



August 2024

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- Police Department
- Public Arts
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City Manager Message

It's hard to believe that summer will soon come to a close! I hope that everyone had a great summer break and is looking forward to beginning another school year this month.

Our Parks and Recreation Department will be celebrating back to school with a Back to School Bash and Movie In the Park! Be sure to join them on Friday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Murphy Park. This will be a fun way to say farewell to summer and start the school year off with a bang! There will be lots of fun games (including the popular tug-o-war with the Taylor Police Department School Resource Officers), contests, food, and snow cones. They will end the night featuring the movie Super Mario Brothers, with free popcorn! You don't want to miss this end-of-the-summer bash!

I also want to make sure our community is aware of the Recreation/Wellness Center journey that the Parks and Recreation Department is embarking on. Below you will find more information about the feasibility study that the City Council recently approved. This study is the beginning stage of seeing what a possible Recreation/Wellness Center could be in our community. And during this process, it is crucial that we have resident participation. There will be opportunities to take surveys and attend public meetings, so I encourage everyone to stay on the lookout for more information on our City website and social media and be sure to share with your friends, family, and neighbors here in Taylor.

I hope everyone has a wonderful first day of school and **GO DUCKS!**

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde
City Manager

City of Taylor Looking at Options for Recreation/Wellness Center

At the regular Council Meeting on July 11, the City of Taylor engaged Barker Rinker Seacat (BRS) Architecture to study the feasibility of a Wellness and Recreation Center in Taylor. The project will be funded by approximately \$184,000 in donations from Samsung for Quality of Life improvements. The study will estimate the demographics of potential users, identify community needs, engage residents in the development of potential programming, estimate the cost of construction, identify potential funding sources, provide proposed plans for the facility, and estimate the operating costs of the facility.



Project Background and History

In 2004, during the development of the Parks Master Plan, indoor recreation facilities were identified by the community as a need. Designs were developed for a facility and a bond election was held in 2010 to fund a \$3 Million facility in partnership with the YMCA. The bond election failed. During the 2016 Parks and Recreation Master Plan development, an indoor recreation facility was again identified as a need with 83% of participants in support.

In 2022, the St. David's Foundation held a community meeting/board meeting focusing on the health and wellness needs of Taylor/greater Eastern Williamson County, with dozens of county, municipal, and non-profit organizations represented. One major takeaway from the meeting was the lack of and need for a large community space for residents to improve their physical and mental well-being.

A wellness center can provide various community benefits, catering to individuals' physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Here are some key community benefits of a wellness center: improved physical health, mental

health support, health education, social interaction, access to professionals, stress reduction, preventive care, community engagement, seniors and youth engagement, and promotion of healthy habits.

In 2023, the Parks and Recreation Department began a wide array of programs for residents. The attendance and support for these programs have been overwhelming. This is all being done with very little usable indoor recreation space. At the September 28, 2023, meeting, Council approved issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to search for a firm that would aid the City in a feasibility study for a Wellness/Recreation Center. The RFQ was issued on February 4 and the submissions were opened on March 4. There were eight submissions received. After a multi-round interview process, staff recommended awarding the RFQ to BRS Architecture, which Council approved at the April 25 meeting. BRS is a firm that specializes in the planning and design of indoor public spaces, most specifically Wellness/Recreation Centers, Senior Centers, and Athletic Complexes, with almost 50 years of experience. BRS has partnered with a variety of industry experts to help complete this study.

Next Steps

The study will begin in August and will take approximately seven months to complete. During the study, the community will be able to participate in the process. Anyone interested should sign up to be notified of project updates on our website at www.taylortx.gov/RecreationFeasibilityStudy [<http://www.taylortx.gov/RecreationFeasibilityStudy>].

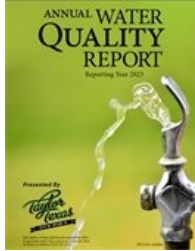
Following completion of the study, the City will evaluate the results and identify whether the construction and operation of a Wellness and Recreation Center is possible and how it will be funded. The study does not guarantee that the facility will be constructed.



Congratulations to the 2024 LEAD Taylor Graduates

During the June 27 Council meeting, certificates were presented to the 2024 graduates. Fourteen students completed the class this year. The LEAD Taylor program is a once-a-month class held for a six-month period beginning in January. These classes are held for residents to learn more about their city. It's a community-focused, collaborative program that provides participants with an in-depth look at government operations, community planning, and awareness.

If anyone is interested in participating in the 2025 class, visit www.ci.taylor.tx.us/838/LEAD-Taylor or contact the Communications Office at PIO@taylortx.gov.



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.

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.

August

Parks and Recreation:

- **Saturday, August 3** | Noon-2 PM | **National Watermelon Day** – free pool entry and free watermelon (while supplies last).
- **Friday, August 16** | 6:30-10 PM | **Back To School Bash** – Featuring Movie in the Park (Mario Bros), games, inflatables, and more at the Murphy Park Pavilion.

2024 National Night Out Block Party Registration Open

The 2024 Taylor Police Department National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 1, from 6-9 p.m. For anyone or group interested in hosting a block party this year, registration is now open!

Visit <https://forms.office.com/r/6CciG0jxJC> [https://forms.office.com/r/6CciG0jxJC?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR0hPDLXkBLhWy2lrneilFmnxKac_LSvv9o-tY6SD4FmR_71OgpwE8Hkhf0_aem_LEI3YfADuvdy30NY375Lrw] to register or visit www.taylortx.gov/police [[https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.taylortx.gov%2Fpolice%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR3mCHPWpb_TYuCSUT-c2D0idL5z06Gl4hcVSrqsjl1f16PSaOaQyfFmAkA_aem_D6hN4tMor0zuF8VYvSMHUA&h=AT2Uklf_hRQOxdUn623S50RP0ZN5L9dSMQ9mUcEmw9YV4XkF_iApRQKpm_JqquwrmsCBoAe4fh9N9n2c6PY8UYDerDE8helcG1g3NuTZWOkIxb-xU-zO59A586xXAwEtSFY&_tn_=-UK-R&c\[0\]=AT26-4zg6VJA3e4aVswAn0DP1rXAYD7ni6o4eUi893mMNys51McAHWzpUOrm8fNlPNFNcj1vkWPjnOTntCecvuD14stYMR7LmnlKYsFk4XgxJRd_-Q3hMGwY8lwzquZYaPnagXP2-MRQ2jE9fEE94rnTXDLdK9nx6A5585-](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.taylortx.gov%2Fpolice%3Ffbclid%3DIwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR3mCHPWpb_TYuCSUT-c2D0idL5z06Gl4hcVSrqsjl1f16PSaOaQyfFmAkA_aem_D6hN4tMor0zuF8VYvSMHUA&h=AT2Uklf_hRQOxdUn623S50RP0ZN5L9dSMQ9mUcEmw9YV4XkF_iApRQKpm_JqquwrmsCBoAe4fh9N9n2c6PY8UYDerDE8helcG1g3NuTZWOkIxb-xU-zO59A586xXAwEtSFY&_tn_=-UK-R&c[0]=AT26-4zg6VJA3e4aVswAn0DP1rXAYD7ni6o4eUi893mMNys51McAHWzpUOrm8fNlPNFNcj1vkWPjnOTntCecvuD14stYMR7LmnlKYsFk4XgxJRd_-Q3hMGwY8lwzquZYaPnagXP2-MRQ2jE9fEE94rnTXDLdK9nx6A5585-)].

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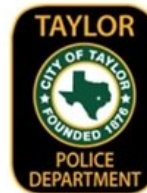


TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

TUESDAY 10.01.24

TAYLOR, TEXAS
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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COMMUNITIES SAFER, MORE
CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK**



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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:

Taylor Public Library 801 Vance St 512-352-3434	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	August 2024
			Chair Yoga 9:30 1	All entries for youth writing contest due by 5 pm 2	Puzzle Swap 2:30 3		
5	Hooks & Needles 9-12 6 Women's Support 6:30	7	Chair Yoga 9:30 8	Tax Free Weekend 9	Tax Free Weekend 10		
12	13 Hooks & Needles 9-12 Grief Support 6:30pm	14  First Day of School	15 Chair Yoga 9:30	16 Home School Social 1:00 Youth writing contest winners announced	17		
19	20 Hooks & Needles 9-12 Women's Support 6:30	21	22 Chair Yoga 9:30	23	24 Sewing Saturday 2-4		
26	27 Hooks & Needles 9-12 Grief Support 6:30pm	28	29 Chair Yoga 9:30	30	31		

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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:

- August 8, 22
- September 12,26

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, September 2 (Labor Day)



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