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HERITAGE SQUARE DEDICATION AND GRAND OPENING PLANNED FOR APRIL 12

TAYLOR, Texas - The City of Taylor will hold a Dedication and Grand Opening for the newly renovated Heritage Square at 4 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2019. The short ceremony will include an introduction by Interim City Manager Jeffery Jenkins, a dedication from Mayor Brandt Rydell, remarks by Russ Boles, Williamson County Commissioner, Precinct 4, and a ribbon cutting by the Taylor Chamber of Commerce.

The public is invited to participate. Complimentary refreshments will be served by local merchants, including SRSLY Chocolate, Texas Beer Company and Southern Hospitality.

Renovations to Heritage Square, which were approved as part of the City's Downtown Master plan adopted in 2015, include a colorful new splash pad with surrounding shade structures for retreat from the sun, an amphitheater, bright and vibrant landscaping, and picnic tables. With its location in the heart of downtown, Heritage Square offers a place for families and visitors to take in the sights and sounds of Taylor.

Plans for enhancements to the park took off in 2017 when the City of Taylor was notified of a \$500,000 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife. The grant was added to funds from the tax increment financing or TIF district, and the City's general fund. Renovation construction then began in February 2018.

Heritage Square serves as an homage to its history in Taylor. In April 1883, Ira H. Evans conveyed Block 22 to the Town of Taylor under the condition that it be maintained and preserved as a public park. The park was officially named Heritage Square in 1986.

For more information or questions, please contact the City's Communications Department at 512-352-5448.

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