

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Mr. Isaac Turner speaks to the crowd at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Dr. James Lee Dickey Museum & Multipurpose Center, Jan. 23, 2016.

It's time for the second Taylor Community Cleanup! We need YOUR help!

During the October cleanup last fall, we had more than 60 volunteers including two landscaping companies and many local civic/church groups donated their time and efforts to this worthy cause and the expectation is that there will be even more people motivated to be a part of something bigger and better.

Volunteers can come from across the community to assist. Any Taylorite who's willing to lend a hand is welcome to pitch in. Whether your specialty is lawn care, debris pickup, heavy lifting or just serving in general, all of us can come together to make a big impact. Teams from businesses, churches, schools, civic groups are encouraged to pitch in!

Dedicating time in your community helps us to achieve our goal of a healthy, vibrant and clean Taylor that our neighbors and visitors alike can enjoy. While to project focuses on beautification and helping our neighbors, it also creates a wave of service-oriented action that spreads throughout the rest of town. Good deeds do not go unnoticed!

This time around, I'm encouraging everyone to get involved in your neighborhood by volunteering to be a part of the community cleanup. Donuts and hot dogs will be provided after the cleanup commences to celebrate the accomplishments of all involved. It's a rewarding experience you won't soon forget. I hope to see you there on April 23!

Please sign up by April 11, 2016 by calling City Hall at 512-352-3675 or emailing nicholas.applewhite@taylortx.gov.

-Isaac Turner

MY PERMIT NOW AVAILABLE IN TAYLOR

The City's Development Services department identified the need for a submittal tracking program in 2014, as part of the restructuring of the former Department of Planning and Development and in an effort to create a predictable, consistent, transparent process for both our customers and the department. Through this process, the City elected to utilize the MyPermitNow software to meet the need of a refined development review process and began rolling out the program this month.



The MyPermitNow software provides the ability to submit all development applications and permits online, pay fees, track the progress of the review process, view the required inspection sequence for a project, and request inspections online. In addition, MyPermitNow provides real-time inspection results via e-mail, text message, and via an online portal. The software will be utilized to track code enforcement actions, and all other development applications such as zoning applications, platting, variances, etc. Numerous other cities in the area have implemented this software with success. Hutto, Georgetown, Leander, Pflugerville and Bee Caves all currently use this application.

TAYLOR EARNS 2015 TREE CITY USA DISTINCTION



TREE CITY USA®

The City was notified in January of their recertification as a Tree City USA for the calendar year of 2015. This marks this fourth year that Taylor has earned this distinction from the Arbor Day Foundation.

"We are proud to continue to show our dedication to our natural resources and recognize the value of trees and the role they play in our overall health and well-being," said Mike DeVito, Parks and Recreation superintendent for the City of Taylor. "This

distinction showcases our commitment to this role and we look forward to sharing this honor with the community."

Tree City USA is a nationwide movement that proves the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.

Cities achieve this status by meeting the four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES QUICK FACT

Did you know that your house or building address number must be plainly legible and identifiable from the road?

This adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code helps to ensure that emergency responders can find your house in the event of an emergency or other matter. **This standard is enforceable by City Ordinance and can be ticketed for non-compliance.**

Individuals can meet this requirement by placing address numbers on their home or building (4" tall or higher) or by having their address numbers on their mailbox or driveway entrance.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN WILCO

Are you looking to give back this year but weren't sure where to turn? We've compiled a list volunteer opportunities locally and in Williamson County that may pique your interest to give back. View a full list at taylortx.gov/volunteer.

CASA of Williamson County - 512-868-2822 | casawilco.org
Habitat for Humanity of WilCo - 512-863-4344 | williamsonhabitat.org
Literacy Council of WilCo - 512-869-0497 | literacycouncil-wc.org
Texas Baptist Children's Home - 512-246-4244 | tbch.org
The Volunteer Center - 512-733-7625 | volrock.org
WilCo Children's Advocacy Center - 512-943-3701 | wilcocac.org
WilCo Regional Animal Shelter - 512-943-3322 | pets.wilco.org
WilCo Symphony Orchestra - 512-789-5073 |

wilcosymphony.org

LifeSteps - 512-246-9880 | lifestepscouncil.org

Taylor Animal Shelter - 512-352-5483

Friends of the Taylor Public Library - 512-352-3434

City of Taylor Boards & Commissions - 512-352-3676



VOLUNTEER

COMMUNITY CLEANUP SET FOR APRIL 23RD



The Taylor Community Cleanup, now in its second iteration, is slated for April 23 from 9 a.m. until noon in the 1st and 2nd Avenue neighborhood. Our focus of the project is to beautify Taylor and build a sense of community pride in our neighborhoods through a partnership

model with our citizens that focuses on beautification efforts and a proactive approach to code enforcement.

This event will include volunteers from the neighborhood, as well as civic groups, businesses and city staff to assist with tree trimming, mowing, debris removal, sidewalk cleanup, trash pickup, or other activities the neighborhood might need assistance with. At the conclusion of the event, we will be hosting a BBQ to celebrate our accomplishments and the new found partnerships built within the neighborhood.

YOUR participation in this event will help us make it a huge success! We're looking for people of all ages who want to serve in their communities and make an impact. If you're interested in volunteering, contact the City of Taylor at 512-352-3675 or by emailing nicholas.applewhite@taylortx.gov for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

April

4 SPANISH FAMILY STORYTIME

Join the Taylor Public Library for Spanish family storytime starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Library at 512-352-3434.

9 TAYLOR SPORT AIR RACE

Come out to the Taylor Airport to see the launch and recovery of aircraft for the Sport Air Racing League. Event is all day.

18 FREE TAX PREP ENDS

Free tax preparation will end on April 18. Services are offered at the Taylor Public Library & City Hall. Visit wilcofreetaxprep.org or call 512-255-6799 for more info.

23 CITY-WIDE & COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The annual City-Wide cleanup will take place from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 1424 N. Main St. & 1200 Welch St. The community cleanup will take place 9 a.m. - noon on 1st & 2nd. Ave.

30 PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

Join the Taylor Police Department and Drug Enforcement Agency for prescription drug take back day at City Hall from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - April 14 & 28

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

FEATURED EVENT

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

April 30, 2016

10 AM - 2 PM

City Hall - 400 Porter St.
Taylor, Texas

Drop off your unwanted, expired or unused medication to be disposed of safely by Taylor PD & DEA for free!

