

# Community Connection

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## City Finance Department Receives Award

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Taylor by the Government Finance Officers Association for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).



Shown with the 2009 CAFR Award are Rosemarie Dennis (seated) and (standing l-r) Terri Carrizales, Lillie Lawler, and Alice Benjiman.

This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis and her staff were recognized for receiving this award for the second consecutive year.

## Signs of Progress

See story on back side about some of the latest improvements.



## City Manager's Message

We anticipate that this new year will be one of increased economic activity and continued accomplishment as we continue our major capital improvements. These improvements include programs such as: providing utilities to the southwest quadrant of town and construction of Second and Sloan Streets. The city is beginning to see new development and construction and we continue to focus on quality of life improvements for our community.

City staff is here to serve our residents and please know that my door is always open to our citizens.  
**JIM D. DUNAWAY**

## Animal Shelter Evolves to "No Kill"

The City of Taylor is pleased to announce that our animal shelter has effectively become a "no-kill facility." Since June of 2009, no animal has been euthanized because of shelter capacity constraints.

Under the direction of Animal Control Officer Tom Waggoner and with the assistance of many dedicated volunteers, the shelter has been hosting numerous adoption days, arranging foster housing for animals and coordinating with many rescue groups and humane societies for animal placement. Anyone interested in volunteering at the animal shelter, providing foster care or adopting an animal, can visit our website at: <http://www.taylor.tx.gov/animals> or contact Animal Control at 352-5551.



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# Signs of Progress

## Construction, Improvements Underway on Second Street

The new Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) depot is under construction.

When completed, the transit center will provide CARTS bus transportation for the region as well as sell tickets for cross country trips with larger bus companies like Greyhound.

Located at 1201 West Second, completion of the depot is estimated for February.

### CARTS DEPOT



### ACTIVITY CENTER

The Williamson County Activity Center is another new project that is under construction.

This non-profit serves developmentally disabled adult clients who receive vocational training and perform projects in a controlled environment.

Located at 216 Davis Street, the project is scheduled to be completed in the spring.

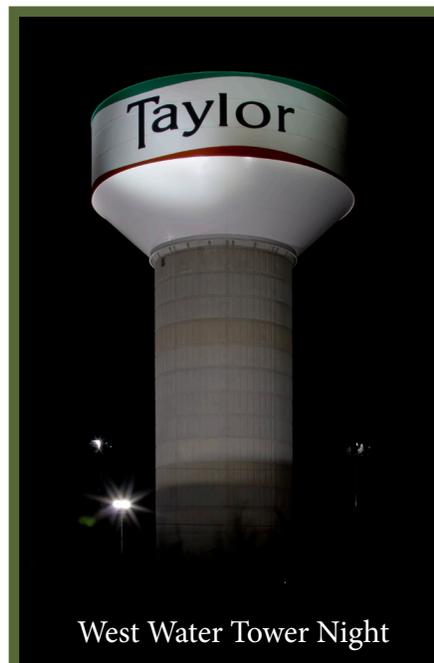
### Second and Sloan Streets

Work currently underway on the drainage portion of this project. This requires tunneling under the railroad tracks to lay very large drainage pipes.

This work is being done primarily by hand. Meanwhile, further design coordination is being done between the Williamson County funded Second Street project and the City of Taylor funded Sloan Street project.

The bidding process for Second Street has been completed and F. T. Woods Construction was chosen by Williamson County Commissioners for the project with a bid of \$8,973,072.

## High Plane Work Nearing Completion



West Water Tower Night

The West Elevated Tank is now fully operational as is the Murphy Park Elevated Tank.

The pump installation for the water mains has been completed and all water mains are in the ground and have been tested.

Plans are to open the High Plane by the end of February.

This \$11 million project will provide much improved water pressure to the High Plane basin and new development in the area. This project also will provide greatly improved pressure to much of the western portion of town.