

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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GUEST COLUMN: LIBRARY

The Taylor Public Library invites you to the 2021 Summer Reading Program. Our theme this year is "Tails and Tales." Library staff have been hard at work planning great programs and fun activities. The Friends of the Library have provided funds for the performers. The Taylor Kiwanis Club is sponsoring youth tee shirts.

Reading registration will begin on June 7 at our TaylorReads.net webpage. The reading program is for all ages, no library card required. Record your time, earn prizes and badges.

Reading through the summer months helps reinforce reading skills for students, giving them a jump start when resuming school in the fall. This is a simple and fun way to keep those skills sharp while getting incentives to read even more. And you can report any type of reading —print, audio, or e-books.

Attend events or complete activities to earn more badges. Performances this year will be via the library's Facebook page, starting with our kick-off concert by Dano on June 14 at 10 a.m. Outdoor Storytime is scheduled for Tuesdays, June 15-July 20 at 10 a.m. on the west lawn; reservations required, weather permitting.

Wednesday 10 a.m. morning performances are June 16 through July 21. Family Activity Days are Thursdays, June 17 through July 22, with more information to come. The final event is an ice cream party and awards on Friday, July 30.

We will start accepting submissions for the Patriotic 4th of July Shoebox Parade in June. Businesses, church groups, clubs, families, etc., are encouraged to participate. If you need an empty shoebox, just let us know. We will compile the entries into a parade video and post on the library's social media. Call the library for more information.

Check the Library's webpage and social media for any changes or updates. Call us at 512-352-3434. We look forward to having a great summer with you!

KAREN ELLIS
Library Director

NEXT COMP PLAN WORKSHOP TO BE HELD IN JULY

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 as well as a series of workshops hosted by the City Council focused on specific goals in the plan are available on the comprehensive plan web site at taylor.konveio.com.

The next phase of public engagement will include another community workshop in July when we will begin to discuss the strategies necessary to implement the goals in the plan. Keep your eyes on the web site and the City's social media channels for more information about the July workshop.

If you have any questions or would like further information about the comprehensive plan update, please contact Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager, at tom.yantis@taylortx.gov.



COUNCIL CANVASSES MAY 1 ELECTION RESULTS

On May 10, during a virtual special called City Council meeting, members of Council canvassed the May 1 election results.

Mayor Brandt Rydell was reelected to his Council seat for District 3 and was sworn in to another term. Councilmember Mitch Drummond was also sworn in for another term as representative of District 2. Mr. Drummond's race was unopposed and therefore canceled.

Council also selected Mayor Rydell to continue to serve as mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Anderson to also continue as mayor pro tem.

Results from the May 1 election can be viewed by going to the City's website at www.taylortx.gov/251/City-Elections.



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 SUMMER READING

We encourage everyone to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program! Sign up at www.taylorreads.net on June 7 to begin logging your reading to earn prizes and badges.

- Dano's Stuck at Home Concert is our kick-off performance on **June 14 at 10 a.m.**
- Outdoor Storytime begins on **June 15 at 10 a.m.** on the west lawn of the Library. Bring your own blanket or beach towel. Call to reserve your space: 512-352-3434.
- Wednesday performances start **June 16 at 10 a.m.** on the Library's Facebook page.
- Family Activity Days will be on Thursdays starting **June 16.**



RESIDENTS ASKED TO KEEP GRASS TRIMMED

The City of Taylor Code Enforcement Division reminds Taylor property owners to continue to keep grass and underbrush trimmed on their property, and also ensure that weeds are pulled.

It is a property owner's responsibility to mow to the back of curb or edge of pavement and to the midpoint of the alley. Grass may not exceed 12 inches in height and underbrush may not exceed 18 inches in height.

Trees must be trimmed so that the canopy is no closer than seven feet to the natural ground, and no closer than 12 feet above the top of the curb, edge of pavement or edge of alley.

For more information about code compliance call 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

Find vaccine information from Williamson County at www.wilco.org/coronavirus.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

**6 p.m. Thursday:
June 10, 24;
July 8, 22**

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, July 5
(Independence Day Observed)



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BE THE FIRST TO KNOW!
SIGN UP FOR ALERTS FROM CAPCOG AND THE CITY OF TAYLOR