

# Community Connection

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## Ancira Joins Council

## Hill Elected Mayor; Gonzales Pro-Tem

The City Council is now fully seated as a result of the May 14 Municipal Election. Jesse Ancira, Jr. was newly elected to serve as Council member At-Large. Ancira joined other Council members at the May 19 meeting when Don Hill was elected as Mayor and Christopher Gonzales, Sr. as Mayor Pro Tem.



Other members of the Council and the districts they represent include Donald R. Hill, District 1; Christopher Gonzales, Sr., District 2; John McDonald, District 3; and Chris Osborn, District 4.

## Exemplary Police Service

Five Taylor police officers were recently recognized by Proclamation for Exemplary Police Performance by Mayor Pro Tem John McDonald.

Within a two-week period, these officers responded to three calls that resulted in delivering a baby and saving two individuals from suicide attempts, all exemplary acts.

The officers recognized as shown above (left to right) include: Officer Mike Culp, Officer Mark Horacek, Officer Keith Urban, Sergeant Terry Dechiara and Sergeant Roy Jordan.



**Taylor 4th of July  
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## City Manager's Message

Upon receipt of the 2010 Census population and demographic data for the City of Taylor, the initial assessment made by Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP indicates that the City's single member districts are sufficiently out of population balance requiring the need to redistrict. The law firm was hired to assist the City in appropriately redistricting.

The "One Person - One Vote" requirement requires that each voting district be represented by equally distributed population (within a 10 percent deviation). Each Council member is reviewing their district for recommended changes. Final redistricting results are targeted for the fall of 2011. **JIM D. DUNAWAY**

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## Capital Improvements Now Underway

### Robinson Park Pavilion

A new amenity for Robinson Park is underway. In the 2004 Master Park Plan, the community identified a need for a pavilion as a priority in Robinson Park. Today, the nearly 3,000 square foot pavilion is being designed to include a pre-engineered metal open-sided pavilion with electrical outlets, concrete sidewalks, a trail with lighting, signage, fencing, benches, tables, and landscaping. The current monument in honor of Dr. James Dickey will be an enhancement to the pavilion project. Patin Construction was awarded the construction bid of \$162,420. The project is scheduled to be completed this summer.

### Mallard Lane Drainage

With the closing of the school year, the Mallard Lane stormwater drainage system is being replaced where Bull Branch flows under Mallard Lane. The drainage culverts were thoroughly rusted beneath the street making this a top priority for repair. Patin Construction, LLC of Taylor was awarded a contract for their low bid of \$530,420. Look for detours around this project for through traffic at Davis Street and North Drive. The plan calls for a 90-day completion.

### Second Street Paving & Drainage

Utility work is ongoing on Second Street. The water main has been installed from the U. S. 79 Loop to Vance Street by F. T. Woods Construction. On the drainage project, tunneling under the railroad tracks continues around the clock and boring by Austin Engineering near Doak St. This two-year project is in its infancy, but work is continuing at a rapid pace. Opportunities for public comments or questions are hosted at City Hall every Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

### Tax Assistance Program Success Recognized

More than \$500,000 was returned to the Taylor community through tax refunds and savings of fees as 531 taxpayers took advantage the free tax preparation assistance provided the Williamson County Financial Stability Coalition. Refunds in excess of \$400,000 were computed for the 360 filed returns in addition to saving approximately \$100,000 in fees by the taxpayers. The Coalition was recognized with a proclamation by Mayor Pro Tem John McDonald. Receiving the proclamation were Karen Ellis, Taylor Public Library Director; Kristee Watts of Internal Revenue Service; Jose Orta, AARP Tax-Aide and LeAnn Powers of United Way of Williamson County.



## New to Taylor The HeliOS Project

The HeliOS Project now has a base in Taylor at 307 Ferguson Street, the former Neighborhood Center. This group focuses on providing low-income disadvantaged children a fair shot at today's technology. The center identifies the need and installs an up-to-date computer in the home, assists with obtaining an Internet connection and then mentors them in the use of the computer.

Services offered in Taylor include no-cost computer repair for seniors through a collaboration with the United Seniors of Taylor and the Taylor Senior Center. Seniors may take advantage of monthly classes on computer usage. For additional information, contact Skip Guenter at 512-576-5142 or visit [www.heliosinitiative.org](http://www.heliosinitiative.org).

### Taylor's 4th of July Festival

July 2, 3, and 4th  
Shady Murphy Park

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|----------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Saturday       |  | Beauty Pageant                 |
| Saturday night |   | Dance<br><i>Peoples Choice</i> |
| Sunday         |   | Church Service                 |
| Sunday night   |   | Dance<br><i>The Debonaires</i> |
| Monday         |   | Parade                         |
| Monday night   |  | Fireworks                      |

**Bring your own lawn chairs!**