

# Community Connection

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## Major projects underway and ongoing

### Construction Begins on Sloan Street

The overhaul of Sloan Street is the next major project that has begun as the Second Street utility construction progresses past that intersection.

Patin Construction of Taylor is the contractor for the \$2.3 million project that includes full pavement replacement from Second Street to Lake Drive and providing new water, wastewater and drainage pipes. This construction is projected to last until June 2012.

The pavilion at Fannie Robinson Park is well underway with completion by the end of summer.

Other projects include replacing the culverts at the Bull Branch crossing at Mallard Lane, which should be completed in August. An extension of the wastewater main on Loop 397 at Bull Branch near North Drive is being installed. This will provide services to the north side of the loop for development.



National Night Out  
August 2, 2011



### City Manager's Message

The adage of “do more with less” is somewhat of an understatement for the amount of work that is being done on a daily basis by your City employees. In a year when revenues are down significantly, drastic measures have been taken to work within our means, resulting in 16 frozen positions of City staff. Eight of those have been in the Public Works division that is responsible for maintaining water and sewer services, fixing water breaks, reading utility meters for more than 5,600 customers, repairing streets, and maintaining all the parks, trails, cemetery and airport, including mowing more than 1,000 acres. In short, we do all we can to support our community and the support and patience you give to us is greatly appreciated. **JIM D. DUNAWAY**

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# Recycling – Yes or No?

After a month of being open, the Taylor Recycling Center has experienced a good deal of success. In fact, an additional, large roll-off container was added to accommodate the growing amount of recyclable material being left and to make it easier to single stream recycle instead of separating the material. All users of the Recycling Center are reminded of material that can be recycled and items that cannot. The Center is not to be used for dumping landfill materials. Under no circumstances should household furniture,



appliances, construction materials, etc. be left.



## YES:

- Cardboard and paperboard
- Paper, magazines, phone books
- Rigid plastics
- All colors of glass
- Aluminum, tin and steel cans, empty aerosol cans, metal lids from jars

## No:

- Any plastic bags (grocery, dry-cleaning)
- Styrofoam
- Pet food bags
- Pizza boxes or frozen food boxes
- Window glass, light bulbs, mirrors
- Batteries
- Household hazardous waste

## New Playscape At Bull Branch Park

A new playscape is being enjoyed by children in Bull Branch Park. This playscape had formerly been at the T. Don Hutto Residential Center.

The playscape, valued at about \$70,000 was obtained by city staff through the Federal Surplus Property Program for \$3,500. It was dismantled at the T. Don Hutto site by city staff and then erected at its new location.



## Community Events

It's almost that time again! On Tuesday, August 2, 2011, neighborhoods throughout the City of Taylor are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 28th annual National Night Out. Block party registration deadline is July 22, 2011. Please visit our website [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) or call Beth Wilkes at 512-352-5551 for more information.

This is a wonderful opportunity to promote police/fire-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie.

**International BBQ Cook-Off**  
*Family event, arts, crafts and live music*  
Murphy Park, August 19 & 20

**Back to School**  
*Taylor ISD Students Begin*  
August 22, 2011

## Your City At Work - Code Enforcement

The code enforcement process protects the health, safety and welfare of the public. Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the nuisance ordinances adopted by the City Council. Examples include ensuring that properties in the City have no trash and debris, dangerous buildings, stagnant water, tall grass above 12 inches, or insect and rodent infestations.

The philosophy of code enforcement is to attain compliance as opposed to punishment. The process starts by contacting the property owner if a nuisance is noted on their property. A period of time is granted, usually ten days, to abate or clean up the property. If the owner does not comply, the case may be filed with the Municipal Judge for settlement that could result in a fine.

In 2009-2010, the Code Enforcement Division of the Community Development Department processed over 640 cases, an average of approximately 3.7 new cases per day. Of these cases approximately 80% voluntarily complied, about 7% were filed with the Municipal Court and about 3% were actually adjudicated. Ten percent of the cases were carried over to the next reporting period.

For more information about the code enforcement process or to file a confidential complaint, call 512-352-5990 or submit a "Fix-it form" located on the city website [www.taylor.tx.us](http://www.taylor.tx.us).