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## Planning for the Future

City Council members spent two evenings in February, hard at work, developing a plan to ensure Taylor is guaranteed to be a vibrant, desirable place to live, work and play. Four critical areas were identified: economic development, a plan to fund street rehabilitation, downtown revitalization, and further development of parks and recreation. Staff was tasked with creating specific methods to reach these goals and will be reporting progress made throughout the year. The plan is designed to guide the city for five years from 2015-2020.



Additional planning this year includes the creation of a Downtown Master Plan spearheaded by the Main Street Advisory Board. With Council approval to engage the Design Workshop firm, the plan quickly took shape and will serve as an essential factor in planning for the future growth and development of the downtown district. Copies of both these plans are available on the city website or by contacting Jean Johnson at 512-352-5448.

## Main Street Earns 9th National Recognition

The Taylor Main Street Program was recognized at the Texas Downtown Association winter conference for receiving its ninth national accreditation as a National Main Street City.

The Taylor program will also be recognized at the National Main Street Conference being held in April in Atlanta, GA.



A Message  
From  
The City  
Manager



In February the City Council spent two late evenings developing goals that will focus our efforts to guide growth and development in Taylor from now to 2020. Council determined the focus to be economic development, repairing our worst streets, downtown renaissance, and further development of our park and recreation facilities. Council identified several objectives which need to be completed to achieve these goals.

Now that the core goals have been identified, City staff will develop tasks and action plans to attain the goals set by the Council. The entire plan will be presented to City Council for approval in late March.

The Council, City staff and members of the community will now focus efforts and funding resources towards implementing objectives to achieve the goals the City Council has identified. While this is a highly ambitious plan, I look forward to leading City staff's efforts to address these challenges.

- Isaac

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# How To Read Your Utility Bill

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| ACCOUNT INFORMATION  |                      |        |  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|
| ACCOUNT:             | 06-1910-03           |        |  |  |  |  |  |
| ZONE:                | 02                   |        |  |  |  |  |  |
| SERVICE ADDRESS:     |                      |        |  |  |  |  |  |
| LAST PAYMENT:        | 01/27/14             | -70.58 |  |  |  |  |  |
| BASE SERVICE PERIOD: | 12/10/13 TO 01/09/14 |        |  |  |  |  |  |
| BILLING DATE:        | 02/12/14             |        |  |  |  |  |  |
| DUE DATE:            | February 27, 2014    |        |  |  |  |  |  |

  

| CURRENT WATER CHARGES |                  |                    |                 |                   |       |        |  |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|--------|--|
| Meter                 | Previous Reading | Previous Read Date | Current Reading | Current Read Date | Usage | Amount |  |
| 81754343N             | 6467             | 12/10/13           | 6488            | 01/10/14          | 21    |        |  |

  

| OTHER CHARGES |        |
|---------------|--------|
| Description   | Amount |
| SEWER         | 24.37  |
| GARBAGE       | 15.79  |
| DRAINAGE FEE  | 2.00   |
| FRANCHISE FEE | 1.58   |
| SALES TAX     | 1.30   |

**AMOUNT DUE**

This appears on the top right portion of your utility bill. The City has four billing zones broken down into four weeks each month.

The standard start date for the first billing zone is the 5th of the month, followed by the second billing zone the second week of the month, etc. Usage is shown in hundreds of gallons, which is 2,100 gallons shown here.

For additional information, contact the Utility Billing Department at 512-352-2066.

## Keep Taylor Beautiful

## Spring Clean Up Is Here

The City of Taylor and Keep Taylor Beautiful (KTB) have teamed up to make the 2015 Spring Clean Up a community event. The annual clean up is scheduled for Saturday, April 18.

Collection sites will be open at 1424 N. Main and 1200 Welch Street from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. KTB will be stationed at the Taylor Chamber to provide large trash bags, sign-up sheet for volunteers and serve as a collection point for the trash picked up.

Brush needs to be manageable to be picked up by hand. The City will not accept appliances with a refrigerant, batteries, chemicals, hazardous materials, paint, solvents, waste oil or tires. All of these may be accepted at the Williamson County Recycling Center located at 101 Landfill Road, Hutto, 512-846-2756.

For additional information about the spring clean up, contact Lance Zeplin, 512-352-6257 or Keep Taylor Beautiful board member Carrie Orts at 512-352-3675.

### Water Smart Tip:

Check outdoor faucets, sprinklers, and hoses for leaks periodically.

For more smart water tips and ideas, visit:

[www.takecareoftexas.org](http://www.takecareoftexas.org) and [www.wateruseitwisely.com](http://www.wateruseitwisely.com)



## Community Events

### Annual City Easter Egg Hunt



10 am – 12 noon

Saturday, April 4

Heritage Square

Contact Deby Lannen

512-352-3463



### Free Tax Assistance

For Seniors and Individuals who earn less than \$53,000/yr.

From Jan. 28-April 15

Taylor Public Library

Wednesdays 10 am-4 pm

Taylor City Hall

Mondays 4:30-8:30 pm

Wednesdays 4:30-8:30 pm

Saturdays 9 am-3 pm

### City-wide Spring Clean Up

8 am – 3 pm, Saturday, April 18

Contact: Lance Zeplin

512-352-6257

### May 9 Election Early Voting

April 27 - May 5, 2015

Taylor City Hall

### City Council Meetings

Thursdays, March 12 & 26, 2015

Thursdays, April 9 & 23

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall

