

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Recently, there have been talks of the implementation of new fees and rate increases to help build revenue to address the dire road conditions and to stabilize the Utility Fund.

These problems with the roads didn't happen

overnight. In fact, they didn't happen in the last 5, 10 or 20 years. The deteriorated roads are a decades-long problem that have culminated into the condition we see today.

City Council and staff have been working to address the situations with both the roads and the utility fund and we are now at a crossroads of solving the problems.

The proposed transportation user fee, if adopted by City Council, would dedicate funds specifically to rebuild "poor" rated streets in Taylor and also would set aside money specifically for the maintenance of all other City streets.

Because the Utility Fund has been operating in the negative, and we have had to continually tap into our reserve funds, the City conducted a rate study to look at ways to stabilize the Utility Fund. Through this rate study, a 5-year plan could be implemented that would increase water and sewer rate fees over that 5-year period to maintain our fund balance which would bring the Utility Fund into normal operations while establishing a healthy reserve.

These plans are just a few of the ways that the City is looking to allocate funding to fix these problems. If you have questions about either of these topics, please contact me.

-Isaac

## BUDGET TALK



- 44% - Public Safety
- 11% - Streets
- 6% - Parks & Recreation
- 5% - Development Services
- 4% - Library
- 2% - Municipal Court

The remaining 28% are divided among other departments within the City of Taylor budget. The 6 combined totals make up 72% of the General Fund Expenditures for FY2015-16.

General Fund Expenditures

This year's proposed budget includes a total revenue of \$11,467,314 in the General Fund and total anticipated expenditures totaling \$12,061,184. The two new positions at the animal shelter are the only additions to the budget for next fiscal year.

The proposed Utility Fund revenues for next fiscal year are \$7,309,510 with anticipated expenditures of \$7,607,139. Because the Utility Fund has been operating in a deficit and has continually had to tap into the reserves, the implementation of a five-year water and sewer rate increase to stabilize the Utility Fund is being reviewed.

The proposed Airport Fund revenues for next fiscal year are \$503,362 with anticipated expenditures of \$503,213. A notable budget item concerning the expenditures for the Airport Fund was identifying funds to meet cash match requirements. Additionally, the Airport hangar rental fee is expected to increase by 5%.

Some highlights of this year's budget include: Developing a City-wide Capital Improvements Program for streets, water and sewers, drainage, facilities, Airport, parks, and cemetery streets - by fund and by year and identify funds to begin the implementation of the Downtown Master Plan.

The proposed tax rate is slated to remain at .813893¢, and serves as the main source of revenue for the City.

## 2015 BUSINESS EXPO & JOB FAIR

The Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce and Taylor Economic Development Corporation are joining together for the 2015 Business Expo and Job Fair on September 19, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Taylor ISD Main St. Campus - 3101 N. Main St. This year's expo and job fair brings together a wide array of local businesses offering services to the greater Taylor community. The job fair also serves as a one-stop shop for community members seeking employment in Taylor. Everyone is invited to enjoy fun, food, music and meet all the vendors who will be present.



## TAYLOR FD INITIATES CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY



A newly formed support group, made up of graduates of the Citizens Fire Academy, was started in April 2015 as a means to meet the needs of our fire department during responses to emergencies, day or night. The CFA attended a rigorous, 3-month course to be enabled to fill this critical role. One of the spin-off purposes

of the training was to seek assistance from interested and qualified citizens to fill this void in our response matrix. Having gone through weeks of training learning all aspects of the fire department, this group is now ready to answer the call to care for our firefighters. The Response Support Team currently consists of 6 Taylor citizens.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2015

The 2015 National Night Out in Taylor is scheduled to take place on Oct. 6, 2015 to promote unity within our communities.

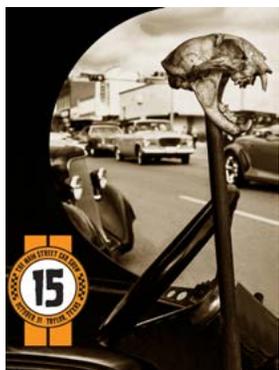


POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Taylor Police Department encourages all community members to participate. Join us by booking a block party in your community. Please register your neighborhood National Night Out Block Party with the Program Coordinator, Amy Rowland, at 512-352-5551 or amy.rowland@taylor.tx.gov

## CARS & SPOOKY FUN COMING TO TAYLOR

The 3rd Annual Main Street Car Show will roll into historic downtown Taylor on Oct. 31, 2015. The event will feature classic and exotic cars, motorcycles, and custom vans from around the world as well as live bands, food trucks and entertainment for the whole family! The event kicks off at 10 a.m. and will be followed that evening with the Halloween Spooktacular from 6-9 p.m. This family-fun event will feature trick or treating, costume contests, a best pizza in Taylor contest, games and prizes for all to enjoy. Both events are free and open to the public.



Visit [www.taylor.tx.gov/800/Main-Street-Car-Show](http://www.taylor.tx.gov/800/Main-Street-Car-Show) for more info.

## WATER TIP

Collecting rainwater for landscape use is great for the plants and can save you water and money.



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDER

### September

#### 11 PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY

The annual Patriot Day ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. with a parade in downtown. A ceremony will follow at Heritage Square on the corner of 4th & Main.

#### 12 KITE DAY

The annual Kite Day will be held at Taylor Regional Park and will include a kite flying contest, vendors, music and prizes! Registration begins at 9 a.m.

#### 12 MAIN ST. FALL FLING

Shop local during the Downtown Main Street Fall Fling featuring fun FALL sales, discounts and great products. Hours are from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### October

#### 6 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join the Taylor Police Dept. for National Night Out 2015 to promote unity within our communities.

#### 31 3RD ANNUAL MAIN ST. CAR SHOW & HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

The 3rd Annual Main St. Car Show will be from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. with the Halloween Spooktacular following from 6 - 9 p.m. downtown.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### Thursdays - September 10 & 24

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

### FEATURED EVENT

#### KITE DAY 2015 - SKY'S THE LIMIT

Kite Day 2015 will take place in Taylor Regional Park Sept. 12, and will feature contests, prizes and loads of family fun for all ages. Registration starts at 9 a.m.

