

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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General Information  
352-3675

Municipal Court  
352-5977

Street Department  
352-5818

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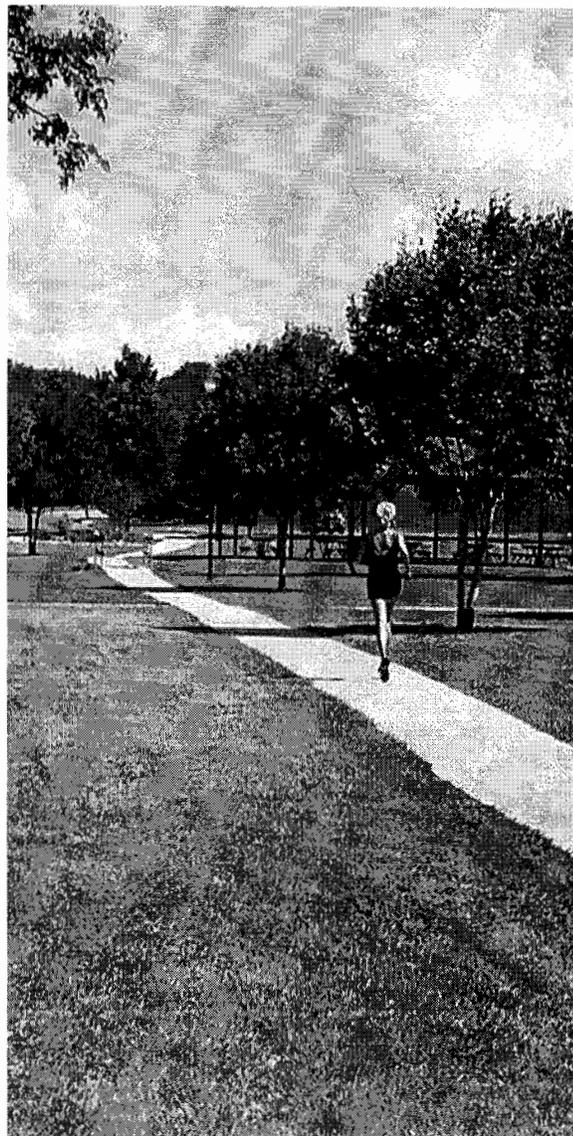
Library  
352-3434

## Hike and Bike Trail Improvements on Track

Look for work to begin late this summer on the Bull Branch Park Hike and Bike Trail from Davis St. to West Lake Drive. This portion of the trail is heavily used and growing in popularity. Improvements to the trail surface will cover approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile. Future improvements include plans to connect the Bull Branch Park Hike and Bike Trail with Murphy Park if funding becomes available through a grant application submitted to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

## Parks Master Plan Adopted

The City Council adopted the Parks Master Plan last month. Taylor citizens were invited to attend a number of public meetings held to get citizen input during the planning process. The Parks Master Plan can be viewed on [www.growingtaylor.com](http://www.growingtaylor.com) or at City Hall.



## Street Maintenance Reaches Milestone

Approximately six additional miles of city streets have been approved for resurfacing by the City Council. The City is in its fifth year of a long-term initiative to save nearly 60% of the city's streets through corrective and preventive maintenance. This year, the majority of these streets will have been repaired and seal-coated. As the City reaches its goal of resurfacing these streets, the process will begin again. Preventive maintenance is perpetual and an effective way to provide the quality streets our citizens want and deserve. Over the last five years, nearly \$2 million has been allocated to maintain the streets of Taylor.

## TaylorCNET Receives Grant

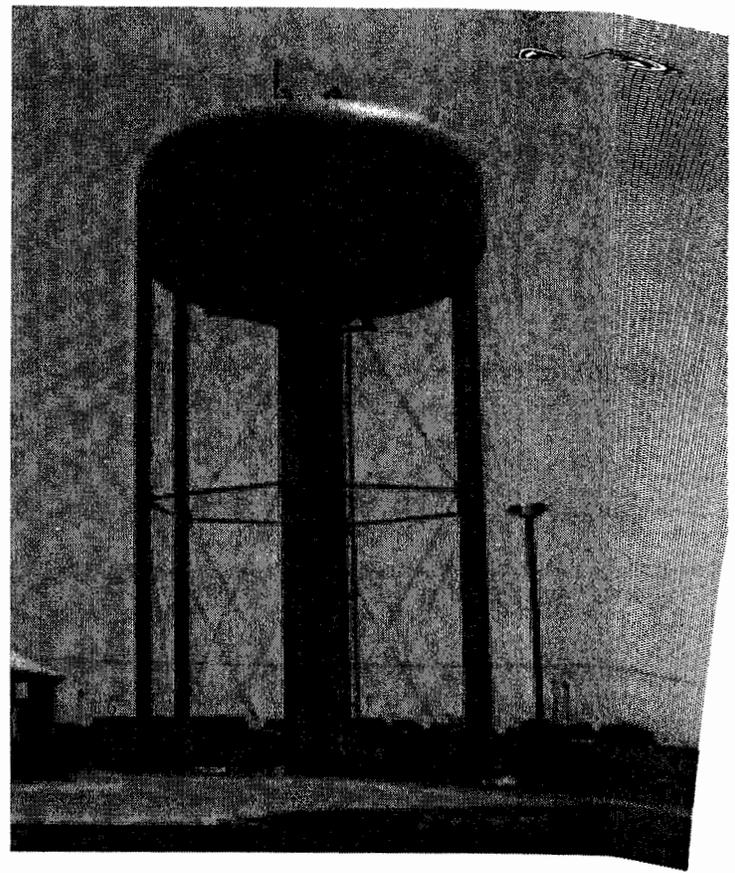
TaylorCNET has been awarded a \$532,000 Collaborative Community Network Enhancement Grant. These funds will not only upgrade CNET's current infrastructure, but will assist its partners with their technology needs. Current plans include upgrading the current City network to the tune of \$100,000. CNET also will help equip the presentation room of the new public library.

Additional plans are to outfit the Taylor City Council Chambers with video equipment that will allow Council meetings to be simulcast to the Internet and eventually to a public access channel.

## New Citizens Handbook

The 2005 edition of the City of Taylor Citizen's Handbook is now available. This free handbook provides residents and newcomers with information about city services, organizations and facilities available to them.

Sponsors for the 2005 edition are the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, Temple College at Taylor, Candy Buzan of RBC Mortgage, McMakin and Associates Real Estate, City National Bank and Taylor Economic Development Corp. Copies are available at sponsor locations and City Hall.



## New Image

The Mallard Street water tower is getting a new paint job. After weeks of sandblasting, priming, and spring winds playing havoc, the final coat is nearing completion. The water tower will sport a new Taylor Duck logo.

## Downtown Merchants Planning 2nd Street Daze Event July 9

Taylor Main Street and Taylor Merchants Association are teaming up for a fun 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Daze event. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of the month, July 9. From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., downtown merchants on Second and Main Streets are holding sidewalk sales and hosting sidewalk vendors for a unique shopping experience.

The Taylor Merchants are hosting children of all ages to see "Herbie The Love Bug," the original movie from 1968, at downtown's historic Howard Theatre from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring the kids, enjoy a cool, free movie and shop at the variety of sales for a nice way to spend a Saturday and experience Downtown Taylor.

## City Calendar of Events for July

July 4	TIF Fireworks & Carnival
July 7	Main Street Adv. Board Meeting @7 pm
July 14	City Council Meeting @ 6 p.m.
July 21, 28	City Council Budget Workshops @ 6 pm
July 26	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm

Call 352-3675 for meeting locations and details.

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