



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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# YOUR CITY COUNCIL





## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Taylor is on the move! February started with a time of reflection and remembrance as we unveiled a monument to honor those in unmarked graves in the Historic African American Burial Section at the City Cemetery. We brought new industrial land into the City Limits in District 2 between Samsung and the Castlewood South development. In partnership with Taylor EDC, we just awarded a contract to expand our sewer system west to the airport in preparation for the tremendous amount of planned development west of the City and north of Highway 79.

As we look to the future, planning is an important component of any city's thoughtful growth. We are conducting an Alternative Water Supply Study to expand water access in the City and provide redundancy. Cities across the nation are facing concerns with water shortages due to a lack of planning. We are also working on a Water and Wastewater Master Plan update to prepare for growth outside of the current planned growth areas. This study will prioritize water and sewer repairs of the existing system and outline needed improvements to the system as new developments come to the City. It will also identify funding sources for both expansion and repairs of the existing system. The future is bright!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Laborde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Brian" on the top line and "Laborde" on the bottom line.

# CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Finance Director

Please join us in welcoming our new Chief Financial Officer, Robert Powers. Robert joins us from the City of Leander where he served as their Finance Director for 15 years. He has almost 40 years of experience in municipal government including 12 years in City Management. He is married to Jeri of 33 years and lives in Round Rock. They have three grown children. His hobbies include golf and landscaping.

## Permit Process Audit

Our permit process audit is in full swing. Our consultant Berry Dunn is studying our permit process, getting feedback from residents and contractors, and identifying opportunities to streamline the process and create a better customer experience. The survey is almost complete, then our consultants will be gathering focus groups to dive deeper into the feedback provided.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



## Memorial Track

Memorial Track renovations are complete! Thanks to a grant from the St David's Foundation and Samsung quality of life funds, we have completely overhauled the track from the foundation up. The track has a fresh rubberized surface to make running easier on your knees. Come check it out at our ribbon cutting event on March 15 at 10:30am. We will have an inaugural race and a bit of history about the track.

## May 3 Election

Our local election will be held on May 3. Council districts 1 and 4 are up for election. Both Councilman Robert Garcia and Councilman Gerald Andersen have chosen not to run again. There are two candidates for District 1 and four candidates for District 4. Check out election information below along with a list of candidates.

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# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## Historic African American Burial Section Monument Unveiling February 1 (Photos Courtesy of Teri Williams)



## State of the City | February 24



On February 24, the Chamber of Commerce hosted the State of the City, a presentation from Mayor Dwayne Ariola highlighting the city's accomplishments in 2024 and his outlook on the future. If you missed the event, you can view it at the link/QR below.



[Click Here to Watch the Recording](#)

# CITY MEETINGS



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## Planning and Zoning Commission

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

13

## City Council

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## Moody Museum Board

5:30 PM | DAN MOODY MUSEUM | 114 W 9TH ST

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## Main Street Advisory Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## TIF #1 Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## Parks and Recreation Board

6:00 PM | DICKEY GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER | 1015 BLVD. MLK JR.

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## Public Arts Advisory Board

5:30 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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## City Council

6:00 PM | DICKEY GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER | 1015 BLVD. MLK JR.

MARCH



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Taylor Second Saturdays

10:00 AM | DOWNTOWN



## Truck Petting Zoo

1:00 PM | TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY



## Memorial Track Ribbon Cutting

10:30 AM | MEMORIAL TRACK



## Music On Main - The Cumbia Movement

7:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE



## Bike Rodeo

3:00 PM | NAOMI PASEMANN ELEMENTARY

# PARKS EVENTS



## Zumba

MONDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Senior Fit

TUESDAYS | 10:30 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Pilates

TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Track Time

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELD TRACK



## Yoga

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Drum Fit

THURSDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK



## Senior Fit

FRIDAYS | 11:00 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK

## Youth Spring Break Activities



### Tennis Pop-Up

9:00 AM | MURPHY PARK



### Basketball and Futsal

10:00 AM | MURPHY PARK



### Arts and Crafts

10:00 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



### Basketball and Futsal

10:00 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE

# MARCH

## YOUTH SOCCER CLINICS

MARCH 29 - APRIL 26 | AGES 3-6

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# LIBRARY EVENTS



## Puzzle Swap

2:30 PM



## Teddy Bear Picnic

10:30 PM



## Grief Support

6:30 PM



## All Things Wild

10:00 AM



## Juggling With Matt

10:30 AM



## Truck Petting Zoo

1:00 PM



## Nailed It or Failed It

5:00 PM TEENS



## Grief Support

6:30 PM

## WEEKLY



### Baby Time

MONDAYS | 10:30 AM



### Hooks and Needles

TUESDAYS | 9:00 AM



### Story Time

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM



### Senior Social

WEDNESDAYS | 2:00 PM



### Chair Yoga

THURSDAYS | 9:30 AM



### Chair Massage

THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM



## Tax Assistance

SATURDAYS | 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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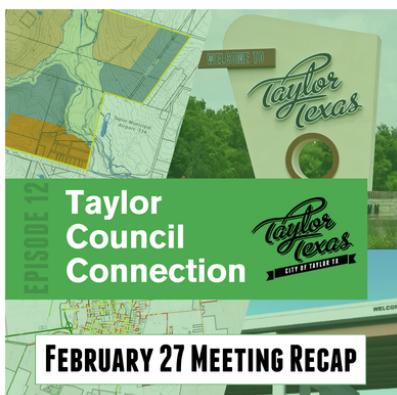
## COUNCIL MEETING RECAP VIDEOS

The Council Connection video series provides a recap of what happened at each Council meeting. They are released within a week following each meeting.



### February 13 Meeting

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A MAY 3RD ELECTION FOR COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4, AN EMERGENCY WATER LINE REPAIR, TXDOT GRANT APPLICATIONS, AND A SESQUICENTENNIAL PRESENTATION.



### February 27 Meeting

TAYLOR HOUSING AUTHORITY, TOURISM PLAN, RACIAL PROFILING REPORT, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS, SEWER MAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES



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## CITY OF TAYLOR COUNCIL



Left to Right: Gerald Anderson (District 1), Shelli Cobb (District 2),  
Mayor Dwayne Ariola (At-Large), Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek  
(District 3), Robert Garcia (District 4)