

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



The end of a year brings with it a dual focus. Taylor can be proud of the projects we accomplished in 2017 as the city continues to attract new residents and businesses who want to become part of the community. Our achievements will be the focus of a year-end report available in January 2018. Additionally, Taylor looks to achieving new goals to help further stimulate our community's economic and residential development.

In the meantime, it's time for holiday celebrations, and there is much going on in Taylor. Beginning with December 1, the Downtown Wine Swirl beckons, followed by the Christmas Parade of Lights on December 2 and at the Moody Museum, the annual Victorian Christmas, along with the Main Street Christmas Bazaar.

Santa and Mrs. Clause will be at Heritage Square Park on Friday and Saturday nights, so be sure to bring your cameras for photos.

City offices will be closed on December 25 and 26 for the holidays. City staff and I wish you and your families the happiest of holiday seasons and a Merry Christmas.



Isaac Turner
Taylor City Manager

WASTEWATER AVERAGING DURING NOV.-DEC. 2017

As a reminder, the City of Taylor conducts its annual sewer rates averaging during late November through March. The three-month averaging period varies, and is in line with the normal water billing zone for each residence. The months used are typically the lowest water consumption months of the year. Three months are averaged to get the sewer rates that customers are charged for the following 12 months.

Citizens are advised to repair any leaky faucets or running toilets and any other water leaks before their months for averaging begin. This will avoid having a high usage month during the averaging period and help to keep the sewer costs down.

Water Averaging Period per Zone

ZONES	SERVICE DATES	BILLING DATES	NEW RATE ON BILLS
ZONE 1	11/27/17 - 2/26/18	1/5/18, 2/5/18, 3/5/18	4/5/18
ZONE 2	12/1/17 - 3/6/18	1/12/18, 2/12/18, 3/12/18	4/12/18
ZONE 3	12/13/17 - 3/15/18	1/19/18, 2/19/18, 3/19/18	4/19/18
ZONE 4	12/20/17 - 3/20/18	1/26/18, 2/26/18, 3/26/18	4/26/18

HIDE, LOCK & TAKE TO PREVENT HOLIDAY LOSSES

Extra shopping and busy times during the holiday season can provide would-be thieves with opportunities to take advantage of tempting situations, such as unlocked cars with bags of gifts in view. Taylor Police Department reminds citizens of the Hide, Lock & Take initiative to help prevent theft of personal property.

HIDE: Hide your visible personal property from sight. This includes your items stored on your porch, in your yard or inside a vehicle.

LOCK: Lock your vehicles and outside home entry doors, especially when no one is home.

TAKE: Take personal belongings with you, such as purses, wallets or cell phones. If you must leave them in a vehicle, put them in the glove box or stored in something where not visible through windows.

Report suspicious activity or a crime to TPD at 512-352-5551 or call 9-1-1.

TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR RESIDENTS
 brought to you by the Taylor Police Department

MANY CRIMES ARE PREVENTABLE! UTILIZE THE HIDE, LOCK & TAKE METHOD TO HELP PREVENT CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY AT YOUR HOME!

HIDE YOUR THINGS + **LOCK** YOUR CAR + **TAKE** YOUR KEYS

LIGHT IT Whether you're home or not, leave a porch light on. Thieves thrive in the dark; keep it lit so they will keep away!

REMOVE IT Bring your valuables in at night from your vehicle and don't leave them lying out in the open inside your home, especially by a window.

REPORT IT Live in Taylor and notice anything or anyone suspicious? Call 9-1-1 if it's an emergency or a crime in progress. Otherwise, call TPD dispatch at 512-352-5551.



VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION AND HAVE A VOICE IN DECISIONS

Have you been looking for ways to get involved and contribute your talents to the city, but not sure how to do it? The City of Taylor is seeking applications from volunteers to serve on the various boards and commissions, which are part of the structure of city government.

City Council appoints new members when vacancies occur on the following committees: Airport Advisory Board, Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee, Building and Standards Commission, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, Library Advisory Board, Main Street Advisory Board, Moody Museum Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Board, Planning and Zoning Commission, Taylor Economic Development Corporation, Tree Advisory Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments.

In most cases, applicants need to reside within the city limits. Exceptions are for the Moody Museum Board, Library Board, Main Street Advisory Board, Airport Board and TEDC.

Appointments are made twice per year, in January and July. The applications are online at the City of Taylor website, www.taylor.tx.gov/boards.

Applications are to be submitted to City Clerk Susan Brock, 400 Porter St., Taylor, TX 76574. For answers to any questions about such appointments, please call 512-352-3676. Watch the city's TV channel to see some of the taped proceedings at www.taylor.tx.gov/video

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTICES

The City of Taylor sends residents information about emergencies via the Capital Area Council of Governments Regional Notification System, called CodeRED. Citizens may sign up to receive alerts by email, phone or text. Register your individual or family contact information online at: warncentraltexas.org. If already registered, please double-check your information for accuracy or to make changes.



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

December

- 1 **DOWNTOWN WINE SWIRL**
Sip, shop and stroll through historic Downtown Taylor from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Special prices at participating merchants. Tickets are \$40 per person.
- 2 **CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS**
Travel starts at 7th Street down Main Street at 7 p.m.
- 2 **VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT MOODY MUSEUM**
114 W. 9th St., from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 2 **MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**
Shop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at City Hall Auditorium and parking out, 400 Porter St.
- 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 **SANTA ON THE SQUARE**
Bring your cameras and take photos with Santa and Mrs. Clause, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Heritage Square Park.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on the following days:
Monday, December 25 | Christmas Day*
Tuesday, December 26 | Legal holiday
Monday, January 1 | New Year's Day

* No trash service on Christmas Day, all city pickups moved one day later.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday - December 14

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylor.tx.gov.