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Living In Taylor

The following graph provides a snapshot of where the city of Taylor falls in a comparison of other Austin area and Williamson County cities as of 12/2011.

The Taylor information shown below is based on an average home value of \$87,600 and assumes average water charges of \$64.62, wastewater \$48.26, electricity \$121.70, garbage \$11.22 and storm drainage of \$1 with a combined property tax rate of \$2.72 that includes city, school and county taxes for a total of \$392.25.

The cost of living in Taylor continues to compare very favorably to other Central Texas cities. The average home value dropped from \$89,344 in 12/2010 to \$87,600 in 12/2011.



City Manager's Message

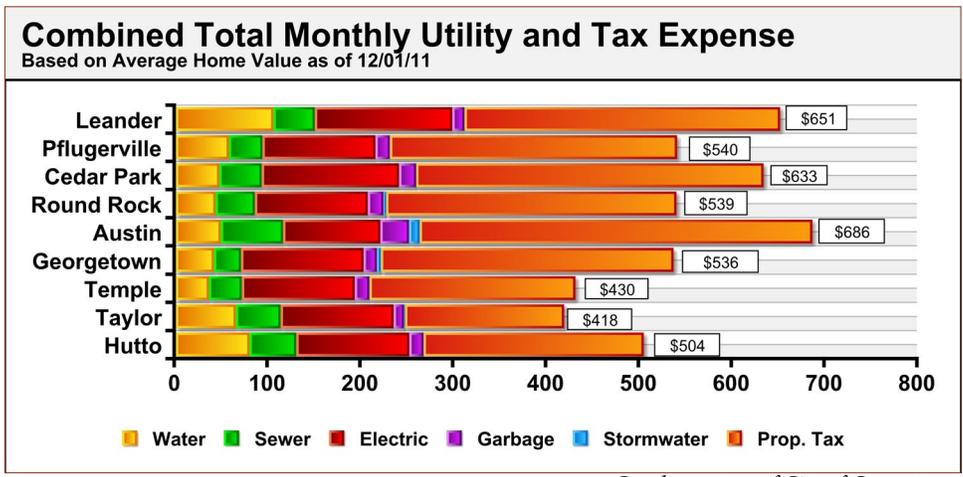
As we close in on the May 12 General Election, please be reminded that the City of Taylor has two City Council places that are up for election. These council members represent the members of the community in their districts.

Only the residents in Districts 2 and 3 may vote for their respective council member at this election.

Let it be said, the members of the Taylor City Council take their representation very seriously and make tough decisions throughout the year given the scarce resources of the city.

Our City Council members deserve the gratitude of the community for their contribution and tireless support for the City of Taylor.

JIM D. DUNAWAY



Graph courtesy of City of Georgetown

Spring Clean Up Set for April 12

Saturday, April 21 is the date for the citywide clean up. Once again, there is no charge for residents to take advantage of two collection sites from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1424 N. Main St. and 1200 Welch St.

Keep Taylor Beautiful is spearheading the volunteer effort to pick up trash throughout the city and neighborhoods. For additional information call Nancy Tyson with KTB at 512-365-8434 or Danny Thomas at City Hall at 512-352-3675 or visit www.taylor.tx.gov, Public Works, Spring Clean Up.

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Priority One – Streets

The condition of many of Taylor's streets has been an issue for decades.

The City Council initiated an assessment of the public streets to determine a bench mark for planning and determining options for finding solutions.

Sledge Engineering, LLC completed a seven-month project of creating a Pavement Management System that included data collection and analysis of 105 miles of Taylor streets, including pavement, water mains, wastewater mains, bar ditches and curb and gutter.

The outcomes were found to be very expensive and very long term. But, it is a start.

The City Council and management are working diligently on a plan to try to protect the streets that are rated excellent, good and fair that represent a \$47 million investment or 48% of the city's streets and determine how to address the 52% that are rated poor.



Just in Time

The Mallard Street culvert project was completed in August at a cost of \$530,420. This was the first project to be funded by a Municipal Drainage Utility System (MDUS) allocation.



This priority drainage improvement was completed just in time for the first high water storm of the year as shown at left.

MALLARD STREET CULVERTS
MDUS Funds First Project

New Life for Murphy Park Tennis

The tennis courts in Murphy Park have been a long-standing and traditional venue for competitive and casual tennis for residents and visitors. Recognizing that the courts have been an asset to the park and valued benefit for young tennis players, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with resurfacing and improvements of the tennis courts.

Improvements were estimated to be between \$34,000 and \$40,000. The newly formed Taylor Area Tennis Association has agreed to work with staff to help maintain the tennis courts and work to provide programming for the courts.

Coming Events

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



For ages up to 6 years old
10 a.m. - Saturday, April 7
Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Drive



RELAY FOR LIFE

April 20, 2012

CITY ELECTION

EARLY VOTING

April 30 – May 8

City Hall



ZESTFEST

May 5, 2012

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Free Tax Preparation

City Hall

Through April 16

Mondays and Wednesdays

4:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Taylor Public Library

Through April 11

Wednesdays only

12 noon – 4 p.m.