



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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# YOUR CITY COUNCIL







## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

There are some exciting things happening on the roadways in Taylor! Construction on TH Johnson between Main Street and North Drive is well underway and is scheduled to wrap up before school starts later this month.

Work on Lake Drive between Main Street and Carlos G. Parker began at the end of July and is expected to be completed in early September. The entire roadway will be resurfaced and re-stripped, and curb ramps will be replaced to meet ADA compliance.

These projects are funded by the 2024 Infrastructure Bond, which also includes upcoming maintenance on Bill Pickett Trail and Mallard Lane. You can find more details later in this newsletter.

As I mentioned above, school is just around the corner! Our Parks and Recreation Department is once again hosting the annual Back to School Bash with a Movie in the Park on Friday, August 15 at Murphy Park. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. with games, bounce houses, arts & crafts, and more. Then at dusk, everyone can enjoy a showing of "Transformers One."

I want to wish everyone an amazing first day of school—and of course... GO DUCKS!

*Brian Laborde*







# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## WaterFest | July 17



## Fire Truck Spray Down | July 24





# TH JOHNSON DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

You may have noticed major road construction happening across the city—it's all part of the Taylor Streets Project, funded by the 2024 Infrastructure Bond.

TH Johnson Drive, between Main Street and North Drive, was the first of four streets selected for improvement under this initiative.

TH Johnson Drive was identified as a high-priority roadway in the 2024 Street Conditions Assessment. The project includes full-depth reclamation, resurfacing, and a new striping plan to improve safety and calm traffic.

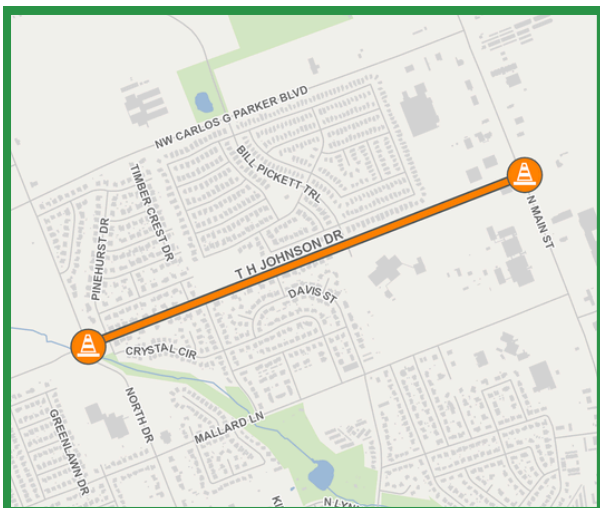


The entire section of roadway is receiving new paving, and striping improvements include a new center line as well as shoulders that can be used for parking or bicycles.

A 12-foot-wide turn lane is also being added in front of TH Johnson Elementary School.

Other upgrades will include replacing the curbs and construction of ADA-compliant ramps to improve mobility.

Construction on TH Johnson began in June and is scheduled to end by mid-August.





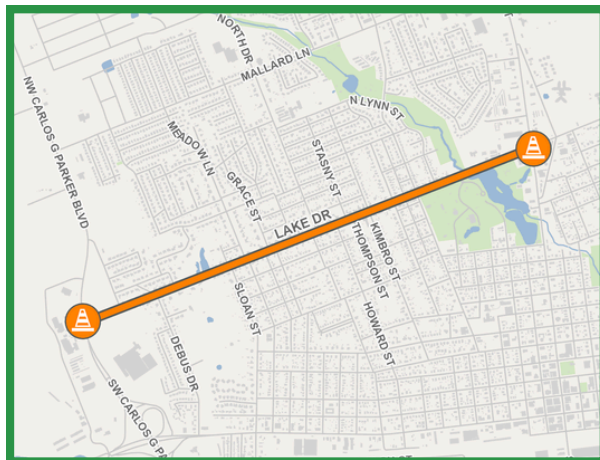
# WEST LAKE DRIVE CONSTRUCTION

The second road to undergo improvements as part of the Taylor Streets Project is West Lake Drive, between Main Street and Carlos G. Parker Boulevard.

Like TH Johnson Drive, West Lake Drive was identified as a high-priority street in need of maintenance during the 2024 Street Conditions Assessment.

The project is funded by the 2024 Infrastructure Bond.

As part of this work, crews will conduct spot reclamation, and the entire roadway from Main Street to Carlos G. Parker will be resurfaced.



The project also includes restriping Lake Drive with a continuous centerline, along with curb enhancements and ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps.

Construction began in late July and is expected to wrap up in early September.

Next up in the Taylor Streets Project: Bill Pickett Trail (from Carlos G. Parker Boulevard to TH Johnson Drive) and Mallard Lane (from Carlos G. Parker to Main Street).

You can find updates on all road projects at the link below:

[CIP Dashboard](#)



# CITY MEETINGS



**12**

## **Planning and Zoning Commission**

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

**14**

## **City Council Meeting**

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

**20**

## **Parks and Recreation Board**

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

**27**

## **Public Arts Advisory Board**

5:30 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

**28**

## **City Council Meeting**

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

**AUGUST**



A photograph of an outdoor community event. In the foreground, there are several long tables covered with red and white checkered tablecloths, displaying various food items like bread and pastries. In the background, people are gathered around tables, some with signs like "TRICK or TREAT" and "More!". The scene is set in a paved area with buildings and trees in the distance.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**3**

## **Watermelon Day**

1:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK

**8**

## **Pickleball Playday**

10:00 AM | MURPHY PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

**9**

## **Taylor Second Saturdays**

ALL DAY | DOWNTOWN

**9**

## **Historic Downtown Walking Tour**

10:00 AM | RIPPLE&ROSE CAFE | 700 W 6TH ST

**14**

## **Coffee With A Cop**

8:30 AM | CURBSIDE COFFEE | 114 W 2ND ST

**15**

## **Back to School Bash with movie "Transformers One"**

5:30 PM | MURPHY PARK PAVILION





# 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



## Walk 2 Run

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELD TRACK



## Yoga

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



## Butts 'N' Guts

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



## Senior Fit

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

### August Special Events

#### Adult Pickup Volleyball

SUNDAYS | AUG. 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 5:00 PM  
TAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

# AUGUST



# LIBRARY EVENTS

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## Puzzle Swap

2:30 PM

11

## Grief Support

6:30 PM

16

## Mobile Planetarium

12:00 PM

20

## Homeschool Social

12:00 PM

25

## Grief Support

6:30 PM

## WEEKLY

M

## Chair Yoga

MONDAYS | 9:30 AM

T

## Hooks and Needles

TUESDAYS | 9:00 AM

W

## Senior Social

WEDNESDAYS | 2:00 PM

TH

## Chair Yoga

THURSDAYS | 9:30 AM

TH

## Chair Massage

THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM



# COUNCIL CONNECTION

## 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.



### July 10 Meeting

THE COUNCIL RECEIVED AN UPDATE FROM THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT ON APPRAISAL VALUES FOR THE COMING BUDGET YEAR, AND APPROVED PAYMENT FOR AN EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A WATER MAIN BREAK.



### July 24 Meeting

COUNCIL APPROVED AN EMPLOYMENT CENTER PLAN FOR THE BLUEPRINT DATA CENTERS PROJECT AT 1601 MLK BLVD. AND RECEIVED AN UPDATE ON NEW LAWS FROM THE 89TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT COULD AFFECT THE CITY, INCLUDING ONE THAT COULD REDUCE THE CITY'S PROPERTY TAX REVENUE BY \$1.5M.



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## CITY OF TAYLOR COUNCIL



Left to Right: Greg Redden (District 1), Shelli Cobb (District 2),  
Mayor Dwayne Ariola (At-Large), Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek  
(District 3), Heather Long (District 4)