

# Community Connection

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## Your City at Work: Planning & Development

The City's Community Development Department has been renamed to the Planning and Development Department. The renaming is intended to clarify to the development community which City department is involved with the development review process.

This department still handles zoning and platting, long range or comprehensive planning, annexations, building plan review and building inspections, code enforcement, redevelopment and housing. The goal is to deliver a predictable, consistent and efficient permitting process.

The Department processed over 955 construction permit applications over the past year that included the new Taylor High School, Wilco Recycling, CARTS Travel Center, Williamson County Activity Center and Mallard Corner CITGO Convenience Store.

For more information, contact Planning and Development Director Bob van Til at 512-352-5990.

*At right: City Planner John Elsdon and Planning & Development Director Bob van Til.*



## New Building Codes Adopted

The City of Taylor has upgraded building codes from 2003 to the 2009 International Building Codes and 2008 National Electrical Codes.

This upgrade will have a positive effect on the city's Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating, a system designed to evaluate a community's ability to manage fire safety.

The City of Taylor currently is rated at a "four" and should move to a "three" rating with this upgrade.

The lower rating could mean potential savings in insurance premiums.



Happy Holidays!



## City Manager's Message

As the year 2011 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Taylor for your perseverance and patience.

Together we have experienced an extraordinary year with record breaking drought conditions, economic issues and what must seem like endless construction projects.

On behalf of the staff of the City of Taylor, I wish each of you and your families a restful and blessed holiday season.

It has been a pleasure to serve you and we look forward to 2012.

**JIM D. DUNAWAY**

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## Time for Water Use Averaging

The average residential water consumption during the months of December, January and February will be used to calculate the monthly wastewater charges for the next 12 months, beginning in April.

This process is followed every year to set the wastewater fees. For additional information, contact the City Utility Billing office at 352-2066.

## Board Applicants Needed

The Moody Museum and Main Street Advisory Boards are seeking applications for volunteers who would like to be considered for appointment to these boards.

These boards have regular monthly meetings and are seeking individuals who can commit time and energy to serve.

Applications are available online at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) or at City Hall. For more information, contact City Clerk Susan Brock at 352-3676.

## Operation Red Santa

The Taylor Fire Department and Professional Firefighter's Association are asking for monetary donations, toys, gifts and non-perishable food for the Red Santa program.

Donations may be dropped off at a Taylor Fire Station or Administration office at 304 East Third St. by December 16.

Volunteers are needed for Wrap Night on December 22 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall auditorium and for delivering packages on December 24 at 8 a.m.

Applications for assistance will be available at the fire stations beginning November 7 on a first come, first served basis.

All applications must be completed and returned no later than December 7. For additional information, contact Anita Jones at 352-6992.

## Trouble at City Recycling Center

The City needs your help. The Taylor Recycling Center located at 1606 N. Main is not to be used for dumping materials such as mattresses, furniture, rubber tires, plastic bags, styrofoam, glass, batteries and household hazardous waste.

An inordinate amount of non-qualifying materials is being left at the site which has been open 24/7.

The site is now being monitored by video cameras for this abuse. Anyone found to be guilty of leaving non-qualifying materials could be subject to fines and hours of access to the center may be curtailed. We are asking our citizens to please comply with the rules.

## Holiday Happenings

**Saturday, Dec. 3**

### *Main Street Christmas*

Main Street Christmas Bazaar

*Marketplace Taylor*

*2705 North Main*

*10 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

Taylor Chamber Parade of Lights

*Historic Downtown, 7 p.m.*

Taylor Artists Guild Show and Ornament Sale

*The Main Gallery, 6:30 – 9 p.m.*

**Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 10 & 11**

Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society:

Taylor Historic Homes

Christmas Tour, *beginning at 200 N. Main*

*12 – 5 p.m. on Saturday;*

*12 – 5 p.m. on Sunday*

*Ticket prices:*

*\$12 Adults (\$10 presale)*

*\$5 Children under 12*

## City Closings

All City offices and the Library will be closed on the following:

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Nov. 24 & 25 Thanksgiving

Dec. 23 & 26 Christmas

January 2, 2012 New Year's Day

## City Council Meetings

November 10, 6 p.m.

December 8, 6 p.m.