

Community Connection



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A Message From The City Manager



From left:
Joe Sosa,
Isaac Turner,
Noel Bernal

Two new managers joined the City staff in April. Noel Bernal is our new Assistant City Manager and Joe Sosa is the new Human Resources Director.

Both are highly qualified individuals and were warmly welcomed to the community, along with their families, at a public reception on April 22.

On April 23, an open house was held to showcase the new improvements to the Development Services Department at City Hall. New resources and technologies have been added for the commercial development process and we have expanded advocacy service for our residents.

Numerous activities are available during the summer for our youth and families. Take advantage of the programs offered by the Taylor Public Library and the Parks & Recreation Department.

Our goal is to always serve the citizens of Taylor and we extend a warm welcome to come see us and the changes underway at City Hall. We're ready for business!
- Isaac

Cost of Living Value in Taylor

The City of Taylor has not changed position as having the lowest cost of living in the county. When compared to the rest of the cities in Williamson County, Taylor still provides great value for those who live here. The following graph is based on the average home value for each individual city, along with the combined costs of utilities, ad valorem and school taxes. The home values are provided by the Williamson County Appraisal District as of 2014 and the information below is subject to change.

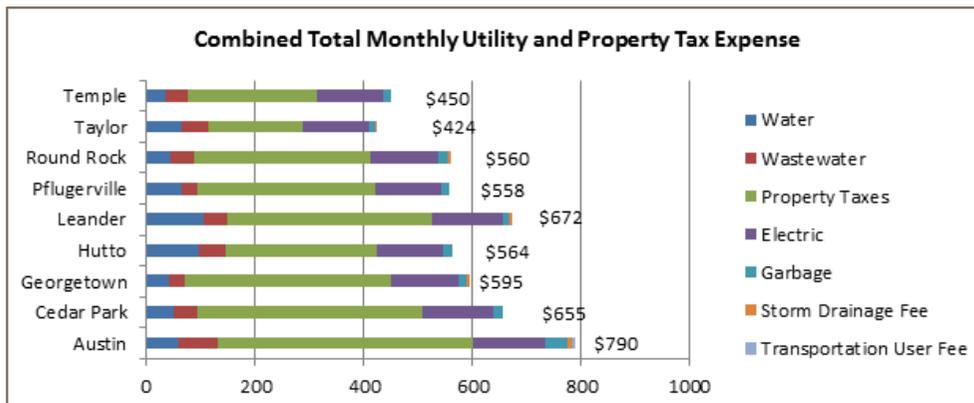


Chart provided courtesy of City of Georgetown

Bernal - Assistant City Manager

The City of Taylor has a new Assistant City Manager. Noel Bernal was hired and began his duties on April 20. He formerly served as City Administrator of the City of Falfurrias for the last two years. He also served as City Administrator of the City of La Villa in Hidalgo County. He and his family are new residents of Taylor.



Bernal holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas Pan American, Edinburg, Texas and a Master of Public Administration from the same school. He is a Certified Public Manager (CPM) and is working on additional continuing education, including Lean Six Sigma (LSS) Black Belt Process Improvement Training Certification.

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Summer Things to Do!

Farmers Market

Farmers Market opens on Monday, May 11 and will open on Mondays and Fridays from 3 – 6 p.m. at the downtown location at 5th and Main Streets. They also will open on Wednesdays from 3 – 6 p.m. at the entrance of HEB. Don't miss their homegrown vegetables.

Swim Season Opens

*2015 Hours of Operation**

Murphy Park Aquatic Center

1600 Veteran's Dr.
Taylor, TX

Saturday, May 23 - Sunday, August 16

Saturdays - 12pm - 8pm

Sundays - 1pm - 8pm

Tuesday-Friday - 12pm - 8pm

Holiday Hours: Memorial Day, May 25

and Labor Day, Sept. 7 - 12pm- 8pm

*Closed on Mondays (except for holidays)

Robinson Park Pool

206 S. Dolan Avenue
Taylor, TX

Saturday, May 23 - Sunday August 30

Friday, Saturday, Sunday - 2pm- 6pm

Holiday Hours : Memorial Day, May 25
and Labor Day, Sept. 7 - 12pm - 8pm

Pool Admission Fees (Both Pools)

Children Under 3 - Free

Adults/Children over 12 - \$3

Family Pass (30 Admissions) - \$45

Children 4-12 - \$2

Seniors (60+) - \$2

Family Pass (60 Admissions) - \$90

Bill Pickett Day Celebration

The City Council approved the renaming of the street that enters into the



East Williamson County Event Center as Bill Pickett Trail. Join the community to commemorate Bill Pickett as a famous hometown cowboy who initiated steer wrestling as a major rodeo event, June 20, East Williamson County Event Center, 10 am. Contact Gerald Anderson, 512-268-8270 for more information.

Summer Reading Programs

The Taylor Public Library begins its Summer Reading Programs on June 8 beginning with Monday Movies at 2:30pm each week:

June 8: Big Hero 8

June 15: Earth to Echo

June 22: Guardians of the Galaxy

June 29: Boxtrolls

On Tuesdays from 2:30-4 pm, the Books/Bots programs will be held twice weekly beginning June 9 to kick off the series. On Wednesdays, the Youth Performer Series will be held each week at 10:30am. All the programs will be held in June. For additional information, visit www.taylor.tx.gov/library, or call 512-352-3434.

Movies in the Park

The following movies will be shown at the Taylor Regional Park football field at dusk. Concessions will be for sale.

June 12 – Finding Nemo

July 10 – Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs

August 14 – Big Hero 6

Community Events

Election Day

Vote May 9



Memorial Day Salute

10 am, Monday, May 25

Swimming Pool Pavilion
at Liberty Garden



Juneteenth Celebration

Fannie Robinson Park

June 19 – all day

(contact Jennifer Harris, 512-296-6109)

Closings

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

City offices & Library will be closed.

Library also will be closed on

Saturday, May 23

Garbage service will not be affected.

City Council Meetings

Thursdays, May 14, 19, & 28

Thursdays, June 11 & 25

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

