

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Mr. Isaac Turner speaks to the crowd at the Taylor Fire Department's new apparatus ceremony. The City & the TFD celebrated the arrival of the apparatus on Jan. 9, 2016.

It's time once again to talk about the City-Wide cleanup that's going to take place next month. Two times each year, Taylorites come together to "clean up" on a specific day, whether that involves getting rid of debris at your house or cleaning out unwanted items and taking them to the recycling center. Either way, there's a common goal in mind – making and keeping Taylor beautiful.

Last year in October, we initiated the first ever Taylor Community cleanup where more than 60 volunteers came together to help in the Burkett Street neighborhood on the same day as the City-Wide cleanup. This effort was a big success and made a significant impact for the people in that neighborhood. This time around, we're looking to expand the Taylor Community cleanup to another area in Taylor, which will be announced soon, and make it bigger and better than before.

The City has sought grant funding for the program which will help to offer more services for the selected neighborhoods while providing an educational component along with the cleanup. The Taylor Community cleanup program is expected to take place twice a year over the next couple of years as a means to increase awareness for code enforcement issues, work toward a partnership model of problem solving and develop enhanced standards for beautification across Taylor.

The City-Wide cleanup will take place in April where residents can drop off items at the City's two recycling locations – 1424 N. Main St. and 1200 Welch St. The Community Cleanup will take place on the same day.

I look forward to seeing the outcome of this year's cleanup efforts across the City and hope to see everyone involved.

-Isaac Turner

TAYLOR RECEIVES NEW FIRE APPARATUS

A new fire apparatus for the Taylor Fire Department rolled into town on Saturday, Jan. 9, and was minted during a ceremony held at Fire Station 1.

The new truck was delivered to the TFD Station to an audience that included Taylor Fire Chief Pat Ekiss, Assistant Fire Chief Bobby Copeland, Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr., city council members, and City staff along with many of the personnel on duty at the station.

Fire Chief Ekiss showed off the new truck, which was custom built for the Taylor Fire Department by Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin by pointing out some of the features on the new fire engine that had not been available on the department's current fleet. The new truck will be replacing an older 1999 75-foot Quint which will be placed into reserve status.

"Trucks are designed to last anywhere between 15 and 20 years," said Ekiss. "The current truck has been in use as a front-line vehicle since it was purchased. With the addition of this new apparatus, we will be able to balance our fleet by having a reserve and save money in the long run."

Features included on the 2015 Pierce PUC 105 Aerial Apparatus with a velocity chassis include compressed air foam units that provide rapid fire knockdown while using two-thirds less water. LED lighting surrounds the apparatus making night time

"We have had so much positive support shown to our Fire Department and we greatly appreciate it. It is our goal to provide our citizens of Taylor with quality fire protection and EMS services that should be expected from TFD."

-Fire Chief Pat Ekiss

operations easier and safer. The improved emergency LED lighting requires far less amperage that would draw on the alternator's warranty therefore prolonging the life of the alternator.

Ekiss elaborated that this truck has much larger compartment space with each compartment being designed specifically for a purpose or tool. The apparatus also features added ground ladder storage, improved suspension components and upgraded radio and communications systems. Additionally, roll over protection with front and side air bags adds to increased firefighter safety in the new vehicle.

The cost of the lease purchase for the new fire truck is \$1,030,100 and was approved by City Council in 2015.

"We are very excited about our new fire apparatus and we would like to thank our Mayor and City Council for making this purchase possible," Ekiss commented. "Fire & Rescue equipment should always be a priority in any community and we are thankful that our city leaders agree with that. It is a positive reassurance that when we, as firefighters, go into a burning building, that our equipment is in excellent working condition so that we can make it back home safely at the end of our shift. Our equipment is our number one partner and our lifeline when mitigating an incident."



COUNCIL ELECTIONS SLATED FOR MAY 7, 2016



An election will be held May 7, 2016 for the purpose of electing one person as a member of the City of Taylor City Council from District one and one member from District four.

Applications are being accepted now and may be submitted in person to the City Clerk located within City Hall at 400 Porter Street in Taylor. The application deadline is Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Candidates must reside in the district for which they are seeking a place on the council.

Early voting for this election will be at City Hall from April 25 through May 3, 2016. For questions about City elections, contact the City Clerk at 512-352-3676 or by email at susan.brock@taylortx.gov.

LIBRARY OFFERS SPRING BREAK PROGRAMS

The Taylor Public Library will be offering programs during Spring Break, March 14-17, for the community.



Mon. 03/14 - Movie Showing | Jurassic World | 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Tues. 03/15 - Maker's Fair | Meeting Room | 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Wed. 03/16 - Storytime | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Thurs. 03/17 - Truck Petting Zoo | Parking Lot | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY CLASSES BEGIN FEB. 22



CITY SWITCHES CABLE PROVIDERS TO AT&T U-VERSE

The City of Taylor recently switched cable television providers from Time Warner Cable to AT&T U-verse, which affects viewing of the City's government cable access channel. AT&T U-verse subscribers can tune in to channel 99 to view up-to-date information on City services, as well as City Council meetings and public service announcements. Council videos will be replayed at 7 p.m. everyday.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

March

26 ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m. on Heritage Square. Contact Deby Lannen for more information - 512-352-3463

FREE TAX PREP

Through April 18, free tax preparation is available for seniors and individuals who earn less than \$54,000/year at the following locations:

Taylor Public Library
Wednesdays 12 - 4 p.m.

Taylor City Hall
Mondays 4:30 - 9 p.m.
Wednesdays 4:30 - 9 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Visit wilcofreetaxprep.org or call 512-255-6799 for more info.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Offices will be closed a half day on the following day:

March 25, 2016 - Good Friday
(Regular Garbage Schedule)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - March 10 & 24

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

FEATURED EVENT

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us on Saturday, March 26 in Heritage Square for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Kids of all ages welcome! The fun starts at 10 a.m. Call Deby Lannen at 512-352-3463 for more info.

