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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Jeff Jenkins, speaking at Isaac Turner's Retirement Party

Greetings! As most of you are probably aware, the City of Taylor recently said goodbye to long-time City Manager, Isaac Turner, who retired on January 25. I have been serving as the Assistant City Manager for the City since November, 2017 and it is my honor and privilege to step in as Interim City Manager while City Council searches for a permanent replacement for Mr. Turner.

While I do have big shoes to fill, I am grateful that Mr. Turner has left me with a great road map for moving the City forward in the key areas of **economic vitality, streets and infrastructure, and quality of life.**

Economic Vitality has been and will continue to be a priority. We will work hard to attract new businesses and residents so we can increase our tax base and our City's revenue. Repair and maintenance of our streets and infrastructure will continue, and we will work with Council to make sure ongoing projects proceed smoothly. And we will continue to focus on Quality of Life and ensure that the City of Taylor is a great place to live, work, and play. I encourage you to attend Council Meetings and workshops when we discuss these pillar items, and give us your feedback and ideas.

I'm looking forward to continuing the good work that Mr. Turner did in his tenure with the City of Taylor. I hope I can serve you all well while the City searches for a new Manager.

JEFFERY JENKINS
Interim City Manager

CITY WELCOMES NEW MAIN STREET MANAGER

The City of Taylor recently welcomed Debbie Charbonneau to be the new Main Street Manager. Ms. Charbonneau, who started working for the City on December 10, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role. Ms. Charbonneau took over for Deby Lannen, who held the role for nine years and retired on December 31.

Ms. Charbonneau will work for the City's Development Services Department. The Department Director, Tom Yantis, said that Ms. Charbonneau is a true expert in her field. "We are very pleased to have Ms. Charbonneau on board," he said. "The Main Street program is an important part of our City's economic and community development, and it is essential that we have a seasoned professional to manage the program. Ms. Charbonneau has already proven that she knows what she is doing, and I have every confidence that our Main Street program will continue to shine under her leadership."

Ms. Charbonneau is responsible for running the City's Main Street program, whose vision is to establish a resilient downtown community in Taylor, diverse in experiences for local residents and visitors that includes retail, dining, parks and cultural history. Ms. Charbonneau is a certified Main Street Manager, and came to the City of Taylor from Huntsville, where she served as the Main Street Manager and Historic Preservation Officer.



UNITED WAY OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION

Williamson County United Way has announced dates and locations for tax preparation assistance. IRS-certified preparers will provide tax help for households earning \$55,000 or less annually and senior citizens. **For information about what you need to bring**, please call (512) 255-6799 or 2-1-1 or visit WilcoFreeTaxPrep.org or unitedway-wc.org.

PREPARERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:		
LOCATION	DATES	HOURS AVAILABLE
Taylor City Hall 400 Porter Street Taylor, TX 76574	Jan 28 – Apr 15	Mondays 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Taylor Public Library 801 Vance Street Taylor, TX 76574	Feb 6 – Apr 10	Wednesdays 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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City of Taylor 2019 Recycle Calendar

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Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19
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Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19
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** Recycle collection is same day of the week as your trash collection. **
** Please have carts curbside by 7:00 AM **

www.taylor.tx.gov/Recycling | (512) 352-2066

Service Day
Same Day as current Trash Service,
Every other Week, see calendar.

Calendar Key

Schedule A

Schedule B

Holiday Slide Days

New Years, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day are the only three weekdays of the year when service is suspended. During these weeks, scheduled services will slide one day following the Holiday.

RECYLING, WASTEWATER RATES TO CHANGE

Beginning in March of 2019, the recycling rates for the City of Taylor will increase by 75 cents, going up to \$3.25 per month. Up until now, the City was subsidizing the 75 cent fee as part of our agreement with Waste Connections of Texas. Customers can view a map and/or print a recycling calendar on the Utility

Billing website.

In April, users will see a change in their wastewater rates, based on averaging from the months prior. See the chart below for details.

If you have questions about your recycling or wastewater bills, please call Utility Billing at 512-352-2066.

WASTEWATER AVERAGING PERIOD PER ZONE			
To find your zone, look at the payment coupon of your water bill next to the billing address.			
	SERVICE DATES	BILLING DATES	NEW RATE APPEARS ON BILL DATE
ZONE 1	11/26/18 – 2/25/19	1/5/19, 2/5/19, 3/5/19	4/5/19
ZONE 2	12/6/18 – 3/4/19	1/12/19, 2/12/19, 3/12/19	4/12/19
ZONE 3	12/13/18 – 3/14/19	1/19/19, 2/19/19, 3/19/19	4/19/19
ZONE 4	12/20/18 – 3/21/19	1/26/19, 2/26/19, 3/26/19	4/26/19

Available @ Taylor Animal Shelter
www.facebook.com/tayloranimalshelter

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

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LIBRARY PROMOTES "BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK"

Looking for romance?...mystery?...a good laugh?
...an out of this world adventure?

Go on a *Blind Date with a Book!*

You may just fall in love!
Take a chance & check out a book sight unseen.

Let us know how your date goes with our "Rate a Date" bookmarks & be entered in our raffle at the end of February!

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

To stay up to date on city events, be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter, and check the Community Calendar on the City's website at taylor.tx.gov.

February

MONDAYS

MOVIE MONDAYS
6:00 PM • TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
2/04 Groundhog Day
2/11 Twilight
2/25 Love, Simon

WEDNESDAYS

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
10:30 AM • TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
2/06 Fish
2/13 Valentines
2/20 Frogs
2/27 Planets

9 SEWING SATURDAY
11:00 AM • TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Stuffed heart pillow, pattern to come.
Call for information: 512-352-3434.

15 HOMESCHOOL PARTY
11:00 AM • TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY
Party for the homeschoolers in our area—a chance to socialize & have some fun.

March

2 KITE DAY
10 AM - 12 PM • MEMORIAL FIELD
Let's go fly a kite! Information online at www.taylor.tx.gov.

11 THROUGH 14 SPRING BREAK AT THE LIBRARY
Activities, movies & Truck Petting Zoo.
Call for information: 512-352-3434

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:
FEBRUARY 18 (President's Day)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays: February 14, 28; March 14, 28
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.