

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



March 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



Scan here

Donations are used by the City only for the category selected.

[Click Here to Make a Donation](#)

City Manager Message

As we're heading into 2024, the City and Mayor Brandt Rydell recently took some time to reflect on the achievements made in 2023.

Mayor Rydell recently gave his annual State of the City Address during the February Taylor Chamber of Commerce luncheon. In this address, Mayor Rydell outlined our city's accomplishments, outlined our vision for the future, and addressed key issues facing our community. It serves as an important communication tool to



keep residents informed and engaged in our city's progress. If you were unable to attend and missed the address, you can view a recording here:
<https://youtu.be/h7NXNPBBZIQ>

The City has also recently released the 2023 Annual Report. The Annual Report encapsulates the progress, achievements, and challenges our city faced over the past year. It provides valuable insights into our initiatives, projects, and the impact they have had on our community. Whether you're interested in our economic development efforts, infrastructure improvements, or community programs, this report offers a comprehensive overview of our city's endeavors. View the 2023 Annual Report here: www.taylortx.gov/1055/Annual-Reports

Your involvement and interest in the future of our city are invaluable. By staying informed and engaged, we can continue to work together to make our community an even better place to live, work, and thrive.

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde
City Manager



Congratulations to Officer Kolton Whisenant

A swearing-in ceremony was held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, for Officer Kolton Whisenant at the Taylor Public Library. Officer Whisenant is the newest officer to join the Taylor Police Department. He is a Taylor native and graduated from the Round Rock Police Academy on Feb. 1. Officer Whisenant began attending the academy on June 27.

Congratulations Officer Whisenant and welcome to the Taylor Police Department!

Adult Coed Softball March 7-June 13

Join the Taylor Parks & Recreation Department for free adult coed softball pickup games at Robinson Park. They're held every Thursday from 6-8 PM starting March 7 until June 13. We will take the week of March 14 off for spring break.



These informal softball games have no paid umpires and the goal is to simply have fun! The first game starts at 6 PM and the second game at 7 PM. Please arrive early so we can pick teams and start promptly. Participants will need to bring their own gloves.

Participation is free, but registration is required. To register go to <https://bit.ly/49zmQ8R>.

For more information, please contact Recreation Coordinator Ian Davis at 512-309-6795 or email ian.davis@taylortx.gov.



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.

Wastewater Averaging Period

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



SPRING FORWARD

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS

Sunday, March 10, 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.

March

Saturday, March 23 | 3-5 PM | Bike Rodeo - Join us for a day of safety drills and fun games to promote youth bike safety! We'll also have free pizza sponsored by Tierra Grande and free snow cones and a bounce house sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club. The event will be held at Pasemann Elementary School, 2809 North Dr.

Activities include:

- Helmet Fitting
- Riding in a straight line
- Stopping at intersections
- Obstacle course
- ABC quick check: Air, Brakes, Chain
- Street and hike and bike trail ride

Free helmets will be provided courtesy of Rotary Club and the Williamson County Constable's office! Stickers to decorate helmets will also be provided for youth participants.

This event is for children between 4 and 14 years of age. We'll have a training course in the parking lot for kids still on training wheels, and we'll also have a longer course from the school to the hike and bike trial for the older kids.

Minors aged 11 and under must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Every parent/guardian must sign the City of Taylor waiver on behalf of their kid.

Saturday, March 30 | 10 AM | Easter Egg Hunt - Join the Taylor Main Street Program along with Frontier Bank of Texas and Linea De Vida for an Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Field (1213 Davis St.) There will be fun games, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and lots of eggs to hunt for! Bring your family and your Easter basket!

April

Sunday, April 7 | 1-2:30 PM | Bull Branch Park Clean Up - It's time for a spring cleanup! Join the Taylor Parks and Recreation Department at the Pavilion and help pick up trash in the park and along the greenbelt. Volunteers are key to maintaining a great park system and we appreciate your support!

Sunday, April 21 | 1-3 PM | Taylor Kite Day - Our annual Taylor Kite Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 21st at 1 PM at Taylor Regional Park. We'll meet on the TRP soccer fields next to the playground and bathrooms.



Adult Fitness & Sports

March - May 2024

Taylor Parks & Recreation

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
9 AM Senior Croquet Memorial Field (Free)	9 AM Senior Pickleball Murphy Park (Free)	6:30 PM Yoga Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)	6 PM Drum Fit Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)	11 AM Senior Fit Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)	11 AM Fit Ball Cardio Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)	6 PM Volleyball TMS Gym (\$7)
6 PM Zumba Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)	6 PM Pilates Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)		6 PM Softball Robinson Park (Free)			
			6:30 PM Track Training Memorial Field (\$5)			








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



March Library Schedule:

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TISD Spring Break March 11-15

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4 Grief Support 6:30	5 Hooks & Needles 9-12	6 Storytime 10:30	7 World Book Day	8 International Women's Day	9 Tax Help 11:30 - 3:30
11 Movie: (The Princess and the Frog) 2:30 Grief Support 6:30	Hooks & Needles 9-12 Maker Faire 2:00 - 3:30	13 Teen Crafts 2-3pm	14 Truck Petting Zoo 3:00 (No animals, we only have trucks)	15 Lego Building 1-2pm All ages	16 Tax Help 11:30 - 3:30
18 Grief Support 6:30	19 Hooks & Needles 9-12 Meet: Dr. Daniel Pediatrician Q&A 5:30	20 Storytime 10:30	21 Chair Yoga 9:30 Teen Writing Club 5-8pm	22 Homeschool Social 12:00	23 Tax Help 11:30 - 3:30 Plant Swap 11-2pm
25 Grief Support 6:30	26 Hooks & Needles 9-12 Healthy Eating on a Budget 6:30	27 Storytime 10:30	28 Chair Yoga 9:30	29 Library is Closed for Good Friday	30 Library is CLOSED Tax Help is still available 11:30 - 3:30

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:

- March 14, 28
- April 11, 25

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, March 29 (Good Friday)

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