

Community Connection

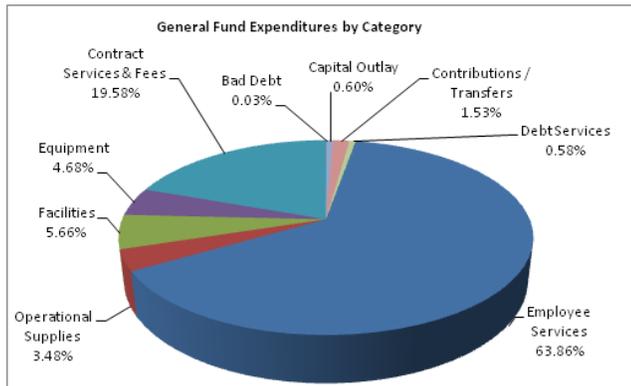
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First Duck Family at TRP

City Budgets for 2011-12

The General Fund expenditures for the new year are planned for \$10,696,910 as compared to \$10,541,195 for the prior year. The tax rate will be no higher than the effective tax rate.



The chart at the left demonstrates General Fund expenditures by category and reflects a very conservative plan for 2011-12.



City Manager's Message

A new fiscal year (2011-12) for the City begins this month.

As of September 30, a number of projects were winding down or completed. One of the most important accomplishments is the completion of water and wastewater utilities for the new Taylor High School. And, one of our biggest drainage issues was addressed by a total rebuild of the culverts where Bull Branch crosses under Mallard Lane. A beautiful new pavilion in Fannie Robinson Park has been completed and the list goes on.

As this year begins, it is brimming with new developments, prospects and possibilities. We say, "bring it on."

JIM D. DUNAWAY

CARTS Taylor Station

The public was invited to attend the grand opening of the new CARTS Taylor Station and see firsthand the "green" components of the facility.

Built on three acres, the station includes bus storage, visitor and ADA parking. The Station has 1,037 square feet of space and a washing and refueling bay of 529 square feet. The building features a rainwater collection system with 30,000 gallon and 5,000 gallon capacity cisterns for collection of rainwater that will be used for landscape irrigation and bus washing. A photovoltaic system (solar panels) located on the roof of the building will provide 18 kilowatt-hours per one hour of sunlight.

CARTS Taylor Station will serve as a transportation hub for passenger and freight service to the national intercity bus network and CARTS interconnecting bus routes. For additional information, contact CARTS at 800-456-7433.



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Public Safety Officers, Citizen Cited for Actions

Taylor Fire Chief Pat Ekiss and Mayor Don Hill recognized the lifesaving actions of a concerned Taylor citizen, two Taylor Police officers and a Williamson County Sheriff's Deputy for their valor in saving a resident from a burning home on July 15 in the early morning hours.

Each were recognized and presented a framed certificate of recognition.

Photo (l-r): John Manning, Officer Mike Culp, Corporal Joanna Sanders and Deputy Evangellos Marmarinos.



Sloan Street Project Progressing

The long-awaited Sloan Street construction project began in August and is well underway.

The project includes full pavement replacement from Second Street to Lake Drive and includes water, wastewater and drainage utilities being replaced. A rolling detour will be set up on Sloan Street as needed.

A public meeting was held for all residents and businesses that are impacted by the construction, providing an overview of the project, the timeline and encouraging everyone to come forward if they have concerns, questions or need additional information.



A Sloan Street construction update is available and open to the public each Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Dennis Kleppe is the City Inspector for the project. He can be reached at 512-563-6552.

Calendar

Taylor Chamber of Commerce
Business Expo - September 24



Taylor High School
Homecoming
Friday, October 7

4th Annual Library Foundation
Board Gala
Thursday, October 13
"Boots & Books"
6:30 - 9:00 pm
Taylor Public Library
801 Vance St.

Taylor Public Library
Ghostly Halloween Film Fest

Monday, Oct 17 at 6 pm:
Ghostbusters

Thurs, Oct 20 at 6 pm:
Sixth Sense

Monday, Oct 24 at 6 pm:
The Others

Thurs, Oct 27 at 6 pm:
Poltergeist

First Duck Family at TRP

Black-bellied Whistling duck pair and eight ducklings hatched in one of the duck nesting boxes in Taylor Regional Park lake.



Photo courtesy of John McDonald