

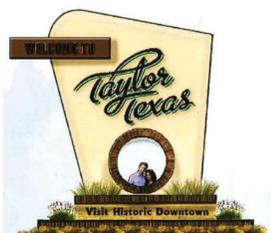
# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Rendering of the Gateway sign being built on along Highway 79 to welcome visitors to Taylor. Construction began fall 2019 and is anticipated to be complete in 2020.

Happy New Year! As we look to a new year in the City of Taylor, I am happy to announce several exciting new projects that will help improve our city's infrastructure and quality of life.

First, we are working hard on updating our Comprehensive Plan and developing our Master Drainage Plan so we have a good roadmap for future City improvements. This is especially important as we plan for the future of Taylor. There will be public meetings planned and I encourage the public to attend to give input.

We have several exciting Capital Improvement Projects in the works for 2020. They include :

- Dickey-Givens Community Center construction set to begin early next year.
- The Gateway Sign project that will welcome visitors who come to Taylor to enjoy our vibrant downtown, our beautiful parks, and our annual festivals and events.
- We will be making significant improvements to our parks, including new benches and tables, improvements or installation of new restroom facility at Robinson Park, and also making improvements to park infrastructure.

I welcome your comments and input as we make these improvements in 2020, and I look forward to seeing what the future holds for our City.

**BRIAN LABORDE**  
City Manager

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The City of Taylor City Council is currently accepting applications to fill vacancies on various Boards and Commissions. The City Council will make appointments to these boards in February. Applications must be received by January 31 to be considered for this round of appointments.

Applications to all boards are accepted all year long for future appointments. For a description of Boards and Commissions and an application, please visit the City's website at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov). Contact Dianna Barker, City Clerk, for more information at 512-352-3676, [dianna.barker@taylor.tx.gov](mailto:dianna.barker@taylor.tx.gov).

## 2020 CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day: All City offices closed
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day: All City offices closed

### FEBRUARY

- 17 Presidents Day: All City offices closed

### MARCH

- 9-13 Spring Break at the Library

### APRIL

- 10 Good Friday: All City offices closed
- 11 Easter Egg Hunt

### MAY

- TBD Blackland Prairie Day
- 23 City pool opens
- 25 Memorial Day: All City offices closed
- 25 Memorial Day Salute

### JUNE

- Taylor Public Library Summer reading program begins (June-July)

### JULY

- 4 Independence Day: All City offices closed
- 4 Independence Day Festival
- TBD Movies in the Park

### AUGUST

- TBD Movies in the Park
- 31 Honor Guard Academy

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-3 Honor Guard Academy
- 7 Labor Day: All City offices closed
- 11 Memorial March & Patriot Day Program
- TBD KidFish

### OCTOBER

- TBD National Night Out
- 4-10 Fire Prevention Week
- 31 Main Street Car Show
- 31 Spooktacular Scare on the Square

### NOVEMBER

- TBD Arbor Day Tree Planting
- 11 Veterans Day: All City offices closed
- 26-27 Thanksgiving: All City offices closed

### DECEMBER

- TBD Taylor Wine Swirl
- TBD Christmas Fair
- TBD Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 24-25 Christmas: All City offices closed

*Dates are subject to change. Please visit [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) for any changes and other events that may be unlisted.*



## CITY BEGINS DICKEY-GIVENS CENTER PROJECT

During the November 14 City Council meeting, Council approved awarding the construction bid to Skyler Design Build out of Houston for the Dickey-Givens Community Center project. It is anticipated that the new construction and site improvements will be complete in summer 2020. The architectural design plans for the building are set to mimic the design of the original building while also incorporating some furnishings from the original building.



Render of the Dickey-Givens Community Center.

Contractors are planning a ground breaking event to commemorate the work in early 2020.

## ANNUAL SEWER AVERAGING BEGINS

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

If you have questions about the averaging period in your zone, please call Utility Billing department at 512-352-2066.

### WASTEWATER AVERAGING PERIOD PER ZONE

To find your zone, look at the payment coupon of your water bill next to the billing address.

	SERVICE DATES	BILLING DATES	NEW RATE APPEARS ON BILL DATE
ZONE 1	11/25/19 – 2/26/20	1/5/20, 2/5/20, 3/5/20	4/5/20
ZONE 2	12/5/19 – 3/5/20	1/12/20, 2/12/20, 3/12/20	4/12/20
ZONE 3	12/12/19 – 3/12/20	1/19/20, 2/19/20, 3/19/20	4/19/20
ZONE 4	12/19/19 – 3/18/20	1/26/20, 2/26/20, 3/26/20	4/26/20

## TRIM THEM DOWN

Please keep tree branches trimmed and away from sidewalk curbs and roadways.

12'

CURB/EDGE OF PAVEMENT

Taylor Texas CITY OF TAYLOR, TX

## 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).

### January

#### 8 PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

5 P.M. | CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM

The Taylor Public Arts Advisory Board meets every second Wednesday of the month.

#### 11 SECOND SATURDAY

DOWNTOWN TAYLOR | 10 A.M. - 9 P.M.

Shops in downtown Taylor are open late on the second Saturday of every month.

#### 23 THIRD THURSDAY

DOWNTOWN TAYLOR | ALL DAY

Shops in downtown Taylor are open late on the third Thursday of every month.

WEDNESDAYS

#### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

10:30 AM • TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for stories, fingerplays, singing and crafts. For preschool children and their caretakers. If you have any questions, please call the Library at 512-352-3434.

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:  
**JANUARY 1 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)**  
**JANUARY 20 (MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY)**  
**FEBRUARY 17 (PRESIDENTS' DAY)**

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Thursdays: December 12; January 9, 23**  
 All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov).



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