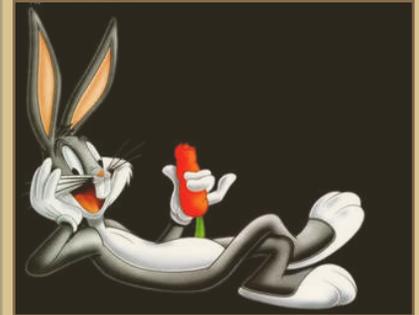


# Community Connection

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## “What’s Up Doc?”

This catch phrase was made famous by *Bugs Bunny* and his creator, Tex Avery, along with many other loved cartoon characters such as *Daffy Duck*, *Porky Pig* and *Droopy*.

Frederick Bean Avery, better known as Tex, was born here in Taylor, Texas on February 26, 1908. His family later moved to Dallas. He attended North Dallas High School where his future career as a celebrated cartoonist, illustrator, and animator was born.

The Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society is hosting an event on February 22, 2014 for the unveiling of a historical marker to commemorate the birthplace of this well renowned artist. Participating in the planning of this celebration are the Taylor Main Street Program, Project LOOP and the Howard Theatre. A select series of Tex Avery cartoons will be featured at the Howard Theatre during the program. Representatives from the Texas Historical Commission will be here to present the historical marker. The program begins at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 22, in the Howard Theatre on Main Street in downtown Taylor followed by the unveiling of the historical marker at Heritage Square Park. The public is invited to attend.

## Free Tax Help Locations and Schedule

Qualified residents can have their tax returns prepared for free. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is for people whose incomes are below \$50,000 a year and Tax Consultation for the Elderly (TCE) has no income restrictions.

Here in Taylor, VITA assistance will be available beginning January 29 – April 14 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., from 4:30 -8:30 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and 9 am – 3 pm on Saturday.

The Taylor Library will have TCE assistance from January 29 – April 14, 801 Vance St., from 12 pm – 4 pm on Wednesdays.

This assistance is organized by the Williamson County Financial Stability Coalition, 512-255-6799.

## A Message From The Interim City Manager

As spring approaches, you will soon see signs of progress with our streets! The \$5.2 million Street



Program Phase I will soon begin. This project will repair all of the “fair” rated streets in Taylor to prevent them from failing in the future. These streets will be brought up to “good” status. This project includes the renovation of downtown streets with a total rebuild of East 1st Street (by Amtrak). A total of 13.9 miles of streets will be improved.

Additionally, Community Development Block Grant Funds will be utilized to totally rebuild Jones/Burkett Streets during this same timeframe.

We understand that with the street projects will come some inconvenience. Please be patient with us. -Jeff Straub

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## Youth Soccer League To Begin

The City of Taylor Parks and Rec Department will be offering a spring youth soccer league beginning in April of 2014.

Registration is \$60 per player and includes a seven-game season, uniform and end of season award.

Teams will practice once per week, day and time based on coaches availability.

All games and practices will be held at the Taylor Regional Park, 210 Northwest Carlos Parker Blvd.

Interested participants can register online at [www.taylor.tx.gov/parks](http://www.taylor.tx.gov/parks).

Walk up registration is also available at City Hall, 400 Porter St.

Once registered, participants will be contacted by their coach one to two weeks prior to the season start date.

The season begins tentatively on April 5th. Some age divisions may be subject to a skills assessment. More information will be available as the season start date nears.

Fee: \$60

Season runs: April 5 – May 17 (practices begin in March)

Ages: three years old – 8th grade

Contact Mike DeVito at 512-365-7669 ext. 10 or [mike.devito@taylor.tx.gov](mailto:mike.devito@taylor.tx.gov) for more information.



## Jones/Burkett Street Project Begins

This well traveled north and south thoroughfare from East Lake Drive to Fourth Street will be repaired with funding from Community Development Block Grants of \$500,000 with a \$100,000 match from the City of Taylor. This is approximately three-quarters of a mile.

The environmental impact has been cleared.

The first phase of the project includes Atmos Energy replacing the entire gas pipeline and moving the meters from the street to the house of the residents along the way. They will begin trenching and laying new pipe in the March/April time frame.

Water and wastewater utilities improvements will be made concurrently.

Then the existing pavement of the street will be recycled and new material will added to reshape the street.

### REMINDER

Spring Forward to Daily Savings Time

Sunday, March 9

## Community Events



### Moody Museum Valentine Gala

Fundraiser by Friends of the Moody

4 – 8 pm, Feb. 13, Moody Museum

Contact: Susan Komandosky

512-365-7396

### Filing Deadline

#### City of Taylor Municipal Election

Filing deadline is February 28 for

At-Large Council seat

Applications available at City Hall

400 Porter Street

Contact: Susan Brock, 512-352-3676

### Tex Avery Day Celebration & Unveiling of Historic Marker

Program - 2 pm, Feb. 22

Howard Theatre, 308 N. Main St.

Unveiling on Heritage Square

Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society

Contact: Irene Michna, 512-365-6056

## Closings

### Presidents' Day

Monday, February 17

All city offices will be closed

including the library that also is

closed on February 15.

(Garbage collection is not affected)

## City Council Meetings

February 13 & 27

March 13 & 27

6 p.m. at City Hall