

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. address the crowd at the Taylor Community Cleanup Event

Now that the new year is upon us, Taylor is looking forward to continued growth and is already off to a great start. There are many new projects at various stages in the development process. City Council and Staff are looking forward to the progress that Taylor will see over the next 12 months.

On the commercial and business development side, there continues to be substantial new business growth, especially in the Historic Downtown area. Pilot Knob Winery, 2nd St. Farm 2 Market Deli, A Co-Op kitchen, Sweet & Southern Finds and Quiche & Crumb Patisserie, have all opened in recent weeks and coming soon this year – Black Sparrow Music Lounge, a live music venue on 2nd St. Our Downtown area has become a vibrant destination for shopping, dining and entertainment and is representative of Taylor's unique charm and heritage. New construction in our industrial park continues as Summit Cabinets and Noren Products are in the process of building new facilities.

Additionally, the new hotel project is continuing to move through the design and planning phase and is scheduled to begin construction in the spring.

With regard to residential development, Taylor received interest from several developers looking to start new subdivisions with the possibility of several hundred new homes. These potential developments could serve as a stepping stone to what we hope will become an increase in housing development in the City.

Exciting things continue to happen in Taylor and the outlook is bright for the coming year!

-Isaac Turner

## CIP FOCUSES ON INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN TAYLOR

In 2016, City Staff took on the role of developing a five-year Community Investment Program (CIP) that outlines future capital improvements. The projects are based on the needs of the community, the 2015-2020 strategic plan, and available funding. With the help of staff members, and City Engineer consultant Casey Sledge, the approved CIP will begin to see projects on the list come to completion this year.

The CIP identifies projected capital expenses necessary to accomplish the City's long-range objectives. The ultimate goal of this process is to develop a plan that is both financially sound and beneficial to the community. The funding is divided amount several areas including streets, facilities, parks, water, storm water and waste water projects.

In 2017, Taylorites can expect to see work on the following projects:

- **Taylor Municipal Airport upgrades** - \$2.7 million in runway, taxiway and perimeter security improvements
- **4th Street rebuild** - \$1.1 million in combined CDBG & TUF funding
- **Drainage improvements for Edmond/Mills** - \$616,000 for draining upgrades and street repairs for phase 1 of the Edmond/Mills project.
- **Completion of the \$1.68 million Main Street Trails project** – 10-foot-wide fully-connected sidewalk from North Taylor to South Taylor
- **Completion of the \$250,000 Texas Parks & Wildlife Hike & Bike Trail project** – Providing a fully-connected Hike & Bike trail through Taylor
- **Robinson Park upgrades** - \$250,000 in improvements for the park including a new splash pad, landscaping and seating area plus ball field upgrades
- **\$253,000 rehabilitation of Mallard and Southwood Hills water towers**
- **\$175,000 of cemetery road improvements**
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) improvements** totaling \$2.2 million
- **\$1.4 million of facility improvements** through an energy savings performance contract for sustainable HVAC, lighting, and building retrofits
- **Downtown streets** - \$1.2 million for rehabilitation, reconstruction and/or resurfacing of some downtown streets

## TRANSPORTATION USER FEE UPDATE

Since June 1, 2016, the TUF or Transportation User Fee has been in place. Since that time, the fund – which is a separate fund from all City coffers – has accumulated \$325,271 (as of Oct. 31, 2016). It is projected to raise roughly \$700,000 each year it is in effect and the money is dedicated solely to the rehabilitation, repair, maintenance and/or reconstruction of streets and sidewalks in Taylor.

The following TUF projects will take place in 2017 with the funding that has been collected:

- Edmond Street & 4th Street rebuild - \$400,000 for repairs on 4th Street
- \$200,000 for repairs on Edmond Street in conjunction with the drainage project
- \$150,000 set aside for street maintenance.

As revenue is collected, the City will continue to update residents on upcoming TUF projects.

## LAGRONE TAPPED AS NEW TPD COMMANDER



The Taylor Police Department honored newly promoted Commander Jeffery Lagrone during a formal promotion ceremony in November.

Lagrone has an extensive career with the TPD having served in numerous leadership roles throughout his tenure with the department. In addition to his police work, he is also a combat

veteran of the United States Marine Corps and served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Commander Lagrone has held positions as a detective, training coordinator, firearms instructor, entry team leader, patrol rifle instructor, firearms proficiency officer, and honor guard commander before being tapped for his new leadership role.

"It is an honor to promote Jeff Lagrone to Commander," said Henry Fluck, Taylor Police Chief. "He has shown positive leadership from every position he has held in the Taylor Police Department. He is well respected by Taylor police officers as well as within the community for being a servant leader."

Chief Fluck also noted, "Jeff will be a valuable asset to our command staff and I look forward to seeing him play a strong role in moving the police department forward."

Lagrone will fulfill the role of Patrol Commander.

Taylor Police also promoted Corporal Cody Brown to the rank of Sergeant and Officer Autumn Clifford to the rank of Corporal during the ceremony.

## DR. DICKEY MEMORIALIZED AT TEXAS STATE CEMETERY

Famed Taylor native, Dr. James Lee Dickey, was memorialized at the Texas State Cemetery on Nov. 12 with a cenotaph marker dedication. Dr. Dickey dedicated his life to service of his community and was a trailblazer in both the medical and civil rights fields.



## UNITED WAY TO PROVIDE EDUCATION, ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE TO UNINSURED RESIDENTS

The United Way of WilCo will continue offer education and enrollment assistance at the Taylor Public Library on Jan. 17 from 2-6 p.m. to assist with the 2016 Health Insurance Marketplace Open Enrollment Season. Enrollment began on Nov. 1 and will end on Jan. 31, 2017.

For more information visit [www.unitedway-wc.org](http://www.unitedway-wc.org) or call 512-255-6799.

## HIDE, LOCK & TAKE HELPS PREVENT CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

Many times during the busy holiday season and post-season, TPD wants to remind residents of the Hide, Lock and Take program to help prevent theft of personal property.

**Hide** – hide your visible personal property from site. This includes your items stored on your porch, inside your car or in your yard.

**Lock** – lock your vehicles and doors. Ensure safety by locking your vehicles and homes when not occupied.

**Take** – take your personal belongings with you. Don't leave personal items visible in your car, through windows, or out in the open.

By taking these simple steps, residents can help to stop crimes of opportunity. As always, if you ever see something suspicious or need to report a crime, contact TPD at 512-352-5551.

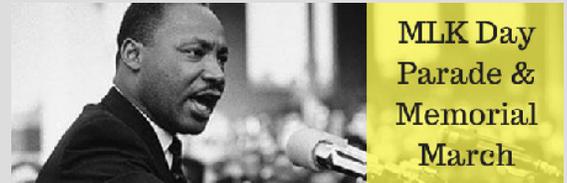


## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### JANUARY

#### 16 MLK MARCH

Join Taylor community members for a parade honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade starts at Robinson Park followed by program at City Hall.



#### 19 THIRD THURSDAY

Taylor's Downtown merchants invite you to join them for fun, festivities and shopping in the downtown district. Shops open late.

#### 25-26 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR INVENTORY

TPL will be closed for inventory. Book drop will remain open for drop off.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### CITY OF TAYLOR WASTEWATER AVERAGING

As a reminder, the City of Taylor conducts its annual wastewater averaging from December through February.

During this time, an average of your wastewater (sewer) usage is monitored for what are typically the lowest usage months and then averaged to get your wastewater rate per month for the next 12 months.

This is the rate you will see on your bill for existing customers who have been a part of a wastewater averaging.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on the following day(s):  
**January 2 - New Year's Day (observed)**  
*(Garbage pickup delayed 1 day)*  
**January 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Thursdays - January 10 & 24**

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. View online at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) or through the City of Taylor mobile app.