

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM THE FIRE MARSHALL'S OFFICE

As we near the holiday season, the City of Taylor Fire Marshall's Office would like to provide some holiday safety tips to make sure you and your family have a safe and happy holiday season.

### Top 10 Safety Tips

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot, and kids should stay three feet away.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

### Holiday Entertaining

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

These and other helpful tips can be found at [www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Thanksgiving](http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Thanksgiving).

## WE'RE GOING DIGITAL!

We are excited to announce that beginning in **January 2022** you will receive this newsletter in your email inbox instead of your mailbox.

A digital newsletter allows **all** of our residents to receive the newsletter, which currently only our paper billing customers receive. It will also be less costly for taxpayers and will let us provide more detailed and timely information about upcoming events and important city news.

You can have the newsletter delivered directly to your inbox or receive a text when it is ready to view online. To sign up, follow the instructions on the right. We've also included a video on our website with simple step-by-step instructions.

If you still want to see a printed copy of the news, a printed copy of the digital newsletter will be available at City Hall beginning the first week of each month.

If you have any questions about our new digital newsletter, please contact

### SIGN UP IN FOUR EASY STEPS:

- 1** Go to the Notify Me page on our website: [bit.ly/taylorlxnews](http://bit.ly/taylorlxnews)
- 2** Enter your email address and hit "sign in"
- 3** Check the box if you want to receive notifications by text
- 4** Click on one or both of the icons to subscribe to email (✉) or text (📱)

That's it! You will begin receiving the digital newsletter with the next edition!

the City of Taylor Communications Office at [pio@taylorlx.gov](mailto:pio@taylorlx.gov) or call us at 512-352-5448.

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# CITY OF TAYLOR WASTEWATER AVERAGING

As a reminder, the City of Taylor conducts its annual sewer averaging from late November through March. The months that are used 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.

WASTEWATER AVERAGING PERIOD PER ZONE			
<i>To find your zone, look at the payment coupon of your water bill next to the billing address.</i>			
	SERVICE DATES	BILLING DATES	NEW RATE APPEARS ON BILL DATE
ZONE 1	11/23/21 – 2/23/22	1/5/22, 2/5/22, 3/5/22	4/5/22
ZONE 2	11/29/21 – 3/2/22	1/12/22, 2/12/22, 3/12/22	4/12/22
ZONE 3	12/9/21 – 3/10/22	1/19/22, 2/19/22, 3/19/22	4/19/22
ZONE 4	12/16/21 – 3/17/22	1/26/22, 2/26/22, 3/26/22	4/26/22

## FREE PICKLEBALL CLINICS

Would you like to learn about one of the fastest growing sports in America? Pickleball: A fun sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong and played on badminton-sized court and a slightly modified tennis net.

Free Pickleball clinics are being held the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at Murphy Park. IPTPA Certified Teaching Instructor Larry "Hat" Cmerek will lead the clinics. Equipment provided and bring a friend.

For more information contact the Taylor Parks and Recreation Department at 512-352-5818 or the instructor at 512-650-6249.

## AARP IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

AARP Foundation is looking for volunteers for the upcoming 2022 tax season. Many opportunities are available other than tax preparation. Training begins Jan 2022. If interested contact Sharon Hedrick, Communications Coordinator at 512-743-4454, or by email at [shedrick@suddenlink.net](mailto:shedrick@suddenlink.net), or sign up at [www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide](http://www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide).

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

**L**EAD Taylor is a community-focused, collaborative program that seeks to provide an in-depth look at government operations, community planning and awareness, and the opportunity to learn about civic culture from the inside.

#### APPLICATIONS

**Online**  
[www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov)

**In Person**  
City Hall  
400 Porter St.

**Contact**  
[pio@taylor.tx.gov](mailto:pio@taylor.tx.gov)  
512-352-5448



**SIX CLASS SESSIONS | ONE THURSDAY PER MONTH | DEADLINE TO APPLY DEC. 31, 2021**

## 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](http://taylor.tx.gov).*

### November

**13 ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING**  
9AM | MEMORIAL FIELD (SOUTH END ZONE)  
Join the City of Taylor and the Taylor Tree Advisory Board for the annual tree planting in honor of Arbor Day

**27 SHOP SMALL SATURDAY**  
DOWNTOWN TAYLOR  
Support your local businesses and shop small, shop local!

### December

**4 CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
10AM - 4PM | CITY HALL & HERITAGE SQUARE  
Experience the joy of the holiday season by coming downtown for an arts and crafts extravaganza during the Christmas Fair.

**4 CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
7PM | DOWNTOWN TAYLOR

### January

**17 MLK MARCH**  
9AM | DOWNTOWN TAYLOR & HERITAGE SQUARE  
Visit [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) for more info.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**6 p.m. Thursday:**  
**November 18; December 9**  
Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov).

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:  
**Thursday, November 11**  
(Veterans Day)  
**Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26**  
(Thanksgiving)  
**Friday, December 24**  
(Christmas Eve)