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City Manager Message

I would like to commend the life saving efforts by two YMCA lifeguards who quickly sprung to action to save the life of one of the swimmers at the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center in May.

Lifeguards Sydney Branson and Landon Mikulencak showed exceptional bravery and professionalism. Ms. Branson saw an individual struggling in the water. The individual went down to the bottom and didn't come back up. Ms. Branson blew her whistle and notified others of the emergency. She then jumped into the pool and retrieved the individual from the bottom with assistance from Mr. Mikulencak. They both escorted the individual to safety, who was breathing and responsive. They then put the individual into the recovery position until Williamson County EMS arrived.

Ms. Branson and Mr. Mikulencak took significant steps that day to mitigate a potentially life-threatening event and the individual's life was saved as a result of their immediate lifesaving actions.

For their lifesaving actions, the Mayor and Council presented a special recognition to Ms. Branson and Mr. Mikulencak at the City Council meeting on June 23.

I want to commend them for their professionalism and superior performance of their duties. The City of Taylor is fortunate to have Ms. Branson and Mr. Mikulencak guarding the lives of all swimmers at the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center.

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde
City Manager



Council Accepts TCMA Council of the Year Award

The City of Taylor City Council was honored during the Texas City Management Association's 2022 Conference awards luncheon in June for being selected the 2022 Council of the Year earlier this year. Congratulations again to Mayor Brandt Rydell, Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Anderson, Councilmember Dwayne Ariola, Councilmember Robert Garcia, and Councilmember Mitch Drummond for this incredible achievement!



Congratulations to the 2022 LEAD Taylor Graduates!

During the June 23 Council meeting, certificates were presented to 23 graduates from the 2022

LEAD Taylor class.

Classes began in February, after a delay due to the Omicron variant, and this is the first full class since 2022. The students heard from representatives from the different departments at the City of Taylor, Taylor ISD, Taylor Chamber of Commerce and Taylor Press.

The LEAD Taylor program is a once a month class held for a six month period beginning in January. The classes are held for residents to learn more about their city. The program is a community-focused, collaborative program that provides participants in an in-depth look at government operations, community planning and awareness, and the opportunity to learn about civic culture from the inside out. If anyone is interested in participating in the 2023 class, please email PIO@taylortx.gov [mailto:PIO@taylortx.gov?subject=LEAD%20Taylor%202023].

Congratulations graduates!

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>].

A Message From Your Taylor Fire Department



Fourth of July Safety

Happy Fourth of July! While we want to everyone to safely enjoy the holiday, please keep in mind that fireworks are prohibited by ordinance within the city limits of Taylor, and are also very unsafe in the hot, dry conditions we are seeing in our area this summer.

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 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>].

July

- **Monday, July 4 | 9 a.m.-7 p.m. | *4th of July Celebration & Fireworks*** - Join the American Legion Graham D Luhn for the annual 4th of July celebration in Taylor! Activities will be throughout the day:
- 9 a.m. - 4th of July Parade: 4th and Davis to Murphy Park. View route at www.facebook.com/GrahamDLuhn
- 10 a.m. - Ice Cream Social at the American Legion Hall
- 6:30 p.m. - Recognition Ceremony at the Murphy Park Pavilion
- 7 p.m. - Live Music: Morningstar Classic Rock Band at the Murphy Park Pavilion
- Sunset Fireworks at the Murphy Park Duck Pond
- All day at Murphy Park: Food court, cold drinks, tennis courts and aquatic center open until dusk.
- **Friday, July 8 | Dusk | *Movie in the Park featuring Sing 2*** - Join the Parks and Recreation Department for a FREE movie in the park at Heritage Square.

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, July 2 & Monday, July 4 (Fourth of July)

Summer Reading Program:

- **Tuesday, July 5 at 10:30 a.m. | *Storytime: Our Blue Planet***
- **Wednesday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m. | *Lucas Miller, Singing Zoologist***
- **Thursday, July 7 at 4 p.m. | *Family Activity: Seashell Stations* **Call 512-352-3434 to register in advance****
- **Saturday, July 9 at 10 a.m. | *Sewing Saturday***
- **Monday, July 11 at 2 p.m. | *Movie: Spies in Disguise***
- **Tuesday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m. | *Storytime: Ocean of Wonders***
- **Wednesday, July 13 at 10:30 a.m. | *Kainoa Kamaka, Ukulele Player***
- **Thursday, July 14 at 4 p.m. | *Family Activity: Jellyfish in a Bottle* **Call 512-352-3434 to register in advance****
- **Monday, July 18 at 2 p.m. | *Movie: Inside Out***
- **Tuesday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m. | *Storytime: Uncharted***
- **Thursday, July 21 at 4 p.m. | *Family Activity: Ocean Water Science* **Call 512-352-3434 to register in advance****
- **Friday, July 22 at 4 p.m. | *End of Summer Ice Cream Party***

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:

- July 14, 28
 - August 11, 25
- 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, July 4 (Fourth of July)



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