



COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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YOUR CITY COUNCIL





MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

As fast as it came, January is gone. It was filled with some great successes and some hard conversations. We kicked off the year with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. march from Robinson Park to Heritage Square, in honor of his legacy and remembrance of his message. This event highlighted the unity of our community. No matter how divided we might look on social media or at the ballot box, at our core, we share an incredible sense of unity.

Taylor is a place that welcomes people from all walks of life and treats everyone like family, including some bickering, but at the end of the day, when it really matters, we care for one another and support one another.

As we begin this February, set aside as Black History Month and hosting the day where we remember the love we share, remember that we are a family. The success or failure of our community hinges on us all working together for the common good, making sacrifices now so that our future generations may prosper, and protecting our sense of identity and community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Laborde".

CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



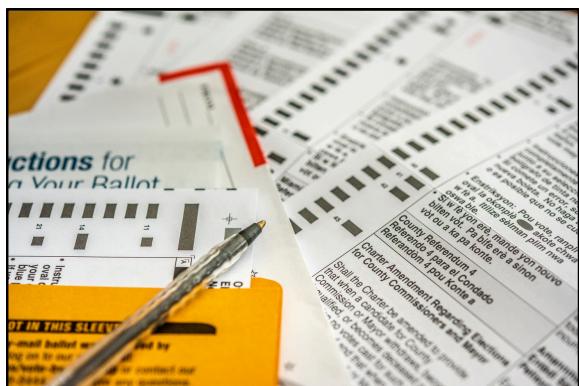
New Code Enforcement Supervisor

At the January 23 Council Meeting, the City Council authorized the creation of a new position, a Code Enforcement Supervisor. This position will be responsible for overseeing our two code enforcement officers, implementing best practices in the department, and proactively pursuing code violations that threaten the health and wellness of our community.

[Click Here to View Job Board](#)

Saying Farewell

Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager, and Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer, said their final goodbyes at a retirement reception on January 10. Their service to the City will not be forgotten. Jeff led us into a time of prosperity with a tremendous increase in our savings and our bond rating. Tom's impact will be felt in Taylor for generations as he helped make Samsung a reality and ensured that development in Taylor will be thoughtful and maintain our small-town charm.



Filing Period for May 3, 2025 Ballot

The City of Taylor will hold a general election on May 3, 2025, to elect council members from District 1 and District 4. The filing period for submitting an application for a place on the ballot for either of these seats is currently open and ends on February 14. Interested parties can contact the City Clerk's office for a candidate packet at 512-352-3676 or visit the City's website.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

We Need YOU!

Have you ever wanted to get involved and help make Taylor a great place to live? We have openings for our boards and commissions to fill this month! These include the Library Board, Moody Museum Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Tree Advisory Board, and our Zoning Board of Adjustment. Learn more about what these boards do on our website.

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FlashVote

The City recently launched FlashVote, a new tool to help the City better listen to residents. Once you sign up for FlashVote, we will reach out a few times per year about specific topics where we are seeking public input. This input will be used to make decisions that better align with the needs and desires of the community. Sign up today!

[Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

Become a Golden Egg Sponsor!

Make a lasting impact by becoming a Golden Egg Sponsor for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Your support helps create a magical experience for children and families in our community. Sponsors will receive special recognition at the event and on promotional materials. Join us in making this event egg-stra special! Sponsors can register below or contact Ruby.Fisher@TaylorTX.gov.

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TAYLOR ON THE MOVE

Project Updates



Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center

Park goers may have noticed some changes at Murphy Park. The pool in the Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center is completely gone! Construction crews began on January 2 and have been hard at work to remove the old pools to make way for a new and much improved facility.

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Road Projects

TH Johnson Drive and West Lake Drive will soon receive a facelift. Both roadways are in need of work to maintain good driving conditions for the thousands of residents who drive on them every year. TH Johnson will receive full depth reclamation and resurfacing. West Lake Drive will receive spot reclamation and full resurfacing. Our road programs currently focus on keeping our good roads good and improving the worst of our roads. These two projects are part of the effort to keep good roads good.



Mustang Creek Drainage Improvements

The Mustang Creek Drainage Improvements project will provide additional overbank flood storage through a channel flood bench and mitigate the erosion issue through stabilization of approximately 350 feet of streambank. The primary purpose of this project is to provide roughly 20 acre-feet of additional floodplain storage for the benefit of downstream residents. This project is grant funded. Construction began in January and will take approximately 5 Months.

Airport Fuel Depot

Taylor Municipal Airport will soon see the long awaited fuel depot completed. The old fuel depot failed in March of 2023. There have been some delays throughout the project but it is finally here! The airport is crazy busy with activity increasing over 200% in the last two years rising to over 52,000 take-offs/landings, an average of 143 each day. Over the same period, our fuel sales have dropped in half due to the fuel depot loss. The new depot is just waiting on power from Oncor for full operations.

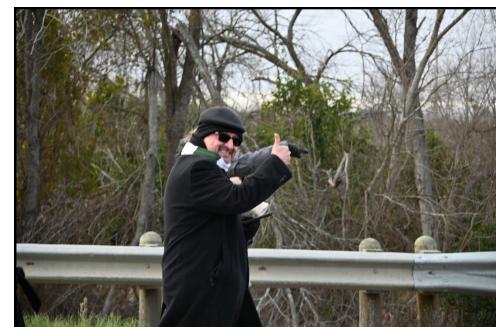


IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center Groundbreaking | January 15



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. March | January 20



CITY MEETINGS



Historic Preservation Commission

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



Tree Advisory Board

5:45 PM | DICKEY GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER | 1015 BLVD. MLK JR.



Planning & Zoning Commission

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



City Council

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



Moody Museum Board

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



Main Street Advisory Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



Tax Increment Finance #1 Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



Parks and Recreation Board

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



Public Arts Advisory Board

5:30 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST



City Council

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

FEBRUARY

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Historic African American Burial Monument Unveiling

2:00 PM | CITY CEMETERY

MONUMENT
UNVEILING

CLOSURES



All City of Taylor Offices
will be closed February
17 in observance of
Presidents Day. Trash will
run on its normal
schedule.



PARKS EVENTS

FEBRUARY



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



Senior Game Day

FEBRUARY 4

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

CARDS, DOMINOES AND
MORE AT MEMORIAL FIELD
HOUSE!

[Click here to join!](#)

LIBRARY EVENTS

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY



Puzzle Swap

2:30 PM



Adult Program

2:00 PM



Homeschool Social

1:00 PM



Grief Support

6:30 PM



Adult Program

2:00 PM



Nailed It or Failed It

5:00 PM TEENS



Grief Support

6:30 PM



Senior Social

2:00 PM

WEEKLY



Baby Time

MONDAYS | 10:30 AM



Hooks and Needles

TUESDAYS | 9:00 AM



Story Time

WEDNESDAYS | 10:30 AM



Chair Yoga

THURSDAYS | 9:30 AM



Chair Massage

THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM



Tax Assistance

SATURDAYS | 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

CLOSURES



The Library will be
closed February 15 - 17
for Presidents' Day

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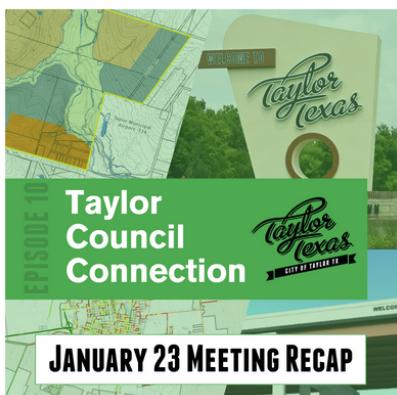
COUNCIL MEETING RECAP VIDEOS

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



January 9 Meeting

TAX ABATEMENT AMENDMENT,
CELL TOWER SPECIAL USE
PERMIT, VOLUNTARY
ANNEXATION, LANDSCAPE PLAN,
ROADWAY IMPACT FEE CREDIT,
AND 2025 DEBT SCHEDULE



January 23 Meeting

HISTORIC AFRICAN AMERICAN
BURIAL SECTION MONUMENT,
CODE ENFORCEMENT
SUPERVISOR POSITION, AND
HFC SCAM RESOLUTION



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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)