

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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### City of Taylor City Council

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At Large

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District 3

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District 1

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District 2

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District 4

### WHO TO CALL AT CITY HALL?

General Information  
352-3675

Municipal Court  
352-5977

Street Department  
352-5818

Water Bills  
352-2066

Library  
352-3434

### MDUS Status

Over the past year, the City Council has been considering establishing a Municipal Drainage Utility System (MDUS) for the city. One year ago, two public meetings were held to inform the public and to get input into the formation of the utility. Subsequently, the City Council created the Utility System by Ordinance in October 2009.

The city's aging infrastructure has had a significant impact on streets, bridges and drainage. Without resources to make these repairs and improvements, cities have found it necessary to create a special utility fund. Taylor and other cities such as Georgetown, Austin, Harker Heights and Belton use these funds to address their most critical drainage needs.

At the Council's August 12 meeting, a rate of \$1.00 per month for each ERU (equivalent residential unit) or 2,500 square feet of impervious cover was set. For residents, \$1.00 per month will be added to their utility bill beginning with the February 2011 bill. Commercial rates will be calculated on the square footage of impervious cover of the business.

A public hearing will be held on September 28, 2010 when the Ordinance will be officially introduced to establish the rate set to take affect January 1, 2011.

More information is available on the City's website: [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov) under MDUS Information, or call the Utility Department at 352-2066.



*Mallard Lane drainage culverts that are rusted out.*

### Parks Grant Received

The City of Taylor has been awarded a \$75,000 grant from the Texas Recreation and Parks Account (TRPA) of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission. The matching funding required for the grant was the value of the land so no cash match was required.

These funds will be used to develop the five-acre park land at the entrance to the Taylor Regional Park & Sports Complex on Loop 397. The area already features a small fishing pond. New additions planned include a fishing platform, benches, a climbing boulder, trails and landscaping. The park is used by Taylor Middle School as an outdoor classroom.



*View of park area looking south.*

Growing Pains for Legacy  
Early College High School

This school year, the City of Taylor and the Taylor ISD are collaborating on hosting a bumper crop of 167 Legacy Early College High School students on the downtown campus of the East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHC). Legislation requires the students to be taught on the college campus.

The City closed a portion of Fifth Street between Main and Porter Streets to accommodate four temporary buildings that hold eight classrooms for the Legacy students. The City Hall auditorium is being used as a cafeteria for the students who are required to eat on campus. Students may be seen gathering in the Heritage Square Park before class and throughout the day. The City is committed to providing support for this outstanding educational initiative as it continues to grow.



Temporary classrooms on Fifth Street

Online Bill Payers Beware of  
Late Fees

Many customers are now using online bill pay through their banks to pay their water bills. The banks may indicate an estimated delivery date for the payment to be received at the Utility billing office. Unfortunately, many of these payments are not reaching the office by the due date and customers are incurring late fee penalties.

Many customers believe that the bank automatically debits their bank account for the charge and the Utility Billing office has received the payment. In reality, some banks mail a check that can take up to ten additional business days to reach the Utility Billing office. Additionally, if payment is not received by the due date on the late notice, an administrative fee will be assessed and water service can be disconnected.

Since some online bill payments through the bank may take several days to reach the billing office timely, online bill payments should be scheduled at least 10 days in advance.

An alternative to consider is signing up for an automatic draft from the bank account on the due date each month to avoid costly penalties and possible water service interruption. Contact the Utility Billing office at 512-352-2066 for additional information.

Patriot's Day  
Ceremonial March  
& Program



Saturday morning, September 11  
9 a.m. Ceremonial March  
Main Street from 7th to 3rd Steets  
Patriot's Day program immediately  
following in Heritage Square Park.  
PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!

CITYWIDE FALL CLEAN UP !

Saturday, October 16, 8 am - 3 pm  
Collection Sites  
1424 North Main Street and  
1200 Welch Street  
Contact Fred Switzer at 352-3463 or  
Nancy Tyson, Keep Taylor Beautiful  
at 365-8434 or visit [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov)

At the Taylor Public Library  
Fall Storytime for Preschoolers  
10:30 am every Wednesday morning  
Library Meeting Room  
&  
Coming in October !  
Hitchcock Halloween Film Fest

Monday 10/18 - *Vertigo*  
Thurs. 10/21 - *Rear Window*  
Monday 10/25 - *The Birds*  
Thursday 10/28 - *Psycho*

6 pm, Library Meeting Room

City Calendar of Events for September

Sept. 7	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
Sept. 9	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
Sept. 14	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
Sept. 20	Moody Museum Board @ 5:30 pm
Sept. 21	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
Sept. 21	Library Board @ 6 pm
Sept. 22	Main Street Advisory Board @ 4 pm
Sept. 23	Airport Advisory Board @ 6 pm
Sept. 28	City Council meeting @ 6 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall and at [www.taylortx.gov](http://www.taylortx.gov)

City Calendar of Events for October

Oct. 5	Zoning Board of Adjustment @ 6 pm
Oct. 12	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
Oct. 14	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
Oct. 19	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
Oct. 19	Library Board at 6 pm
Oct. 20	Main Street Advisory Board @ 4 pm
Oct. 26	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
Oct. 28	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm