

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



**July 2023**

## **City of Taylor Donation Program**

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- the Library
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Arts
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*The 2023 LEAD Taylor class at the Moody Museum on June 15.*

## **City Manager Message**

I want to congratulate our 2023 LEAD Taylor graduates on completing this year's session. We had 17 residents complete this year's class. Graduation will be held at the City Council meeting on July 13 at 6 PM. I invite everyone to come and congratulate this newest group and I thank them for taking the time to participate in the class this year.

Our LEAD Taylor classes provide information to our residents about the inner workings of their City, school district, economic development and other groups in Taylor. We will be looking for a new group to register starting in September. You can find more information about LEAD Taylor on our website at [LEAD Taylor | Taylor, TX - Official Website \(taylortx.gov\)](http://LEAD Taylor | Taylor, TX - Official Website (taylortx.gov)).

Budget season is also in full swing. City departments have turned in their FY 2023-24 budgets and management along with the Finance Department has met with each department to go over their budgets and goals for next year.

I wanted to be sure that residents are aware of some important dates that will be coming up. We will first present the preliminary budget to City Council with a brief explanation during the July 13 City Council meeting. A budget workshop which includes a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) review will be held on July 25 in Council Chambers.

During the August 24 meeting, we will set the upper limit tax rate, schedule public hearings and introduce the Budget and Tax Rate Ordinances. A notice of the tax rate will be published on the City's website.

A public hearing will then be held during the September 14 City Council meeting and Council will then adopt the budget. The FY 2023-24 budget will go into effect on October 1, 2023.

The budget process is a critical undertaking that requires meticulous planning, thoughtful consideration, and collaboration from various departments and personnel across the organization.

As we move forward, I am confident that the budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2023-24 will lay a strong foundation for the continued growth and prosperity of our community. I urge our residents to actively participate in the upcoming public hearings and engage with us to ensure that the budget truly reflects their aspirations and needs.

I hope everyone continues to have a great summer!

Sincerely,

**Brian LaBorde**

*City Manager*

## **Fourth of July Festivities Planned in Taylor; Closure on Bull Branch Trail**



The City of Taylor is excited to partner again with the American Legion Graham D Luhn Post 39 for this year's Fourth of July Fireworks Show. The show is part of a fun-filled day celebrating our nation's independence on Tuesday, July 4, beginning with a parade in the morning.

The parade will begin at 9 a.m. with the procession heading north on Davis Street, down Lake Drive, and finishing in Murphy Park. An Ice Cream Social at the American Legion Hall will follow the parade. Throughout the day there will be food and drinks set up in Murphy Park. Good Life Taylor will also hold an artist's reception for their Art in the Park banner exhibition. There will be live music from the Derailers starting at 7 p.m. at the Murphy Park Pavilion and the fireworks show will commence at sunset.

For this year's fireworks show, fireworks will launch along the greenbelt in Bull Branch Park. A portion of the hike-and-bike trail that connects Bull Branch Park to Murphy Park will be closed starting at 7:30 a.m. on July 4 and ending at 5 a.m. on July 5. We ask that residents be aware of closure signs and barriers and plan an alternate route if they plan to walk or bike into Murphy Park for the festivities.

This annual event promises to be a day filled with fun, patriotism, and a day of celebration for the entire family. For more information, visit the City's website at [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov).



## Fourth of July Safety

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.

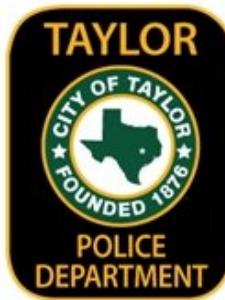
Violation of the ordinance may result in confiscation and a fine. Fireworks start over 19,000 fires and send over 9,000 people to the Emergency Room every year in the US.

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 by the Graham D Luhn American Legion Post in Taylor. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and able to enjoy Taylor's great outdoors.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!



Officer Wilfredo Arce II (left) and Chief Henry Fluck during Officer Arce's swearing in ceremony on May 18.

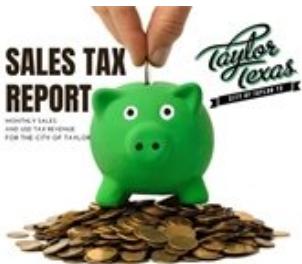


Officer Pedro Montoya (left) and Chief Henry Fluck during Officer Montoya's swearing in ceremony on June 14.

## Two New Taylor Police Department Officers Sworn In

The Taylor Police Department has two new officers on patrol. Officer Wilfredo Arce II was sworn in on May 18 and Officer Pedro Montoya was sworn in on June 14. Both ceremonies were held at the Taylor Public Library meeting room. Congratulations Officer Arce and Officer Montoya!

## June Sales Tax Numbers



The City of Taylor has released the actual and cumulative sales tax numbers for the month of May and posted them to the City's website. The sales and use tax revenue reported for the City in June 2023 was \$2,176,802, an increase of more than \$1.5 million (255.7%) over the same time last year. The cumulative sales and use tax revenue through June 2023 is

\$16,734,644, an increase of over \$11.8 million (241.1%) 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 comparing 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, July 18. 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.*

### July

- **Saturday, July 1** | 8 AM - 3 PM | **Street Millings Day** - The City of Taylor welcomes residents who need materials to help patch alleyways and private property to participate in the July Street Millings Day. Taylor residents and business owners will have an opportunity to pick up free street millings offered by the Taylor Public Works Department to help patch alleyways and private property. Residents can pick up street millings at the Taylor Fire Field, located off East MLK Jr. Boulevard. For more information and a map to the Fire Field, visit <http://www.taylortx.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1726>
- **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.

## August

- **Friday, August 11 | Dusk | *Movies in the Park*** - Grab a blanket or favorite lawn chair and join us for Movies in the Park at Memorial Field in Murphy Park. This month's featured movie will be Remember the Titans.

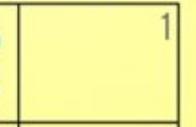
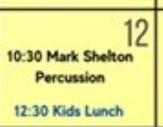
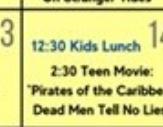
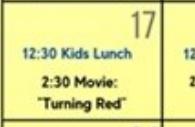
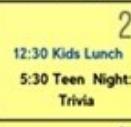
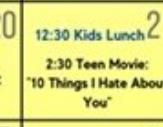
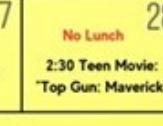
## Library Calendar

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



### CURRENT OPERATING HOURS:

Monday/Wednesday: 9 AM - 6 PM  
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Friday: noon - 6 PM  
Saturday: 11 AM - 4 PM  
Sunday: closed

<b>JULY 2023</b> <b>TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
 3 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Movie: "The Willoughbys"	 4 <b>Library Closed</b>	 5 10:30 Daniel G. Bones Science Show 12:30 Kids Lunch	 6 12:30 Kids Lunch 5:30 Teen Crafts: Shrinky Dinks	 7 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Teen Movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean On Stranger Tides"	 8 1:00 Sewing Saturday	
 10 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Movie: "Raya the Last Dragon"	 11 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Kids Crafts: Airplanes and Helicopters	 12 10:30 Mark Shelton Percussion 12:30 Kids Lunch	 13 12:30 Kids Lunch 5:30 Teen Crafts: Dragon Eggs	 14 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Teen Movie: "Pirates of the Caribbean Dead Men Tell No Lies"		15
 17 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Movie: "Turning Red"	 18 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Kids Crafts: Frisbees	 19 10:30 Ramblin' Rita Cowgirl 12:30 Kids Lunch	 20 12:30 Kids Lunch 5:30 Teen Night: Trivia	 21 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Teen Movie: "10 Things I Hate About You"		22
 24 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Movie: "Strange World"	 25 12:30 Kids Lunch 2:30 Kids Crafts: Glow Bugs	 26 10:30 Wildlife on the Move 12:30 Kids Lunch	 27 12:30 Kids Lunch 5:30 Teen Crafts: Paper Lanterns	 28 No Lunch 2:30 Teen Movie: "Top Gun: Maverick"	 29 1:00 Summer Reading Awards Ceremony	

[Click for more information.](#)



## Summer in the Parks Calendar

### July 4: Cornhole Tournament

- At Murphy Pavilion
- 6 – 8 PM (before fireworks)

### **July 15: Movie in the Park**

- At Heritage Square
- 7 PM Free Lego workshop
- 8:30 PM – Movie featuring Lego Batman

### **July 16: National Ice Cream Day**

- At Doris Roznovak Aquatics Center
- Free pool admission from 3 – 5 PM
- Free ice cream

### **August 11: Movie in the Park**

- At Memorial Field
- 7 PM – Food served
- 8:30 PM – Movie featuring Remember the Titans

### **Regular park pop-ups**

- Mondays at Memorial Field at 7 PM
- Tuesdays at Robinson Park at 7 PM
- Thursdays at Robinson Park at 7 PM

### **Paid Summer Camps**

- July 17 - 21: Soccer - More information at <https://lonestar-sc.com/club/4637>
- July 24 – August 3: Theater & STEM Legos - More information at <https://esteamlearninglabs.com/programs-camps/7-24-8-3-m-th-2-weeks-theater-lego-robotics-taylc-parks-rec-9-am-12pm-ages-7-12/>
- July 31 – August 4: Music - RSVP to [roundrock@schoolofrock.com](mailto:roundrock@schoolofrock.com)

### **Adult Fitness Classes in Taylor**

As an introductory promotion, Taylor Parks & Rec is hosting free adult fitness classes the last 2 weeks of July from 7/17 - 7/29. Sign up here to reserve your spot for the free classes: [Form Center • Taylor, TX • CivicEngage](#)

Starting July 31, each class will be \$5. Bulk discount of 10 classes available for \$40.

- You can pay in advance with cash or check at the Parks office at 1412 Davis St. Or you can pay cash or check in person on the day of the class.
- Online credit card payment options will be available soon.

Questions? Call Taylor Parks & Rec at (512) 309-6266.

## **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:

- July 13, 27
- July 25 - Budget Workshop
- August 10, 24

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

## Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day)



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