

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



January 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



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

[Click Here to Make a Donation](#)

[<https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/taylortx/easypay>]

City Manager Message

I would like to extend warm wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a joyful holiday season surrounded by friends and family. As we step into the new year, I am eagerly anticipating the fresh opportunities that lie ahead for the City of Taylor.

Our city has several exciting Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in the pipeline for the upcoming year. The primary objective of these projects is to uphold and enhance city facilities and infrastructure, ensuring the seamless provision of services to our residents, addressing growth-related needs, and adhering to state and federal regulations. This year's CIP project list encompasses improvements to our Park system, streets, drainage, and water/wastewater facilities.

A notable project on the horizon is the much-needed renovation of the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center. In November, the Council approved the

awarding of a request for qualifications (RFQ) for planning, design, and construction administration to C.T. Brannon Corporation. We anticipate the construction to commence in August/September 2024, with a tentative opening of the renovated pool in May 2025. Additional improvements include a new playground at Bull Branch Park, Memorial Track resurfacing, and enhancements to the pickleball courts.

Streets within the city will also witness improvements, with some projects already underway in 2023. The 2023 Street Maintenance Project, which began in July with improvements to Mallard Lane, is anticipated to be completed in the next few weeks. Mallard Lane now features resurfacing, striping, and the addition of a two-way cycle track. Construction on Fourth Street is set to begin in the new year. Residents are encouraged to visit our dedicated webpage for project information and updates: [Taylor on the Move! | Taylor, TX - Official Website](#) [<https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/1171/Taylor-on-the-Move>]. Updates will also include overlay enhancements on TH Johnson and Lake Drive, along with an update to the Pavement Conditions Index (PCI) Scores and curb inventory. The PCI Scores play a crucial role in assessing the condition of City-maintained roadways and are integral to our pavement management program.

A stormwater master plan was completed in 2020 and we are moving closer to design completion for improvements to Donna Channel, Mustang Creek, Travis and Franklin.

This is just a glimpse of the CIP work scheduled for 2024. Monthly CIP updates will be posted to keep our residents well-informed about the city's ongoing projects. Look forward to these updates on our website, social media channels, and in this newsletter.

The City of Taylor is poised for a year of growth and progress, with a robust lineup of Capital Improvement Projects set to enhance our infrastructure and community spaces. I encourage residents to stay connected through our website and social media channels for regular updates on the progress of these projects. Let us collectively embrace the possibilities ahead and work together to make Taylor an even better place to call home. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde
City Manager



Cemetery News

The City of Taylor Cemetery recently installed new gate signs (right) to help visitors navigate through the cemetery grounds. The Cemetery has also received its



Historical Texas
Cemetery Plaque.
The Cemetery
received Historical
Texas Cemetery
designation in 2022.

Update Construction on Mallard, Work on 4th Street Set to Begin

The 2023 Street Maintenance Project continues to make progress with the continuation of work on Mallard Lane, which should wrap up in the next few weeks. Improvements included full-depth reclamation, resurfacing and striping. The road also now includes a two-way cycle track. Please note that as part of improvements on the roadway, there is no on-street parking on Mallard Lane. For residents that live along Mallard Lane, trash cans can be placed behind the curb within the right-of-way or within the driveway.



Additionally, work will begin in mid-January on Fourth Street. Improvements will include resurfacing and striping from Main Street to Carlos G. Parker Boulevard. There will be updated striping from Main Street to Gym Street. Fourth Street will also see traffic flow changes similar to those on Mallard Lane as there will be the installation of a two-way cycle track on the north side of the street. Please be aware of any signage, detours and workers if you are traveling through the area and allow for extra drive time if there are any delays.

Residents can stay up-to-date on construction progress, updates and general construction information on the City's website at www.taylortx.gov/1171/Taylor-on-the-Move [//www.taylortx.gov/1171/Taylor-on-the-Move].



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 [<https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/251/City-Elections>].

Taylor Police Department Welcomes Two New Officers

On December 14, the Taylor Police Department held a swearing-in ceremony for two new officers. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Officer Ryan Flake and Officer Kyle Ray. Both graduated from the Central

Texas College Police Academy on December 8. They will be assigned to the Patrol Division where they will begin the Field Training Program.

Congratulations to Officer Flake and Officer Ray and welcome to Taylor!



Officer Ryan Flake (left), Chief Henry Fluck and Officer Kyle Ray during the swear-in ceremony held on December 14, at the Taylor Public Library.

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

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.

January

Monday, January 15 | 9 AM | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March and Celebration

The 19th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day March and Celebration will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 16. Line up for the march begins at 8:45 a.m. at the Dickey-Givens Community Center. A celebration program will begin at 10 a.m. in Heritage Square.

Taylor Public Library

The [Taylor Public Library](#)

[<http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/25/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:

January 2024						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Library Closed	2 Hooks & Needles 9-12	3 Storytime 10:30 am Colors	4	5 Chair Yoga 9:30am	6 Puzzle Swap 2:15pm	
8 Grief Support 6:30 pm	9 Hooks & Needles 9-12	10 Storytime 10:30 am Colors	11	12 Chair Yoga 9:30am	13 Library Closed	
15 Library Closed	16 Hooks & Needles 9-12	17 Storytime 10:30am Winnie the Pooh	18	19 Chair Yoga 9:30am	20 Sewing Saturday 1:30	
22 Grief Support 6:30 pm	23 Library Closed	24 Library Closed	25 Library Closed	26	27	
29 Grief Support 6:30 pm	30 Hooks & Needles 9-12	31				

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:

- January 11, 25
- February 8, 22

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, January 1 (New Year's Day)
- Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

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