

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



As many of you know, each year we set out to “clean up” Taylor by initiating a day dedicated to removing debris and trash from our town. All our community members are asked to participate and our facilities are opened up to get rid of the debris and

trash. Well this fall, we’re making it an event that brings together communities and neighbors for a common good...making, and keeping, Taylor beautiful!

On Oct. 17, the City will conduct its fall clean up and we’re expanding this well-known occasion to incorporate new elements and set in place a sustainable annual event for our city and its future. Two to three neighborhoods in Taylor will be selected to host neighborhood clean ups in conjunction with the City-wide effort. This effort brings together people from across Taylor to enhance the natural beauty of our town and elevate the neighborhood standards across Taylor.

I’m encouraging everyone to come out and participate with us on Oct. 17! Civic organizations, churches, neighbors, and friends alike can come together for the goal of creating a more beautiful city.

If you’re interested in hosting a neighborhood party, or are a civic group or church interested in helping, please contact the City and we will help you set up everything you need. We want to see as much involvement from our community as possible.

I’m looking forward to this event and know that we will have a great turnout and an even better looking Taylor when we’re done!

-Isaac

ANIMAL SHELTER UPDATE

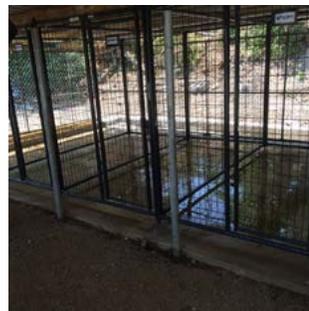
The Taylor Animal Shelter has undergone extensive upgrades in recent weeks to address the needs of the facility and also has received two new positions in this year’s budget.

Nine new large kennels have been installed outside and will provide a safe environment for the animals to take shelter. These kennels are specifically designed to prevent animals from digging or biting through the gate or other portions of the kennel to ensure no sharp edges protrude.

The new building is up and running and is currently being utilized by staff. The area is separate from the indoor kennels and has new work stations, an upgraded bathroom and a wheelchair accessible ramp for visitors.

Work has been in place to address the drainage issue at the shelter with repairs being accomplished in July. Another drainage issue came about during the repairs and meetings have been established between consultants and the shelter to address it.

City Council approved the hiring of two additional part-time kennel technicians in this year’s budget, which will help alleviate the demands of the Animal Control Officers and volunteers at the shelter.



FLOOD VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Aug. 11, 2015, the City hosted a flood relief volunteer reception to honor all individuals and organizations who played an integral part in the flood recovery operations after the Memorial Day floods. All members of the community who helped in any way



were urged to take part and more than 40 people and organizations were on hand to receive certificates of appreciation from Mayor Jesse Ancira Jr., Councilman Brandt Rydell, Councilman Chris

Gonzales and Councilman Scott Green.

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCT. 4-10

National Fire Prevention Week will kick off on Oct. 4, 2015. The Taylor Fire Department



will be doing visits to the schools to promote this year's theme of "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep."

The Taylor Fire Department would also like to invite the community to their annual open house on Oct. 8 from 4-7 p.m. The open house will feature tours and demonstrations for the public with food and beverages provided by the TFD.

TEXAS BEER COMPANY STEAMS AHEAD

With a vote of 3-1, City Council approved an incentive package for \$200,000 for the Texas Beer Company that coincides with the Taylor Economic Development Corporation at the Aug. 11, 2015 meeting. The Texas Beer Company, located in the historic McCrory-Timmerman building, is slated to open a microbrewery in downtown Taylor. The City will provide a General Fund 380 Grant for \$75,000 and a \$125,000 tax increment fund grant to the company for equipment, granted they abide by the following conditions:

The Texas Beer Company must raise \$600,000 before May 2016; Receive a certificate of occupancy by June 30, 2016; Utilize the Taylor Made logo on its products; Remain in its location for 5 years; Open the microbrewery by Dec. 31, 2016.

The TEDC will provide a dollar for dollar matching grant to the City's amount of \$200,000. If the aforementioned conditions are not met by the company, the City and TEDC will hold a lien on the equipment as a means to make back their investment.

TAYLOR MADE TEXAS LAUNCHING

Have you seen the flashy new Taylor Made Texas logo being sported by people around town on shirts or maybe in an advertisement? If you haven't, then you'll be seeing a lot more of this exciting new brand element. The Taylor Marketing Partnership will be launching the new Taylor Made Texas brand and letting people everywhere know why Taylor, Texas is special and unique! We will be highlighting the accomplishments of our City and what makes it "Taylor Made" to markets around the state and beyond. Look for the Taylor Made Texas brand coming soon!



WATER TIP

Washing only full loads of laundry can save an average household more than 3,400 gallons of water each year.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDER

October

8 TFD STATION 1 OPEN HOUSE

The Taylor Fire Department will be holding their annual Open House from 4-7 p.m. at Station 1 featuring tours, demonstrations, food and drinks.

10 GOOD LIFE 5K

The annual Good Life 5K will take place in beautiful Bull Branch Park. 5K starts at 8 a.m. & Kids K starts at 9:30 a.m. Proceeds to benefit the Taylor Animal Shelter.

15 TAYLOR LIBRARY FOUNDATION GALA

"Lost in a Jungle of Books," is the theme for this year's gala which will help raise funds to assist the Taylor Public Library in purchasing books. This event is from 6-8 p.m. and open to the public.

17 CITY-WIDE FALL CLEAN UP

City of Taylor residents are urged to participate in the City-wide Clean Up from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1424 N. Main & 1200 Welch St. Valid water bill or ID must be shown. More info @ www.taylor.tx.gov/268/citywide-clean-up

31 MAIN ST. CAR SHOW & SPOOKTACULAR

The 3rd Annual Main St. Car Show will roll into downtown Taylor starting at 10 a.m. will take place that evening from 6-9 p.m. featuring family fun activities for all to enjoy!

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - October 8 & 22

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

FEATURED EVENT

CAR SHOW & SPOOKTACULAR

The Main St. Car Show will kick off at 10 a.m. Oct. 31st and will feature exotic cars, motorcycles & vans. Spooktacular will follow that evening from 6-9 p.m. in Downtown Taylor!

