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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Manager Isaac Turner with Student Leaders. Mr. Turner announced he is retiring on January 25, 2019.

On September 25, I announced my intention to retire as the City Manager for the City of Taylor effective January 25, 2019.

It has been my privilege to serve the Taylor community for the past four years. The City's progress over that time has positively impacted the entire community. I have very much enjoyed my time with the City of Taylor and the wonderful staff which I had the honor of supporting.

The City has progressed tremendously in the time that I have been here. The City's property tax rate has steadily decreased the last three years, while sales tax revenues have increased. Numerous business owners have chosen Taylor as their preferred location for building, relocating, or expanding their business operations.

I appreciate the opportunity to play a leading role in supporting our incredible staff's efforts in achieving City Council's vision and goals. Taylor in 2018 is in much better shape than 2014 as a result of the many partnerships forged among the City, other governmental agencies, community organizations, and individuals.

The City of Taylor has a great deal of promise. I appreciate the City Council's confidence in me over the past years and the tremendous support from the Taylor community. It has been a pleasure serving you, and I look forward to seeing the City progress as I enjoy my retirement.

Isaac Turner
Taylor City Manager

CITY RECRUITS ENGAGED CITIZENS FOR LEAD TAYLOR CLASS OF 2019

The City of Taylor is currently recruiting engaged citizens who want to learn more about their city for its 2019 LEAD Taylor program.

The program, which is a joint venture between the City of Taylor and the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, is a community-focused, collaborative program that provides participants an in-depth look at government operations, community planning and awareness, and the opportunity to learn about civic culture from the inside. Applications are being considered through December 15. The first class will begin on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Applications are available online at www.taylor.tx.gov/leadtaylor or at City Hall, and will be accepted through December 15, 2018.

To qualify for the program, applicants must reside in the City of Taylor, be at least 18 years of age by the date of the first class on January 17, 2019, and be willing and able to attend all six classes. Applications are available online at www.taylor.tx.gov/leadtaylor, or at City Hall, 400 Porter Street. For additional information, contact Rocio Lopez at 512-352-3774 or online at Rocio.lopez@taylor.tx.gov.

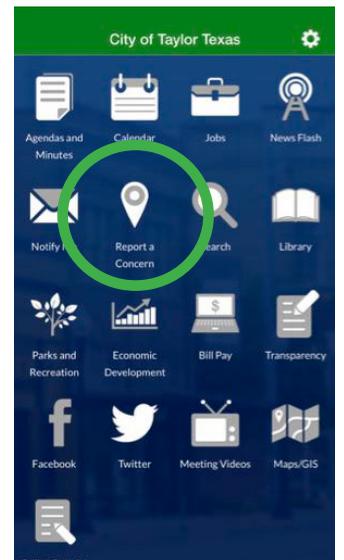


NEW NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR CITIZEN REQUESTS

Taylor Citizens can now make requests for services using both desktop computers and mobile devices. The city recently implemented a new program that is user friendly and offers enhanced reporting features that were not available on the older system.

The easiest way for citizens to use the program is to download the City of Taylor Mobile App on IOS and Android devices. The mobile app has the Accela system built in to it, so citizens can report concerns on their own time, have a record of their request, and help the City streamline the notification system. Citizens can also use the Accela program by going to the City's homepage at www.taylor.tx.gov and clicking the "Report a Concern" link.

For additional information about the new Accela CRM program you can contact the City's Director of Internal Services, Lisa Thompson, at 512-352-2247.



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LOCAL MERCHANTS PARTICIPATE IN WINE SWIRL

On Thursday, November 30 the City of Taylor will host it's holiday Wine Swirl in Downtown Taylor. This is your opportunity to sip, shop, and stroll through downtown Taylor while getting to know your local merchants.

Several wineries from Taylor and the surrounding areas will be on hand to sample their vintages, and participating shops will stay open from 5 to 9 p.m. and offer special discounts, just in time for the holiday season.

Wine Swirl tickets are \$40, and can be purchased in advance at City Hall or at Rhinestone Cowgirl (123 W. Fourth Street).

For additional information, call Main Street Manager Deby Lannen at 512-352-3463.



CITY EXPANDS RECYCLING PROGRAM

City of Taylor is expanding its recycling program with Waste Connections of Texas, the City's waste service provider. Now, instead of only having a recycling truck in the City every other week, there will be a truck in the City every week. This will allow Waste Connections to serve a larger number of households each week. While recycling will still be every two weeks, some residents will have a different recycling service week than they have had in the past.

Some areas of the City will change their recycling pickup schedules, and some will remain the same. To help residents understand the new schedule, Waste Connections included

notices in October utility bills and also notified residents individually of the new schedule with postcards and tags on recycling carts.

A map depicting the affected areas by the week change is available on the City of Taylor's website, www.taylor.tx.gov. Residents who have questions can call 512-352-2066 for additional information.



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

November

15 DISTRICT 4 TOWN HALL
 6 - 8 p.m.
 El Coral Lozano

24 SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
 Shop in downtown Taylor and support your local businesses!

December

1 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
 Time TBA
 Taylor City Hall

Celebrate the joy of the holiday season by coming to City Hall for an arts and crafts extravaganza during A Main Street Christmas in Taylor, Texas.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AND PARADE
 7 p.m.
 Taylor City Hall

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

1 HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR
 December 1 & 2
 1 - 5 p.m.

Enjoy six of Taylor's amazing homes, showcasing designs from several eras. **Tickets are \$15 and will be available Nov. 1 at multiple Taylor locations.** For information call 806-382-3993 or visit taylorheritagesociety.org.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on the following days:
NOVEMBER 12 | VETERAN'S DAY (observed)
NOVEMBER 22 - 23 | THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
DECEMBER 24 - 25 | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays, November 8 and December 13
 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.