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Artist Rendering of the planned Fred Kerley mural

City Manager Message

The City of Taylor is excited to honor hometown Olympic Champion and Taylor native, Fred Kerley, with a new mural project on Main Street. Mr. Kerley, who is an Olympic medalist, was crowned the World's Fastest Man in July, 2022 when he won the Men's 100 Meters at the 2022 World Athletics Championships.

City staff was approached earlier this year by a group interested in honoring Mr. Kerley's accomplishments on and off the field by installing a mural on the Ford Ground Storage Tank at 1601 N. Main St. Kerley and his team approved the artwork, which depicts the Olympic champion, the American flag, and the caption, "Fred Kerley/World 100m Champion/Olympic Games Medalist."

Taylor artist Adam Davenport will complete the project. Some works in Taylor by Mr. Davenport include the Bill Pickett statue on the corner of Second and Main, a bronze mallard duck statue at the Duck Pond at Taylor High and the buffalo mural at the 74 Man Store in downtown. Work began in October and is anticipated to be completed in January 2023. The City will plan an official unveiling in February 2023.

Fred Kerley is truly a hometown hero, and the City is proud to honor his accomplishments. I look forward to seeing this tribute once it is completed and hope it will be a beacon of inspiration for future generations of Taylorites who aspire to be faster,

higher, and stronger.

As we move into the holiday season, I want to wish all Taylor residents a happy Thanksgiving and to let you know how grateful I am for our community and for your continued support throughout this year. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde
City Manager

City Accepting LEAD Taylor 2023 Applications

The City of Taylor is looking for citizens who want to learn more about their city for the 2023 LEAD Taylor Program. The program is a community-focused, collaborative program that provides participants an in-depth look at government operations, community planning and awareness, as well the opportunity to learn about Taylor ISD, economic development, civic organizations and much more.



Classes are every third Thursday of the month from noon-5 PM starting in January until July.

For more information, visit www.taylortx.gov/838/LEAD-Taylor.
Apply online here: <https://forms.gle/vftBSETrSKhPupA37>

Questions? Contact the Communications Office at pio@taylortx.gov.



South Sturgis Street was recently completed using the Public Works Department's reclamation program.

Paving the Way

Public Works wrapping up 2021-22 Level-Up Program, set to begin work on 2022-23 streets

The City of Taylor Public Works Department has been hard at work finishing up the 2021-22 Level-up Program streets and will begin work on the 2022-23 selected streets soon. Several streets were recently repaired through our reclamation program, which allows crews to do base work in addition to the level-up on top of it. They include South Sturgis Street, the fifth street in the Taylor City Cemetery, and a block of Scott Street.

To learn more about the Level-Up Program and to see streets selected for 2022-23 repairs, visit www.taylortx.gov/964/Street-Maintenance.

Upcoming Winter Averaging for Wastewater Rates

For residential customers with a City of Taylor utility bill, the City bases monthly wastewater charges on the average water consumption for November, December, January, and February. The three lowest consumptions are then averaged and used to calculate your wastewater charge for the entire year. An account must be active the entire four months to establish an average. All new accounts will be charged the new customer average until the account has established its own winter average.

Prior to the averaging period, residents are advised to repair leaky faucets, running toilets and any other water leaks. This will avoid a high usage month during the averaging period and help keep your sewer rate down. Averages cannot be adjusted for lawn watering or pool filling.

For commercial wastewater customers, charges are based on actual monthly water consumption.

Wastewater Averaging Period Per Zone:

	Service Dates		Billing Dates				Date New Rate Appears on Bill
	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Nov. Services</u>	<u>Dec. Services</u>	<u>Jan. Services</u>	<u>Feb. Services</u>	
Zone 1	10/17/2022	2/17/2023	12/5/2022	1/5/2023	2/5/2023	3/5/2023	4/5/2023
Zone 2	10/24/2022	2/24/2023	12/12/2022	1/12/2023	2/12/2023	3/12/2023	4/12/2023
Zone 3	11/1/2022	3/1/2023	12/19/2022	1/19/2022	2/19/2022	3/19/2022	4/19/2023
Zone 4	11/9/2022	3/9/2023	12/26/2022	1/26/2022	2/26/2022	3/26/2022	4/26/2023



A Message From Your Taylor Fire Department

Safety Tips for a Happy Holiday Season

The holidays are just around the corner and your Taylor Fire Department wishes everyone happy holidays.

As frying a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner becomes increasingly more popular, the Fire Department asks that you keep these safety tips in mind:

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions to avoid overfilling. Oil can ignite when it contacts the burner or open flames.
- Keep fryers outdoors, a safe distance away from structures, off decks, and out of garages.
- Make sure the turkey is thawed and dry before cooking. Ice or water that mixes into the hot oil can cause flare-ups.
- Watch the weather. Never operate a fryer outdoors in the rain or snow.
- Place the fryer on a level surface and avoid moving it once it's in use.
- Leave 2 feet between the tank and the burner when using a propane-powered fryer.
- Never leave fryers unattended.
- Purchase a fryer with temperature controls and watch the oil temperature carefully. Cooking oil that is heated beyond its smoke point can catch fire. If you notice the oil is smoking, turn the fryer off.
- Turn off the burner before lowering the turkey into the oil. Once the turkey is submerged, turn the burner on.
- Wear goggles to shield your eyes, use oven mitts to protect your hands and arms and keep an "ABC" or grease-rated fire extinguisher close by. Do not use water or a garden hose on a fire related to turkey fryers.
- Avoid water-based marinades.
- Always keep children and pets away from the fryer.
- Once finished, carefully remove the pot from the burner, place it on a level surface and cover with a metal lid to let the oil cool overnight before disposing.

If you plan to travel during the holidays, ensure your vehicle is maintained. If staying in hotels, know your surroundings especially the routes to the exits and stairwells.

With planning and preparation, you can enjoy a safe and fun holiday.

2022 National Night Out A Success

The Taylor Police Department held its National Night Out event on Tuesday, October 4th. There were eight block parties in the city: 1) 2100 Donna Drive, 2) the Heritage Oaks Apartment Complex, 3) 1903 Meadow Lane, 4) Avery Glenn Subdivision, 5) 504 Debus Drive, 6) the Loose Screw, 7) 2105 Lathan Lane, and 8) Taylor Square Apartments. Officers from the Taylor Police Department, along with crews from the Taylor Fire Department and local EMS visited residents at each of the block parties in a successful evening.



Arbor Day Foundation, Oncor Giving Away Free Trees

The Arbor Day Foundation and Oncor are providing energy-saving trees through a free tree program. The program provides individuals up to two free trees for planting in the Fall of 2022, which can be reserved now. The trees are delivered directly to your doorstep. Click here for more information and to sign up: <https://energysavingtrees.arborday.org/?PartnerCode=07022#Start>

Also be sure to join the City of Taylor Parks & Recreation Department and the Taylor Tree Advisory Board for the annual tree planting in honor of Arbor Day. This year's tree planting will be held at Heritage Square Park. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department to volunteer or for more information at parks@taylortx.gov.

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](#).

November

- **November 2 | 1 PM & 7 PM | *Zoning Open House*** - Come learn about how the proposed update to the City's zoning and development standards will impact your property. This is a come and go open house to review the draft place types zoning map and development standards. Come any time between 1 PM and 7 PM at the Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance St.
- **November 7-11 | *Municipal Court Week*** - The City of Taylor Municipal Court will be participating in Municipal Court Week. There will be a table set up in the courtroom with freebies and information about the court all week.
- **Saturday, November 12 | 9 AM | *Arbor Day Tree Planting*** - Join the City of Taylor Parks & Recreation Department and the Taylor Tree Advisory Board for the annual

tree planting in honor of Arbor Day. This year's tree planting will be held at Heritage Square Park. Contact the Parks & Recreation Department to volunteer or for more information at parks@taylortx.gov.

- **Thursday, November 17 | 7 PM | *Music on Main featuring Honey Made*** - Join the Taylor Public Arts Advisory Board and Main Street Advisory Board for a FREE concert in Heritage Square Park.

Library Calendar

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

CURRENT OPERATING HOURS:

Monday/Wednesday 9 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday/Thursday 9 AM - 8 PM
Friday 12 noon - 6 PM
Saturday 11 AM - 4 PM



NOVEMBER CLOSURES:

- The library is closed November 11-12 for Veterans Day
- The library is closed November 24-26 for Thanksgiving

November Calendar:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 2 | 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time "Fall"**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 9 | 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time "Native American Heritage Month"**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 16 | 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time "Thanksgiving"**
- **No Story Time on Wednesday, Nov. 23**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 30 | 10:30 AM: Preschool Story Time theme TBA**

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:

- November 10
- December 8

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

Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, Nov. 11 (Veterans Day)
- Thursday & Friday, Nov. 24 & 25 (Thanksgiving)
- Friday & Monday, Dec. 23 & 26 (Christmas)



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