

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



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City Manager Message

I am pleased to announce that the Taylor City Council has been named the 2022 Texas City Management Association (TCMA) City Council of the Year. This award recognizes and honors outstanding city councils that have made significant contributions to local government in Texas. The award will be presented during the TCMA Annual Conference in June.

I am truly honored to work with a dedicated City Council. They demonstrate day in and day out their commitment to the Taylor community, last year their true colors shone through during the winter storm in 2021 and the ongoing pandemic. Our Mayor and Council have shown that they always put the residents of this community first, and I believe that the City of Taylor is fortunate to have a Council that works so hard for its residents. This award is truly an honor and a testament to their hard work and dedication.

I am also excited that we will be kicking off the 2022 LEAD Taylor class this month. The original start date was in January, but we decided to postpone it for a month due to ongoing concerns with the Omicron variant of COVID-19. We are hopeful that we can start our first class on February 17, and we are all excited to meet the 33 participants registered to begin classes.

LEAD Taylor is a valued program offered here at the City. It helps citizens learn more about their City, providing participants an in-depth look at government operations, community planning and awareness. Although the 2022 class is already set, I encourage everyone to learn more about the program and keep an eye out for information about registering for the 2023 class. You can find more information on our website here: www.taylortx.gov/838/LEAD-Taylor [<http://www.taylortx.gov/838/LEAD-Taylor>].

Brian LaBorde
City Manager

Virtual Comprehensive Plan Meeting Set for February 15

The City of Taylor will host a virtual public meeting on **February 15, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** to discuss an update to the recently adopted Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.



The purpose of the update is to accommodate the new Samsung semiconductor manufacturing facility. During the meeting the City's consultant team from Lionheart Places will present some preliminary analysis on potential impacts to different elements of the Comprehensive Plan and associated Land Use and Transportation Maps.

We encourage all members of the public to attend and provide input. Information on how to attend the virtual meeting will be available in the calendar section of the City's web site here: <https://bit.ly/3ufpter> [<https://bit.ly/3ufpter>].



Ribbon Cutting Held for Robinson Street

Elected officials and employees from the City of Taylor recently gathered to celebrate the completion of street reconstruction on North Robinson Street with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Participants included Mayor Brandt Rydell, Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Anderson, Councilmember Mitch Drummond, City Manager Brian LaBorde, Deputy City Manager Jeff Jenkins, Chief Daniel Baum and Public Works Director Jim Gray.

North Robinson Street is one of five streets included in a \$13.1 million bond for infrastructure improvements that was approved by City Council in fiscal year 2019. The project, which is being overseen by HDR Engineering Inc. and Smith Contracting, was designed to improve safety, mobility and connectivity for five substandard streets: West Lake Drive, West Third Street, North Lynn Street, North Robinson Street, and Edmond Street.



Free Tax Preparation

The United Way VITA and AARP are offering several locations for free tax preparation in Williamson County.

United Way VITA Tax Sites

Walk-ins only. No new clients accepted one hour before closing. <http://www.wilcofreetaxprep.org> [<http://www.wilcofreetaxprep.org/>]

- Taylor - Taylor Public Library | 801 Vance St., Taylor, TX 76574 | Saturday's 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Round Rock - St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Bosco House| 3201 Sunrise Road, Round Rock, TX 78665 | Tuesdays 12:30-5:30 p.m. | Thursdays 12:30-5:30 p.m. | Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

AARP Tax-Aide Sites

By appointment only. No-walk-ins accepted. Schedule an appointment online: <http://www.taxaide.aarpfoundation.org>

- Taylor - Taylor Public Library | 801 Vance St., Taylor, TX 76574 | Wednesdays noon-4 p.m.
- Round Rock - Allen Baca Senior Center | 301 W. Bagdad Ave., Round Rock, TX 78664 | Mondays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Wednesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Georgetown - Georgetown Public Library | 402 W. Eighth St., Georgetown, TX 78626 | Tuesdays 12:30-4 p.m. | Thursdays 12:30-4 p.m. | Saturdays 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Georgetown - Sun City Cowan Creek Community Center | 1433 Cool Spring Way, Georgetown, TX 78663 | Fridays 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Cedar Park - Recreation Center | 1435 Main St., Cedar Park, TX 78613 | Tuesdays 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Leander - Leander Public Library | 1011 S. Bagdad Road, Leander, TX 78641 | Mondays 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | Wednesdays 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Must bring the following documents:

- Photo ID
- Social Security card or ITIN card (for you, your spouse and all dependents)
- W-2s
And if applicable:
 - Copy of last year's Federal Tax return
 - 1095-A (proof of health insurance)
 - 1099-G (unemployment insurance benefits)
 - 1099-INT (blank interest)
 - 1098-T (tuition statement)
 - 1098-E (interest on a student loan)
 - Notice 1319 (advance child credit)
 - 1099-NEC, 1099-Misc, and/or 1099-K
 - Check/savings account statement with bank routing numbers (optional)

Visit the Heritage Square Farmer's Market, Open Every Saturday

The Heritage Square Farmer's Market is a weekly year-round market offering a variety of high-quality locally grown produce, responsibly raised meats, and unique handmade goods from local farmers, ranchers, and artisans. The Heritage Square Farmer's Market is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Heritage Square Pavilion. For more information on the Market, a list of vendors, and how to become a vendor, visit [\[www.taylortx.gov/621/Heritage-Square-Farmers-Market\]](http://www.taylortx.gov/621/Heritage-Square-Farmers-Market).



WASTEWATER AVERAGING PER ZONE			
<i>To find your zone, look at the payment coupon of your water bill next to the billing address.</i>			
	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.

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](http://www.taylortx.gov/Calendar) [<http://www.taylortx.gov/Calendar>].

February

- **Tuesday, Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m.** - Virtual Comprehensive Plan public meeting | Visit <https://bit.ly/3ufpter> for more information.

Library Calendar

- **Wednesday, Feb. 2, 10:30 AM:** The Number 10
- **Wednesday, Feb. 9, 10:30 AM:** Valentine's Day
- **Wednesday, Feb. 16, 10:30 AM:** Day and Night
- **Saturday Feb. 19 and Monday, Feb. 21:** Closed for President's Day
- **Wednesday, Feb. 23, 10:30 AM:** Loud and Quiet



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:

- February 10, 24
- March 10, 24

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, February 21 (Presidents' Day)

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