/12/22, 2/12/22, 3/12/22	4/12/22
ZONE 3	12/9/21 - 3/10/22	1/19/22, 2/19/22, 3/19/22	4/19/22
ZONE 4	12/16/21 - 3/17/22	1/26/22, 2/26/22, 3/26/22	4/26/22

City of Taylor Wastewater Averaging

As a reminder, the City of Taylor conducts its annual sewer averaging from late November through March. The months that are used are typically the lowest consumption months of the year. These three months are averaged to get the sewer rates for the next 12 months.

Prior to the averaging period you are advised to repair any leaky faucets or running toilets and any other water leaks. This will avoid a high usage month during the averaging period and help to keep your sewer rate down.



Deadline to File for Place on May 7, 2022 Ballot

The City of Taylor will hold a general election on May 7, 2022, to elect a Council Member from District 1 and a Council Member from District 4. The filing period for submitting an application for a place on the ballot for either of these seats is January 19th through February 18th. Residents may contact the City Clerk's office for a candidate packet, or visit the city's website at [City Elections | Taylor, TX - Official Website](#)



City of Taylor Employee & Supervisor of the Year

We would like to give a huge congratulations to the City of Taylor's 2021 Employee and Supervisor of the Year. Human Resources Coordinator Chris Silva-Gonzales was selected as the Employee of the Year and Commander Jeff Lagrone of the Taylor Police Department was selected as Supervisor of the Year. The awards, along with department employees of the year, were presented at the City's Employee Appreciation Luncheon on December 17, 2021.

Apply to City of Taylor Boards and Commissions

The City Council of the City of Taylor will be making appointments in February to various City Boards and Commissions.

A list of Boards and applications are available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/813/Boards-Commissions>.

All applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's office by February 16, 2022, in order to be considered. Return applications to: City of Taylor, City Clerk's Office, 400 Porter St., Taylor TX. 76574, or by email at dianna.mclean@taylortx.gov.

AARP In Need of Volunteers

AARP Foundation is looking for volunteers for the upcoming 2022 tax season. Many opportunities are available other than tax preparation. Training begins Jan 2022. If interested contact Sharon Hedrick, Communications Coordinator at 512-743-4454, or by email at shedrick@suddenlink.net, or sign up at www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide.

Upcoming Events Calendar

To stay up to date on city events, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and check the Community Calendar on the [City's website](#).

January

- **January 15, Run for the Roses:** 8 a.m. Murphy Park. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **January 17: MLK March:** 9 a.m. in downtown Taylor and Heritage Square. [Click here for more information.](#)

Library Calendar

- **Wednesday, January 12 | 10:30 a.m.** - Preschool Story Time, theme "The Number 7"
- **Saturday, January 15** - Library Closed
- **Monday, January 17** - Library Closed
- **Wednesday, January 19 | 10:30 a.m.** - Preschool Story Time, theme "The Number 8"
- **Wednesday, January 26 | 10:30 a.m.** - Preschool Story Time, theme "The Number 9"

City Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at City Hall, 400 Porter Street.(unless otherwise noted)

Council will meet:

- January 6 (Special Called)
- January 13, 27

Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at <http://www.taylortx.gov/660/Taylor-Videos>

Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, January 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
- Monday, February 21 (Presidents' Day)



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