

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



City Manager Brian LaBorde, left, talks with Lieutenant Tim Davis at the Taylor Fire Department Open House on Saturday, November 9.

It's hard to believe that the year is already drawing to a close. I'm enjoying my time as City Manager and I truly appreciate all the hard work that our City staff has done this past year. There has been a lot accomplished in 2019.

The year began with the official Dedication and Ribbon Cutting of Heritage Square Park. Since it's opening, our community has enjoyed many events that have taken place in our beautiful downtown park. Since its opening in January, the park has been the site of many events and I'm thrilled to see everyone enjoy it.

In addition, the much-anticipated Pierce Park skate park had a soft opening in February and an official Dedication and Ribbon Cutting ceremony in November. The park has lived up to the hype with visitors coming from far and wide to show off their skating skills throughout the year.

This year we also saw the continuation of several annual events in Taylor, including Blackland Prairie Days and the Main Street Car Show. We also added several new events. The Farmers Market on Main helped kick off fall, and was so well received, it was extended into December.

Again, I can't express enough gratitude to our City Staff for their hard work this year and I am excited to see what 2020 brings to the City of Taylor!

BRIAN LABORDE
City Manager

RIBBON CUTTING, DEDICATION HELD FOR PIERCE PARK

The City of Taylor held a Dedication honoring the Pierce Family for their generous donation of the land used for the park. The Taylor Chamber of Commerce also held an official Ribbon Cutting and Dedication for the Pierce Park skate park on November 13. The park was named in honor of Lieutenant Commander Thomas Floyd Pierce.

Mayor Brandt Rydell gave the opening remarks, Chisum Pierce, son of Lt. Commander Pierce, talked about his father's legacy, and Taylor Chamber of Commerce President Tia Stone spoke about the importance of the Pierce Park to the Taylor Community. A Ribbon Cutting was held at the conclusion of the ceremony.



The City of Taylor held a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting ceremony for Pierce Park skate park on November 13.

JAN HARRIS WELCOMED AS MAIN STREET MANAGER

The City of Taylor recently welcomed Jan Harris as the new Main Street Manager. She began her duties with the City on November 4.

Ms. Harris previously worked as the Main Street Program Executive Director for the City of Dahlonega in Georgia. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Clemson University and a Master of Historic Preservation degree from the University of Georgia.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be here," Ms. Harris said, "Everybody is so friendly and the town is gorgeous. The mural downtown is so right, Taylor really is as 'friendly as a Texan's smile'."



Ms. Harris will work for the City's Development Services Department. She will be responsible for running the 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.



APPLICATIONS FOR MAY ELECTION BEGIN JAN. 15

The City Clerk's office will begin accepting applications for the May general election for the Council Member At-Large position on January 15, 2020. The due date for applications is February 14, 2020.

Applications can be filed in person

at 400 Porter Street or by mail at Williamson County Elections, P.O. Box 209, Georgetown, TX 78627.

For any questions, please contact Dianna Barker, City Clerk, at dianna.barker@taylor.tx.gov or by phone at 512-352-3676.

ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING BEGINS

As a reminder, the City of Taylor conducts its annual sewer averaging from late November through March. The months that are used for averaging are typically the lowest consumption months of the year. These three months are averaged to get the sewer rates for the next 12 months.

Prior to the averaging period you

are advised to repair any leaky faucets or running toilets and any other water leaks. This will avoid a high usage month during the averaging period and help to keep your sewer rate down.

If you have questions about the averaging period in your zone, please call Utility Billing department 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	11/25/19 – 2/26/20	1/5/20, 2/5/20, 3/5/20	4/5/20
ZONE 2	12/5/19 – 3/5/20	1/12/20, 2/12/20, 3/12/20	4/12/20
ZONE 3	12/12/19 – 3/12/20	1/19/20, 2/19/20, 3/19/20	4/19/20
ZONE 4	12/19/19 – 3/18/20	1/26/20, 2/26/20, 3/26/20	4/26/20

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR

Dec 4 – Storytime – “J”

Dec 11 – Storytime – “Holiday”

Dec 13 – Movie – Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (10:30 a.m.)

Dec 14 – Christmas Party 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Coloring, Crafts, Music, Santa. Must sign up! Space is limited. (512)352-3434

Dec 18 – No Storytime, instead: Movie – Paw Patrol the Great Snow Rescue

Dec 31 – Noon Year's Eve. Count down to 12 p.m. starting at 11 a.m.

Refreshments, music and crafts.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH/RECYCLING

The City's Waste Collection Service will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas. If you are scheduled for pickup on Wednesday, December 25, through Friday, December 27, your service will be the next day, Wednesday through Saturday. The same schedule will apply the following week in accordance with New Year's Day, January 1.

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.

December

6 TAYLOR SWIRL

5 - 9 P.M. | DOWNTOWN TAYLOR

Tickets - \$29.95. Contact Lucretia Alvarez at lucretia.alvarez@taylor.tx.gov.

7 MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS FAIR

10 A.M. - 4 P.M. | CITY HALL & HERITAGE SQUARE

At City Hall and Heritage Square. There will be craft and food vendors. Bring your camera for Santa pictures, 1-3 p.m.

7 PARADE OF LIGHTS

7 P.M. | DOWNTOWN TAYLOR

Lighted parade will travel down Main Street.

7 TREE LIGHTING

8 P.M. | HERITAGE SQUARE

Taylor Parks and Recreation will light a 30 ft. Christmas tree at Heritage Square following the Parade of Lights.

CITY CLOSURE

All City of Taylor offices and Utility Billing department will be closed on Friday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:
DECEMBER 24-25 (CHRISTMAS)
JANUARY 1 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays: December 12; January 9, 23
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.



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