

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Isaac Turner, City Manager, Ashley Lumpkin, Development Services Director and Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager at Williamson County Growth Summit in Georgetown this past December.

The 19th annual Williamson County Growth Summit was held in Georgetown in December. I, along with Development Services Director Ashley Lumpkin and Assistant City Manager Noel Bernal had the opportunity to attend. The general theme of the event was transportation and technology in Williamson County and how to address commuting and mobility concerns across the county in the future.

As a city looking to grow, Taylor will one day face growth challenges. However, Taylor is in a unique position. The City is located conveniently to major roads, making our commute time to downtown Austin about 40 minutes. Taylor must look at our roads and modes of transportation in and around the city to be sure we can make positive and innovative decisions for current and future residents.

On February 2nd, the City of Taylor is continuing that conversation by holding a Growth Summit of our own. We hope that bringing minds together will push Taylor into the successful future we all desire. I look forward to sharing those ideas with the community soon.

-Isaac Turner

INDUSTRIAL PARK MAKING HEADWAY

The addition of Noren Products and Summit Custom Cabinets into our Industrial Park is great news for our economy here in Taylor. It's made the news and the city is beginning to see progress on the sites. Taylor looks to see these businesses complete construction this summer.

The attention these businesses bring will help Taylor grow and bring more jobs to the community.



Noren Products is a thermal product manufacturer. According to Mark Thomas, President/CEO of the Taylor Economic Development Corporation, "Noren selected Taylor based on the availability of engineering talent in the area, easy access to the Austin International Airport and close proximity to SH 130." With Taylor's goal to grow, these are characteristics the City expects to be valuable with other businesses as well.

Summit Custom Cabinets made the decision to move to Taylor from Manor in 2015. The owner Tim Pugh has stated to the Austin Statesman that "It's a somewhat affordable place to grow a business and the City and Taylor EDC are actively trying to recruit jobs to the community."

For more information on business growth in Taylor contact the Taylor Economic Development Corporation.

TaylorEDC.ORG



TAYLOR PARTNERSHIPS MATTER

The City has a progressive City Council, as well as strong partnerships with the Taylor Economic Development Corporation, the Taylor Independent School District and the Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce. These organizations are dedicated to growing Taylor. Taylor offers varying incentive packages to businesses to encourage development and focus on creating lasting partnerships to expand opportunities for the City.

NEW DATABASES AT TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The TexShare Databases are databases that Taylor Public Library provides at no cost for our patrons. One of the new databases is ProCitizen: U.S. Citizenship Preparation.

If you want to become a naturalized US citizen, you must take the Naturalization Test. This course will help prepare you for the Civics, Reading and Writing portions of the test. It includes videos, exercises and quizzes so you'll be prepared to successfully pass the Naturalization Test.



STREETS GETTING ATTENTION THIS WINTER

Through the winter you may have noticed street crews out and about doing minor repair work. The Streets Department, under the Direction of the Public Works Director, is literally hitting the streets to take preventative measures to preserve some of the existing streets. What does this mean? The department is sealing cracks and patching potholes so that water can't seep beneath the surface which could cause further damage. This initiative is part of the street plan to take a proactive approach to street maintenance in the City of Taylor.



HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE



The city of Taylor hired a new director of Public Works in 2016 as well as a new Public Information Officer. The Public Works Director, Matthew Rector, is responsible for the overall direction and administration of the various public works functions including street and parks maintenance, solid waste collection and disposal, parking, storm water drainage facility maintenance and public building maintenance. In addition, public works is responsible for administration of the water / wastewater utilities, airport and cemetery maintenance and equipment services. The Public Information Officer is responsible for city communications including media inquiries, social media, print and marketing for the city.



The City of Taylor is looking for qualified candidates for a number of positions. Please visit the Human Resources portion of our website at www.taylor.tx.gov for a list of current employment opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

February

9 MOODY MUSEUM VALENTINE GALA

Join the friends of the Moody Museum for their annual fundraising gala. Tickets are \$25 each and support the Moody Museum. Event will be from 4-8 p.m. at 114 W. 9th Street. www.moodymuseum.com

ALL MONTH FREE TAX PREP

Beginning Jan. 25 - April 17, free tax preparation will take place for seniors and individuals who earn less than \$54,000/year at the following locations:

Taylor Public Library (Feb.1-April 12)
Wednesdays 12 - 4 p.m.

Taylor City Hall (Jan. 25 - April 17)
Mondays 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Call 512-255-6799 for more info.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Offices will be closed on the following day:
Monday, Feb. 20, 2016 - President's Day
(Regular Garbage Schedule)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - February 9 & 23
All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall.

FEATURED EVENT

MOODY MUSEUM VALENTINE GALA

Help support the Moody Museum by attending this year's annual gala. Tickets are \$25 each. The event will take place from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2016.

