

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



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City Manager Message

I would like to congratulate the City of Taylor Human Resources Department for being awarded the Human Resources Strategic Department of the Year award from the Texas Municipal Human Resources Association (TMHRA) during their conference in May in Georgetown. This award is a new category that recognizes the outstanding contributions an HR team has made in the past 18 months in their City and employees that they serve. The award acknowledges the efforts made to enhance and further the mission, vision and values of the organization and its culture while aligning strategic HR practices and programs. I commend them for their hard work and congratulate them on this well-deserved achievement.

The City of Taylor's HR team is headed by Human Resources Director LaShon Gros and HR Coordinator Chris Silva-Gonzales. The department received the Strategic Department of the Year award in large part due to their implementation of our new payroll system, Paycom, over this last fiscal year, which replaced an outdated system that had been in use for many years. With the leadership of the HR department and in coordination with the Finance Department, the City was able to transition into a more advanced payroll system that has streamlined our HR process and proven to be a great benefit for City of Taylor employees. This system has created a more efficient process, given employees more access to their information and documents, and has given many valuable hours back to supervisors at all levels.

I'm so proud of the team we have here at the City of Taylor and their service and dedication to the City of Taylor and its residents.

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde
City Manager

Code Rodeo Scheduled for July 13

The City of Taylor is working with Simplecity Design to bring the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan to life by updating the city's development code with a series of planning and strategic meetings called the Taylor Made Toolbox. The Taylor Made Toolbox is the next phase of the Envision Taylor plan. The Development Codes guide the built environment. The Toolbox will update Taylor's codes based on local preferences to ensure the future of the Envision Taylor plan.



Why are we updating the Development Codes?

The current rules on the books are not representing Taylor's current development patterns. Take a look at how new development differs from historic areas of Taylor. These codes will shape Taylor for the next generation.

How does the process work?

The first meeting, a DNA Round-Up, was held on Tuesday, April 19, at the Taylor Public Library. The Design Rodeo meeting was held on Tuesday, May 3.

During the DNA Round-Up, the event organizers analyzed and celebrated Taylor's original settlement patterns and discussed how they apply to Taylor's future. What they found is that the development processes in Taylor's historic downtown and many of the older, diverse neighborhoods are illegal under the current codes. To code for Taylor's future, we must first claim what we love about Taylor's built environment and direct what kind of new development fits best where. Then we begin to build the code.

- [Watch the DNA Round-Up meeting by clicking here.](#)

The Design Rodeo held on May 3 consisted of a roundtable talk and design session where discussions were arranged by topics including housing diversity, retail and restaurant growth, neighborhood design, small town charm, and other topics. A live artist was at the event to create illustrations based on the discussions.

A design dialogue and open house was then held to dive deeper into the code using the artist illustrations and conversations held earlier in the afternoon which served as a launch-point for more detailed insights.

- [Watch the Design Rodeo meeting by clicking here.](#)

A third and final meeting, called a "Code Rodeo," will be held on Wednesday, July 13, at the Taylor Public Library. There will be a come anytime workshop from 1-4 p.m. to evaluate draft neighborhood sketches and review draft zoning maps and districts. Following, there will be an open house from 6-8 p.m. for an introductory presentation of code and feedback, input, and conversation.

- [Click here to view the event flyer for the Code Rodeo.](#)

The Code Rodeo is an opportunity for residents to help determine what's right, what's wrong, and what's missing in the designs. More events and opportunities to review drafts and submit input are available on the website at www.taylor.konveio.com [<http://www.taylor.konveio.com>].



2021 Water Quality Report Available

The 2021 Annual Water Quality Report is available to view on the City's website at [/www.ci.taylor.tx.us/417/Water-Quality-Report](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/417/Water-Quality-Report) [<https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/417/Water-Quality-Report>].

The report is a summary of the quality of water the City of Taylor provides to its customers.

Williamson County and Cities Health District 2022 Survey

All community members living and/or working in Williamson County are invited to participate in the Williamson County and Cities Health District 2022 Stakeholder Survey. This survey will ask about your thoughts on the services provided by Williamson County and Cities Health District. The information we

collect will inform how Williamson County and Cities Health District can best serve and promote the health of the communities in Williamson County.

The survey will be open from May 16, 2022, to June 24, 2022, and is available in English online or on paper. All respondents will remain anonymous. At the end of this survey, you will be able to enter a drawing for a \$100 gift card.

If you live in or work in Williamson County or have received services from Williamson County and Cities Health District in the past, please complete our online survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WCCHD2022>
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For help with any technical issues you experience with the online survey, please contact Christian Hall at chall@measurementresourcesco.com [<mailto:chall@measurementresourcesco.com>]. For more general questions about the health district, please contact Williamson County and Cities Health District by calling 512-943-3600 or emailing info@wilco.org [<mailto:info@wilco.org>].

Pool Open for the Summer!



The Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center is open for the summer! Pool hours are as follows:

- Monday: Closed
- Tuesday: noon - 8PM
- Wednesday: noon - 8PM
- Thursday: noon - 8PM
- Friday: noon - 8PM
- Saturday: noon - 8PM
- Sunday: 1-8PM

There is a designated lap lane at the pool, open during regular hours.

Pool admission fees are:

- Children under age 3: Free admission
- Children ages 4 to 12: \$2 each
- Adults/Children over age 12: \$3 each
- Seniors (ages 60+): \$2 each
- Family Pass (30 Admissions) = \$45
- Family Pass (60 Admissions) = \$90

Pool passes can be purchased at the pool.

Both splashpads are open for the season as well. Hours for both are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A Message From Your Taylor Fire Department



Summer Safety Tips

As our weather continues to warm up, and we spend more time in our great Taylor Texas outdoors, please keep these safety tips in mind:

- Know the signs and symptoms of heat related injuries, learn more at: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/warning.html>.
- Be mindful of insect bites and stings and have plenty of medication available for allergic reactions.
- When outdoors, always keep your cell phone device handy. Emergencies can occur when we least expect them.
- When hiking or trail walking be aware of your surroundings. Make sure you know your location so emergency services can locate you in case of an emergency.
- When cooking outdoors ensure your pits, grills and smokers are located at least 10 feet away from any structure and that the coals are fully extinguished when cooking is completed.

July 4th is just around the corner, so please keep in mind that fireworks are prohibited by ordinance within the city limits of Taylor. Violation of the ordinance may result in confiscation and a fine. Fireworks start over 19,000 fires and send over 9,000 people to the Emergency Room every year in the US. Please don't put yourself and your neighbors at risk. We encourage you to

enjoy one of the many public fireworks displays including the one here in Taylor. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and able to enjoy Taylor's great outdoors.

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>].

June

- **Thursday, June 16 | 7 p.m. | *Music on Main featuring Mel Davis & the Blues Specialists*** - Join us in Heritage Square for this FREE and family friendly concert series.

Library Calendar

The [Taylor Public Library](#) is located at 801 Vance St. in Taylor.



CURRENT OPERATING HOURS:

Monday/Wednesday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday/Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Library Closures:

- Saturday, June 18 & Monday, June 20 (Juneteenth observed)

Summer Reading Program:

- **Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m. | Sewing Saturday**

- **Monday, June 13 at 2 p.m. | Movie: Spies in Disguise**
- **Tuesday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. | "Discover Treasures" story time**
- **Wednesday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m. | Wonderful World of Water Tales and Tunes with Kim Lehman**
- **Thursday, June 16 at 4 p.m. | Family Activity: Tie Dye **Call 512-352-3434 to register in advance****
- **Tuesday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. | "Explore New Depths" story time**
- **Wednesday, June 22 at 10:30 a.m. | Sue Young, Bilingual Storyteller and Musician performance**
- **Thursday, June 23 at 4 p.m. | Family Activity: Mermaid Slime **Call 512-352-3434 to register in advance****
- **Monday, June 27 at 2 p.m. | Movie: Sing 2**
- **Tuesday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m. | "Seven Seas, Infinite Stories" story time**
- **Wednesday, June 29 at 10:30 a.m. | Dano, Singer Songwriter Performance**
- **Thursday, June 30 at 4 p.m. | Family Activity: Painting with Ms. Suzanna **Call 512-352-3434 to register in advance****

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:

- June 9, 23
- July 14, 28

Live streaming of Council meetings and taped recordings are available [on our website](#).

Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, June 20 (Juneteenth observed)
- Monday, July 4 (Fourth of July)

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