

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



February 2024

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

There are a lot of exciting projects currently happening in the City of Taylor. As you may be aware, the City began the 2023 Street Maintenance Project (also known as Taylor on the Move) in July. Improvements are being made to Mallard Lane, Second Street, and Fourth Street. Since then, construction on Mallard Lane has been completed. The project will continue beginning this month with Fourth Street.



Fourth Street improvements will include resurfacing and new markings from Main Street to Carlos G. Parker Boulevard. The stretch from Main Street to Gym Street will be updated with new striping. Those traveling on Fourth Street will now have a smoother ride as a portion of the road west of the railroad crossing will undergo full-depth reconstruction. There will also be a two-way bike lane on the north side of the street, which provides increased safety for cyclists in our community. The project will also allow for additional on-street parking and calm traffic. This plan also provides a more direct connection to the greenbelt near the animal shelter, allowing for more accessibility throughout our City.

These improvements will make the streets safer for our residents and visitors, as well as support the City's transportation master plan to support opportunities to expand or enhance alternative modes of transportation.

I encourage residents to stay up-to-date on construction progress, updates, and general construction information by visiting the City's website at www.taylortx.gov/1171/Taylor-on-the-Move.

The ongoing Taylor on the Move project in the City of Taylor is a testament to our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. With the completion of Mallard Lane and the upcoming improvements to Fourth Street, we are creating not just smoother roads, but safer pathways for cyclists and pedestrians.

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde

City Manager



Free Tax Preparation at Library

Free tax preparation assistance will be available at the Taylor Public Library by the Foundation Communities Prosper Centers from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday beginning February 3 through April 13.

They will be taking walk-ins only and no new clients will be allowed one hour before closing.

What to bring:

- Photo ID for you and your spouse
- Social Security Card or ITIN letter for everyone on the tax return
- Tax documents (e.c. W-2, 1099, etc.)
- Direct Deposit information (optional)
- Copy of prior year tax return (recommended)

Services are available for individuals who make under \$60,000 a year and families of 2-4 who make under \$85,000 a year. Income limits are higher for larger families. For more information, visit www.prospertaxhelp.org.



Splashpad Reconstruction Underway

The Heritage Square Splashpad is currently undergoing some changes and our visitors can soon get back to enjoying cooling off during the hot summer days ahead of us.

Reconstruction has begun and there are some exciting changes and upgrades ahead. To help stabilize our shifting Blackland soil, the contractor will be injecting the soil with chemicals that will help with shifting - which means no more ponding around the splashpad making it safer for our visitors. The chemicals are safe, non-toxic, and water-soluble.

There will be 360-degree illuminating LED light fixtures and a new spray play splash deck that will be slip-resistant.

The deck and sidewalk around the splashpad will also be replaced to reduce trip hazards throughout the area.

We thank everyone for their patience while visiting Heritage Square during the splashpad reconstruction. To view more projects going on in our Parks, visit <https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/1178/Parks-Projects>.



Notice of Deadline to File for a Place on the May 4, 2024 Ballot

The City of Taylor will hold a general election on May 4, 2024 to elect a Council Member from District 2 and a Council Member from District 3. The filing period for submitting an application for a place on the ballot for either of these seats is January 17 through February 16. Residents may contact the City Clerk's office for a candidate packet, or visit the city's website at www.ci.taylor.tx.us/251/City-Elections.

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

	<u>Service Dates</u>		<u>Billing Dates</u>				<u>Date New Rate Appears on Bill</u>
	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>	<u>Nov. Services</u>	<u>Dec. Services</u>	<u>Jan. Services</u>	<u>Feb. Services</u>	
Zone 1	10/18/2023	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

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.

February

Thursday, February 22 | 9 AM-noon | Car Seat Check Event - Join Kids in Cars and the Taylor Fire Department for a car seat check event at Fire Station 1 (200 Washburn St.) to have your car seat inspected for proper use and installation. Call Kids in Cars at 512-324-8687 to schedule your appointment.

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

January 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:

- February 8, 22
- March 14, 28

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, February 19 (Presidents' Day)



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