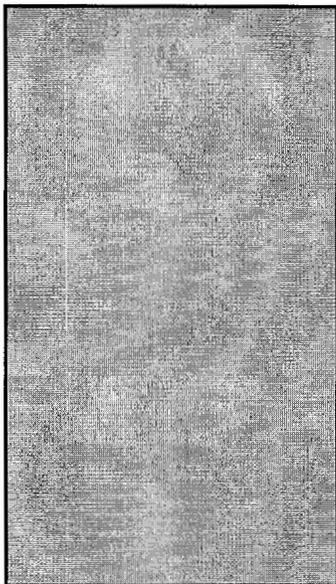


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General Information
352-3675

Municipal Court
352-5977

Street Department
352-5818

Water Bills
352-2066

Library
352-3434

Citizens Help Develop Parks Plan for City

Earlier this year, Carter and Burgess, Inc. was hired to identify activities the community would like to have in a recreation center and teen/youth center which was identified as one of the highest priority items in the *Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*. Over 3,000 surveys were mailed to randomly selected households asking what types of facilities and programs should be in a recreation center. Another 1,500 surveys were distributed to 11 through 15 year olds in both parochial and public schools in Taylor to get additional input.

Plans are to apply for a grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for up to \$750,000. The estimated cost of a recreation center is approximately \$3.2 million. Hall-Bargainer, Inc. is also developing site plans for Eastern Williamson County Park, Murphy Park, Robinson Park and Bull Branch Park.

The *Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan* identified high, moderate, and low priority items the



community would like to see including: playground equipment for children, picnic areas and pavilions, soccer fields, benches and seating areas, basketball courts, and water recreation activities. Plans also include improvements to the hike and bike trail that traverses the City. Public meetings will continue through May to receive more input from the public:

East Williamson County and Murphy Parks
May 9 @ 6 pm, American Legion Hall

Robinson Park:
May 2 @ 6:00 p.m., Jerusalem Pentecostal Church, 908 E. Walnut

May 16 @ 6:00 p.m., Taylor Community Ctr, 903 E. Walnut

For information, call Bob Van Til at 352-5990 or email bob.vantil@ci.taylor.tx.us

Brush Pile Pickup Policy

All residents who pay a City of Taylor utility bill and receive garbage service are entitled to once a week pickup of **bundled brush** at the curb.

The City no longer has a chipping service. IESI requests that you bundle your brush in 5' lengths and place it at the curb the same day as your regular garbage pickup. Any large piles of unbundled

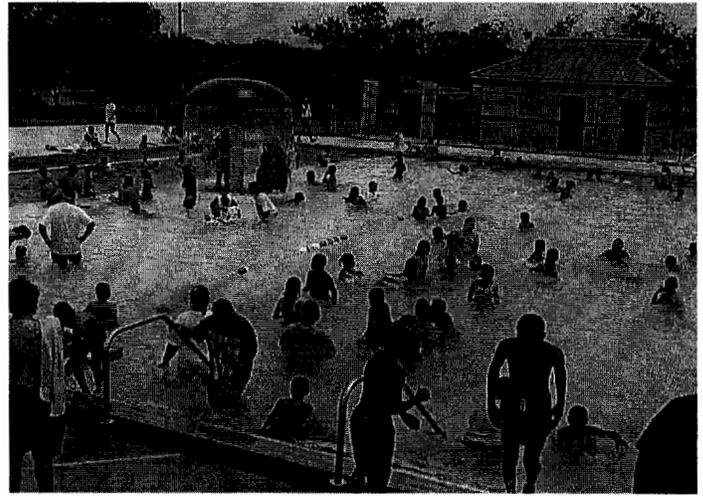
brush may be picked up for an additional fee. Please call 352-2066 to request an estimate.

In addition to brush pickup, the IESI contractor also provides once a week bulk item pickup. This includes mattresses, sofas, and most household items, every week. **NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS PLEASE!** For questions about this service or for an estimate call 352-2066.

CITY SWIMMING POOLS OPEN MAY 28

Beginning May 28, Murphy Park pool hours will be from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays. Robinson pool will be open Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. throughout the season. Both pools will be closed Mondays for cleaning, except for July 4.

Admission is \$2 for swimmers 12 years of age and over; \$1.50 for children ages 4 – 11; 3 and under free. Money-saving “season passes” will also be sold. For children up to age 11 a pass for 20 admissions is \$25; for those 12 and up Adult season passes are \$35 for 20 admissions; Family Passes for \$60 with 40 admissions, offer savings over the regular admission prices. Swimming lessons are available for young swimmers and both facilities may be rented for private parties.



For more information on Pool rental or swim lessons call Ellie Pauley of the Taylor Family YMCA at 365-9622. For general information on pool operations call Fred Switzer at 352-3463.

New Retailers Moving In

Driving around town you may notice a few new places to shop. Retail space adjacent to the new HEB now houses Twin Liquors, Cost Cutters Hair Salon, Sky Nails, Pak Mail and Papa Johns Pizza. Trammel-Crow, a retail developer, is seeking new tenants for the remaining spaces as well as the out-parcels along Carlos G. Parker Blvd. (FM 397). The new Wal-Mart Supercenter has seven out-parcels on Hwy. 95 and Carlos G. Parker Blvd.

Developer Yancey-Hausman is building two 6,500 square foot retail buildings on Hwy. 95. One for Franklin Bank, PayDay and the other for Game Stop. Other new construction includes the Walgreen's and CVS Pharmacies at the intersection of Lake Drive and Main Street which are both opening this summer. Remember, shopping locally keeps tax dollars in town for improvements to streets, parks and public safety.

Council Approves Annual Street Maintenance Program

For the sixth year, the City Council approved a list of streets to be seal-coated as part of an annual street maintenance program. This program is designed to save streets where the base material has not yet failed. The streets that have been seal-coated under this program, along with streets being constructed in the new residential subdivisions, are now on an annual program to be seal-coated at least once every seven years.

However, approximately 40% of the streets in Taylor have failed and are beyond seal coating. These streets require substantial rehabilitation like Davis, Howard and North and will require additional funding.

For more information on the street maintenance program contact Bill Brown at 352-3487.

City Calendar of Events for May

May 2 & 16	Robinson Parks Plan Meetings @ 6 pm
May 9	Murphy Parks Plan Meeting @ 6 pm
May 12	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
May 16	City Council Special Meeting @ 6 pm
May 31	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm

*call 352-3675 for meeting locations and details

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