

# Community Connection

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## A Message From The Interim City Manager

Please join me in welcoming to Taylor our new City Manager, Mr. Isaac Turner.

Mr. Turner comes to Taylor with a wealth of city management knowledge and experience. I am very excited to work with him and learn from him as we work together to make Taylor the best that it can be.

During my time as Interim City Manager, I was able to work very closely with our Mayor and City Council. They are absolutely exceptional individuals that make a great team. They are all seeking what is best for Taylor. Working with them has been a tremendous pleasure.

We in Taylor are also blessed with great community partners: The Taylor EDC, Taylor ISD and our Chamber of Commerce.

This is a unique time of opportunity for the City of Taylor  
- Jeff Straub



## New City Manager Selected for Taylor

The City Council has offered the position of City Manager to Isaac Duane Turner, currently living in North Venice, FL. The selection comes following a search performed by Chris Hartung of Hartung & Associates who received 90 applications for the City Manager position. The search was narrowed down to six finalists and then down to two individuals. All of the finalists were highly qualified.



Turner has 30 years of experience in the public sector. Most recently, he served as city manager for two years of the City of Venice, FL with a population of 22,100.

Earlier, for seven years, he served as city manager of Ormond Beach, FL, population of 40,900; three years as city manager of the city of McKinney, TX, population of 55,000; assistant city manager of the City of Longview, TX for six years and he spent six years with the City of Dallas as Manager of Administration with a budget of \$46 million.

Turner holds a bachelors degree in Political Science from Kansas State University and a master's degree of Public Administration from the University of Kansas. He also has a certificate of graduation from the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management Institute from State University of New York at Stony Brook. He is a member of numerous professional associations.

## New Deputy Building Official Hired

Laura Rouse-DeVore of LaFox, Illinois has been hired as a Deputy Building Official in the Planning and Development Department. Rouse-DeVore has extensive experience with code enforcement and plan review.

She received the International Code Council's Official of the Year Award in 2013 and is about to become the national president of the American Association of Code Enforcement. She joins city staff on August 4.

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## Taylor Business Expo and Job Fair



Booth at last year's Business Expo & Job Fair

It's that time again!

On September 20th, 2014 The Taylor Chamber of Commerce will be hosting The Taylor Business Expo and Job Fair from 10 am to 2 pm at the TISD Main Street Intermediate Campus (3101 N. Main St).

Everyone is invited to enjoy the fun, food, music and meet all the vendors that will have give-aways at their booths and may be accepting applications for employment. KOKE-FM Radio will be present and drawings for prizes will be announced every 15 minutes.

The grand prize to be given away will be a large flat screen TV. Everyone is invited and it is all FREE.

## Taylor Selected as a Certified Scenic City

The City of Taylor has been selected to be recognized as a Certified Scenic City. The award is based on standards that protect trees, public spaces, parks and trails. Signage, sidewalks and landscaping standards project the beauty of the city.



The mission of the Scenic City Certification Program is to support and recognize municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces, with the long-term goal of improving the image of all cities.

## Brazos River Authority Report

At a recent meeting of the BRA, a report was given on the outlook of water availability in Lake Granger, the water source for the City of Taylor.

On July 2, the Brazos River Authority (BRA) reported the capacity of Lake Granger was 104%. On July 23, the capacity was reported at 115% of capacity.

Projections for future capacity based on low inflow and high evaporation by the end of August is for the lake to be at 91%.

While the city is very fortunate to have access of an abundance of water, the community is encouraged to conserve water when it can. We are introducing "Water Smart" tips for saving on water usage, something to think about!

### WATER SMART TIP:

Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car. You'll save up to 100 gallons every time!

For more smart water tips and ideas visit:  
[www.takecareoftexas.org](http://www.takecareoftexas.org) and [www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com)



## Coming Events



**Enroll in Taylor 101:**  
Introduction to Local Government  
for Taylor Citizens

For more information contact  
Esther Walton@ 512-352-3774  
[www.taylor.tx.gov/taylor101](http://www.taylor.tx.gov/taylor101)

**Don't Miss the BBQ Cookoff!**



37th Annual International  
Taylor

Barbecue Cook Off

August 15 & 16 in Murphy Park



**Patriot's Day Remembrance**  
Memorial March on Main Street

7 pm, Thursday, September 11

## Closings

All City offices and Library will be closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 1. The Library also will be closed on Saturday, August 30. Garbage services will not be affected.

## City Council Meetings

Thursdays, August 14 & 28

Thursdays, September 11 & 25

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