

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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### WHO TO CALL AT CITY HALL?

General Information  
352-3675

Municipal Court  
352-5977

Street Department  
352-5818

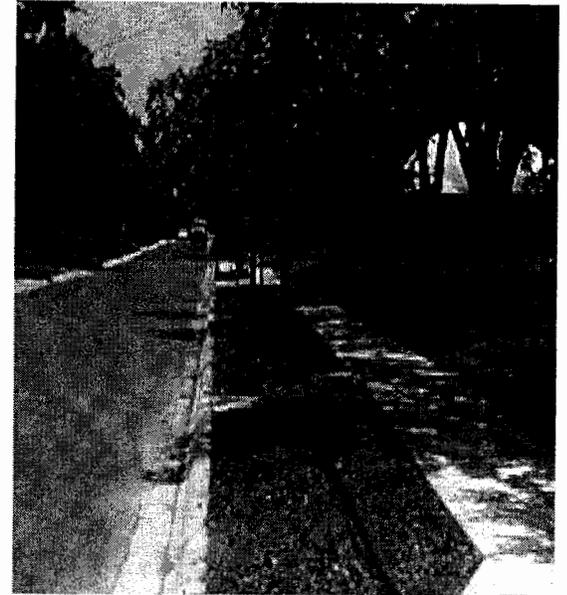
Water Bills  
352-2066

Library  
352-3434

### Howard Street Improve- ments Complete

In April, 2004, Shallow Ford Construction was awarded a contract for street paving, drainage and utility improvements to Howard Street. Now, one year later, Howard Street has a new look. Along with a smoother ride, Howard Street sidewalks connect 2<sup>nd</sup> Street all the way north to Lake Drive. Plans are to continue the sidewalk across Lake Drive and along North Drive completing this north south road and walkway all the way to Carlos Parker Blvd.

This project was funded by a general obligation bond package and is a part of a street rehabilitation program that includes streets with a high volume of traffic and a high dollar repair cost. Many other streets in the city are also in need of resurfacing and funds are being set aside annually for regular street maintenance to keep streets in good condition before they deteriorate too far to recover. However, those streets that



have “failed” and cannot be saved will have to be addressed with additional funding options due to the added costs of rebuilding a street rather than maintaining one.

Good, driveable streets provide everyone with a sense of well-being and community pride and it is the city’s goal to continue to set aside funds each year to repair a few more miles of streets annually until the entire city street system has been resurfaced or rebuilt. We appreciate your patience and continued support as we continue to improve the community for everyone.

### KidFish set for June 18

The City of Taylor, KidFish, Inc., the Taylor Kiwanis Club and friends are sponsoring KidFish, Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Bull Branch Park. KidFish is a non-profit outreach program giving kids sixteen and younger a chance to fish outdoors.

The lake will be stocked with over four hundred pounds of catfish. The event is free, however anyone who solicits donations of \$10 or more for KidFish programs will receive a tee-shirt, hat or trophy. Sign up the morning of the program at Bull Branch Park or call Fred Switzer at 352-3463.

## LIBRARY KICKS OFF SUMMER READING PROGRAM

“Go wild and read!” is the slogan for this year’s Summer Reading Program at the Taylor Public Library. The first program is scheduled for Wednesday June 1 at 10:30 am at T. H. Johnson Elementary School located at 503 Johnson Drive in Taylor. McMakin & Associates and Taylor Cleaners are sponsoring the Mike Hicks Zoo Show on June 1st.

Thanks to our generous sponsors the summer schedule includes musicians, storytellers, puppet shows and Monday night movies. The program continues through July 27 with a closing awards ceremony on July 30 to recognize those readers who have logged between 2 and 20 or more hours of reading this summer. For a complete list of programs or for more information on the Summer Reading Program call the Library at 352-3434.



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## Liberty Garden Dedication

Keep Taylor Beautiful, the Taylor Garden Club, numerous local businesses and organizations, and a multitude of untiring volunteers have spent many hours planting and beautifying the garden area in front of the Murphy Park Aquatic Center. The “Liberty Garden” was conceived shortly after the September 11 tragedy and is designed to honor those who have served or who are

currently serving in the armed forces, fire or police departments and emergency response services. The Garden will be dedicated at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30, during a Memorial Day service. For more information on the Liberty Garden project contact James Krueger at 365-5196 or Linda Wentreck at 352-4316.

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## Volunteers Needed to serve on City Boards

City leaders depend on citizen input for many of the decisions they make. One way to ensure your thoughts and ideas are heard is to volunteer to serve on a city board or committee. Volunteers are appointed by the City Council and should be prepared to commit at least 2 to 3 hours a month. Currently, vacancies exist on the Building and Standards Commission,

Zoning Board of Adjustments, Parks and Recreation and the Main Street Boards. For more information on how to become an active participant in your city government contact Susan Brock, City Clerk at 352-3676 or visit the city website at <http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us> to find an application under “government”.

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## City Calendar of Events for June

June 2	Main Street Board @ 7pm
June 6, 13, 20, 27	Monday night Movies @ Library
June 9	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
June 28	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm

Call 352-3675 for meeting locations and details

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