

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



July 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
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From left: City Manager Brian LaBorde stands with Assistant City Manager Tom Yantis, who received the Assistant of the Year Award, and Deputy City Manager Jeff Jenkins, who received a 20-year Service Award, during the Texas City Management Association (TCMA) Annual Conference on Friday, June 21, in South Padre Island.

City Manager Message

As the City Manager of Taylor, I am thrilled to announce that our very own Assistant City Manager, Tom Yantis, has been honored with the prestigious Assistant of the Year Award in Memory of Valerie Bradley by the Texas City Management Association (TCMA). This distinguished award was presented during the TCMA Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on June 21 in South Padre Island.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that Deputy City Manager Jeff Jenkins received the 2024 TCMA Service Award for his 20 years of dedicated service. TCMA annually recognizes members who have achieved service milestones, honoring those who have been full or associate members in full-time service as appointed employees of local government entities for at least 20 years. Jenkins' award was also presented at the conference on June 21.

I also want to take this opportunity to recognize the amazing team at the City of Taylor. Our collective achievements are a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of every member of our team. The recognitions received by Tom and Jeff reflect the excellence and commitment of our entire organization. Together, we continue to strive for excellence in serving our community.

We are incredibly proud of both Tom and Jeff for their achievements and their unwavering commitment to the City of Taylor. Their recognition is well-deserved and reflects the dedication and excellence of our entire team.

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde
City Manager



2023 Water Quality Report Available

The 2023 Annual Water Quality Report is available to view on the City's website at www.taylortx.gov/417/Water-Quality-Report [<https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/417/Water-Quality-Report>].

The report is a summary of the quality of water the City of Taylor provides to its customers.

Fourth of July & Summer Safety

Summer is a time for outdoor fun and relaxation, but it's also important to stay safe and healthy. Key precautions include:

- **Hydration:** Drink plenty of water to replace fluids lost through sweat, especially if you're spending time outdoors. The recommended amount is 8-10 cups per day, but this can vary depending on factors like age, weight, and activity level.



- **Sun protection:** Wear sunscreen and seek shade when possible. Consider wearing a hat and loose, light-colored clothing.
- **Bug bites:** Use insect repellent before going outside and cover your arms and legs.
- **Water safety:** Make sure everyone in your family knows how to swim. Children should always be supervised, even if they're strong swimmers.
- **Fire safety:** Be careful with open flames, grills, and fire pits, and keep grills clean and away from your home. Don't let children play with matches, lighters, or fireworks.

Also, while we want to everyone to safely enjoy the holiday, please keep in mind that fireworks are prohibited by ordinance within the city limits of Taylor.

Violation of the ordinance may result in confiscation and a fine. Fireworks start over 19,000 fires and send over 9,000 people to the Emergency Room every year in the US.

Please don't put yourself and your neighbors at risk. We encourage you to enjoy one of the many public fireworks displays including the one by the Graham D American Legion Post in Taylor. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and able to enjoy Taylor's great outdoors.

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July!



Fourth of July Festivities Planned

The City of Taylor is excited to partner again with the American Legion Graham D Luhn Post 39 for this year's Fourth of July Fireworks Show. The show is part of a fun-filled day celebrating our nation's independence on Thursday, July 4, beginning with a parade in the morning.

The parade will begin at 9 a.m. with the procession heading north on Davis Street, down Lake Drive, and finishing in Murphy Park. An Ice Cream Social at the American Legion Hall will follow the parade. Throughout the day there will be food and drinks set up in Murphy Park. The American Legion will have a recognition Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Murphy Park Pavilion. There will be live music from Dale Watson starting at 7 p.m. also at the Murphy Park Pavilion. The fireworks show will commence at sunset.

This year's fireworks show will be launched along the greenbelt in Bull Branch Park, the same location as last year's show. A portion of the hike-and-bike trail that connects Bull Branch Park to Murphy Park will be closed starting at 7:30 a.m. on July 4 and ending at 5 a.m. on July 5. We ask that residents be aware of closure signs and barriers and plan an alternate route if they plan to walk or bike into Murphy Park for the festivities.

This annual event promises to be a day filled with fun, patriotism, and a day of celebration for the entire family. For more information, visit the City's website at www.taylortx.gov [<http://www.taylortx.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.

July

- **Thursday, July 4 | 9 AM - 9 PM | Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks Show -** Join the Graham DLuhn American Legion Post for a fun-filled day of activities in Murphy Park. The day will kick off with a parade followed by music, games, food, and more, ending with a fireworks show.
- **Saturday, July 13 | 7 PM | Music on Main featuring Not Past 11** - Join the Public Arts Advisory Board for a free concert in Heritage Square!
- **Sunday, July 21 | 1-3 PM | National Ice Cream Day** - Celebrate National Ice Cream Day with Taylor Parks and Recreation! There will be free entry at the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center from 1-3 PM. Ice cream will be served as well, while supplies last.

Parks and Recreation:

- **Every Wednesday in July | noon-2 PM | Free Pool Entry** at the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center
- **Every Friday in July | 9:30-11:30 AM | Heritage Square Park Splash Pad Pop-Up**
- **Every Monday in July | 7-8:30 PM | Free Soccer Pop-up** at Memorial Field

Taylor Public Library

The [Taylor Public Library](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/25/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:

Taylor Public Library  **July 2024** <https://taylorreads.readsquared.com> 801 Vance St Taylor TX (512) 352-3434

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:30 Movie 2:00 Shrinky Dink Keychains (Adults) 6:30 Grief Support	9a-12p Hooks & Needles 2-3:30 Story Stones and Crafts (4-12) 6:30 Womens Support Group	3 10:30 Performance "Spubbles" 2:00 Health Literacy (Adult)	4 4th of July Library is Closed	5	6 2:30 Puzzle Swap
9:30 Movie 2:00 Pressed Flower Lanterns (Adults) 6:30 Grief Support	8 9a-12p Hooks & Needles 2-3:30 Lanterns (4-12)	9 10 10:30 Performance "Daniel Benes Science" 2:00 Senior Nutrition (Adult)	11 2-3:30p Free Play Games (4-12) 5 - 7p D&D (Teens)	12	13 12-2p Water Fest (All ages)
9:30 Movie 2:00 Sewn Notebooks (Adult) 6:30 Grief Support	15 9a-12p Hooks & Needles 2-3:30 Pipe Cleaner Bracelets (4-12)	16 17 10:30 Performance "Georgia Frawley"	18 2-3:30p Great Book Chase (4-12)	19	20
9:30 Movie 2:00 Painted Tiles (Adults) 6:30 Grief Support	22 9a-12p Hooks & Needles 2-3:30p Crafts and Activities (4-12) 6pm Dr. Daniel Vaccine Information	23 24 10:30 Performance "Karate Dance Party" 3-4p Teen Geek Club	25 2-3:30p Pirate Adventure (4-12)	26 2:30 Interactive Movie "Encanto" (All Ages)	27
29 6:30 Grief Support	30 9a-12p Hooks & Needles	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:

- o July 11, 25
- o August 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:

- o Thursday, July 4 (Independence Day)



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