

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



November 2023

City of Taylor Donation Program

Residents can now make donations to the City of Taylor online. This convenient online payments page includes options to donate to:

- The Taylor Animal Shelter
- City of Taylor Public Library
- Parks and Recreation
- Police Department
- Public Arts
- Directly to the Fred Kerley Mural



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

[Click Here to Make a Donation](#)

City Manager Message

As we gather with our loved ones and reflect on the past year, I am overjoyed to share some wonderful news that truly embodies the spirit of Thanksgiving. Our community has many reasons to be thankful this year but I am especially thankful for the unwavering commitment of our community, the hard work of our dedicated staff, and the support of countless volunteers, businesses, and organizations who made the recent grand opening of our animal shelter a success.

The newly reopened Taylor Animal Shelter represents a significant milestone in our ongoing mission to provide a safe and loving haven for animals in need, and is a testament to the City of Taylor community's love for animals. Our new facility features a new cat-holding area and play area, expanded dog kennels, a new office building with a lobby for guests, offices for staff, additional storage, and a yard for animals to visit and play.

The grand opening of our Animal Shelter was held on Saturday, Oct. 21, and I thank everyone who was there to help us celebrate this milestone. I would like to especially acknowledge our partners who participated in the planning event and made it such a success: Taylor City Council, the Texas Critter Crusaders, Pflugerville Pets Alive, Good Life Taylor, the Main Street Car Show, and the Animal Shelter Advisory Board for their continued support of this project. I would also like to thank our general contractor, Fazzone Construction, HDR, Inc., and designer Connolly Architects for their professionalism and great work making this dream a reality for so many in our community. And finally I want to give my heartfelt thanks to each and every Taylor resident for your support and dedication to making Taylor a better place for all its inhabitants, two-legged and four-legged alike.

As we approach this Thanksgiving, we have so much to be thankful for, and I hope your hearts, like mine, are filled with warmth and gratitude. On behalf of the City of Taylor, I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde

City Manager



The Taylor Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for the Taylor Animal Shelter on Saturday, Oct. 21, during the shelter's Grand Opening Ceremony.



Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Anderson gives remarks during the Animal Shelter Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, Oct. 21.



Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Perio gives remarks during the Animal Shelter Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, Oct. 21.



Visitors listen as Animal Control Supervisor Sand Perio gives remarks during the Animal Shelter Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting on Oct. 21.

Wastewater Averaging Period Begins

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.

If you have any questions about the wastewater averaging, please contact the City's Utility Billing Department at 512-352-2066

| | Service Dates | | Billing Dates | | | | Date New Rate Appears on Bill |
|--------|---------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| | Start | End | Nov. Services | Dec. Services | Jan. Services | Feb. Services | |
| Zone 1 | 10/18/2023 | 2/18/2024 | 12/5/2023 | 1/5/2024 | 2/5/2024 | 3/5/2024 | 4/5/2024 |
| Zone 2 | 10/27/2023 | 2/27/2024 | 12/12/2023 | 1/12/2024 | 2/12/2024 | 3/12/2024 | 4/12/2024 |
| Zone 3 | 11/3/2023 | 3/3/2024 | 12/19/2023 | 1/19/2024 | 2/19/2024 | 3/19/2024 | 4/19/2024 |
| Zone 4 | 11/10/2023 | 3/10/2024 | 12/26/2023 | 1/26/2024 | 2/26/2024 | 3/26/2024 | 4/26/2024 |

Wastewater averaging dates for 2023-2024

City Accepting LEAD Taylor 2024 Applications

The City of Taylor is looking for citizens who want to learn more about their city for the 2024 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 June.



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

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



A Message from the Taylor FD

Congratulations to this year's Fire Prevention Coloring Contest winners. During the month of October Taylor Firefighters visited each public and private school as well as the daycares in Taylor to talk about fire safety, and were happy to name the following winners of the contest:

- **Emily Newman** - Pasemann Elementary first place winner, second grade.
- **Arianna Perez** - Pasemann Elementary first place winner, fourth grade.
- **Everleigh Brinkmeyer** - Pasemann Elementary first place winner, fifth grade.

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.

November 7 Voting in Taylor

Taylor City Hall will serve as a polling location for the November 7 constitutional amendment and special election.



Early voting:

Oct. 23 - Nov. 3

8 AM - 6 PM

Election Day:

Nov. 7

7 AM - 7 PM

For more information, visit <https://www.wilcotx.gov/185/Elections>.

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

- **Saturday, November 4 | 10 AM - 1 PM | Murphy Park Centennial Celebration** - Murphy Park was founded in 1923, and we're celebrating with a Centennial Celebration on November 4th! Join the Parks and Recreation Department at the Murphy Park Pavilion and enjoy activities for both adults and kids.
- **Sunday, November 5 | 2 - 5 PM | Salute to the Troops** - Join the Dan Moody Museum in honoring all veterans, with special recognition to those who have served in Korea. Veterans and/or their families are encouraged to create shadow boxes about their military service for display in the museum that day.
- **Friday, November 7 | 7 - 8:30 PM | Taylor Stargazing Party** - Taylor Parks and Recreation is hosting a Stargazing Party at 7 PM at Taylor Regional Park north soccer field.
- **Saturday, November 11 | 9 - 11 AM | Arbor Day at Doak Park** - Join the Taylor Parks and Recreation Department and the Tree Advisory Board as we plant trees at Doak Park. To volunteer, email parks@taylortx.gov.

Taylor Public Library

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

September Library Schedule:



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:


- November 9, November 16
- December 7, December 14


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, November 10 (Veteran's Day)
- Thursday and Friday, November 23-24 (Thanksgiving)

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