

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



The holiday season is in full swing and it has been another successful year in Taylor. I would like to take this time to wish each and every one of you happy holidays and a blessed new year as we embark upon 2017.

December is turning out to be a month filled with exciting activities in our City and a host of events are slated to take place over the next few weeks. Now is a great opportunity to get out and discover all that Taylor has to offer - from the Christmas parade to the Movies in the Park and Third Thursday - there's a whole lot going on!

Recently, Taylor has had many exciting accomplishments come to fruition including the opening of the newly expanded Williamson County Expo Center, a significant increase in our residential growth rate and a new hotel proposed for the North side of town.

Many of these accomplishments have been at the forefront of the City Council goals and all are prime examples of the positive growth Taylor is seeing.

Things are starting to take shape here and City Staff is looking forward to another exciting year of development and expansion for our City.

Wishing you and your family all the best this holiday season!

-Isaac Turner

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

PUBLIC SAFETY

- \$1 million invested in new Fire Department apparatus
- TFD hosted the 4th Annual Honor Guard Academy graduating the largest class in history which include multiple emergency services personnel
- 14 TPD officers completed active shooter training & TFD is 100% HAZMAT certified

INFRASTRUCTURE

- TUF established to begin addressing street maintenance & reconstruction
- Main Street Trails project - \$1.7 million in improvements for fully-connected sidewalks from North to South Taylor and Lake Dr. to Main St.
- Two additional lightning prediction systems installed at Doak St. ball fields and Robinson Park

ECONOMIC & RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Summit Cabinets broke ground on new facility
- Noren Products broke ground on new facility
- HT Fitness Expansion
- New Hotel under contract
- Gatti's Pizza expansion at new location
- 12 new businesses opened in Historic Downtown area including Texas Beer Company, 4th Street Grind, Taylor Station and more
- SPJST Assisted Living Facility expansion
- Williamson County Expo Center expansion completed
- 36% increase in new single family home permits

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2015 Tree City USA certification
- 2016 Texas Main Street City accreditation
- \$12,500 grant from The Humane Society of the United States for animal shelter improvements
- \$49,500 grant for multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan development
- \$50,000 USDA grant for Amy Young Barrier Removal Program
- \$125,000 matching grant for \$250,000 worth of park upgrades to Robinson Park
- \$700,000 Community Development Block Grant for 4th Street rebuild
- \$2.9 million TxDOT grant for airport improvements

BEAUTIFICATION

- Two successful City cleanups totaling more than 200 tons of debris removed
- New approaches to code enforcement established with use of door hangars and additional code enforcement officers
- Downtown Signage options in development with the help of the community
- Parks Master Plan update completed

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

- City maintained AA- bond rating resulting in \$1.3 million in savings
- Tax rate decreased by 1¢
- City earns 8th Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING & TECHNOLOGY

- My Permit Now launched to automate development process
- City tourism brand - Taylor Made Texas - launched with tourism brochure and new website

GET INVOLVED! CITY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Have you been looking for ways to get involved with your City but weren't sure how to do it? Look no further! The City of Taylor is accepting applications for boards & commissions from qualified citizens like you! There are many different areas of interest including Parks & Recreation, Animal Shelter, Planning & Zoning and even a Tree Board. Whatever your interest, there's a way to get involved.

An application has been included with this month's newsletter and can be turned in to City Hall when completed. Appointments are made in January and July. If you have questions, you can read all about each different board of commission online at www.taylor.tx.gov or you can call Susan Brock, City Clerk at 512-352-3676.



TAYLOR PD WELCOMES 3 NEW OFFICERS

The Taylor Police Department recently welcomed three new officers to the force, two of which were graduates of Taylor High School. Officers Michael McIntire Jr., David Newell and Hunter Wilson were sworn in by Taylor Police Chief Henry Fluck and began their service to the community of Taylor in late October.



NOREN PRODUCTS BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FACILITY

Noren Products, a thermal product manufacturer from the Bay area in California, broke ground on their new headquarters manufacturing facility in Taylor on Oct. 11. Their new 28,000 sq. ft. facility will be home to their thermal product line manufacturing and will allow them to house their entire business under one roof. They are expected to bring in 40 new jobs to Taylor through their relocation.



TAYLOR FIRE DEPT. GIVES BACK FOR OPERATION RED SANTA

Each year, the Taylor Fire Dept. and Taylor Professional Firefighter's Assn. join together to ensure that Taylor area children have toys for Christmas and their families have a food for a holiday dinner. They work diligently prior to the holiday season to find candidates who are in need and then conduct the shopping, wrapping and delivery on Christmas Eve. The event is extremely successful each year and helps give back to the community. For more information on the program contact TFD at 512-352-6992.



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE REGISTRATION OPEN

Youth basketball league registration is open until Nov. 23rd. Leagues will begin in January and the cost is \$75/player. For more information, contact Mike DeVito at 512-365-7669.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1 DOWNTOWN WINE SWIRL**
Sip, Shop, and Stroll through Historic Downtown Taylor from 6 - 9 PM at participating stores.
- 3-4 HISTORIC HOMES TOUR**
Tour historic homes with the Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society from 1-5 PM Tickets available at Vintage Affaire.
- 3 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**
Enjoy crafts, goods, art & more at the City's annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 AM-4 PM at the Main St. Events Center. Contact Deby Lannen @ 352-3463 for more info.
- 3 STROLL ON MAIN**
Stroll through the historic Downtown district from 10 AM-5 PM for excellent shopping finds from our favorite stores.
- 3 VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS**
Enjoy Victorian ornament making and tours at the home of Texas Gov. Dan Moody. Open from 2-4 PM.
- 3 CHRISTMAS PARADE**
Taylor's annual Christmas parade through Downtown will begin at 7 PM.
- 15 THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING & MOVIE ON THE SQUARE CHRISTMAS EDITION**
Shop Downtown Taylor for local Taylor Made treasures for the holidays at any one of the participating merchants. Then, join us on Heritage Square for How the Grinch Stole Christmas starting at 6 PM with free popcorn!

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on the following day(s):
December 23 - Christmas holiday
December 26 - Christmas holiday
(Garbage pickup delayed 1 day)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday - December 8

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. View online at www.taylor.tx.gov or through the City of Taylor mobile app.