

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Interim City Manager Jeff Jenkins, center, speaks during the Heritage Square grand opening ceremony in April.

As my time as Interim City Manager winds down, I wanted to thank the City Council and citizens for allowing me to serve this great city. It has been an honor to lead the City of Taylor in this position. I am looking forward to continuing on as Assistant City Manager and to working with Brian LaBorde as he takes the helm.

I see so many positive things going on in Taylor right now. In the past few months, we've completed construction and held a grand opening for Heritage Square. Pierce Park skatepark is open and sees many skaters each and every day. Council approved bond projects so that we can continue to improve Taylor, and Main Street held yet another successful Blackland Prairie Days that brought in many visitors. I've been proud to be part of everything that is going on in our community and I am excited about the future for our city. I look forward to continuing to manage our growth and improving the quality of life here in Taylor.

I hope that everyone will join me in welcoming our new City Manager Brian LaBorde. I know he will be a great asset to the city, and he will be focused on working with Council and Taylor citizens to help fulfill our mission to be a productive, fiscally responsible organization that takes proactive steps to ensure economic growth and safety, well-being, and success of Taylor residents and the growth of business. Thank you again!

JEFFERY JENKINS
Interim City Manager

COUNCIL CANVASSES MAY 4 ELECTION RESULTS

District 1 voters elected a new representative in May. Gerald Anderson was sworn in at a special City Council meeting held on May 14. He replaces outgoing May Pro Tem Christine Lopez, who served District 1 since 2016.

Also sworn in at the meeting was Council member Robert Garcia, who begins his second term. Council then selected Mayor Brandt Rydell to again serve as the city's mayor and Dwayne Ariola to serve as mayor pro tem.



LEFT: Outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez accepts a plaque from City Council thanking her for her service.



RIGHT: Council member Robert Garcia and new Council member Gerald Anderson are sworn in by Judge Randall Pick (photograph by Andy Sharp)

BRIAN LABORDE STARTS MAY 27

Last month, Mayor Brandt Rydell announced that the Taylor City Council selected Brian LaBorde to serve as the next City Manager for the City of Taylor. Mr. LaBorde began on May 27. He is responsible for executing the policies and objectives of City Council. He will report directly to the City Council, oversee the daily operations of the City and coordinate all City Department activities and functions.

Mr. LaBorde previously served as the City Manager in Keene, Texas. He has served as a leader for Texas municipalities for 20 years. He holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Texas Tech University. He is a graduate of Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs Public Executive Institute and is currently completing his certification from the Oklahoma University Economic Development Institute. Prior to serving as the City Manager for the City of Keene, Mr. LaBorde served as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Buda and directed the Public Works and Community Development activities for the City of Shenandoah. He also held multiple leadership roles in the City of Dayton. He is a past President of the Texas City Manager Association (TCMA) Region 7 and has served on the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Technical Advisory Committee.



ROBINSON PARK SPLASH PAD OPEN



The Splash Pad at Fannie Robinson Park is now open for the summer. Park hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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 mow to the back of curb or edge of pavement and to the midpoint of the alley.

Grass may not exceed 12 inches in height and underbrush may not exceed 18 inches in height.

Trees must be trimmed so that the canopy is no closer than seven feet to the natural ground, and no closer than 12 feet above the top of the curb, edge of pavement or edge of alley.

For more information about code compliance call 512-365-3863.

Also, the City reminds citizens to remove any standing water in and around your home to help prevent Zika virus. Trash cans or containers where water can collect should also be covered.

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 taylortx.gov.

June

15 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

FANNIE ROBINSON PARK

Hosted by Blackshear/O.L. Price Ex-Student Association. Event will begin at noon.

22 YOGA IN THE PARK

HERITAGE SQUARE AMPHITHEATER

Begins at 9 a.m.

July

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

MURPHY PARK

Hosted by the American Legion, Graham D Luhn Post 39. Parade begins at 9 a.m. Route begins at Seventh and Davis and goes along Davis Street to Lake Drive into Murphy Park.

13 YOGA IN THE PARK

HERITAGE SQUARE AMPHITHEATER

Begins at 9 a.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:
JULY 4 (INDEPENDENCE DAY)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays: June 13, 27; July 11, 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.



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YOGA in the PARK

Grab your Yoga mat and meet us at the park! Free beginner style Yoga will be offered in Heritage Square for all who are interested. The class will be held under the amphitheater in the park. Whether you are a seasoned yogi or a first timer, a good time is guaranteed for all! See you on your mat!

When: June 22nd, July 13th @ 9am

Where: Heritage Square Amphitheatre



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