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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



A Grand Opening and Dedication for Heritage Square will be 4 p.m. on Friday, April 12.

Right now is an exciting time in the City of Taylor with many events happening in the city this month.

An official Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony for Heritage Square is planned for April 12 so that our citizens can come celebrate and enjoy the new renovations of this beautiful park. The renovated park provides a place in the heart of downtown Taylor where you can come with your family to enjoy the splashpad, have a picnic under the shade structures, or just take a break and enjoy the sights and sounds of Taylor.

Our annual Taylor Neighborhood Cleanup will be on April 13 from 8 a.m. to noon in the neighborhood encompassing parts of West Rio Grande, Maple Street, South Doak Street and Pecan Street. I am excited to continue to partner with our community to continue to keep our neighborhoods clean and safe. If you, your organization, church or, civic group would like to volunteer, visit www.taylor.tx.gov or call 512-595-1770.

On April 20, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt at Murphy Park. Volunteers are also needed for the event, so if you would like to volunteer, please contact Main Street Manager Debbie Charbonneau at 512-352-3463 or email at debbie.charbonneau@taylor.tx.gov.

JEFFERY JENKINS
Interim City Manager

DANIEL BAUM SELECTED AS FIRE CHIEF



The City of Taylor is pleased to announce that Daniel Baum has been hired as the City's new Fire Chief. Mr. Baum was sworn in by Council at the City Council meeting on March 14. He will begin his duties with the City of Taylor on April 22.

Mr. Baum has served as the Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Pearland since 2013. Before moving to Pearland, he served as EMS Division Chief and Lieutenant for the Buda Fire Department, and also served as a Paramedic with San Marcos/Hays County EMS. Mr. Baum holds a Master's degree in Emergency and Disaster Management from American Public University and a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Columbia Southern University.

Mr. Baum was confirmed by City Council at the March 14 Council meeting.

"I greatly thank your confidence in selecting me as your next fire chief. I really look forward to this opportunity. It's great to be back in Central Texas," Mr. Baum said at the meeting.

Mr. Baum will be responsible for the oversight of the City of Taylor Fire Department, which provides not only fire suppression functions but also EMS first response, rescue, fire prevention public education, fire investigation, hazardous materials response, wildland response and pre-fire mitigation services. The department is also charged with emergency management oversight and duties.

CITY SELECTS NEW FINANCE DIRECTOR

Following a national search, Interim City Manager Jeff Jenkins is pleased to announce Jeffrey Wood has been hired for the new Finance Director position at the City of Taylor. Mr. Wood, who will be coming to Texas from Michigan, has served as the Treasurer of the Muskegon Charter Township since 2008. He began his new duties with the City on March 18.

"I think that Mr. Wood's financial perspective will allow him to not only maintain our finances, but also help us manage our financial picture effectively and efficiently as our City continues to grow. He has a lot of great experience working with a tight budget, and I feel confident that he will do a good job of helping us stay on track," Interim City Manager Jeff Jenkins said.

Mr. Wood holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Grand Valley State University and completed the Seidman Financial Planning Certificate Program from Grand Valley State in 2004. Mr. Wood is a Certified Financial Planner, and has served on the Planning Commission for the Muskegon Charter Township since 2010.

He will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the Finance Department, including budget preparation, policy development and interpretation, and preparation of financial reports. He will also provide assistance on strategic and tactical matters related to budget management, cost benefit analysis, financial forecasting, long range financial planning, utility billing, and securing new funding, as well as monitoring the financial status of the City.



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HERITAGE SQUARE GRAND OPENING APRIL 12

A grand opening for Heritage Square will be held on Friday, April 12 at 4 p.m. The public is welcome to come celebrate the official opening of the newly renovated park. There will be a brief ceremony, dedication and ribbon cutting. Refreshment's will be provided free of charge by SRSLY Chocolate, Texas Beer Company and Southern Hospitality.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS APRIL 22

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at City Hall, 400 Porter St. Early voting dates and times are:

April 22, 2019	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April 23, 2019	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April 24, 2019	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April 25, 2019	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April 27, 2019	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
April 29, 2019	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
April 30, 2019	7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

On Election Day, May 4, City Hall will be open for voting from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP APRIL 13

On April 13 we will be working to join together to beautify Taylor. This year, we focus on the area of South Doak Street, Maple Street and West Rio Grande.

To volunteer or sponsor, call 512-595-1770 or email lacey.hannes@taylor.tx.gov.



SAVE THE DATE FOR BLACKLAND PRAIRIE DAYS

Mark your calendars, the Main Street Program will hold its annual Blackland Prairie Days festival on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Taylor's Historic Downtown District.

There will be live entertainment all day on two stages. Opening ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the Second Street Stage. There will be a kid fest, arts and crafts, food and entertainment.

If anyone is looking to volunteer, contact Debbie Charbonneau at 512-352-3463 or email at debbie.charbonneau@taylor.tx.gov.



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.

April

12 PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT

1600 VETERANS DRIVE
 THROUGH Contact Larry "Had" Cmerek at 512-650-6249 for registration. Visit taylor.tx.gov for more information.

13 CITYWIDE SPRING CLEANUP

8 A.M.-3 P.M. - 1200 WELCH ST. & 1424 N. MAIN ST.
 The City Of Taylor will host a citywide Spring Clean Up to give citizens the opportunity to drop off unwanted items. For more info contact City Hall at 512-352-3675.

13 TAYLOR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP

8 A.M.- NOON
 We will be working to cleanup the area of South Doak Street, Maple Street and West Rio Grande. There will be a cookout afterward for volunteers and staff. To volunteer, call 512-595-1770 or email lacey.hannes@taylor.tx.gov.

20 EASTER EGG HUNT

10 AM - MURPHY PARK
 Hunt begins at 10 am; three age groups; parent or adult must accompany each child. Contact Debbie Charbonneau for more info at 512-352-3463.

22 EARLY VOTING

THROUGH **EXCLUDING SUNDAY, APRIL 28**
 Early voting is being held for the May 4 election of Council Member from District 1.

May

4 BLACKLAND PRAIRIE DAYS

MAIN STREET AND HERITAGE SQUARE
 Downtown Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arts, crafts, live music, food vendors

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:
APRIL 19 (Good Friday)