

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



**June 2024**

## City of Taylor Donation Program

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- The Taylor Animal Shelter
- City of Taylor Public Library
- Parks and Recreation
- Police Department
- Public Arts
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## City Manager Message

I would like to extend congratulations to our newly elected council members as well as mayor and mayor pro tem who were selected during the canvassing of votes at a special called City Council meeting on May 14 at the Taylor Public Library.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Shelli Cobb, Council Member District 2, and Kelly Cmerek, Council Member District 3, who was also elected to the Mayor Pro Tem position during the May 14 meeting. The City of Taylor is looking forward to working with both of them and look forward



to fostering collaboration with Council Member Cobb and Mayor Pro Tem Cmerck.

Also during the meeting, Council Member Dwayne Ariola, Member At Large, was elected by Council as Taylor's Mayor. Mayor Ariola's enthusiasm and dedication to Taylor are well-known and we look forward to the positive impact his continued leadership will have as he guides our city.

I encourage all residents to join me in congratulating Council Member Cobb, Mayor Pro Tem Cmerck and Mayor Ariola on their new roles. Together, with the support of the community, Council will help Taylor continue to grow and thrive. Let's look forward to an exciting and productive period ahead.

I thank everyone for their ongoing support and commitment to making Taylor a wonderful place to live work, and play.

Sincerely,

**Brian LaBorde**  
*City Manager*

## June 6 Public Meeting Set for Justice Center Project

A public meeting for the ongoing Justice Center Project will be held on Thursday, June 6, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium, 400 Porter St. This will be an opportunity for the public to see the proposed renderings of the layout of the building, provide feedback, and ask questions about the project.



At the public meeting, representatives from Randall Scott Architects will present a rendered site plan, floor plans, exterior renderings, and a fly-around of the proposed design for public review and comment. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to ask questions of both the representatives from Randall Scott Architects and City staff. This meeting will be a follow-up to the initial presentation at the May 9 regular City Council meeting where initial concepts were discussed.

To view the presentation given during the City Council meeting, a recording of the meeting can be accessed by going to <http://www.taylor.tx.gov/660/Taylor-Videos> [<http://www.taylor.tx.gov/660/Taylor-Videos>]. For questions, please contact the City's Communications Office at 512-352-5448 or email [PIO@taylor.tx.gov](mailto:PIO@taylor.tx.gov) [<mailto:PIO@taylor.tx.gov>].



## City of Taylor to Host Open House for Drainage and Flood Mitigation Projects on June 26

The City of Taylor will host an open house on Wednesday, June 26, to present details on three drainage and flood mitigation projects. The meeting will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance St., and

will be an open house format with no formal presentation to allow attendees to visit with project managers and come and go at their convenience.

In 2019, the City of Taylor enacted higher standards for their flood control ordinance, enhanced drainage criteria in their subdivision ordinance, and adopted a comprehensive Drainage Master Plan to form a framework for addressing flooding issues. These “Taylor on the Move!” drainage projects are designed to improve drainage issues and address flooding caused by stormwater. The improvement projects include:

**Donna Channel Drainage Improvements Project**

This project involves drainage improvements to the existing Donna Channel, located within an existing utility easement between Davis Street and Donna Drive. The channel is situated between residential homes south of Mallard Lane and generally flows south, crossing Drake Lane, until its confluence with Bull Branch to the South. The goal of the improvements is to reduce private property flood concerns along streets in the vicinity of the project and private properties along the Donna Channel itself.

**Mustang Creek Drainage Improvements Project**

The goal of this project is to mitigate streambank erosion threatening the airport runway threshold in the Mustang Creek watershed southwest of the Taylor Municipal Airport and provide approximately 20 acre-feet of overbank flood storage while ensuring no adverse impacts to downstream residents. Mustang Creek headwaters begin north of Hutto and flow southeast through Taylor, crossing State Highway (SH) 79 and eventually flowing to Brushy Creek.

**Travis & Franklin Drainage and Flood Improvements Project**

Travis and Franklin Streets form a loop road south of West Second Street that primarily serves residential homes and a few businesses. These streets routinely experience ponding due to inadequate roadside drainage ditches and impact some residential homes. The goal is to mitigate the unwanted stormwater impacts and improve drainage infrastructure in the area.

The total cost for all three projects is approximately \$11.5M; however, grant funding and a zero percent interest loan has been secured to fund these projects. The Donna Channel Drainage Improvements Project includes zero percent interest loan and grant funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) program and grant funding from the General Land Office (GLO) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) fund. Travis & Franklin Streets Drainage and Flood Improvements Project is funded solely by the TWDB FIF program, and the Mustang Creek Drainage Improvements Project is funded by the GLO CDBG-MIT.

Project design for the Donna Channel and Mustang Creek Drainage Improvement Projects has been completed and is 60 percent complete for the Travis and Franklin project. Construction start dates for all projects are dependent on TWDB approval of bid documents that are currently under review.

Maps and project information will be on display at the open house, and project team members will be available to answer questions. Those unable

to attend in person may review materials online at [www.taylor.tx.us/](http://www.taylor.tx.us/) or email questions to [TaylorOnTheMove@taylor.tx.us](mailto:TaylorOnTheMove@taylor.tx.us) [mailto:TaylorOnTheMove@taylor.tx.us].

## Williamson County to Host Floodplain Open House

Williamson County will be hosting nine open house events to inform Williamson County residents about the Atlas 14 Floodplain Study, beginning on May 29, 2024.



Following numerous severe flooding events during the past several years, Williamson County partnered with the Texas Water Development Board to create the active Atlas 14 Floodplain Study. The study will help identify where flood exposure is located and where prevention measures are needed to save lives and protect property.

The meetings will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. as follows:

- June 3: The Retreat Activity Center in Sun City, 1220 Cattleman Drive, Georgetown, TX 78633
- June 4: East Williamson County Higher Education Center, 1600 Innovation Blvd., Hutto, TX 78634
- **June 5: Dickey Givens Center, 1015 E MLK Jr. Blvd., Taylor, TX 76574**
- June 6: Williamson County Cedar Park Annex, JP 2 Courtroom, 350 Discovery Blvd., Cedar Park, TX 78613
- June 10: Walburg Community Center, 4000 FM 972, Georgetown, TX 78623
- June 11: Sonterra MUD Clubhouse, 510 Sonterra Blvd., Jarrell, TX 76537
- June 17: St. Dominic Savio Catholic School (in the library), 9300 Neenah Avenue, Austin, TX 78717

For more information about Atlas 14, visit the County's website: [Atlas 14 | Williamson County, TX \(wilcotx.gov\) \[https://www.wilcotx.gov/Atlas14?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR2BIsYJsB5cn\\_YT6kstsjMjI6D3SSXLmuvV8qtWXI5WtO3la2JR0zSwkjA\\_aem\\_ASUtroPxDoobsIqdraYazYI6ibjP8IFo6bv0Mbwv2i2sxQCdyNZe1ZquFO1xFrbtA1sg2XB6nXreqxMhWcR45dKV\]](https://www.wilcotx.gov/Atlas14?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR2BIsYJsB5cn_YT6kstsjMjI6D3SSXLmuvV8qtWXI5WtO3la2JR0zSwkjA_aem_ASUtroPxDoobsIqdraYazYI6ibjP8IFo6bv0Mbwv2i2sxQCdyNZe1ZquFO1xFrbtA1sg2XB6nXreqxMhWcR45dKV)



## Taylor on the Move: Work Resumes on Second and Fourth Streets

Work resumed on Second and Fourth Streets in May. Residents will see increased activity on those streets and should be on alert for lane closures and construction crews.

Fourth Street reconstruction, which has been underway since February 2024, was briefly delayed when the contractor removed asphalt and found a fully intact concrete road with curbs, gutters, inlets, and storm sewer

facilities beneath. The existing old concrete road was unsuitable for rubblizing, requiring the City's geotechnical engineers to revise the pavement structure design, including the removal of all old concrete.

Taylor on the Move is part of the 2022 Infrastructure Bond approved by the Council in a public meeting on December 8, 2022. The construction contract was awarded to Texas Road in the amount of \$4,094,857.40 in June 2023. The total project, which also includes work already complete on Mallard Lane, facilitates numerous improvements, including seal coating, asphalt repair, pavement reconstruction, street reclamation with new surface asphalt, signage, striping, and traffic control for City Streets. The improvements are intended to repair, protect, and maintain the longevity of the pavement, make the streets safer for Taylor residents and visitors, and implement multi-modal components of the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.

Residents and visitors can learn more about the Taylor on the Move Street Maintenance Project by visiting the website at <https://bit.ly/TaylorOnTheMove> [<https://bit.ly/TaylorOnTheMove>]. The page is also linked in the City's home page banner at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) [<http://www.taylor.tx.gov>]. The website includes updates, information, and graphics illustrating the changes being made to the streets.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>8 AM Senior Croquet</b> Memorial Fieldhouse (Free)	<b>10 AM Water Aerobics</b> Roznovak Pool at Murphy Park (\$5)	<b>6:30 PM Yoga</b> Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)	<b>10 AM Water Aerobics</b> Roznovak Pool at Murphy Park (\$5)	<b>11 AM Senior Fit</b> Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)	<b>9 AM Boot Camp</b> Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)
<b>6 PM Zumba</b> Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)	<b>6 PM Pilates</b> Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)		<b>6 PM Drum Fit</b> Memorial Fieldhouse (\$5)		<b>10 AM Water Aerobics</b> Roznovak Pool at Murphy Park (\$5)
<b>5 PM Volleyball</b> TMS Gym (\$7)	Taylor Parks & Recreation 512-309-6266 parks@taylor.tx.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.

### June

- **Wednesday, June 5 | Heritage Square Splash Pad Reopens** - After reconstruction, the Heritage Square Splash Pad is reopening! Come out cool off and enjoy some watery fun in the sun!
- **Saturday, June 8 | 8:30-10 PM | Movie in the Park featuring Migration** - Join the Parks and Recreation Department and kick off the summer with a Movie in the Park at Heritage Square! The featured movie will be Migration and the movie kicks off at dusk, around 8:30. There will be free popcorn available as well as food for sale from Cyns Roasted Corns.



- **Saturday, June 15** | 5-11 PM | **2024 Juneteenth Freedom Festival** - The Taylor, Texas Juneteenth Committee will celebrate Juneteenth with a Festival at Fannie Robinson Park.
- **Thursday, June 20** | 7 PM | **Music on Main featuring Not Past 11** - Get ready for an evening of great music and community fun in Heritage Square Park. Bring your friends, family and dancing shoes. This is a FREE event.
- **Wednesday, June 26** | 5-7 PM | **Drainage and Flood Mitigation Open House** - The City of Taylor will host an open house on Wednesday, June 26, to present details on three drainage and flood mitigation projects. The meeting will be from 5 to 7 p.m. at Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance St., and will be an open house format with no formal presentation to allow attendees to visit with project managers and come and go at their convenience.

## 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

### Library Schedule:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 2:30 Puzzle Swap
9:30 Movie (All Ages) 2p Games (Adult) 6:30 Grief Support	3 9-12 Hooks & Needles 2-3:30 Bird Feeders (Ages 4-12) 6:30 Women's Support Group	4 10:30 "Wild Things ZooFari" 2pm Habits of Happy People (Adults)	5 9:30 Chair Massage (Adult) 2-3:30 Story & Craft (Ages 4-12) 5pm Teen Writing	7 1pm Lego Build (All ages)	8
9:30 Movie (All Ages) 2p Rock Painting (Adult) 6:30 Grief Support	10 9-12 Hooks & Needles 2-3:30 Suncatchers (Ages 4-12)	11 10:30 "Kevin Fitzpatrick Trick Roper" 2pm Caregiver Survival (Adults)	12 9:30 Chair Yoga (Adult) 2-3:30 Games (Ages 4 & up) 5pm D&D (Teens)	13 1pm Bad Art (Teens)	14 15
9:30 Movie (All Ages) 2p Glass Magnets (Adult) 6:30 Grief Support	17 9-12 Hooks & Needles 2-3:30 Crafts and Activities (Ages 4-12)	18 10:30 "The Magic of Oscar Munoz" Main Library is closed	19 9:30 Chair Massage Adult 2-3:30 Games (Ages 4 & up)	20 3:30 Lilo & Stich Interactive Movie (All ages)	21 22
9:30 Movie (All Ages) 2p Chess (Adult) 6:30 Grief Support	24 9-12 Hooks & Needles 2-3:30 Crafts and Activities (Ages 4-12)	25 10:30 Ramblin' Rita's Texas Tales 2pm Health and Lifestyle (Adults)	26 9:30 Chair Yoga (Adult) 2pm Camping Adventure (Ages 4-12) 5pm Camping Adventure (Teens)	27 5pm Teen Geek Club	28 29

## 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:

- June 13, 27
- July 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:

- Wednesday, June 19 (Juneteenth)
- Thursday, July 4 (Independence Day)

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