

GUEST COLUMN: PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department recently presented streets selected for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Levelup Program. With the budget Council approved in January as part of the Street Maintenance Program, we have identified a little over 20,000 linear feet of streets for the program. Transportation User Fee (TUF) Fund total this year for street repair funding will be approximately \$225,000.

The Public Works Department selected the streets using the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) scores from street study conducted by Gorrondona & Associates in early 2020. The Levelup Program looks to improve streets by repairing parts of existing streets. Repairing means to bring localized areas of pavement failure to a drivable condition. The program is intended to improve streets for 1-3 years.

Streets selected for the Levelup Program are:

- Symes (San Gabriel to Potomac)
- Mills Street
- West 8th Street
- Cecelia Street
- George Street
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- Porter Street
- West 3rd Street (Fowzer to Vance/Sloan to dead end)
- Adams Street
- Lizzy Street (4th to Cecelia)
- Talbot Street
- East 6th Street
- West 9th Street
- North Doak Street
- West 7th Street
- Old Georgetown Road
- Vance Street
- Wabash Street
- East 10th Street
- Gym Street
- McLain Street (Fairgrounds to Victoria)
- West 1st Street
- West 5th Street (Doak to Victoria)
- West 12th Street
- Ferguson Street
- West 6th Street
- Fairgrounds Street
- Forest Circle
- Fowzer Streets
- West MLK Blvd.
- Old Coupland Road (first 1,445 feet)
- Hacberry Street
- Vance Street
- North Lynn Street
- Hood Street

JIM GRAY
Public Works Director

TYLER BYBEE SELECTED AS NEW PARKS DIRECTOR

Following a national search for a new Director of Parks and Recreation, City Manager Brian LaBorde is pleased to announce that the City of Taylor has selected Tyler Bybee for the position. Mr. Bybee most recently served as the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation in the City of Leander. He began his new duties on April 15.

Mr. Bybee holds a Master of Science degree in Sports Management from Texas Tech University, and also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Business from Angelo State University. He has also earned his Youth Sports Administrator Certification from the National Alliance for Youth Sports, and a Parks and Recreation Professional Certification from the National Recreation and Park Association. Prior to working for the City of Leander, Mr. Bybee worked for nine years at Brushy Creek MUD in Round Rock, was a Baseball Research Consultant, and served in various capacities at Texas Tech University, the City of Lubbock, and the Boys and Girls Club of San Angelo.

Under the direction of the City Manager's Office, Mr. Bybee will be responsible for planning, managing, supervising, and implementing the activities and operations of the City's Parks and Recreation Department. He will also coordinate activities with other departments, as well as schools, organizations, government entities, and tournament groups. In addition, Mr. Bybee will be responsible for making recommendations to City Council and management concerning parks and recreation matters, promoting the parks system and recreation programs, and managing operations, including budgeting, maintenance, capital improvements, project management, and program implementation.

OFFICIALS CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF W. 3RD ST.



On April 1, Mayor Brandt Rydell, Councilmember Michell Drummond, City Manager Brian LaBorde, Deputy City Manager Jeff Jenkins, and Public Works Director Jim Gray gathered to celebrate the completion of street reconstruction on West Third Street with a ribbon cutting ceremony. West Third Street is one of five streets included in a \$13.1 million bond for infrastructure improvements that was approved by City Council in fiscal year 2019. The project, which is being overseen by HDR Engineering Inc. and Smith Contracting, was designed to improve safety, mobility and connectivity for five substandard streets: West Lake Drive, West Third Street, North Lynn Street, North Robinson Street, and Edmond Street.

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.

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-go storytime craft.

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 12 - May Flowers

Storytime will resume the week of June 14 when our summer reading program begins.



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.

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, 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
- How to get the vaccine
- Frequently Asked Questions

Williamson County

For Williamson County vaccination information: www.wilco.org/coronavirus.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

6 p.m. Thursday: May 13, 27

May 10 (Special Called Meeting)

June 10, 24

Council meetings are currently being held virtually until further notice. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylor.tx.gov.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City offices will be closed on:

**Monday, May 31
(Memorial Day)**



Week 1:
May 1-9
Energy & Innovation



Week 2:
May 10-16
Training the Next Generation



Week 3:
May 17-23
Water Safety



Week 4:
May 24-31
Disaster Preparedness

MAY IS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

In May 2021, the City of Taylor will participate in the 41st annual Building Safety Month, a worldwide campaign presented by the International Code Council, its members and partners to promote building safety. This year's campaign, "Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save," will be held virtually this year, raising awareness about the importance of building codes in ensuring safety in the spaces in which we live, work and learn.

Check out our social media pages for tips and information throughout the month of May.