

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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### WHO TO CALL AT CITY HALL?

General Information  
352-3675

Municipal Court  
352-5977

Street Department  
352-5818

Water Bills  
352-2066

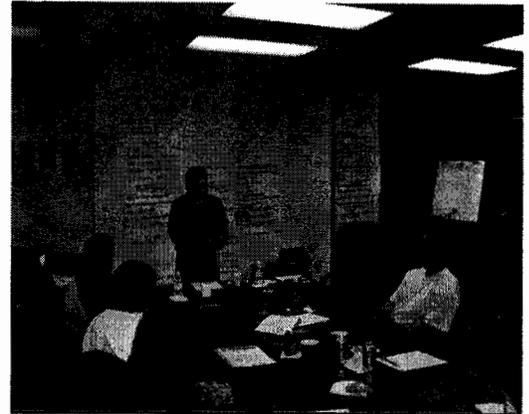
Library  
352-3434

### Council Develops Strategic Plan for City

City Council members met three times over the past two months to develop a Strategic Plan for the city. Joe Gonzales with The Management Connection, facilitated the meetings and guided the Council in determining common goals for the future of our community. The plan is in its final stages of development and will be presented to the public later this year.

Council members agreed it was a good exercise to refocus their efforts on how to improve the community. Common goals they share include revitalization of the downtown area, infrastructure improvements, retail development, and community pride.

City staff are developing action plans to accomplish these goals. Timing is critical in applying these goals to specific city programs during the budget process



City Council members met to develop a strategic plan to guide future city planning.

scheduled to begin later this month. Once goals and strategies have been finalized, the Council will meet with other community entities to share their vision and ensure that everyone is working together towards a common goal but not duplicating efforts.

For more information on the plan contact Charles Cunningham at 352-3774 or visit the city website at [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us) and click on "Strategic Plan" in the Documents folder.

### Sales Tax Revenue on the Rise for 2005

Sales tax revenue for the 2004/2005 fiscal year continues to rise at an unprecedented rate. In March 2005, collections were 27% above this same time last year. Results indicate a higher than normal number of shoppers from surrounding cities are coming to shop in Taylor. Since part of sales tax

collections are used to offset property taxes, the more sales tax revenues grow, the less we need to rely on property taxes to fund City services. Shopping locally helps the City finance needed infrastructure improvements including street repairs and drainage projects.

## City-Wide Clean up April 23

The City of Taylor and Keep Taylor Beautiful will sponsor a Citywide Trash-Off and Cleanup on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. Taylor residents should bring proof of residency or a current water bill and will have two locations to haul their trash for \$5 to \$10 per pick up load or \$10 - \$20 for trailer loads.

Dumpsters will be located at the City Maintenance Yard at 1424 North Main and in the 1200 block of Doak Street next to the softball fields east of the T. Don Hutto Correctional facility. KTB volunteers and other local civic organizations will be picking up trash city wide and along main thoroughfares.

Other materials may be dropped off during the same hours

include: Tires at the National Guard Armory on North Main for a fee of \$2 for passenger tires and \$6 for truck tires; oil, oil filters and cardboard at Williamson County Precinct 4 Warehouse on South Main; aluminum cans, batteries, copper and brass at Texas Metals in the 900 block of North Main.

For more information on how to participate or additional questions for special materials handling contact Fred Switzer at 352-3463 or stop by the Keep Taylor Beautiful Headquarters during the event at the National Guard Armory on North Main.

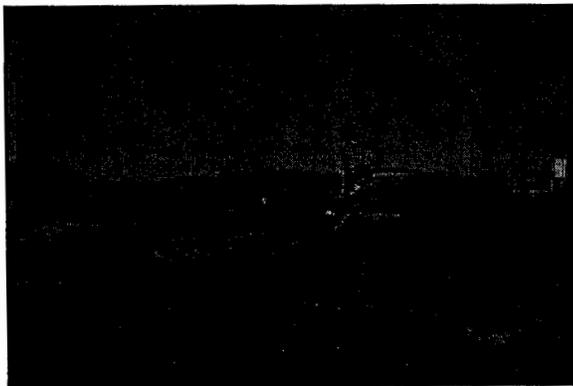
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## UTILITY BILLING AND MUNICIPAL COURT MOVE TO NEW CITY HALL ANNEX

On January 28 both the Utility Billing and Municipal Court offices moved to the new City Hall Annex located at 109 W. 5th Street. Hours of operation remain the same: 8:00am-5pm Monday through Friday with drive in window access until 7pm on the 10th and 20th of each month for utility payments. A night deposit box is also located near the drive in window on Talbot Street. Traffic for the drive in window should enter 5th

street from Talbot to ease traffic congestion. The line for the drive in window forms along Talbot heading North and cars should not block 5th Street. The Municipal Court shares the new facility with utility billing services. All court transactions must be made inside.

For more information about your utility bill or municipal court at the new location call 352-2066 or 352-5977.



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## Street Projects Continue

Construction crews continue to work on North Drive and the replacement of the bridge over Bull Branch Creek. The unusually heavy rain this year continues to slow progress on all street projects as crews continue to strive to stay on schedule. Construction is expected to be completed late summer and the road reopened in time for the fall school session.

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## City Calendar of Events for April

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| April 6  | Joint City Council and TISD Meeting @ 7 am         |
| April 14 | City Council Meeting @ 6 pm                        |
| April 15 | Relay for Life                                     |
| April 20 | Early Voting begins for TISD School Board Election |
| April 23 | City Wide Trash-off and Clean up                   |
| April 26 | City Council Meeting @ 6 pm                        |

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