

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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## GUEST COLUMN: COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Office (also known as the Public Information Office) is the link between the City of Taylor and its residents. One of the most important jobs we do in the Communications Office is to make sure our residents are informed about activities, events, news, and policies that may affect them. The City has many ways to keep our residents in the loop.

Social media is key to getting messages out quickly to our residents, and it is especially effective during emergency situations, like the recent winter storm we all experienced in February. We utilize various social media platforms, and we encourage everyone who uses social media to follow us for the most accurate, up-to-date information about what is happening in the City. The City of Taylor has official accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nextdoor, and links to all of the accounts are on the home page of the City’s website, [taylortx.gov](http://taylortx.gov).

We also use City Alerts, which allows residents to sign up for emergency messages to be sent via text and/or email. To be added to our general alert list, please be sure to click on “Alerts Sign-up” on our home page. Just follow the instructions and click on the email or text alerts for the first item on the list, City Alerts. In addition to signing up for City Alerts, we also encourage everyone to sign up for the Warn Central Texas alert system, an emergency notification system for residents of Central Texas offered by the Capital Area Council of Governments and its partners.

The City also frequently sends press releases to local media outlets, and we post those releases to our website as well. You can find them in the News & Announcements section on our homepage.

We encourage all Taylor residents to follow us on social media, sign up for alerts, and check our website often so you can be in the know about your City.

**STACEY OSBORNE**  
Communications Director

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF TAYLOR!

The City of Taylor kicked off an update to our Comprehensive Plan last September. The comprehensive plan is the City’s guiding policy document and includes policies and strategies for new development, housing, transportation, neighborhood improvements and more.

So far, the City has conducted three public events associated with the comprehensive plan update, two last September and one earlier this year in March. Recordings of these meetings, an online poll and other resources are available on the comprehensive plan web site at [taylor.konveio.com](http://taylor.konveio.com). The next phase of public engagement for the plan will be later this summer as we begin to discuss how the plan will be implemented. Keep your eyes on the web site and the City’s social media channels for more information about the next public workshop.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the comprehensive plan update, please contact Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager/ Development Services Director, at [tom.yantis@taylortx.gov](mailto:tom.yantis@taylortx.gov).

## EARLY VOTING BEGINS APRIL 19

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the following location, during the following days and time of day:

*Se puede votar con anterioridad en cualquier lugar y en las fechas indicadas. Habra representantes que hablan español si necesita ayuda*

You may vote during Early Voting at the following location:

Main Polling Location - City Hall , 400 Porter Street

*Lugar Principal de Votación – Municipio (Alcaldía)*

Spanish-speaking workers will be available at each polling location.

On	from	Día	Hora
April 19, 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm	19 de abril de 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm
April 20, 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm	20 de abril de 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm
April 21, 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm	21 de abril de 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm
April 22, 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm	22 de abril de 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm
April 23, 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm	23 de abril de 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm
April 24, 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm	24 de abril de 2021	8:00am to 6:00pm
April 26, 2021	7:00am to 7:00pm	26 de abril de 2021	7:00am to 7:00pm
April 27, 2021	7:00am to 7:00pm	27 de abril de 2021	7:00am to 7:00pm

## ELECTION DAY VOTING

May 1, 2021

7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M.

**District 3** – Taylor Main Street  
Events Center, 3101 N. Main Street,  
Taylor, Texas

## EL DIA DE LAS ELECCIONES

Mayo 1, 2021

De 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m.

Taylor City Hall,  
400 Porter St. Taylor, TX 76574

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## VISIT THE HERITAGE SQUARE FARMER'S MARKET

The Heritage Square Farmer's Market is a weekly year-round market offering a variety of high-quality locally grown produce, responsibly raised meats, and unique handmade goods from local farmers, ranchers, and artisans.

The Heritage Square Farmer's Market is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Heritage Square Pavilion.

For more information on the Market, a list of vendors, and how to become a vendor, visit [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov).

## TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CALENDAR

Join us for online storytime Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. on the Taylor Public Library Facebook page! Stop by and pick up a grab-n-go storytime craft.

**April 7:** Unicorns

**April 14:** April Showers

**April 21:** Earth Day

**April 28:** National Superhero Day



## RESIDENTS MAY NEED TO REGISTER CARPORT

Do you have a carport that was built between April 2001 and June 2020? If so, you may need to register it with the City of Taylor to ensure it can remain in place. If your carport was constructed during the timeframe above and did not receive a City permit, you need to contact the City of Taylor Development Services Department to register your carport and receive a safety inspection.

The City is offering a waiver of the permit and inspection fee for those residents who register their carports and receive a safety inspection prior to June 1, 2021. Residents who do not meet the June 1, 2021 deadline may be required to remove their carport or seek a special permit and pay permitting and inspection fees.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the City's Development Services Department at 512-365-3863.

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CITY OF TAYLOR TEXAS  
MAIN STREET

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## COVID-19 RESOURCES

### Vaccination Information:

#### Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is in charge of coordinating the distribution of the vaccine in Texas. On their website located at [www.dshs.texas.gov](http://www.dshs.texas.gov), you will find a link to a Vaccine Provider Locations Map, which shows all COVID-19 vaccine providers that have received a shipment of vaccine.

The website also includes information about:

- The timeline for vaccine distribution
- Who is eligible to receive the vaccine now
- How to get the vaccine if you are eligible
- Frequently Asked Questions

#### Williamson County

People can register to be on the waitlist by visiting [www.wilco.org](http://www.wilco.org). The county will maintain the waitlist and has created a system to help people lookup their name on the list online.

Williamson County is offering technical assistance to help residents in completing COVID-19 vaccination registration paperwork at a Vaccine Registration Technical Assistance (VRTA) site and help answer any waitlist questions. The site is located at First Baptist Taylor, 2500 Mallard Lane. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. This is for technical assistance ONLY. No vaccines are given at this site.

For more information: [www.wilco.org/coronavirus](http://www.wilco.org/coronavirus). Williamson County has set up a call center to serve as a resource for residents interested in COVID-19 vaccine information. The call center number is 512-943-1600. The call center is available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**6 p.m. Thursday: April 8, 22;  
May 13, 27**

Council meetings are currently being held virtually until further notice. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov).

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:  
**Friday, April 2  
(Good Friday)**