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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Classes at Taylor ISD schools begin on August 20.

As another summer draws to a close, parents and students across the City of Taylor are preparing for a new school year filled with hope and promise. School starts on August 20, and as our students head back into the classroom, it is important to keep their safety in mind: slow down in school zones, watch for students exiting school buses, and allow for extra travel time if your route takes you near a school zone during morning and afternoon pick up and drop off times.

Also, please be mindful of hometown fans and visitors attending football games at the new Memorial Stadium on Friday nights. The first game is on August 31.

Taylor Independent School District is to be commended for the excellent work that they do. A strong school district is an important driver of economic development. Business owners like to know that they have a qualified workforce in the pipeline, and their employees like knowing that their children are getting a quality education. It is a benefit to the city to have a school district that is, as their motto suggests, "...relentless in the pursuit of educational excellence."

Have a wonderful school year--and Go Ducks!

Isaac Turner
Taylor City Manager

RODEO STAR AND COWBOY BILL PICKETT INDUCTED INTO OKLAHOMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Rodeo star and Taylor native Bill Pickett was inducted into the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in a ceremony on August 6, 2018.

Mr. Pickett and his four brothers established their own business, Picket Brothers Bronco Busters and Rough Riders, in Taylor in the late 1800's after he had perfected the art of "bulldogging" a calf.

He entered his first rodeo in 1888 at the fair in Taylor, and by the early 1900's he was a popular rodeo performer. He joined the Miller Brothers 101 Ranch Wild West Show in 1905, and moved his family to Oklahoma in 1907.

Mr. Pickett competed in hundreds of rodeos around the West. His bulldogging technique evolved into steer wrestling, one of the most important events in rodeo. His contributions to the sport were recognized by the National Rodeo Hall of Fame, where he was inducted posthumously in 1972.

Mr. Pickett's great-nephew Gerald Anderson was at the ceremony in Oklahoma on August 6 to accept the induction on his behalf. The ceremony was also attended by Mayor Brandt Rydell and Assistant City Manager Jeffery Jenkins.



Bill Pickett's great nephew, Gerald Anderson, accepts an award honoring his late uncle's contributions to his sport with Sponsor, Dr. Kevin Hargrove.

CITY ADDS AMENITIES TO BULL BRANCH PARK

The City of Taylor Parks Department has exciting plans for Bull Branch Park this fall. The park, located at Lynn and Davis Streets, offers visitors and residents more than 65 acres of beautiful park area, including recreational amenities and a popular Hike and Bike trail. Residents of the city especially enjoy the annual Kid Fish at the Park's fishing pier. This year's Kid Fish will be on August 25.

Beginning this fall, residents will also be able to enjoy a nine-hole disc golf course, currently being constructed at the Park. The disc golf course will be open to the public in mid-October.

For more information about City of Taylor parks, facilities and programs, visit us online at www.taylor.tx.gov.



Kids 16 and under compete in the annual Kid Fish at Bull Branch Park.

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WCCHD EMPHASIZES MOSQUITO BITE PREVENTION

Taylor residents are urged to be vigilant in the coming months as mosquitos become more prevalent. The City is following the Best Practices for Integrated Mosquito Management from the Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD) which, at this time, calls for truck mounted spraying, along with enhanced monitoring and testing and increased public outreach and education. Enhanced mosquito control efforts will also continue with the treatment of standing water with larvicide.

The City and WCCHD are encouraging everyone to be especially vigilant about protecting themselves from mosquito bites when outdoors and preventing

mosquito breeding on their property.

For more information on mosquito prevention methods or about West Nile Virus visit www.wcchd.org.

FIGHT THE BITE
Williamson County and Cities Health District

Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Community from Mosquitoes with the 3-Ds
Proteger a usted, su familia, y la Comunidad de los mosquitos con las 3 D

- 1. Defend/Defiéndase**
Use an EPA-approved insect repellent
Utilice un repelente contra insectos aprobado por la EPA
- 2. Dress/Ropa**
Dress in long sleeves and pants when outdoors (especially at dawn and dusk)
Vístase con ropa de manga larga y pantalón cuando salga (especialmente durante el amanecer y atardecer)
- 3. Drain/Drenaje**
Drain standing water around your home (such as flower pots, pet dishes, and bird baths), so mosquitoes don't have a place to breed
Drene el agua estancada que está cerca de su casa (como macetas de flores, platos de mascotas y tinas de aves) para que los mosquitos no tengan un lugar en donde proliferar

RESIDENTS URGED TO TRIM TREES

As we prepare for the coming school year, the City of Taylor asks that residents once again trim their trees with low-hanging limbs over the sidewalk and streets to ensure safe passage of fire trucks, school buses and other oversize vehicles.

City ordinance Nuisances, Section 18-26 addresses the responsibilities of property owners. Property owners who do not follow Sec. 18-26 are subject

to a citation and a possible fine.

For more information about code compliance, view the ordinance on the city's website or call 512-595-9390.

TRIM THEM DOWN

Please keep tree branches trimmed and away from sidewalk curbs and roadways.

DON'T FORGET YOUR LIBRARY CARD!

September is **National Library Month!** Don't forget the most important school supply: a Taylor Public Library Card! Free for City residents and students to go to Taylor ISD schools.



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www.facebook.com/taylorcrittercrusaders

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

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

August

18 SEWING SATURDAY AT THE LIBRARY

11:00 a.m.

Project: Custom Pillowcases

25 KID FISH

Bull Branch Park

904 Dellinger Dr.

Registration begins at 12 p.m.

Annual fishing contest for ages 16 and under

September

5 STORYTIME AT THE LIBRARY

Stories, fingerplays, songs and crafts for pre-school aged children. Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

8 SKY'S THE LIMIT KITE DAY & FESTIVAL

Taylor Regional Park & Sports Complex

210 Carlos Parker Blvd.

Registration begins at 8 a.m.

All ages welcome!

8

Fannie's Splash Bash
@ Robinson Park

rescheduled for
SEPTEMBER 8
Robinson Park
Bring a chair or a blanket

FREE Family Fun!

HOT DOGS 6:30 PM
FOAM PARTY PIT 7- 8:30 PM
MOVIES IN THE PARK "COCO" 9:00 PM

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

SEPTEMBER 3: LABOR DAY

City Hall will be closed on September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - August 23 | September 6 & 20

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