



Taylor Times

May 2026

HAPPY
*Mother's
Day*

Taylor Directory

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| District Office | 250-789-3392 |
| Taylor Fire and Rescue Services | 250-789-3392 |
| Arena | 250-789-3004 |
| After Hours Trouble Calls | 250-785-7078 |
| Lone Wolf Golf Club | 250-789-3711 |
| Library | 250-789-9878 |
| Peace Island Park | 250-789-9295 |
| Parks and Facilities | 250-789-3333 |
| Community Services Hub | 250-789-2828 |
| Visitor Centre | 250-789-9015 |
| Taylor Pool | 250-789-1024 |
| Emergency | 911 |
| FSJ Rotary Club (assisting Seniors) | 250-785-1972 |
| Seniors Helpline BC 211 | 211 |





District of Taylor Council and Committee Meeting Dates

| 2026 | Committee of the Whole at 3:30 p.m. Council at 5:00 p.m. |
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| May | Monday, May 4, 2026 Tuesday, May 19, 2026 |
| June | Monday, June 1, 2026 Monday, June 15, 2026 |
| July | Monday, July 13, 2026 Monday, July 27, 2026 |

All meetings are held in Council Chambers at the District office located at 10007 - 100 A Street, Taylor, BC

Can't make it to the meeting?



The District of Taylor is now streaming meetings live on YouTube:
Go to www.youtube.com and search "District of Taylor Council Meetings" or
click here: [District of Taylor YouTube Page](#)

*Questions and comments on agenda topics can be sent to
dmcginn@districtoftaylor.com by noon on the day of the meeting*

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Proclamation

MS Canada

MS Awareness Month May 2026

- Whereas:** multiple sclerosis is a neurological disease affecting approximately 1 in 400 Canadians and over 90,000 across the country; and
- Whereas:** multiple sclerosis symptoms vary widely, and the disease may cause symptoms such as fatigue, lack of coordination, weakness, tingling, impaired sensation, vision problems, bladder and bowel problems, and cognitive and mood changes; and
- Whereas:** MS is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic, environmental, and lifestyle risk factors; and
- Whereas:** MS Canada is the only national organization in Canada that supports both MS research and services for people affected by MS; and
- Whereas:** annual fundraising events such as the MS Walk, MS Bike, and A & W Canada's *Burgers to Beat MS* campaign support programs to enhance the lives of people affected by multiple sclerosis and help support MS research in Canada; and
- Whereas:** since 1948, MS Canada has contributed over \$224 million for MS research; and is grateful for the dedication and commitment of its supporters and volunteers that have made this possible; and
- Whereas:** together we will find ways to connect and empower the MS community to create positive change and see a world free of multiple sclerosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brent Taillefer, Mayor of District of Taylor
of the Province of British Columbia, Canada,
do hereby proclaim this month of May 2026 to be MS Awareness Month
for the MS Canada this 7th day of April 2026.


Brent Taillefer
Mayor



IN THE HEAT WITH THE TAYLOR FIRE RESCUE

Open Air Burning

As we get closer to summer and fire season, we want to remind residents to follow the District's Open Burning/Bylaw when dealing with Category 2 and Category 3 open fires. If required, burn permit applications can be acquired at the District Office.



A Reminder From Our Bylaw Officers OPEN AIR BURNING

Did you know...

The District of Taylor requires a permit for any fire that cannot be classified as a campfire.

Fire bans can be implemented by the Government of British Columbia or by the District of Taylor.

Local bylaw officers enforce fire bans placed locally or by the province.

The District of Taylor is responsible for fire ban enforcement at Peace Island Park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR BYLAWS PAGE AT
[HTTPS://DISTRICTOFTAYLOR.COM/BYLAWS/](https://districtoftaylor.com/bylaws/)

For fires larger than a campfire, please read the guidelines regarding Category 2 and 3 Fires.

Types of Open Fire

CATEGORY 2

A "category 2 open fire" means an open fire, other than a category 1 campfire, that burns:

- material in one pile not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- material concurrently in two piles each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares.

Ensure someone is always monitoring the fire so it doesn't spread. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.

Have an adequate fire suppression system available at the burn site for fire control if the fire escapes.

Establish and maintain a fuel break around each area to be burned. If the fire spreads beyond the fuel break, the person who lit, fueled or used the open fire must:

- carry out fire control immediately,
- extinguish the fire if practicable, and
- report the fire to a ministry official, peace officer or fire emergency response agency as soon as possible.

🔍 Always check for open fire prohibitions or restrictions before engaging in any activity that could potentially cause a wildfire.

⚠️ Ensure you comply with the Environmental Management Act and Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.

🌬️ Do not burn when venting conditions are poor or fair.

🕒 Do not leave the fire unattended for any amount of time.

🔥 The person who lights or maintains the fire must ensure that the fire is fully extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.

⚠️ Anyone found in violation of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined up to \$1 million, be sentenced up to 1 year in jail as well and be responsible for all fire fighting and associated costs.

Scan to learn more



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BC Wildfire Service

This poster is for information purposes only. It is not legal advice. The Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulation are available online.

Types of Open Fire

CATEGORY 3


A "category 3 open fire" means a fire that burns:


- material concurrently in three or more piles, each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- material in one or more piles each exceeding 2 metres in height or 3 metres in width,
- one or more windrows each not exceeding 200 metres in length or 15 metres in width, or
- stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 hectares.


Establish and maintain a fuel break around each pile, windrow, or grass or stubble area to be burned.


If the fire spreads beyond the fuel break, the person who lit, fueled or used the open fire must:


- carry out fire control immediately,
- extinguish the fire if practicable, and
- report the fire to a ministry official, peace officer or fire emergency response agency as soon as possible.


 Anyone lighting a category 3 fire must first obtain a burn registration number by calling **1 888 797-1717**.

 Ensure you comply with the Environmental Management Act and Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.

 Do not burn when venting conditions are poor or fair.

 Ensure someone is always monitoring the fire so it doesn't spread beyond the fuel break. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.

 A person who lights, fuels or uses a category 3 open fire on a burn area must ensure that the category 3 open fire is extinguished by the date specified by the official or person who issued the burn registration number.

 Anyone found in violation of an open fire prohibition may be fined up to \$1,150. If your fire escapes and results in a wildfire, you may be fined up to \$1 million, be sentenced up to 1 year in jail as well and be responsible for all fire fighting and associated costs.

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Safety Tip of the Month FireSmart™

Campfire Safety is important to the prevention of wildfires. Please follow the campfire regulations and all Provincial Burning bans that may come into effect over the coming spring and summer season.

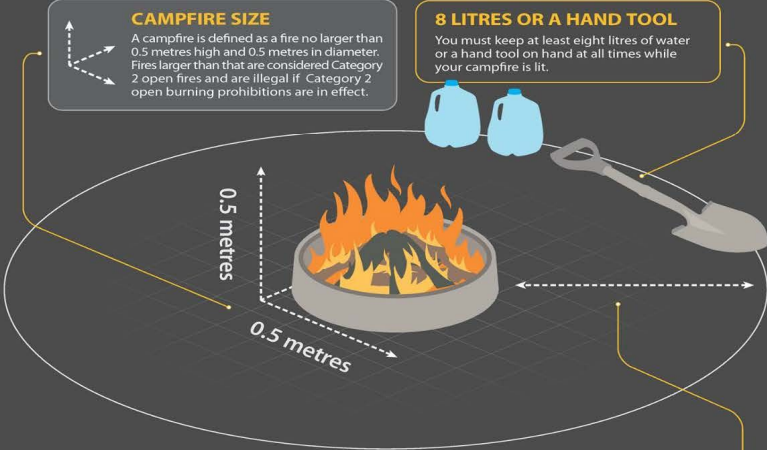
BRITISH COLUMBIA CAMPFIRE REGULATIONS



Violating these regulations could cost you \$1,150.
If a violation causes a wildfire, the person responsible may also be ordered to pay all firefighting and associated costs.

CAMPFIRE SIZE
A campfire is defined as a fire no larger than 0.5 metres high and 0.5 metres in diameter. Fires larger than that are considered Category 2 open fires and are illegal if Category 2 open burning prohibitions are in effect.

8 LITRES OR A HAND TOOL
You must keep at least eight litres of water or a hand tool on hand at all times while your campfire is lit.






PUTTING OUT YOUR FIRE
Before you leave the area for any amount of time, your campfire **MUST** be fully extinguished. The ashes of your fire must be cool to the touch.

FUEL BREAK
You must have a fuel break around your campfire. This area must be cleared of debris and anything combustible. It needs to be wide enough to stop the spread of the fire. A rock ring around the fire can also help prevent it from spreading.

You **MUST NOT** leave your fire unattended for **ANY** length of time.

Report wildfires, unattended campfires or violations of regulations by calling
***5555** on a cell or **1 800 663-5555** toll-free.

 BC Wildfire Service  BCwildfire.ca  @BCGovFireInfo

Emergency Siren Testing

A reminder that the District of Taylor will be testing their **Emergency Siren at 12:00 noon, May 6th**. This test will continue monthly on the 1st Wednesday of every month.

Emergency and Public Alerts

Did you know that you can receive alerts affecting Taylor, directly to your cell phone, email, or home phone? All residents of the District of Taylor are encouraged to sign up for **North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts**, and it is **FREE!**



A red banner with white and blue text. At the top left, it says "NORTH EAST BC" and at the top right, "Emergency & Public Alerts". Below this is the tagline "If we can reach you, we can notify you." in small white text. The main text in the center reads "SIGN UP FOR" in large white letters, followed by "North East BC Emergency & Public Alerts" in smaller white letters. To the left of the URL is a QR code. The URL "necalerts.com" is written in blue. At the bottom, there are icons for a speech bubble, a telephone, and an envelope, followed by the text "Powered by Everbridge" with a small logo.



“Our Family Protecting Yours”



PUBLIC NOTICE – WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Stage 1 Water Use Restrictions are in effect FROM MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 as follows:

STAGE 1 – REDUCED LAWN WATERING

1.1 During Stage 1:

- a) no person shall use a sprinkler to water a lawn growing on a property.
 - i) except ON AN ODD NUMBERED DAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00AM TO 8:00AM AND 8:00PM TO 10:00PM INCLUSIVE.

ENFORCEMENT

While cooperation from the community is anticipated and warning notices will be given, the District will issue a \$100.00 ticket to offenders.

1.2 As exception to the Stage 1 restrictions are:

- a) Nurseries, Farms, Turf Farms, Golf Courses and Tree Farms are exempted from restrictions; and
- b) Public authorities may water lawns and boulevards on any day, but no more than three days per week.

Frequent Water Conservation Questions and Answers

Q: Why do we need to conserve water in this region?

A. Becoming more efficient in how we use water and reducing waste helps to ensure our water supply for today and tomorrow – an important part in becoming a sustainable region. It also means we can save on operational and supply costs, money which can be better applied to social programs and invested to eventually increase our infrastructure to service more residents. System expansion also has environmental costs. By reducing our demand and waste today, we can make our current system more secure and last longer.

Q: What can I do to reduce the need to water my lawn?

A. Leave grass clippings on your lawn to save time, money and effort. Clippings will break down into fertilizer and because they cover the lawn, they reduce evaporation and the need to water. Spreading compost on the lawn will provide natural nutrients and increase its moisture retention ability. You may also consider alternative ground cover that requires less water and less maintenance than a lawn.

Q: How can I keep my new lawn alive?

A. Contact the District office for a permit that allows sprinkling outside the designated watering times for new lawns. While most municipalities charge a fee for this permit, Taylor does not.

Q: Why are there some exemptions, such as golf courses and farms?

A. Summer sprinkling regulations are meant to reduce water use in ways that do not cause serious economic hardship. Those users requiring water as part of a business operation are expected to conserve as much water as possible without resulting in a loss of business. In the case of the Lone Wolf Golf Club, irrigation water is taken from storage ponds that are filled directly from the Peace River. Therefore, usage outside of the specified hours does not impact the reservoir level.

WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Residents are encouraged to conserve water! Water conservation means achieving the same results while using less water. Definite, measureable results may be obtained by eliminating wasteful water use habits and by using water more efficiently.

- Water in the evening or early in the morning to reduce evaporation.
- Most lawns need only an inch of water (2.5cm) per week to stay healthy. Use a shallow can to reassure this amount.
- Adjust sprinklers so only the lawn is watered, not the house, sidewalk or street. Do not water on a windy day.
- Listen to the weather forecasts. This way you can chose not to water the lawn when it is going to rain.
- Plant water efficient grasses, plants, trees and shrubs.
- Use mulch around your plants to help the soil retain moisture and reduce the growth of weeds.
- Use a broom when cleaning the driveway.
- When washing vehicles, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for the final rinse.
- Collect rain water in a barrel and use it to water your garden.
- When mowing, raise the blade on your lawn mower to at least 2 inches high. *Most Bluegrass varieties prefer heights of cut between 1.25 and 2.5 inches for optimal growth and plant health. Closely-cut grass makes the roots work harder, requiring more water. Leaving the clippings on the lawn will help retain moisture.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation!!



2026 Street Sweeping

Welcome to Spring, Finally!

The street sweeper is now out and about picking up the bulk of the winter sanding material. The initial pass can take up to 3-4 weeks and will follow the same road priority list that is in the snow removal bylaw.

Please be mindful of the operators as they are avoiding many obstacles on the road. Please don't be one of them.



-Operations Department

Jarvis Crescent Subdivision



Where Peace and Prosperity Meet





District of Taylor
and
Taylor Industrial Mutual Aid Group (TIMAG)
are proud to host

Emergency Preparedness Week May 3-9
Open House & BBQ
Wednesday May 6, 2026

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm **Location:** Taylor Community Hall

We invite you to come out and meet our community's industrial partners and local service groups. Learn more about personal and community emergency preparedness.

➡ **FREE BBQ** ⬅

➡ **PRIZES** ⬅

Activities with **Taylor Fire Rescue** for the kids!

Come out for some family fun!

Emergency Preparedness,
It's Everyone's Responsibility



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

CLEAN UP 9:30AM - 12:00PM

BBQ LUNCH AT LONE WOLF 12:00PM - 1:30PM

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A LUNCH VOUCHER TO BE USED AT LONE WOLF GOLF CLUB FOR A FREE HAMBURGER, CHIPS, AND POP.

ALL CLEAN-UP SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED AND CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB. QUESTIONS? CALL COMMUNITY SERVICES AT 250-789-2828.



Annual Mother's Day Brunch

Hosted by Taylor Fire Association

Sunday May 10th

8am - 11am at the

Taylor Community Hall

(9896 Cherry Ave West)

**NEW
LOCATION**

*Free flowers for all
mothers while supplies
last!*

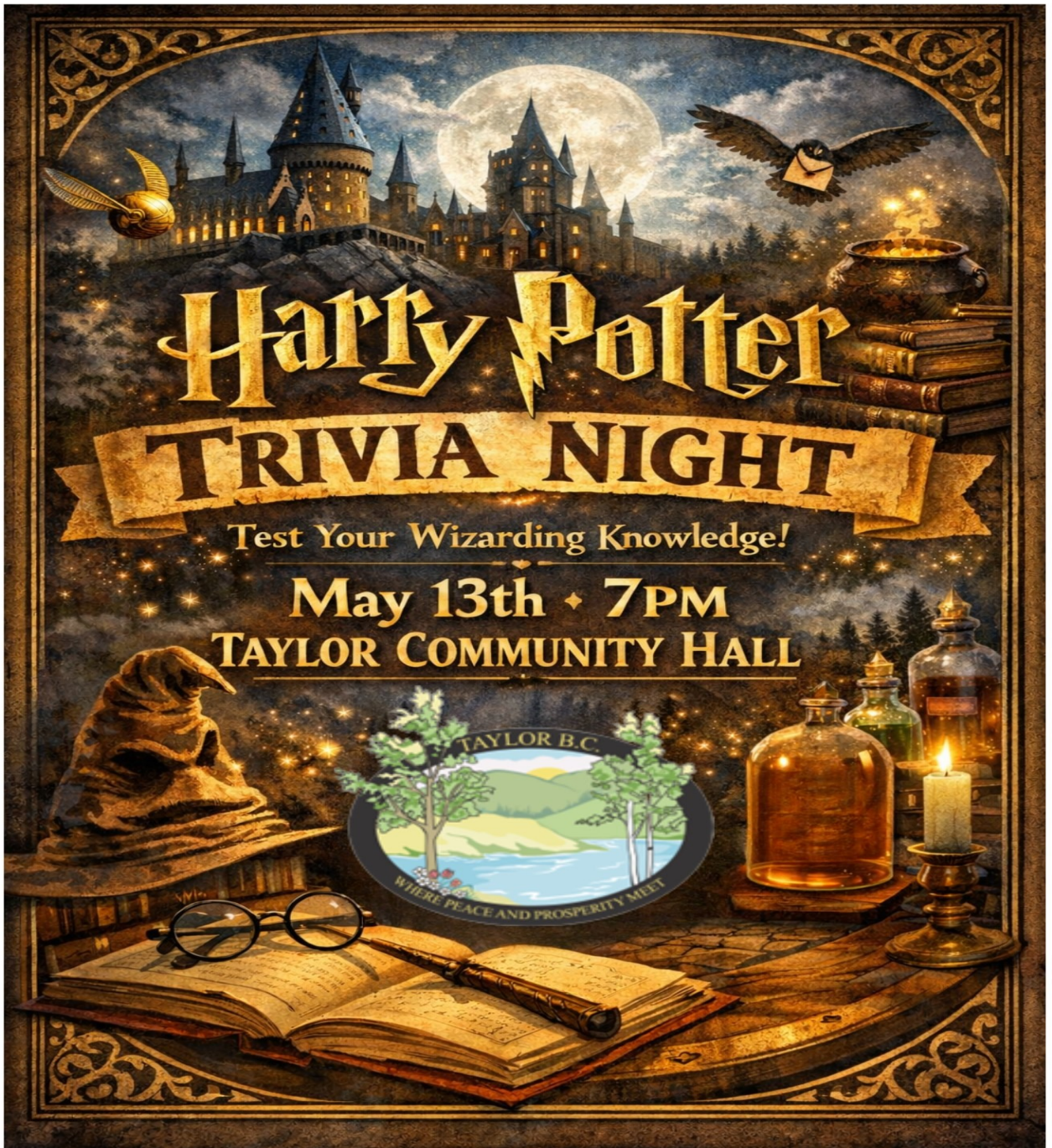
**NEW
LOCATION**

Donations are welcome, and proceeds will be donated to
Taylor Breakfast Program & Taylor Community Church.

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Think you know your Hogwarts houses, spells, and magical creatures? Put your knowledge to the test at a fun-filled evening of Harry Potter Trivia! Gather your friends or come on your own, everyone is welcome. Call the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828 to reserve a spot.



Taylor Community Hall

Host your next event at the Taylor Community Hall. With space for up to 464 guests, it is large enough to accommodate many different types of events.

We also offer kitchen and bar facilities, audio/visual equipment, and a stage, making this an ideal place for weddings, birthday parties, fundraisers, meetings and much more!



General Hall Rental Rates

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| Daily Rental Rate | \$500.00 |
| Kitchen Rental Rate | \$130.00 |
| Bar Rental Rate | \$60.00 |
| Damage Deposit (Refundable) | \$365.00 |

Additional fees and changes may apply depending on the level of services requested.
Taxes not included in rates.

Questions? Call the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828



Taylor Baseball Diamonds



Knock your next baseball tournament or fundraiser out of the park! With 3 full-sized baseball diamonds and well-manicured grounds, Taylor is the perfect place to host your next tournament, fundraiser, or event! Located near the District Ice Centre, the baseball diamonds offer great nearby amenities to meet all your needs.

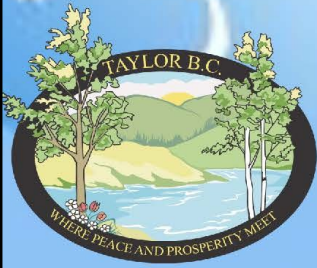
Questions? Call the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN
GREEN SPACES, BACK
ALLEYS, RIGHT-OF-WAY'S, OR
BOULEVARDS.**

**THIS INCLUDES BACKING UP
OR PARKING RV'S ONTO
THESE SPACES.**

**Let's work together to keep our
community's green spaces clean, safe, and
beautiful for everyone to enjoy!**



Welcome Taylor Babies

Are you a Taylor resident who has recently had a baby or know a Taylor resident who has?

Mayor and Council would like to extend a warm Team Taylor welcome to Taylor's newest resident .

For more information on our Welcome Taylor Babies program, please contact the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828.





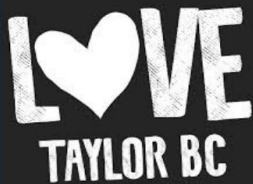
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Be Part of a Regional Marketing Program

Your investment to be part of this exciting program is only \$50. This money stays in your community to support the promotion of the program.

Working in partnership with our Love Taylor Team, together we will create a business profile on the Love Taylor website to showcase your unique business.

Love Taylor BC will promote the program through community events, local publications, website, social media and more.



Connect with your Community Champion today!
Sherri Maycock, Recreation Programmer
smaycock@districtoftaylor.com
250-789-2828



YOGA CLASS



Monday & Thursday Nights

January 5th - May 28th

Taylor Community Hall

7:00pm - 8:00pm

\$10 Per Class



For more information, call the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828.

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Pink Mountain Store
Buckinghorse River
Triple G Hideaway, FN
Fort Nelson Visitor Centre
Toad River Lodge
Liard Hotsprings Lodge
Coal River Services



**We're here 8 hours daily, just not in a row!
Please stop by! If our sign is out, we are in :)**



ACTIVE SOLES WALKING

Taylor Community Hall
October 1st - April 30th
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 1:00pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB AT 250-789-2828



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 4 LARGE BUCKETS OF RANGE BALLS

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LOCALS CARD
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 + GST

50% OFF GREEN FEE RATES
 50% OFF RENTAL CART RATES
 50% OFF RANGE RATES

MEMBERSHIPS 2026

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| JUNIOR UNDER 18 | UNLIMITED PLAY | \$150 + GST |
| INTERMEDIATE 19-29 | UNLIMITED PLAY | \$675 + GST |
| ADULT 30-49 | UNLIMITED PLAY | \$1125 + GST |
| CHAMPION 50-59 | UNLIMITED PLAY | \$975 + GST |
| SENIOR 60+ | UNLIMITED PLAY | \$825 + GST |
| SPOUSE | ADULT, CHAMPION, SENIOR | 20% DISCOUNT |
| GROUP MEMBER | MINIMUM 15 | \$600 + GST |
| DEWSWEEPER | MONDAY—FRIDAY BEFORE 2PM INCLUDES SHARED CART | \$625 + GST |

ADD

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| ANNUAL RANGE PASS | \$100 + GST |
| GOLF CANADA MEMBERSHIP | \$55 + GST |
| ANNUAL CART RENTAL | \$550 + GST |





Peace Island Park

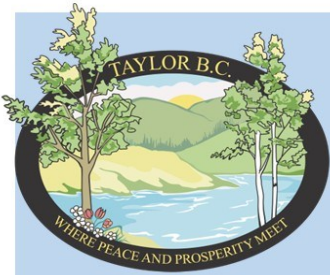
Located at Mile 35 of the Alaska Highway, this scenic park is located in the Peace Valley along the mighty Peace River.

Amenities Include:

- Full Serviced, Powered Sites, Non-serviced, and Group Sites
- Picnic / Day use Area
- Walking Trails
- Horseshoe Pits
- Historic Rocky Mountain Forts
- Playgrounds
- Firewood
- Boat Launch
- Gazebo
- Pavilion that can be rented for special events



Questions? Call the us at 250-789-9295 or book online at letscamp.ca



Community Greenhouse & Garden Plots

Get a head start on your gardening this year by booking a free table at the Community Greenhouse.

Registration opens Monday, March 2nd and is on a first come first served basis.

The Greenhouse will be available April - June weather depending,

For more information or to register, please contact the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828



WORLDS INVITATIONAL GOLD PANNING CHAMPIONSHIPS VENDOR MARKET 2026



The District of Taylor is looking for Craft and Food Vendors for the 2026 Gold Panning Championships located at Peace Island Park July 31st - August 2nd

All businesses are welcome
with no vendor/table fees to participate.

For more INFORMATION, please contact the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828 or email Sherri Maycock at smaycock@districtoftaylor.com

DOG PARK

RULES

- **Use park at your own risk**
- **Dog waste must be cleaned up immediately**
- **Owners must supervise their dogs at all times and are solely liable for the action of their dog**
- **NO:**
 - **Aggressive or sick dogs**
 - **Females in heat**
 - **Puppies under 4 months old**
 - **Glass containers**





ATTENTION


TAYLOR COMMUNITY GROUPS



**Do you need assistance
with Grant Writing?**

The District of Taylor has a grant writer support service available for local and regional non-profit groups that provide benefits or support Taylor residents and/or the community.

Grant writing services include:

- **Providing information on upcoming grant opportunities**
 - **Matching funding opportunities with the goals of the community group**
 - **Assistance with writing grant applications**
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**CONTACT:
ELIZABETH BRAZIER**

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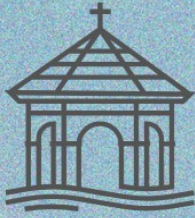
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PEACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Mens Breakfast May 2
@ 8AM

Peace Community Church

Monday Potluck/Study 5:45 pm

Wednesday Grey Matters 55+ 10am

Sunday Service - 10:30am

Keep up to date @ taylorchurch.ca

PCC - Beside the Fire Hall

The Counsellor's Corner

~Navigating Grief

Grief seems to be everywhere these days. For many in our communities, this has been a particularly difficult year, yet loss touches us all at some point in our lifetime. No one is immune to it. Grief is our normal human response to any outcome we didn't want. There is nothing weak or pathological about it. It can sink over us when someone we love dies, when a relationship ends or a family structure changes; when we lose a job or have to move; when the school year or sports season ends and we say "see you later" to class/team mates and routines. Grief can even accompany wonderful and exciting events like the birth of a child or the union of two souls in marriage. Moving into a new chapter means moving out of an old one.

We can experience profound sadness, overwhelming anxiety, difficulty concentrating, fatigue and increased anger and irritability. Our physical bodies can encounter unexplained tightness or pain, emptiness or even a numbness, where we cannot feel physical sensation or emotion.

Each individual's response to grief is as unique as their fingerprints. No two people will ever have the same relationship to someone who has passed. No two people will ever share the exact same history, which creates the backdrop for their current loss. This is why it is so important to put any judgement away when it comes to grief...everyone should have the freedom to do it in their own way.

Some common questions I often get are: 'What does "grieving" and "processing my grief" actually mean? Do I need to seek out professional support to "do it right"? Is there a time limit for feeling sad? Will I ever feel happy again? When do I know I need to ask for support?' I'll do my best to speak to these here.

Grief is what happens inside of us as we experience the pain of loss, as we sit with difficult emotions that arise, allowing the sadness, guilt, anger, despair and disorganization to be felt and expressed. It is learning to accept the reality of the loss and adjust to a new life without the loved one or lost aspect in it. It is learning how to hold the pain of loss in one hand, while rediscovering the beauty and joy that still exists in life in the other. As grief expert, David Kessler often says, it is learning how to remember with more love than pain.

I like to describe the term "processing" as sitting with difficult emotions and allowing them to be there without judgment. Psychologist Tara Brach invites people to radically accept those feelings, noticing where and how they show up in our bodies, recognizing beliefs we might have about ourselves in relation to them. Then we practice acceptance. It can be helpful to think

about how to respond to these feelings with compassion. Using a feeling wheel can help pinpoint exact feelings.

Now, it's important to realize that "processing" should not last all day, all week or all year! I recommend people sit with their hard stuff for 10-20 minutes a day and then shift into something positive. Try to take action in accordance with your values and do something you find meaningful. This is that dual attention of holding sadness in one hand and life in the other! Move! Get out in the sun! Laugh! Be with friends! I always remind people that this is not a betrayal. This is "good grieving"!

There is no time-line for grief. Just because we are only given 3-5 days for bereavement should not imply that we are expected to "get over" our loss and "get back to life". Loss changes us and we need to learn who we are now and how we function in this new world. This takes time. And we need to be understanding and compassionate with ourselves and those around us.

Grief needs to be witnessed and some of the best early treatment is just being reminded that we are not alone in our grief. Friends and family can be wonderful supports! If you are supporting someone who is grieving, listen. Don't try to fix it. You can't. Don't judge. Don't compare. Just be present and allow them to feel what they feel and be where they are.

Sometimes it can be helpful to seek out professional help. If you are feeling stuck and can't seem to step out of your own whirlpool, it might be time to look for additional supports. Overwhelming guilt, trauma, old wounds and relationship complexities are aspects that can complicate the grieving process. Guilt and grief usually go hand-in-hand. Our minds would rather feel guilty than helpless. Thinking "I could have done something different" often gives a sense of control to an event that was uncontrollable. When old wounds or accompanying trauma exist, they can be reopened when a new loss occurs and their old pain can be reawakened, amplified and projected onto the current loss. Old wounds can be past traumas, difficult childhood experiences and unprocessed losses. Trauma can act like a roadblock to processing grief from the new or present loss. If you feel stuck in reliving the event, feel disconnected from your body or have a heightened panic response that is impacting your life, trauma might be a factor. Relationships are complex at the best of times, but if there were issues of abuse, neglect, estrangement or anger prior to the loss, there may be many layers that need to be explored before the feelings of pure grief can be contacted. This can be very daunting to do on your own.

I have included a number of available supports to help people navigate their loss. Some are local, while others are online. And remember, never underestimate the power of friendship and connection!

1. The Palliative Care Society offers free, in-person peer support every Wednesday evening at the Northern Lights College from 6:30-8:30. Contact them at 250-787-2814 and fsjpcs@shaw.ca.
2. David Kessler runs on-line grief support groups tailored to individual losses. There is a small fee for participation, but you can join groups for the loss of a spouse, child, parent, death by suicide or addiction. You do not have to speak if you are not comfortable. There is so much healing in witnessing. His program is called Tender Hearts and the link is: <https://www.davidkesslertraining.com/tenderhearts>
3. Paul Denniston is an author and creator of Grief Yoga. You can access his videos on you-tube. His work can be quite impactful, especially if you are feeling like your grief is stuck in your body and talking is not enough to move it.
4. Tara Brach offers a RAIN meditation to help with processing difficult emotions with compassion: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8e_tAEM80k
5. Writing about your grief can be very healing. A great guide can be found on this website: https://www.casw-acts.ca/files/webinars/Write_to_Heal_Workbook.pdf
6. There are a number of private therapists in our community who offer in-person grief and trauma counselling. Look for them on Psychology Today: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/therapists?search=fort+st+john>

In closing, to anyone experiencing grief today, know that you are not alone in your pain. Grief is not something to “get over” or “get through”. It is a time to offer yourself patience, love and compassion. When a physical bond has been broken through death, the love that existed beforehand cannot die. Maintain that emotional and/or spiritual bond with your loved one. Talk **to** them, talk **about** them, remember them, turn their clothes into a quilt, light a candle on their birthday, feel them on the wind and in the sun. No, they are no longer here, but their memory is. The pain is there because love is there. The pain does not go away, but as you sit with your feelings and memories, and as you reengage in life, you will grow bigger and stronger and you will hold your pain differently.

Wishing you peace, Erin

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April AT



Taylor Public Library

Victoria Day - Monday, May 18th - No Programs

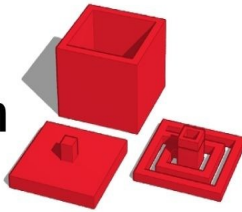
KID & ADULTS PROGRAMS SMART PROGRAMS



Sat May 2nd 1-3 pm

3D EXPLORERS

May 30th
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New or Old Miniaturist
Join us May 9th @ 1pm
Make a mini bouquet for
Mother's day

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1:30-2:30pm

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Fridays 1:30-
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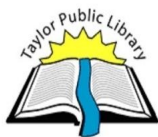


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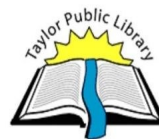
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Programs in May

Taylor Public Library



Victoria Day - Monday, May 18th - No Programs



NO RISK

- ALL REWARDS -



11-3 pm Monday Adult Drop in

@ Shared Space beside the library

Therapy is expensive hangout is free



AGES 11 & UP 5:30-8:30PM

MAY 1ST MOTHERS DAY CRAFT

MAY 8TH BOARD GAMES / D&D

MAY 15TH MINIATURES

MAY 22ND 3D PRINTING

MAY 29TH OUTDOOR GAMES

SNACK, DRINKS, AND FUN

DO THE ACTIVITY OR JUST HANG OUT.

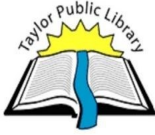
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Spring Fling Fun and More

Taylor Public Library

Mother's day May 10th



Storytime and Craft

May 9th
@ 11am



Garden Club Meeting

May 16th 1pm
at the Library



May 12th & 26th 6-9pm

All Ages Welcome

Non Instructional
Day

Let's Create a
Mother's Day Craft!

Bracelets and
Earrings!

Ages 11+

Friday May 8 @ 11am



Hey KIDS!

On Saturday
May 23 @ 11am
Come down and
make
"I SPY" bottles!



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May 2026

At the Library



| SUN CLOSED | MON CLOSED | TUES 10AM-6:30PM | WED 10AM-6:30PM | THUR 10AM-6:30PM | FRI 2PM-6:30PM | SAT 11AM-4:00PM |
|---|--|---|---|---------------------|---|---|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | May-01 | May 02 |
| LIBRARY CLOSED Shared Space is across from the library. | LIBRARY CLOSED No Risk All Reward 10-2pm @ Shared Space | | Drop in Healing 12-1pm with Nina SMART 55+ STRETCH STRENGTH BALANCE AND BREATHE (SSBB) | | SMART 55+ CRAFTS 1:30-3:30 PM Youth Night 5:30-8:30pm | LEGO DAY ALL AGES |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| LIBRARY CLOSED | LIBRARY CLOSED No Risk All Reward 10-2pm @ Shared Space | | Drop in Healing 12-1pm with Nina SMART 55+ STRETCH STRENGTH BALANCE AND BREATHE (SSBB) | | NID Craft 11-1pm SMART 55+ CRAFTS 1:30-3:30 PM Youth Night 5:30-8:30pm | STORY TIME & CRAFT 11-12PM Movels of Miniatures 1 PM |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| LIBRARY CLOSED | LIBRARY CLOSED No Risk All Reward 10-2pm @ Shared Space | D&D Group All Ages 6-9pm | Drop in Healing 12-1pm with Nina SMART 55+ STRETCH STRENGTH BALANCE AND BREATHE (SSBB) | | SMART 55+ CRAFTS 1:30-3:30 PM Youth Night 5:30-8:30pm | Garden Club 1PM |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| LIBRARY CLOSED | LIBRARY CLOSED Victoria Day NO PROGRAMS | | Drop in Healing 12-1pm with Nina SMART 55+ STRETCH STRENGTH BALANCE AND BREATHE (SSBB) | | SMART 55+ CRAFTS 1:30-3:30 PM Youth Night 5:30-8:30pm | Kid's Craft 11am "I Spy Bottles" |
| 24/31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| LIBRARY CLOSED | LIBRARY CLOSED No Risk All Reward 10-2pm @ Shared Space | D&D Group All Ages 6-9pm | Drop in Healing 12-1pm with Nina SMART 55+ STRETCH STRENGTH BALANCE AND BREATHE (SSBB) | | SMART 55+ CRAFTS 1:30-3:30 PM Youth Night 5:30-8:30pm | 3D Explorer 1-3PM |

FOR MORE DETAILED INFO ON ALL ACTIVITIES CHECK OUR FB PAGE, INSTAGRAM, TAYLOR PARENTS FB GROUP, TAYLOR TIMES, OR THE LIBRARY'S COOP WEBSITE.



**Mrs. Austin's Grade 4/5
Young Entrepreneur Show**

When: Wednesday June 3, 2026

Time: 12:30-2:00pm

Location: Taylor Elementary Gym

Bring \$5-\$20 to purchase items students have made

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| <p>Come to Nathan's Booth <i>To buy some wind chimes</i> Make sure to bring \$10</p> | <p>🗨️ Like gardening? 🗨️ If you do come to Liam's table At Liam's gardening</p> | <p>🏒 Do you like hockey? 🏒 Come on down to Logan's stand I have the GOOD STUFF!!</p> |
| <p>🌀SSE ~ Slime & Stickers to Ella's table for a draw to win 🎁 a 3-D printed dragon</p> | <p>🐕 Like dog treats 🐕 Well come Down to Olivia's booth</p> | <p>Gym Shop Come to Mason's Table to buy some colourful & good smelling soap!</p> |
| <p>🌱 Do you like plants? 🌱 Then come to Rhiannon's crazy plants. Lots of different varieties!</p> | <p>🐸 B.a.d.🐸 Come down town to Barrett's 3d axolotl's and dragon</p> | <p>Play With Doh Do you play Then come down LANDEN'S booth you'll find: ~ playdough 🧸 ~ paper-stuff 🧸</p> |
| <p>🌟? Like looking cool? 🌟 Come to Madison's table for Awesome bead keychains and more!</p> | <p>👩 Do you like looking pretty? Or 👩 have any stress ? Then come to Maysi's stand</p> | <p>I'm making Drawings, books and cards! 📖 Do you want some? Come to Maya's table!</p> |
| <p><i>Carter's creations for music</i> Do you like music? Come over here! 🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵🎵</p> | <p>🌸 Orion's Painted Flower Pots 🌸 Do you like planting? Come to Orion's painted flower pots</p> | <p>TIGERS BRACELETS BOOTH 🐅 Colourful elastic bracelets They are beautiful and amazing Come to Emalie's booth! 🐅</p> |
| <p><i>Hanna's bracelets</i> 😊Cool coloured bracelets 😊 ~ Space colours ~ Summer colours 🌈 More colours</p> | <p>Wanna be cool? Then come down to Rowdy's to customize A BOOKMARKS 📖 🧐</p> | <p>You need a bookmark? Come to Payton's Shop. I have stickers too just for you.</p> |
| <p>Tiger shop Do you like birds? Well come to a Aaliyah booth. Bird houses 🐦 🐦 🐦</p> | <p>🕯️ Scarlett's Candles 🕯️ They look & smell like fruit 🍰</p> | <p>ZANE'S DIRTBIKE CREATIONS <i>Custom shelves & frames made from dirt bike parts</i></p> |
| <p>See Titan's booth for Garden ornaments & signs</p> | <p>Do you have dry hands? See Phoenix for homemade resin</p> | <p>See Jackson's booth for bracelets</p> |

Each student will donate \$25 towards Camp Cameron

Hello Spring



FORT ST. JOHN & AREA
SENIOR'S CARE FOUNDATION

The foundation of our mandate is to
KEEP SENIORS IN THEIR OWN HOMES
for as long as safe to do.

We are here to support seniors
with the services they need to live
independently and with dignity.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Nutritious meals
delivered with care
and compassion.



LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING

A helping hand
to keep your home
safe and comfortable.



REACH OUT PROGRAM

Friendly visits
and connection
to reduce isolation.



Donations are always accepted

Your support helps us continue making
a difference in the lives of seniors in our community.



#600-10804-98 Street
V1J 6K2
Fort St John, BC



Ph: 250 793 9614



Mother's Day

SOUND BATH

FREE Admission 5:30 - 7:30pm



SUNDAY
MAY
10

Celebrate with Us!

Bring Mom, or send her to an evening of relaxation at the North Peace Leisure Pool, generously sponsored by Foundry Fort St. John, operated by YMCA BC. Enjoy a calming sound bath led by Nourishing Peace, designed to help you unwind & recharge.

Event Schedule:

- 5:30pm – 6:00pm Welcome, introductions, & getting settled
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Sound bath experience with Nourishing Peace
- 7:00pm – 7:30pm Closing remarks & clean-up

Limited floats available or bring your own paddleboard and/or yoga mat.

Learn more at fortstjohn.ca/drop-in and select "Public Swimming"

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Shine On  YMCA
BC

Children 7 & under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian (16+).

Northern BC residents can get help immediately by contacting any one of the following: call 310Mental Health Support at 310-6789 for emotional support, information and resources specific to mental health; call 1-800-784-2433 if you are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including thoughts of suicide.

If you or someone you know is in immediate crisis or has suicide-related concerns:

9-8-8 is for anyone who is thinking about suicide, or who is worried about someone they know. Connect to a responder to get help without judgement. Call or text 9-8-8 toll-free, anytime for support in English or French.

Kid's Help Phone Offers professional counselling, information and referrals and volunteer-led, text-based support to young people in both English and French. Reach out by texting CONNECT to 686868

The KUU-US Crisis Response Service at 1-800-588-8717 provides culturally-aware crisis support for Indigenous peoples in B.C.

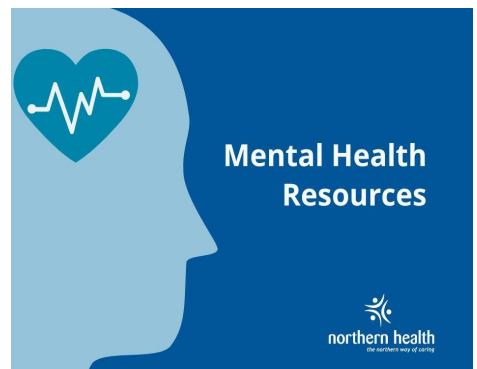
The Alcohol and Drug Information and Referral Service at 1-800-663-1441 can help you find resources and support.

The Northern Health Virtual Primary & Community Care Clinic at 1-844-645-7811 offers access to a family doctor or nurse practitioner, including for mental health needs.

And if your employer offers an employee assistance program, we encourage you to reach out to those resources, as needed.

B.C. has several virtual mental health supports for anyone experiencing anxiety, depression or other mental health challenges, and you can find more information at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/virtual-mental-health-supports>

See Northern Health's website for additional mental health supports here: <https://www.northernhealth.ca/services/mental-health-substance-use>





2026 Season

MAY 22-23
BABCOCK MEMORIAL

JUNE 12-13
SPORTSMAN INVITATIONAL

JULY 17-18
MINI STOCK INVITATIONAL

 JULY 31- AUG 2 
CAPS MOD/HOBBYSTOCK
INVITATIONAL

SEPT 11-12
HIT TO PASS



THUNDER IN THE VALLEY

Community Recipes

Brunch Potato Casserole

This brunch potato casserole recipe was given to me, and I continue to pass it down to everyone who tries it. Aside from being so delicious, it's so versatile that I've even used it as a side dish for steak! This can be made the night before, then baked the next day, allowing 10 extra minutes of cooking time.

Submitted by **FOODGU1** |

Prep Time: 30 mins

Cook Time: 1 hr

Total Time: 1 hr 30 mins

Servings: 15

Yield: 1 (9x13-inch) dish

Ingredients

4 pounds new potatoes, skinned, cut into 1-inch cubes

1 pound processed cheese food, cubed

2 cups mayonnaise

1 pound bacon, cooked crisp and chopped

1 onion, finely chopped

Directions

Step 1

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Step 2

Place potatoes in a large pan; fill with enough water to cover and bring to a boil. Cook until potatoes are just soft. Drain and place in a large bowl.

Step 3

Gently stir processed cheese into hot potatoes without mashing them. Continue to stir every minute or so until cheese is melted.

Step 4

Stir together mayonnaise, bacon, and onion in a separate bowl. Gently stir into potato-cheese mixture until well combined. Spread into a 9x13-inch baking dish.

Step 5

Bake in the preheated oven for 50 minutes.



Spring Word Search

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| 1/2 Page Ad | \$39.28/month | Full Page Ad | \$76.60/ month |

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Advertisements and articles have to be submitted by the 20th of each month for the upcoming issue. Submissions past this deadline will not be accepted.

In which format do I have to submit my advertisement?

Advertisements and articles have to be submitted in print ready stage.

Electronic submissions have to be made as a word documents or jpeg-file. Word by word submissions are possible for people that do not have access to computers and internet, however they need to be made in person during office hours.

Please note that due to copy right reasons, we cannot accept advertisements, pictures or articles that have been copied from other publications.

For more information call the Community Services Hub at 250-789-2828
or email smaycock@districtoftaylor.com

May 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>PCC = Peace Community Church</p> <p>GM =Grey Matters</p> | <p>TPL = Taylor Public Library</p> <p>COW = Committee of the Whole</p> | <p>GS = Good Shep-ard Church</p> <p>L.W = Lone Wolf</p> <p>L.W.G = Lone Wolf Greenhouse</p> | | | <p>1</p> <p>Visitor Centre Opens for the season</p> <p>SMART 55+ Crafts 1:30-3:30pm @ TPL</p> <p>Youth Night 5:30-8:30 @ TPL</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Lego Day @ TPL</p>  |
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