

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

As 2021 draws to a close, I would like to thank our City staff for the amazing work they have done this year and for the guidance and leadership that our City Council continues to provide

This year posed many challenges for the City of Taylor, and I am proud of how our residents rose to those challenges. Winterstorm Uri brought freezing temperatures and a strain on our local resources, and City staff, City Council and Taylor residents came together to help prepare for the storm and support each other during the recovery efforts afterwards. The community and nation continued to face challenges due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but City of Taylor staff made adjustments and did their part to keep each other and the Taylor community safe during those difficult times.

Despite the challenges this year, we were able to complete major projects and also continue our plans for the future. Several street reconstruction projects wrapped up this year, including the completion of reconstruction on Third and West Lynn Streets. We celebrated the official opening of the Dickey-Givens Community Center in September, a great addition to the Taylor community. And we continued to work on the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan, which was approved by Council in November.

In January 2022, City of Taylor staff will be featured in a new podcast produced by the Taylor Press. The podcast, which will be broadcast monthly on Facebook Live, will focus on a different City department every month, and will give residents insight on how the staff at City Hall are working hard to help make the Taylor community a better place to live, work, and play.

I want to thank the Taylor community for being resilient and strong throughout the many challenges of 2021. I believe that we have a bright future ahead of us, and I am looking forward to a wonderful, prosperous 2022 for our community. I wish you all a happy, safe, and merry holiday season.

**Brian LaBorde**  
City Manager



## STAY SAFE DURING THE WINTER HOLIDAYS

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

### Holiday decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

### Holiday Entertaining

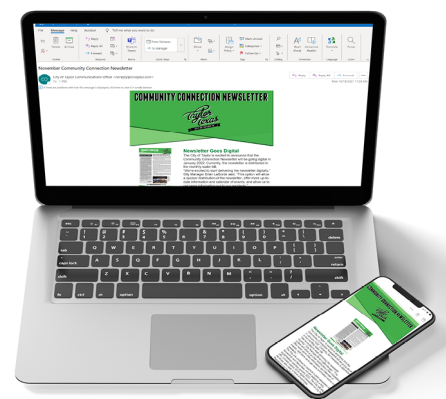
- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking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

Source: NFPA Public Education Division • 1  
Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

## WE'RE GOING DIGITAL!

Starting January 2022,  
the Community Connection  
Newsletter will be delivered  
via email or text.\*

**SIGN UP AT:**  
**BIT.LY/TAYLORTXNEWS**



\*Printed copies will be available at City Hall

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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

## LIBRARY CALENDAR

Join us for Preschool Storytime every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting room.

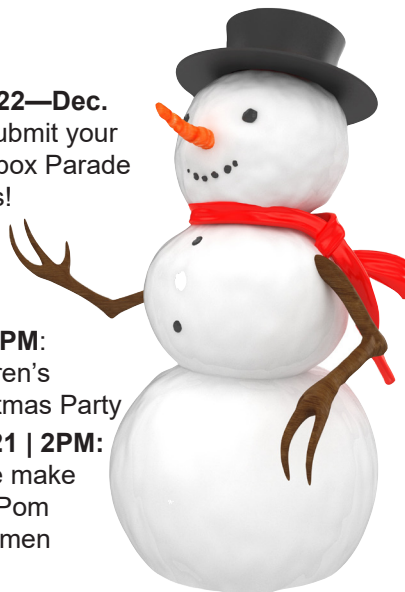
- Dec. 1:** “The Number 4”
- Dec. 8:** “The Number 5”
- Dec 15:** “Christmas”
- Dec 22:** NO STORYTIME

Other Library events this month:

- Dec. 4 | 2PM:** Come watch The Grinch
- Dec. 11 | 2PM:** Come watch Miracle on 34th Street

**Nov. 22—Dec. 11:** Submit your Shoebox Parade Floats!

**Dec. 18 | 2PM:** Children’s Christmas Party  
**Dec 21 | 2PM:** Come make Pom Pom Snowmen



## 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](http://taylortx.gov).*

### 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
- 4 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**  
HERITAGE SQUARE  
Join us as we officially light the Christmas tree and kick off the season 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Christmas Parade.

### January

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

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**6 p.m. Thursday:**  
**December 9; January 13, 27**  
 Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov).

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:  
**Thursday, December 23 & Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**  
**Monday, January 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)**  
**Monday, February 21 (Presidents’ Day)**

## 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.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov)

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

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



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