

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

With the ongoing situation with COVID-19, several City projects were put on pause. We have recently begun to spin some of those projects back up and we will need input from the community to help us form several plans for the City.

Currently, our Parks and Recreation Department is working to update the Parks Master Plan. The City of Taylor last completed a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan in July 2016. The plan was meant to be updated regularly, and in the Fall of 2019 the City commissioned Halff Associates, Landscape Architects and Planners to update the plan, concentrating on improvements to Bull Branch Park & Trail, Murphy Park, and Fannie Robinson Park.

We held two public meetings earlier in the year and now have a survey available online at bit.ly/2020TaylorParks. We also have hard copies available at the City Hall lobby, the Parks and Recreation Department (1424 N. Main), and available at the Farmers Market held every Saturday at Heritage Square. It will also be available for pickup during curbside services at the Library and can be dropped off at the book drop located outside the Library. The survey will be available until Sunday, September 13.

In addition, we are also working on our Drainage Master Plan and our Comprehensive Plan. We will also be looking for input from our residents on both of those plans. Look out for more information to be posted on our website at www.taylor.tx.gov, on our social media platforms, and in future editions of the newsletter.

These are uncertain times, but I am looking forward to the future of Taylor and the plans being made to continue to make our community a great place to live, work and play.

BRIAN LABORDE
City Manager

DEADLINE FOR 2020 CENSUS SEPTEMBER 30

The U.S. Census Bureau recently announced it will end field data collection for the 2020 Census on September 30, 2020. Self-response options will also close on that date to permit the commencement of data processing.

As of August 13, more than 60 percent of Taylor households have responded to the Census. Residents can still respond on or before the September 30 deadline:

Online:

- www.2020census.gov
- www.2020census.gov/es (Spanish)

By phone:

- 844-330-2020
- 844-468-2020 (Spanish)

Census takers also began following up in person with households that have not yet responded on their own in select areas and started visiting communities nationwide on Aug. 9. When census takers visit households, they will wear face masks and follow local public health guidelines.

The U.S. Constitution mandates



a census of the population every 10 years. Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and inform how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local and federal lawmakers annually for the next 10 years. When you respond to the census, your answers are kept anonymous. They are used only to produce statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential.

For more information about the 2020 Census, please visit www.2020census.gov.

EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 13

Early voting for the November 3, 2020, election will be held October 13-30 at the Taylor City Hall Auditorium at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday - Saturday and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on both Sundays.

Local items on the ballot will be the election of Council Member At-Large and consider three charter amendments.



For more information, please visit the City's website at www.taylor.tx.gov/251/City-Elections.



TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR

Storytime is going Virtual! Online Storytime will post Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/taylorlibrary/). Storytime Grab & Go crafts will be available Wednesday on the Library porch:

- **September 2** – Welcome to the Library

- **September 9** – Grandparents
- **September 16** – Monkeys
- **September 23** – Healthy Habits
- **September 30** – Bears

We also have Grab & Go crafts available daily on the Library porch!

FARMERS MARKET OPEN SATURDAYS

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Taylor Farmers Market has continued to provide farm-fresh produce, meats and other goods from local farmers, ranchers and artisans.

The Market is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Square Pavilion. For more information and updates, like and follow the Farmers Market on Main Facebook page.

If anyone is interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Main Street Manager Jan Harris at jan.harris@taylortx.gov or by phone at 512-352-3463.



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/COVIDespanol

On Facebook:

@cityoftaylortexas

On Twitter:

@CityofTaylor

On NextDoor:

City of Taylor

WILLIAMSON COUNTY & CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT (WCCHD)

Online:

www.wcchd.org

On Facebook:

@WCCHD

On Twitter:

@WCCHD

WCCHD COVID-19 Non Emergency Hotline:

512-943-3600

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**6 p.m. Thursdays: September 10, 24;
October 8, 22**

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

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:

**Monday, September 7
(Labor Day)**