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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Back Row (l to r): City Manager Isaac Turner, Robert Garcia, Mitchell Drummond, Dwayne Ariola. Front row (l to r): Mayor Brandt Rydell, Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

The new City Council has been seated, and we welcome Mitchell Drummond, who was elected to serve District 2.

The Council is preparing the budget for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 which runs from October 1 through September 30. The budget will include funds for operations, debt service and the Capital Improvements Program. In addition, Council will determine the goals for the next several years during their Strategic Planning meetings in July.

The first budget workshop is on Thursday, June 21. A Capital Improvement Projects workshop is set for Thursday, July 12 at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting. That is followed by a second budget workshop at the Council meeting on Thursday, July 26.

Come August, staff will have information from the Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector's office that helps us determine the effective and rollback tax rates, based on property values. By September, the process is complete.

Isaac Turner
Taylor City Manager

CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES MITCHELL DRUMMOND

Council District 2 voters elected a new representative in May, and Mitchell Drummond, 59, was sworn in at a special City Council meeting held May 15. He replaced Christopher Gonzales, who had served District 2 since 2009.

Drummond is a Taylor native, now retired, who moved back to the community from Austin after graduating high school. He earned an Associate's degree from Temple College. He worked as an electrician, and later at the Sandow Power Plant in Rockdale as a lead instrument and control technician.

Drummond enjoys gardening and is a member of Keep Taylor Beautiful. Volunteer work includes being a first aid manager at the Old Settler's Music Fest, and a volunteer with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. His wife, Lisa, is a nurse practitioner who works at Lone Star Circle of Care Clinic in Taylor. They together have three sons.



LARRY FOOS HIRED AS NEW PARKS & REC DIRECTOR

City Manager Isaac Turner has announced after a nationwide search, the hiring of a new Parks and Recreation Department Director is complete. Larry Foos began work with the City of Taylor on Monday, June 4, 2018. He has worked in the field for more than 30 years. He most recently was the Parks and Recreation Director with the nearby City of Hutto. In Texas, Foos has also worked for the cities of Cedar Hill, Missouri City and Odessa, as well as for cities in Colorado and New Mexico.

"We are very pleased that Mr. Foos will be joining our Taylor management team," said City Manager Isaac Turner. "Staff and I look forward to working with him. His experience with parks and recreation is extensive. At this time when we are working on many parks projects, he will be able to spearhead those to completion."

Foos' past accomplishments include being the recipient of many awards from the Texas Recreation and Parks Society. He has developed recreation programs for special populations, activity camps, sports and fitness programs, health and wellness education programs, developed skate parks, in-line hockey and tennis courts, as well as a BMX track. He has managed oversight of recreation construction projects, including a recreation center, tennis dome, park entrance and a train track expansion.



PROPERTY OWNERS ASKED TO MAINTAIN THEIR LANDSCAPE, ALLEYWAYS, RIGHTS OF WAY AREAS

Warmer temperatures mean grass, weeds and underbrush grow at a fast pace, and keeping property maintained takes time. The City of Taylor Code Enforcement Officers ask citizens to please continue to keep grass cut, weeds pulled and bushes trimmed.

It is a property owner's responsibility to cut to the midpoint of the alley and keep all grass trimmed to no higher than 12 inches, and underbrush to less than 18 inches in height.

Tree canopies are to be trimmed 12 feet or higher from

the curb. This includes alleys and grassy areas in the Right of Way.

City Code Enforcement Officers are authorized to give warnings or issue a maintenance violation to property owners, which comes with a fine. To avoid a citation, please take time to maintain landscaping.

For more information, please call 512-352-3675.



SCHEDULE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY | JULY 4

Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Dr., is the site of the annual Fourth of July celebration. The American Legion Hall is open all day. Food vendors will be on site at the park.

Schedule

- 9 a.m. Parade
- 10 a.m. Ice Cream Social
- 7 - 9 p.m. Not Past 11 plays on the Pavilion
- 9:15 p.m. Fireworks



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR 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

June

20 SUMMER READING PROGRAM: REPTILE ADVENTURES | AUSTIN REPTILE SHOWS

9:30 a.m. -- For Daycare Centers
10:30 a.m. -- Open to the public
Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance St.

21 THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING NIGHT

Head Downtown for the evening where stores stay open late with special deals! Bring your friends and family.

25 LIBRARY: MONDAY MOVIE - "WONDER"

From 2:30 - 4 p.m. Free to attend
Meeting Room, 801 Vance St.

July

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE, ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND FIREWORKS

Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Dr.
Fireworks at dark. Fun for the whole family. Please leave pets at home.

13 MOVIE IN THE PARK: "PETE'S DRAGON"

Taylor Regional Park & Sports Complex, football field (north end). Free for all ages. Pets must be on a leash, please.

19 THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING NIGHT

Head Downtown for the evening where stores stay open late with special deals! Bring your friends and family.

25 SUMMER READING PROGRAM ENDS

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City offices will be closed on the following day:

Wednesday, July 4 | Independence Day
(Normal trash collection, no delays)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - June 14 & 28 | July 12 & 26

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.