

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



The new entrance takes shape at Heritage Park.

Summer is a busy time, with special events and parks projects underway, along with creation of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget. City Council will take part in the first budget workshop on June 21, with a second one set for July 26.

The completion of the renovation of Heritage Square Park at 4th and Main streets remains a major focus. Every week, the park begins to take shape as concrete is poured, underground pipes installed and dirt leveled.

With the splash pad at Robinson Park now open to the public, it's an exciting time to see the projects coming to fruition. All serve to improve the quality of life for Taylor citizens and visitors.

The Capital Improvement Projects remain at the forefront, as City Council will prioritize and decide what to fund. Areas to consider include street maintenance and construction, drainage, parks, Taylor Municipal Airport and other city facilities. Working with Council, we continue to be conscious of spending tax money wisely.

Follow the project updates online at the City of Taylor website, or sign up to receive notifications by text or email at [www.taylor.tx.gov/notifyme](http://www.taylor.tx.gov/notifyme).

**Isaac Turner**  
Taylor City Manager

## PROPERTY OWNERS ASKED TO MAINTAIN LANDSCAPE

Warmer temperatures mean grass, weeds and underbrush grow at a fast pace, and keeping property maintained takes time. The City of Taylor Code Enforcement Officers ask citizens to please continue to keep grass cut, weeds pulled and bushes trimmed.

It is a property owner's responsibility to cut to the midpoint of the alley and keep all grass trimmed to no higher than 12 inches, and underbrush to less than 18 inches in height.

Tree canopies are to be trimmed 12 feet or higher from the curb. This

includes alleys and grassy areas in the Right of Way.

City Code Enforcement Officers are authorized to give warnings or issue a maintenance violation to property owners, which comes with a fine. To avoid a citation, please take time to maintain landscaping.

For more information, call 512-352-3675.



## AMERICAN LEGION OFFICIALS TO SPEAK IN TAYLOR

Each year, the City of Taylor conducts a Memorial Day Salute and Ceremony at the site of Liberty Gardens in Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Dr. This year, two officials from the region are the featured speakers. Mr. Teddy Weeks is the 10th District Commander for the American Legion, overseeing 10 counties. He is a Vietnam War Veteran who was a machine gunner and rifleman with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade, and lives in College Station.

The second speaker on the program is Mr. Ronald Peterson, who serves as the American Legion State Service Officer. He is based in Waco.

Local members of Taylor's American Legion Graham D. Luhn Post #39 will also be present, as well as City officials and Taylor Honor Guard.

The event is set for Monday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The public is invited, particularly those who are military veterans or active duty personnel and their family members. Refreshments will be served.



### SUMMER EVENT SCHEDULE:

**June 4 - July 25: Library Summer Reading Program**

**June 8: Movie in the Park**, Taylor Regional Park, "Despicable Me 3"

**July 4: Independence Day Festival** at Murphy Park

**July 13: Movie in the Park**, Taylor Regional Park, "Pete's Dragon"

**August 10: Movie in the Park**, Taylor Regional Park, "Coco"

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## SUMMER READING PROGRAM: READSQUARED

Children and adults can participate in the Taylor Public Library's Summer Reading program beginning on Monday, June 4. There are three categories: Youth (infant - 12 years old), Teen (12 to 18 years old), and Adult (ages 18 and older).

This year, READSquared content and fun activities will be incorporated into the summer program. There will be curated book recommendations, literacy games and raffles, among other activities. READSquared can be used on a smart phone, computer or other digital devices. The Friends of the Library have paid for the annual subscription to this first year of the program.

### Other Activities

Monday Afternoon Movies run from June 4 to July 23, and are shown each week at 2:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

Wednesday Morning Programs for the summer start at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and include Wild Things Zoofari, Magician Mike, Reptile Adventures, Kevin Fitzpatrick Trick Roper, Oscar Munoz, Nancy & Friends, and Will Parker.

## IT'S BBQ TIME IN TAYLOR!



It's the 40th year for the Taylor International BBQ Cook-off. Set for June 8 - June 9 at Murphy Park. Call 512-352-6364 for details.

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTICES?

The City of Taylor sends residents information about emergencies via the Capital Area Council of Governments Regional Notification System, called CodeRED. Citizens may sign up to receive alerts by email, phone or text. Register your individual or family contact information online at: [warncentraltexas.org](http://warncentraltexas.org). If already registered, please double-check your information for accuracy or to make changes.



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**REPORT LOST PETS TO THE TAYLOR ANIMAL SHELTER: 512-352-5483**

## JUNE 2 IN DOWNTOWN

The Mavericks are headlining Stomp 'N Holler again! Tickets prices range from \$20 (no stage access) to \$350 (meet the band, after-party access, BBQ samples). Local pitmasters include Davis BBQ and Louie Mueller's. Bands play from 1 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Call 512-352-6364 for more details.



## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

### May

### 24 LEAD TAYLOR CLASS GRADUATION

Community members who participated in the monthly classes will receive certificates at the City Council meeting at 6 p.m.

### 28 MEMORIAL DAY SALUTE & CEREMONY

Takes place at Liberty Gardens at Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Dr. from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are invited.

### June

### 2 STOMP 'N HOLLER

Second annual event in Downtown, sponsored by the Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce. Tickets on sale now.

### 2 JIMMY HEAP AT THE MOODY MUSEUM

From 10 a.m. to Noon. Comments and music presented by Paul Schlesinger and The Pioneer Boys. Come by 114 W. Ninth St. for fun and dancing!

### 8 MOVIE IN THE PARK

Free movie showing at Taylor Regional Park, Football Field, 8 p.m.



### 21 THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING NIGHT

Head Downtown for the evening where stores stay open late with special deals! Bring your friends and family.

### HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City offices will be closed on the following day:

**Monday, May 28 | Memorial Day**  
(Normal trash collection, no delays)

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Thursdays - May 10 & 24 | June 14 & 28**  
All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov).