

# Community Connection

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## Monday, May 26 Memorial Day Observance

The community is invited to observe Memorial Day at a special remembrance being held at 10 a.m. on the national holiday, Monday, May 26.

The annual event will be held in Murphy Park at the Liberty Garden and swimming pool plaza. This event will honor all veterans, past and present who have served their country.

The Taylor Fire Department Honor Guard will present the colors and perform the raising of the flag followed by a 3-round volley by the Taylor Police Department Honor Guard.

There will be a brief program during which all branches of the armed forces will be recognized with patriotic music.

On this day, all United States flags should be flown at half-mast until noon and then raised to full height for the rest of the day.

## Taylor Fire Department Hosts Second Honor Guard Academy

More than 65 firefighters from around the state attended the Honor Guard Academy hosted by the Taylor Fire Department here in March.

Firefighters are trained in the protocols of processing a line of duty death. They learned marching, flag presentations, casket watch, folding the flag and the procedures to be followed at a funeral.



*Honor Guard trainees drill on marching*

There were 17 different fire departments represented. The next Honor Guard Academy is scheduled for September and is already 50 percent reserved.



## A Message From The Interim City Manager

"In pursuit of excellence" was the motto we adopted at the Taylor Police Department during the time I served

as Chief of Police. It is a motto I take to heart and have worked with staff to implement throughout the City of Taylor organization. As stewards of our community and tax payer dollars, we would be remiss to settle for less than working to make our city and municipal organization the very best they can be.



Cities and municipal organizations are like living organisms: they grow, they change; they require nurturing. It is important that we guide that growth and change to insure that it is positive, always endeavoring to attain excellence.

For our City and organization to be the best they can be, they must be nurtured. The very nature of nurturing is that of love.

There is no doubt that Taylor is poised for growth and positive change. I love Taylor, Texas. I invite you to love it with me.

- Jeff Straub

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## Streets Projects Update

The City of Taylor has three major streets projects that are in various stages of design and planning. Phase I of the street repairs that will begin this summer are broken down into two projects:

**“Fair to Good”** – These are the streets that have been categorized in the Pavement Management Report as streets that are salvageable and may be repaired to a “good” category. This includes nearly 14 miles of neighborhood streets. Ramming Paving Company, Inc. has been selected as the contractor to repair these streets. Work should commence in June.

**Downtown Streets** - This project is a mixture of rehab and reconstruction of various parts of First Street, Talbot, Porter, Second and Third Streets. This part is being designed and will go out for bid in May or June. This project will further enhance the downtown district as well as repair the streets.

**Burkett/Jones** - This project will rehab this heavily traveled north/south thoroughfare from East Lake Drive to Fourth Street. In May, Atmos Energy will replace and move the natural gas lines from the street frontage to near the homes of property owners. During this time a contractor will be selected through a bidding process and work should begin in June or July.

### “Fizz Boom Read”

## Library Summer Reading Program

Taylor Public Library begins registration for its Summer Reading Program for youth, teens and adults on June 2. Afternoon Movies will be offered on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. starting June 2.



Wednesday Morning programs will begin on June 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Thursday Teen programs will begin on June 5 at 2:30 p.m. From June 11 to June 25, schools and daycares are invited to an earlier Wednesday Morning program, starting at 9 a.m. For more information check with the Library: 512-352-3434.

### Calling for Applications

## Amy Young Barrier Removal Program

If you own your home, an occupant of your home meets the definition of a Person with Disabilities and you meet the income limits, you may qualify for a grant of up to \$20,000 to make improvements to your home to make it more accessible.

Application forms are available to City Hall, 400 Porter Street. Work that may be performed includes home leveling; bathroom modifications including the installation of ADA-compliant toilets, replacement of tubs with walk-in showers and grab bars; wheelchair ramps; widening of doorways; accessible walkways and new flooring. Applications are being accepted immediately while funding is available.

Additional information is available online at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) or call City Hall at 512-352-3675.

## Community Events

### Swim Season Opens Memorial Day Weekend

#### Murphy Park

Saturday, May 24, 1- 8 pm

Sunday, May 25, 1-8 pm

Monday, May 26, 12 -8 pm

#### Regular hours:

Mondays closed

Tuesdays – Saturdays 12-8 pm

Sundays – 1-8 pm

#### Robinson Park

Saturday, May 24 – 2-6 pm

Sunday – 2-6 pm

Monday – 12-6 pm

#### Regular hours:

Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays

2-6 pm



### Memorial Day Salute

10 am, Monday, May 26

Swimming Pool Pavilion at

Liberty Garden

## Closings

Memorial Day, Monday, May 26  
City offices & Library will be closed

Library will be closed  
on Saturday, May 24

*Garbage service will not be affected*

## City Council Meetings

Thursdays, May 8 & 22

Special Meeting, May 20

Thursdays, June 12 & 26

*All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and  
are held at City Hall*