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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City of Taylor roads and sidewalks will be a major focus of 2018-19 Capital Improvement Projects.

October marks the beginning of the fiscal year for the City of Taylor, and this year the City will greatly expand its investment in projects that will improve infrastructure, provide needed services for citizens, and improve the city's quality of life. All of these things are essential for a healthy, thriving city economy. They will have the added benefit of making our City even more attractive for prospective business owners and their employees.

When considering the annual budget, City Council voted to increase the funding of needed Capital Improvement Projects that will make needed repairs and improvements to city streets and roadways, upgrade the water and sewer systems, and enhancements to the airport and downtown district. In addition, citizens will enjoy upgrades to services that they depend on. Utility customers will soon have the ability to pay their bills using an automated phone system, and the Police and Fire Departments will have a more modern, computer-aided dispatch, records management system, and new radios.

The residents of Taylor know that this City is a vibrant community in which to live, work and play. The improvements the City Council has authorized will help demonstrate that fact to potential new residents so that our City will continue to grow and prosper.

Isaac Turner
Taylor City Manager

CITY OF TAYLOR WELCOMES DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR TOM YANTIS

The City of Taylor is proud to welcome Tom Yantis, AICP as the new Director of Development Services. Mr. Yantis who began his duties on September 10, brings more than 20 years of experience to the position, most recently as the Assistant City Manager and Director of Development Services for the City of Leander.

"We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Yantis to the City of Taylor," said City Manager Isaac Turner. "Mr. Yantis has a broad background in both the private and government sectors, and I feel confident that his extensive background and experience will prove to be a tremendous asset for our city. The rest of the staff and I look forward to working with him."

Mr. Yantis will be responsible for the oversight of building inspection, code enforcement, current and long range planning, demographic monitoring and geographic information systems (GIS), assisting with housing and community redevelopment efforts, assisting with economic development projects, Main Street, and the Moody Museum.



City of Taylor Development Services Director Tom Yantis began working for the City of Taylor on September 10, 2018

MURPHY PARK: WHERE BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK

Murphy Park in central Taylor is the home of a variety of water fowl, including migratory herons, geese, and the famous ducks. While these particular park denizens are subject to both cursing and praise from Taylor citizens, the Park's many amenities also make it one of the most beloved gathering places in the City for Taylor families and citizens.

In addition to the natural lake that is the centerpiece of the park and available for fishing from the banks, Murphy Park also features two swimming pools, two playgrounds, a bandstand, a pavilion, 42 picnic tables, and public restrooms. Sports enthusiasts of all ages flock to the park to take advantage of the baseball fields and tennis courts, as well as a football field and sand volleyball courts.

Murphy Park is open Sunday through Thursday from 4:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday from 4:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. For more information about City of Taylor parks, facilities and programs, visit us online at www.taylor.tx.gov.



Some of the local residents at Murphy Park take a walk by the lake.

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CLASSIC AND EXOTIC CARS TAKE OVER MAIN STREET

The sixth annual Main Street Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, October 27 on Main Street in the City of Taylor. The popular event features classic and exotic cars lining Main Street on either side, beginning at 10 a.m.

Car enthusiasts who wish to show their cars can pre-register for \$5 until October 25. Registration the day of the event is \$10.

The show will also feature food and craft vendors and live entertainment. This year's lineup will include Jesse



Dayton, Freeze Frame, Black Dog Friday, and the ever popular "Elvis."

For additional information, or to register as a vendor, please visit the city's website or call Deby Lannen at 512-352-3463.

RESIDENTS ASKED TO KEEP GRASS TRIMMED

The City of Taylor Code Enforcement Division reminds Taylor property owners to continue to keep grass and underbrush trimmed on their property, and also ensure that weeds are pulled.

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

than 18" in height. Tree canopies need to be trimmed 12' or higher from the curb--this includes alleys and grassy areas in the Right of Way.

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



FEES TO INCREASE FOR 2018-19 FISCAL YEAR

Effective October 1, Taylor residents will see an increase in monthly fees in water and sewer

As a result of a 2015 rate study conducted by the City of Taylor, rates have been increasing incrementally over the past four years. This year's rate increase of three percent will be the final rate increase until the next study.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

For a full list of upcoming events presented by various City departments, please visit us online at www.taylortx.com.

September

21 INTERMEDIATE EXCEL CLASS

3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Taylor Public Library

24 FAMILY MOVIE: "APOLLO 13"

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Taylor Public Library

October

13 GOOD LIFE TAYLOR 5K AND FAIR

Bull Branch Park

5K run, and fair afterwards focusing on outdoors, family activities including park use, pets, home gardening and backyard poultry keeping. Proceeds will help pay for musical equipment at Taylor parks.

Information: www.goodlifetaylor.com

20 HAUNTED HOUSES TOUR

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

27 Begins at the Louie Mueller Parkig Lot
Enjoy the architecture and history of "Old Taylor" during this moonlit stroll. Hear about local history and lore from the darker side of Taylor's past. Sponsored by the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society.

27 MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

10 a.m.

Main Street

The sixth annual Main Street Car Show features exotic cars and trucks, as well as food vendors, live music, and fun.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays, September 27 and October 25

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