

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



**June 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

Summer is upon us! As we move into the summer months I want to welcome our residents to enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces, and also give you a heads up about some exciting road improvement projects that will be beginning in the coming weeks,.

First, I want to thank our Parks and Recreation Department for their great work getting our parks and pools and other outdoor spaces ready for summer. Parks Director Tyler Bybee and his team have some exciting programs scheduled at our parks for the summer, beginning with our Murphy Park Summer Kickoff on June 4. You can see all of our events and activities on our [website](#), and we also list them in this newsletter each month. Please be safe and courteous as you enjoy our beautiful green spaces so that we can all enjoy them throughout the summer.

The Taylor Public Library also offers summer programming for children and adults throughout the summer. You can see the calendar of events in our newsletter below, and also subscribe to the [Library Newsletter](#) to learn more about upcoming activities. Our thanks to our Library Director Karen Ellis for ensuring that we have great, high quality programming at the Library throughout the year.

In addition to free activities at our parks and library, you'll also be seeing signs in the coming weeks about some exciting improvements to our streets and roads. At the end of this month we will be preparing for some major street maintenance projects on Mallard, 4th Street, and 2nd Street. We'll be sharing information about those projects on our website, social media platforms, and signage around town. There will be some disruptions to traffic patterns as we work, so please be patient with our road crews and pay attention to signs and instructions. All of the road improvements were approved by City Council to help move Taylor forward as we welcome new visitors, businesses, and residents to our community.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you out and about in the community!

Sincerely,

**Brian LaBorde**  
*City Manager*



*Taylor Police Department Chief Henry Fluck presents Detective Aaron Koch with a plaque at the National Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony in Georgetown on April 27.*

## TPD Employees Honored

Two Taylor Police Department employees were honored on April 27, at the National Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony in Georgetown. Taylor Police Department Chief Henry Fluck presented Detective Aaron Koch with a plaque and Victim Services Coordinator Priscilla Moreno was presented a plaque by the Williamson County Sheriff's Office recognizing their work with victims of crime. Chief Fluck detailed the



*Victim Services Coordinator Priscilla Moreno is presented a plaque by the Williamson County Sheriff's Office during the National Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremony in Georgetown on April 27.*

excellent work that Detective Koch and Ms. Moreno have performed during the last year and expressed his appreciation.

## Summer Parks Kickoff Starts June 4

Our Murphy Park Summer Kickoff is June 4. Free pool admission 3-5 PM!

The following week from June 5-9, we'll host free park pop-ups under the Murphy Park Pavilion every morning from 10 AM - Noon.

Activities provided for kids of all ages, including Giant Connect 4, Giant Jenga, hula hoops, cornhole and more! Play basketball, tennis, and also check out our new soccer mini-pitch!

After the park pop-ups, head over to the pool. Normal pool hours are 12-8 PM, and normal fees listed below.

Notes:

1) These are free Murphy Park pop-up events, not a drop-off paid summer camp. Adult supervision required for kids ages 11 and under.

2) The pool opens on May 27th for Memorial Day weekend and will be open every day except Mondays until Labor Day. Normal pool admission prices:

- \$3 for adults and kids ages 13+
- \$2 for kids ages 4-12
- \$2 for seniors 60+
- Free for kids under 3 and under
- Bulk discount: Family Pass for 30 Admissions is \$45.

3) Taylor Parks & Rec is also partnering with Taylor ISD to host free park pop-ups every Tuesday and Thursday evening in June & July from 7-9 PM at Robinson Park.

Visit our website at <http://www.taylor.tx.gov/771/Special-Events-Programs> for more summer programming.

# Murphy Park

6/4 - 6/9: Summer Kickoff Week

Hosted by Taylor Parks & Recreation

(Adult Supervision Required for Ages 11 & Under)



Summer Kickoff Special:

**Sunday, June 4**

**3 - 5 PM**

Free Admission at  
Murphy Pool!

Free Park Pop-Ups at  
Murphy Pavilion:

**June 5 - 9**  
**10 AM - Noon**

Soccer Mini-Pitch,  
Basketball, Hula Hoops,  
Cornhole, Jenga,  
Connect 4 & more!



Parks & Recreation Contact: Ian Davis, [ian.davis@taylortx.gov](mailto:ian.davis@taylortx.gov), (512) 309-6795



## May 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 2021-22. 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 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, June 20. 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.

### June

- **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.
- **Saturday, June 17** | Dusk | **Movies in the Park** - Grab a blanket or favorite lawn chair and join us for Movies in the Park at Robinson Park. This month's featured movie will be Shark Tales
- **Saturday, June 24** | 10AM - Noon | **Pounds of Plenty Food Drive** - Join the Moody Museum for the Pounds of Plenty Food Drive benefitting the Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry. Come stock the pantry at the Museum, 114 W. Ninth St.

### July

- **Tuesday, July 4** | 9 AM - 9 PM | **4th of July Celebration** - Join the Graham D Luhn American Legion Post for a fun filled day of activities in Murphy Park. The day will kick off with a parade followed by music, games, food and more, ending with a fireworks show.
- **Saturday, July 15** | Dusk | **Movies in the Park** - Grab a blanket or favorite lawn chair and join us for Movies in the Park at Heritage Square. This month's featured movie will be Lego Batman.

## 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: noon - 6 PM

Saturday: 11 AM - 4 PM

Sunday: closed



# JUNE 2023

## TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

801 Vance St  
Taylor, TX 76574  
512-352-3434

Kids Lunches are for anyone under 18  
Kids programs are for ages 4 & Up  
Teen Programs are for ages 12 & Up  
Family Programs are for anyone, but ages 6 and Under  
must be accompanied by an adult.  
All crafts are available until supplies run out

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 12:30 Kids Lunch	2 12:30 Kids Lunch	3
5 12:30 Kids Lunch	6 12:30 Kids Lunch	7 12:30 Kids Lunch	8 12:30 Kids Lunch	9 12:30 Kids Lunch	10 1:00 Sewing Saturday 
12 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Movie "Encanto Sing Along"	13 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Kid Craft Stained Glass Paper Craft	14 10:30 Bobby Cordell Magic Show 12:30 Kids Lunch	15 12:30 Kids Lunch 5:30 Teen Craft Paper Mobile	16 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Teen Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean The Curse of the Black Pearl"	17 Library Closed
19 Library Closed	20 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Kids Crafts Bird Feeders	21 10:30 BK Bones Paleontologist 12:30 Kids Lunch	22 12:30 Kids Lunch 5:30 Family Craft Tye Dye	23 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Teen Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Man's Chest"	24
26 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Movie "Bad Guys"	27 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Kids Crafts Sunglasses	28 10:30 Chemistry Road Show 12:30 Kids Lunch	29 12:30 Kids Lunch 5:30 Teen Craft Wish Bracelets	30 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Teen Movie "Pirates of the Caribbean At World's End"	

[Click the calendar for more information.](#)

## 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:


- June 8, 22
- July 13, 27


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 19 (Juneteenth)
- Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day)

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