

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Public Works recently completed a level up to Gravel Pit road as part of the City's level up program.

The City of Taylor Public Works staff has continued to work hard on the level up program to bring much needed repairs to City streets. Recently, work was completed on:

- Gravel Pit Road (between Highway 79 and Old Thorndale Road)
- Burkett Street (between Highway 79 and Third Street)
- Elliot Street (between Highway 79 and Third Street)
- Two blocks of Lizzie Street (from Second Street to Fourth Street)
- Sixth Street (between Wyeth Street and Sloan Street)
- One block of Grace (from Adams Street to McClain Street)
- Four blocks of Wyeth (from Third Street to 7th Street)
- North Drive

The level up program helps improve the riding surface for residents, decreases the City's pothole inventory, allows for additional time and resources to be devoted to other streets and allows more streets to be addressed than other improvement programs. We hope to complete additional streets if funds are available.

As always, updates are frequently posted on our website at www.taylor.tx.gov.

BRIAN LABORDE
City Manager

STREETSCAPES ADDED TO DOWNTOWN TAYLOR

As part of the implementation of the 2015 Downtown Master Plan, streetscapes were recently installed by Taylor Public Works crews on West Second Street. During the Master Plan process, one of the top five community priorities identified was the implementation of streetscape improvements.

At the May 28 City Council meeting, staff presented to Council a plan to use temporary, less expensive materials to implement the streetscape while also beginning to implement the Downtown Master Plan recommendations.

Temporary implementation gives staff the opportunity to evaluate community response and feedback before making permanent improvements.

The streetscapes would provide additional parking spaces along



Public Works crews install planter boxes to the newly paved streetscapes located on West Second Street in downtown Taylor. Streetscape implementation is part of the 2015 Downtown Master Plan.

Second Street, increases safety for pedestrians by reducing the number of traffic lanes pedestrians have to cross on Second Street and adds landscaping.

Council approved the implementation of the streetscapes at the June 11 meeting and crews finished installation in early July.

2020 MAIN STREET CAR SHOW CANCELED

Out of an abundance of caution, and with the safety of attendees and volunteers in mind, the City of Taylor and Main Street Car Show organizational committee announced the cancellation of the 2020 event.

Taylor's Main Street Car Show, the largest public event in the City, is traditionally held in historic downtown Taylor on the last Saturday of October. It is a cherished tradition for both residents and visitors that attracts hundreds of car enthusiasts and thousands of spectators. But the recent reported rise in COVID-19 cases in Williamson County and Texas gave the City and event organizers pause. After discussing the matter, in the interest of

public safety and safety and concerns regarding critical planning schedules, they decided it would be best to cancel the 2020 event.

The City and volunteer organizers had not yet secured sponsors, contracted suppliers or invest substantial efforts into planning the event and logistics. The hugely popular Main Street Car Show was earmarked to bring a bit of positivity, but organizers determined that at this juncture is not worth the risk. The show attracts large crowds, making it logistically difficult given today's situation. The organizers look forward to organizing a bigger and better event next year that everyone can enjoy.

INPUT SOUGHT FOR PARKS MASTER PLAN

The City of Taylor Parks and Recreation Department is continuing to seek input from residents for the Parks Master Plan update to help shape the vision for Murphy, Bull Branch and Robinson parks. In the coming weeks, a survey will be made available on the City's website at www.taylor.tx.gov. In addition to the online survey, hard copies will be provided at several locations including City Hall, at the Library's curbside program, the Parks office and at the Farmers Market (held every Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Look out for more information about the survey in September's newsletter.

THE FUTURE OF TAYLOR

The City of Taylor is gearing up to kickoff an update to our comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is the City's roadmap for how we want the City to grow and develop in the future.

It will include policies and strategies for new development, housing, transportation, neighborhood improvements and more. We will be seeking community input throughout the planning process and are targeting September as our first round of community meetings. Please visit the City's website at www.taylor.tx.gov to stay informed about this important project.

BE AIR AWARE

Be air aware with Air Central Texas (ACT), an initiative to reduce exposure to air pollution in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties through voluntary actions to reduce emissions and tools for the public to avoid exposure to high pollution levels when they occur.

Even at relatively low levels, ground-level ozone can be harmful to human health and the environment. It is especially a problem in urban and suburban communities; however winds can carry ozone precursor-emissions

many miles from their original sources, affecting rural areas as well.

ACT offers many ways to check air quality forecast for the day as well as ozone action days, including online at www.AirCentralTexas.org, download and use the AirNow app on your phone, or sign-up for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) daily air quality forecast emails. Ozone action days are usually called when the air quality index gets into unhealthy ranges, especially during summer months.



Bluebonnet Trails Community Services ANNOUNCES

The operation of a free

COVID-19 Texans Recovering Together Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program,

funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Please see the attached letter for details on how we hope this temporary grant may help your organization.

Appointments: 1-844-309-6385 | 24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 1-800-841-1255

www.bbtrails.org



COVID-19 RESOURCES

CITY OF TAYLOR

Online:
bit.ly/TaylorCovid

COVID-19 Información en Español del CDC:
bit.ly/COVIDEspañol

On Facebook:
[@cityoftaylor/texas](https://www.facebook.com/cityoftaylor/texas)

On Twitter:
[@CityofTaylor](https://twitter.com/CityofTaylor)

On NextDoor:
City of Taylor

WILLIAMSON COUNTY & CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT (WCCHD)

Online:
www.wcchd.org

On Facebook:
[@WCCHD](https://www.facebook.com/WCCHD)

On Twitter:
[@WCCHD](https://twitter.com/WCCHD)

WCCHD COVID-19 Non Emergency Hotline:
512-943-3600

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**6 p.m. Thursdays: August 13, 27;
Special Called Meeting August 20
September 10, 24**

Council meetings are currently being held virtually until further notice. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylor.tx.gov.



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