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Texas Comptroller
Leadership Circle

City Departments Recognized

CAFR Awarded to Finance Department

The City Finance Department has received, for the third consecutive year, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR).



Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director,
with City Manager Jim Dunaway

This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

This award is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

Taylor Receives National Main Street City

The City of Taylor is one of 55 cities in Texas that has received recognition as a National Main Street City. The Taylor Main Street program has received this award for six consecutive years.



Main Street Manager Deby Lannen
with City Manager Jim Dunaway

Main Street Manager Deby Lannen was recognized at the annual Texas Downtown Association conference as the Texas Main Street program celebrated 30 years of progress.

Taylor Main Street will be further recognized as Nationally Accredited by the National Trust for Historic Preservation at its annual conference being held in April in Baltimore, MD.



City Manager's Message

Your City of Taylor has been recognized with the GOLD Leadership Circle Award by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for 2011. This recognition is for local governments across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online.

The City of Taylor website, www.taylor.tx.gov, carries a page on Financial Transparency that includes three years of adopted budgets, accounts payable check/expense registers through the third quarter of 2011, annual financial reports, current tax rate, open records requests and more.

For those seeking more information, do not hesitate to call or come by. My door is always open. **JIM D. DUNAWAY**

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Council Approves Space for Ability Field

The City Council approved a request by the East Williamson County Challenger League for space at the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex for the development of an Ability Field if funds can be raised over 12 months to build the field.



The field would be a partnership between the City of Taylor, who would provide the land, and the Challenger League working together with The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation to raise the funding of about \$350,000 for the initial field.

Williamson County has 7,000 special needs children. An Ability Field would allow physically and mentally challenged youth to play on a field specifically designed to meet their needs.

If enough funding can be raised, the Challenger League would like to expand an existing playground to include constructing adaptive play elements suitable for special needs children.

For additional information, contact Parks and Recreation Superintendent Mike DeVito at 365-7669.

Two City Council Seats Up For Election

The City Council member seats from District 2 and District 3 are up for election in the General Election scheduled for Saturday, May 12.

Candidate packets are available for anyone that meets the following qualifications and desires to run:

- Must be 18 years of age or older and a qualified voter of the City;
- Has resided in the state for at least 12 months and at least six months inside the city limits and the district for which he/she is seeking election prior to the filing deadline, and
- Not in arrears in the payment of any taxes or other liabilities due the City.

The filing deadline is from 8:00 a.m. Monday, February 6 through 5 p.m. Monday, March 5, 2012. During this time, candidate packets are available on the city website, www.taylor.tx.gov, or at the City Clerk's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For further information, contact City Clerk Susan Brock at 352-3676 or susan.brock@taylor.tx.gov.

Coming Events



Free Tax Help Available

Free tax preparation will be available again this year at two locations as a service of The Williamson County Financial Stability Coalition to help low- to moderate-income families and individuals. Visit www.wilcofreetaxprep.org and click on "Resources" to see if you qualify and find out what materials you will need to bring with you.

Locations and available times:

Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St.,
January 28 – April 16, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance St.,
February 2-28, 12 noon – 4 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays;
February 28 – April 11, 12 noon – 4 p.m. on Wednesdays only.

City Services

Free 2011 Tax Forms Available

Taylor Public Library

801 Vance Street

Library will be closed for inventory January 25, 26 & 27, 2012. The book drop will be open for returns.

Did you know you can have your utility bill e-mailed to you each month? It's fast and free!

Sign up by contacting the Utility Billing Department at 512-352-2066 or emailing your name, utility account number and email address to toni.bazzle@taylor.tx.gov.