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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



It's an exciting time to be living and working in Taylor. Word is out about what a great place this is. Businesses and developers are talking with city staff as they create new places to work, live, enjoy and eat. While other communities are experiencing growth, too, Taylor's advantages are apparent to those who want to be near the Austin metro area, yet come home to live in a friendly, unique small town, rich with history.

Projects moving forward in Taylor include:

- Holiday Inn Express with four stories and 75 rooms, expected to open Summer 2018
- Avery Glen subdivision plans are in the review stages
- Burger King's project is moving quickly
- The new McDonald's opens in October
- Noren Products is open and operating
- · Summit Cabinets is nearly complete
- Mondel Homes is pre-leasing for an 80-unit townhome complex
- A new four-plex plan has been submitted along Bull Run
- A new 7,500 office/warehouse at SE Carlos G. Parker is under construction
- · Sassy Lassi has opened

Isaac Turner
Taylor City Manager

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT PARTIES ON TUESDAY, 10/3

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. The event is meant to enhance the relationship between residents and public safety officers to bring a true sense of community.

Please register your block party, and the Fire Department or Police Department will do their best to have one or more officers, a police car or fire truck stop by! We will do our best to accommodate all requests, but can't promise that we'll attend every event.

To register your block party, please call 512-352-5551. Or you may send an email to beth.wilkes@taylortx.gov







2017-2018 RATES AND FEES FUND IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements and repairs are underway at the Taylor Wastewater Treatment Plant, to the tune of \$2.25 million. Funding from the water and sewer fees in part help cover repairs and the costs of providing water and sewer services to residents. In addition, crews are replacing old water lines, and repairs on the pump stations are due to be made.

For 2017-2018, the water rates will increase by 8%, while the sewer rates increase by 12%. This means the monthly minimum for water goes to \$31.31 compared to \$28.99, for buildings with a 5/8" x 3/4" meter size, typical for most residential homes. The per-gallon rate for the first 2,000 gallons of water is \$3.18.

Sewer rates will increase from \$25 to \$28 monthly minimum charge for a 5/8" x 3/4" meter size, plus \$6.71 per 1,000 gallons of water use. The new rates will appear on the bill that includes October 1, 2017, which will be prorated accordingly.

Zone 1: Sept. 29 to Oct. 27 -- Bill Date of Nov. 5 Zone 2: Sept. 1 to Oct. 2 -- Bill Date of Oct. 12 Zone 3: Sept. 11 to Oct. 12 -- Bill Date of Oct. 19 Zone 4: Sept. 18 to Oct. 19 -- Bill Date of Oct. 26

For more information, call the Utility Billing Department at 512-352-2066.



IN AN EMERGENCY, EVERY SECOND COUNTS! DISPLAY YOUR 9-1-1 ADDRESS FOR SAFETY

A well-marked location is easier for Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Personnel, Utility Services and Mail Services to quickly locate. It is essential that a home or business display its street address prominently, either on a mailbox, the building or painted on a curb's edge.

Even if a home or business is close to the road, displaying the address number on both the house/ business and the driveway entrance will help emergency personnel find it without a problem.

Display your address number with large lettering that can easily be read from the street or road during both day and night. Choose a color that contrasts with the background. Always display numbers horizontally. Reflective numbers are also very helpful. Please make sure that foliage growth does not obscure the location of the residence or business.

For more information, please call 512-352-5990.

5TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

A favorite of many, the annual Main Street Car Show features classic and exotic cars, motorcycles and custom vans from around the world. Live music and food trucks makes it a day of fun for everyone, starting at 10 a.m. Plan to visit and shop at the many unique stores in the historic downtown area before, during and after the MSCS. For more information or to register as a vendor, contact Deby Lannen at 512-352-3463.

LIBRARY CLOSING EARLY ON OCTOBER 31

The Taylor Public Library will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31 for Halloween fun. Staff will judge the annual "Spooktacular" Children's Costume Contest at Heritage Park.

Youth will be judged by age groups: Newborn to 3 years, 4 to 6 years, 7 to 9 years, 10 to 12 years, and 13 to 18 years. Dress the kids up and bring your camera!

Please call 512-352-3434 for more information.

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Library fines can now be paid via PayPal. Take care of overdue fines online! A \$1 fee will be charged.

HANGAR FEES INCREASE

Beginning with the new fiscal year on October 1, per approval by the Airport Advisory Board and City Council, a two percent increase will provide for Capital Improvement Project costs.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

October

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Register your block party and we'll do our best to have a fire truck, firefighters and/or police officers visit your party between 5 to 9 p.m. www.taylortx.gov/nationalnightout

This 5K race is open to all skill levels. Strollers, teams and costumes are welcome. Help raise funds for a Taylor disc golf course.



19 THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING

Shop downtown until 9 p.m. for special deals offered by merchants.

91 COMMUNITY & CITYWIDE CLEANUP

Citizens can drop off items from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1424 N. Main St. and 1200 Welch St. The Community neighborhood cleanup will happen at 4th to 6th streets, near Ferguson and Sloan. Details to be announced.

78 Main Street Car Show

The 5th Annual Main Street Car Show with exotic and classic cars and trucks will line both sides of the street starting at 10 a.m. Food vendors, live music and fun for all ages!

31 Spooktacular

Downtown at Heritage Square Park, 400 N. Main St., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Costume contest, game and candy. Bring the family for a spooky night!

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - October 12 and 26

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylortx.gov.