

# Community Connection

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## Patriots Day March September 11



### City Manager's Message

City staff is proposing an estimated \$10,696,910 General Fund budget for 2011-12.

The proposal under consideration is a balanced budget that contains no increase in salaries for the third consecutive year for general staff and fourth consecutive year for Fire and Police staff.

The City Council will adopt the final budget and set the tax rate for the fiscal year 2011-12 on September 8.

In spite of the bleak budget, I am proud to say morale remains high and City staff is committed to providing the highest customer service for the community.

**JIM D. DUNAWAY**

## Your City at Work - Public Works

The City's Public Works department is responsible for street maintenance and keeping the roadways safe for the traveling public. They patch pot holes, clean the rights of way, sweep the runways at the airport and assist traffic control with barricades and signage. They maintain and repair street lights, sidewalks and other infrastructure. If there is a main break, this staff prepares the street for utility repairs and patches it back up again.



*James Sprowles, grounds maintenance, and Brett Bachmeyer, streets crew-leader, are presented certificates of recognition by Lonnie Zycha, July 4th Festival Director, for their on-call support for the festival.*

The Street department currently has a staff of four that cover 80 miles of streets in the city. Many times they are required to back up other City departments when needed. These men are visible in all kinds of weather and on many holidays doing whatever it takes to get the job done.

## Five Residents Get a New Home

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) provided funding for five new homes through the "Owner Occupied Housing Assistance Fund." The recipients were chosen through an application process and five Taylor residents were awarded with a new home.

The homeowners selected are: Valentina Arredondo, Perlinda Crayton, Peter and Veronica Ellis, Ray Nell Pearson and Debra Wells. At the dedication program, representatives from Keep Taylor Beautiful presented all the homeowners with a beautiful hanging basket.

In 2006, the City of Taylor replaced seven homes through the HOME grant program.

*At right: Ms. Perlinda Crayton is happy with her new home.*



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## Recycling Questions - Final Answer

There has been more than a little confusion on exactly what items are accepted for recycling and what is not accepted. A complete list is available on the City's website ([www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov)) under Recycling Services.

As a point of clarification, no telephone books and no aerosol cans are accepted. Additionally, no plastic bags and no frozen food boxes are acceptable due to food contamination.

This was erroneously reported in the past and we are happy to set the record straight. For more information, contact Danny Thomas, 352-3633.

## Taylor High School Getting Ready For August 22 Opening



## Exceptional Drought Conditions Prevail

According to the Brazos River Authority, drought conditions for Williamson County are rated at "Exceptional D-4," the highest rating. However, they reported that Granger Lake was at 84% capacity on July 18 and had not been rated in a Drought Watch as yet. While there is no immediate threat of conservation restrictions, it is incumbent on everyone to maximize their water usage. Helpful tips for water conservation can be found online at [www.brazos.org](http://www.brazos.org).

Also, please be reminded of the countywide burn ban that has been extended until October 19 for all of Williamson County. The burn ban prohibits the burning of household yard waste, such as leaves, grass, brush and other yard trimmings. It also prohibits burning to clear land of trees, stumps, shrubbery or other natural vegetation.

### Community Events

#### Taylor International

#### BBQ Cook-off

August 19 & 20

Murphy Park



#### City pools will be open

Monday, Labor Day

September 5

12 N - 7 PM

Pools then close for the season

#### Patriot's Day Ceremonial

#### March & Program

September 11

Historic Downtown Taylor



#### Save the Date

Taylor Chamber of Commerce

2nd Annual Business Expo

September 24, 2011

Former Taylor High School

3101 N. Main St.