

# Community Connection

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## May 12 Election Day

Early voting is encouraged. Vote for all elections at one location.

Early voting will be held at the Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St., from April 30 through May 8 as follows:



**APRIL 30 – MAY 5**  
(Weekdays & Saturday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

**MAY 6 (SUNDAY)** No early voting

**MAY 7 AND 8**  
(Monday and Tuesday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.)

The May 12 Election Day includes elections for the Taylor Independent School District and the City of Taylor.

On Election Day, all voting for School Board candidates must be made at your Williamson County Precinct polling location. For the City of Taylor election, only residents in City District 3 will vote at the Naomi Pasemann Elementary School at 2809 North Drive.

## Taylor Zest Fest – Don't Miss It

On Saturday, May 5, historic downtown Taylor will be transformed to celebrate the Taylor Zest Fest. Covering nine city blocks from 2nd to 5th Streets and Porter to Talbot Streets, there will be good eats, great shopping, a fantastic Kids Fest, live music and entertainment for young and old alike.



Enjoy live music all day on two stages featuring a mix of country, gospel, Czech and this year showcasing Tejano and Latino music in celebration of “Cinco de Mayo.”

More than 100 vendors will be selling arts and crafts and food and beverages.

This year's festival will be better than ever. Don't miss it!



### City Manager's Message

Please remember to exercise your right to vote on May 12.

The City election is to fill the District 3 council seat and only residents in this district may vote for the candidate of their choice.

The incumbent for District 2, Christopher Gonzales, Sr., was unopposed and will be sworn in for a second term along with the winning candidate for District 3 at a special meeting on May 17.

Also at this meeting, Council will elect the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem with a public reception to follow.

Don't forget to vote and vote early!

**JIM D. DUNAWAY**

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## New Fee Schedule Update

The City Fee Schedule has been revised to include new rate changes for garbage collections and the Municipal Drainage Utility System (MDUS).

The garbage collection fee has been increased by 3.9 percent. For residents, that means a 44 cent increase per home and a 14 cent increase in the charge for additional carts.

The MDUS fee for residential accounts was increased from \$1 per month to \$2 per month and \$2 per ERU on commercial accounts.

These new rates will be reflected in the May billings.

## Construction Updates: Second & Sloan Streets

Second Street utility work is continuing in addition to wastewater main installation on the west end of the project. All drainage culverts that run beneath the railroad tracks have been completed. On Sloan Street, the wastewater main installation and water main installations have been completed. Utility relocations also are being finalized.

The weather has caused delays in beginning the road work for curb inlet construction, curbing and paving for both projects. Completion dates are first quarter of 2013 for Second Street and summer of 2012 for Sloan Street.



## Spring Bash at Taylor Regional Park

The first City sponsored Spring Bash Girls' Softball Tournament at the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex was a huge success. Forty girls' softball teams converged on the park for a festive week-end tournament in March with live music, great ballpark food and vendors selling all sorts of products.



With teams coming from as far away as Dallas and the Rio Grande Valley, estimated attendance reached nearly 2,000 for the weekend.

## Coming Events



**April 20 & 21, 2012**

**American Cancer Society**

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

Memorial Field at Murphy Park  
7 p.m. – 7 a.m.

**April 21, 2012**

**SPRING CLEAN UP**

Open 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Collection sites

1424 N. Main & 1200 Welch St.

**April 30 – May 8**

**City Election**

**EARLY VOTING**

City Hall



**May 5, 2012**

**ZEST FEST**

Historic Downtown Taylor

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES**

All City of Taylor offices and Taylor Public Library will be closed May 26 & 28 for Memorial Day holiday.

*Garbage service will not be affected.*