

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



The 120 acre Murphy Park features a large lake, two swimming pools, multiple sports fields, pavilions, two playgrounds, sand volleyball courts, picnic tables, and many more amenities.

The City of Taylor enjoys beautiful parks that our citizens enjoy on a daily basis. From the many amenities at the Murphy Park Aquatic Center to the world-class Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex, and Robinson Park Splash Pad, it is easy to find a place in our city where you can bring your family, enjoy a picnic, or just sit and contemplate the world.

The City also hosts many activities at City parks throughout the year, including the Sky's the Limit Kite Day and Festival, the Kid Fish annual fishing contest, and Movies in the Park on the second Fridays of June, July, August.

The staff at the City of Taylor is currently reviewing the Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years, and Quality of Life is a major priority. City staff will continue to enhance the parks and ensure that they continue to meet the needs of our population. Our parks are an important part of our city's culture and our identity, and we are pleased that our citizens value them as much as they do.

Isaac Turner
Taylor City Manager

CITY JOINS HIDDEN HEROES CITIES INITIATIVE

Taylor recently became the seventh city in Texas to earn the designation of Hidden Heroes City, a national program established by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation in 2016 in support of spouses, parents, family members and friends who are caring for our nation's wounded warriors. By becoming a Hidden Heroes City, Taylor commits to help identify local military caregivers and connect them to a community of their peers.

Taylor resident Tara Plybon was chosen to represent the foundation as part of its 2017 Class of Caregiver Fellows. She accepted a Mayoral Proclamation at the City Council meeting on Thursday, June 14, and will serve in the role for Taylor until 2019.

Currently there are 251 caregivers across the state and 2,710 in the nation who are involved in the Hidden Heroes program. Those who care for a wounded, ill or injured service member or veteran, and anyone who wishes to support military and veteran caregivers in the Taylor community are asked to visit HiddenHeroes.org.



Tara Plybon accepts the Mayoral Proclamation

CITY PARKS ADD TO QUALITY OF LIFE IN TAYLOR

The City of Taylor is a wonderful place for people who enjoy being outdoors, with an expansive park system that has multiple amenities, including swimming pools, walking trails, lakes, basketball courts, playgrounds and more!

The Parks & Recreation Department, under the leadership of Director Larry Foos, is hard at work this summer on new park amenity projects, including a redesign of Heritage Square Park, downtown at the corner of Main and 4th streets, where you can see the work being done on the new splash pad, columns, pavilion and stairs. In the future, you will also see construction starting on a new nine-hole disc golf course in Bull Branch Park and multiple planned improvements to Taylor Regional Park.

But you don't have to wait to enjoy our parks. We have recently completed several new amenities at the parks, including the Splash Pad at Robinson Park, and improvements to the Main Street Trail. Pickleball fans will be glad to know that we have pickleball courts at the Tennis Center at Murphy Park, where we also recently installed new lights and resurfaced two tennis courts.

For more information about City of Taylor parks, facilities and programs, visit us online at www.taylor.tx.gov. You can also contact us at any time via email, parks@taylor.tx.gov, or by phone at 512-352-5818.



Construction is underway at Heritage Square Park in downtown Taylor.

NEW CIRCULATION POLICY AT LIBRARY

Like books? Now patrons can check out as many as 15 books with the new circulation policy adopted by City Council. This is an increase from the previous 10-book limit. The limit for number of DVDs checked out remains at three per library card. Visit us at 801 Vance St. 512-352-3434



PROPERTY OWNERS ASKED TO MAINTAIN THEIR LANDSCAPE, ALLEYWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AREAS

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, please call 512-352-3675.



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. 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

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

July

13 MOVIE IN THE PARK: "PETE'S DRAGON"

Taylor Regional Park & Sports Complex, football field (north end). Free for all ages. Pets must be on a leash, please.

18 COFFEE WITH A COP AT ROJAS TACOS

Join Taylor Police Officers at 400 S. Main St. for free coffee and informal conversation, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

19 THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING NIGHT

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

25 SUMMER READING PROGRAM ENDS

August

10 MOVIE IN THE PARK: "COCO"

Taylor Regional Park & Sports Complex, football field (north end). Free for all ages. Pets must be on a leash, please.

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HOLIDAY CLOSURE

There are no legal holidays in the current schedule that require closing City Offices.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - July 12 | August 9 & 23

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