

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



**May 2023**

## City of Taylor Donation Program

You can now make a donation to the City of Taylor online. This convenient online payments page includes options to donate to:

- the Animal Shelter
- the Library
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Arts
- Directly to the Fred Kerley Mural.



Donations may be used by the City for any purpose within the category selected.

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## City Manager Message

With the summer season just around the corner, I wanted to take a moment to highlight our beautiful Taylor Parks system. With plenty of picnic areas, playgrounds, and open space for outdoor activities, our parks are the perfect place to gather with family and friends for a summer day of fun.

On May 13, it is my pleasure to announce that we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the latest addition to Murphy Park: the soccer mini pitch located next to the basketball court. The Parks and Recreation Department worked with Soccer Assist, along with the U.S. Soccer Foundation, 4ATX, and St. David's Foundation, to build the mini pitch after they were approached by Soccer Assist in 2022. Construction began in April of this year, and was recently completed. We're looking forward to officially opening the mini pitch and celebrating this exciting new amenity in our parks.

The Parks and Recreation Department is also gearing up for a fun-filled summer. The Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center will officially open for the summer season starting Memorial Day Weekend (May 27). The Department is also working on bringing back Movies in the Park to the City of Taylor this summer, with dates set for June 9, July 14 and August 11 in Heritage Square Park. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department is offering a Walk/Run Program for all levels. Visit [Walk/Run Program | Taylor, TX - Official Website \(taylortx.gov\)](https://www.taylortx.gov/walk-run-program) to find out more.

And if you haven't had the chance, be sure to follow the Parks and Recreation Department on Facebook at [facebook.com/taylortxparks](https://facebook.com/taylortxparks) so you can stay up-to-date about upcoming events, programming and more throughout the year, and won't miss out on any of the fun happenings our Taylor parks this summer!

There's no better time to get outside and explore all the opportunities our Parks have to offer. I look forward to seeing you out an about!

Sincerely,

**Brian LaBorde**  
*City Manager*



The poster features a light green background with a faint pattern of coffee beans. On the left, the text "COFFEE" is in large, bold, black letters, followed by "WITH A" in smaller, orange letters, and "COP" in large, bold, black letters. A small illustration of a coffee cup with steam is placed between the "C" and "P". Below this, the Taylor Police Department badge is shown. On the right, the text "PLEASE JOIN US" is in green, followed by "Wednesday, May 10th, 2023" in black, "8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M." in black, and "- 9:00 A.M short program -" in black. Below this, "GOOD STRANGERS COFFEE" is in blue, followed by "114 W. 2nd Street" and "Taylor, TX" in black. A circular logo for Good Strangers Coffee is to the right of the address. At the bottom right, the text "Meet members of the Taylor Police Department over a cup of coffee in an informal setting. Ask questions, share your thoughts and get to know our officers!" is in black.

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**GOOD STRANGERS COFFEE**  
**114 W. 2nd Street**  
**Taylor, TX**

**Meet members of the Taylor Police Department over a cup of coffee in an informal setting. Ask questions, share your thoughts and get to know our officers!**

Please join us Wednesday, May 10, 2023, from 8:30 AM to 10 AM at Good Strangers Coffee (114 W. 2nd St., Taylor, TX) for Coffee with a Cop. There will be a short program at 9 AM. Meet members of the Taylor Police Department over a cup of coffee in an informal setting. Ask questions, share your thoughts and get to know our officers!

**Summer Youth Camp Survey**



The Taylor Parks & Recreation Department is launching our first ever summer camps program thanks to a generous grant from the St. David's Foundation.

While we can't do every activity during our first year, we'd like to get your initial feedback on what programs your kids would be most interested in.

We'll then take that community feedback and coordinate with potential camp instructors to determine what we can offer this summer. The list of summer camp offerings will be finalized in mid-May.

To take the survey, click the link below:

**[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)**

## Keep Grass Trimmed

The City of Taylor Code Enforcement Office would like to remind Taylor property owners to keep grass and underbrush trimmed on their property and ensure that weeds are pulled.



It's a property owner's responsibility to mow to the back of the curb or edge of pavement and to the midpoint of the alley. Grass may not exceed 12 inches in height and underbrush may not exceed 18 inches in height.

Trees must be trimmed so that the canopy is no lower than 12 feet above the top of the curb, edge of the pavement or edge of alley.

For more information about code compliance, call 512-365-3863.



## April Sales Tax Numbers

The City of Taylor has released the actual and cumulative sales tax numbers for the month of March and posted them to the City's website. The sales and use tax revenue reported for the City in April 2023 was \$688,276, an increase of more than \$235,000 (51.9%)

over the same time last year. The cumulative sales and use tax revenue through April 2023 is \$10,753,482, an increase of over \$7.1 million (200.1%) over the same period in 2021. In November 2022, the City began releasing a report on the third Tuesday of every month detailing the cumulative and actual numbers from the last four months of the year and compare them to the three prior years.

Increased sales tax revenue is a positive for Taylor residents for several reasons. A majority of the revenue in the City's General Fund is made up of ad valorem, or property tax that is charged to residents, and sales and use tax that is charged to anyone who purchases goods and services in the City. When sales and use tax revenues are up, it can help lower the property tax rate. Additionally, the increase in

sales tax revenue also helped the City fund limb and debris cleanup efforts due to Winter Storm Mara.

Between the increased construction use taxes from the Samsung Semiconductor construction project, and an influx of visitors and businesses in our City, the City has seen an upward trend in sales and use tax numbers that we expect will continue in the coming years.

The next report will be released on Tuesday, May 16. For more information and to view the report, visit Finance section of the City's website at [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.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.

### May

- **Saturday, May 6 | 7 AM - 7 PM | Election Day** - Election Day Voting will be held Saturday, May 6, from 7 AM to 7 PM. at Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St.
- **Saturday, May 6 | 10 AM - 4 PM | Blackland Prairie Day** - This free event honors the rich cultural heritage of Taylor, where local goods and friendly people are in abundance. We'll have live music and dance, food vendors, booths, kids' activities, antique tractor show and more!



- **Wednesday, May 10** | 8:30-10 AM | **Coffee with a Cop** - Please join us at Good Strangers Coffee. There will be a short program by the Taylor Police Department at 9 AM. Come meet the members of Taylor PD over a cup of coffee and ask questions, share your thoughts and get to know our officers!
- **Saturday, May 13** | 11:30 AM - 1 PM | **Mini Pitch Ribbon Cutting** - Please join the St. David's Foundation, 4ATX Foundation, U.S. Soccer Foundation, Soccer Assist and the Taylor Parks and Recreation Department as we officially cut the ribbon for the new soccer Mini Pitch in Murphy Park!
- **Thursday, May 18** | 7 PM | **Music on Main** - Join the Public Arts Advisory Board for this free and family friendly event in Heritage Square Park.
- **Saturday, May 27** - The Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center opens for the summer!
- **Monday, May 29** | 10 AM | **Memorial Day Salute** - Join us for a special Memorial Day Salute as the Central Texas United States Submarine Veterans hold a "Tolling of the Boats" or calling the roll of shipmates in addition to honoring all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. The event will be held at the Murphy Park Pavilion.

## June

- **Friday, June 9** | Dusk | **Movies in the Park** - Grab a blanket or favorite lawn chair and join us for Movies in the Park at the Heritage Square Amphitheater. Take the survey: The Taylor Parks & Recreation Department is planning our 2023 Movies in a Park Series at Heritage Square, and we want to know what family-friendly movies your kids want to see. Visit [Movies Survey | Taylor, TX - Official Website \(taylortx.gov\)](https://www.taylortx.gov/movies-survey) to let us know what movies you want to see this summer!
- **Thursday, June 15** | 7 PM | **Music on Main** - Join the Public Arts Advisory Board for this free and family friendly event in Heritage Square Park.

## Library Calendar

The [Taylor Public Library](https://www.taylortx.gov/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

Sunday: closed

### May Calendar:

- **May 3, May 10 and May 17** | 10:30 AM | **Preschool Storytime** (May 17 is the last Storytime until September)



- **May 4** | 5:30 PM | ***Star Wars activities and movie***  
Costumes encouraged. All ages welcome
- **May 11** | 5:30-7:30 PM | ***Mother's Day card making***
- **May 13** | 1-3 PM | ***Mother's Day card making***
- **May 23** | 1 PM | ***Friends of the Taylor Public Library Meeting***
- **Thursdays in May** | 5:30 PM | ***Family Game Night*** - We have a lot of games to choose from. Everyone is welcome to enjoy, just pick a game and a table.

## City Council Meetings

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

Council will meet:

- May 11, 25
- June 8, 22

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, May 29 (Memorial Day)
- Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth)



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