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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

North Drive Bridge and Roadwork Update

By October, the North Drive corridor from Mallard Lane to the Carlos Parker Loop should be open to traffic. Construction on the bridge is virtually complete with the accompanying road improvements still underway, including curb and gutter construction from Pasemann Elementary to T. H. Johnson Drive.

Additional North Drive improvements will include rebuilding the Mallard Lane intersection, eliminating the current dip and leveling the cross section. Construction continues on the rest of North Drive from Lake Drive to Mallard Lane. Recent rains have hampered construction activity but crews are on track for projected completion also around October.

The North Drive project includes new water and wastewater main replacements, curb and gutter and new sidewalk construction from Lake to T.H. Johnson Drive. Upon completion, a significant accomplishment will be the new sidewalk that runs from 2nd Street to T.H. Johnson Drive via Howard and North Drive.



North Drive bridge and roadway construction are nearing completion.



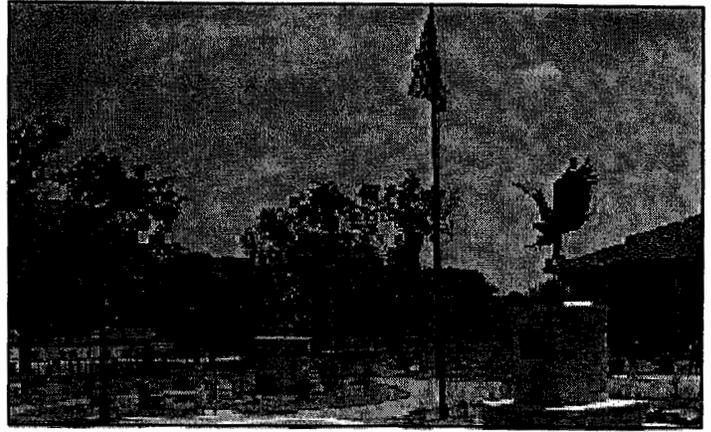
Celebrity waiters Mayor Don Hill, Councilmen Benito Gonzales and Rod Hortenstine providing special service for Chamber of Commerce auction item, "A Taste of Taylor," shown here with Master Chef Donna Frazier.

Brush and Garbage Curbside Pickup Reminder

Don't forget to bundle your brush for curbside pickup. Bundle in 5 ft. lengths and place at the curb with your regular garbage. Please do not place anything in the street, including garbage cans. Bulk items may be included in the weekly pickup such as mattresses, sofas and most household items. No construction materials or items containing Freon will be picked up. For more information, call 352-2066.

KTB Recognized as Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star Affiliate

Keep Taylor Beautiful (KTB) was recognized as a Keep Texas Beautiful Gold Star Affiliate at its annual conference this year. KTB President Miles Baska presented an award to the Mayor and City Council to recognize the City of Taylor for its support of local landscaping projects and community cleanup events. An example of the most recent community project includes the newly dedicated Liberty Garden in Murphy Park. Taylor is one of 70 cities to receive the Gold Star Affiliate award this year.



The Liberty Garden at the Murphy Park entrance.

Patriots Day Observance To Be Recognized with Parade

The City of Taylor will observe the anniversary of the 9/11 attack with a parade and program on Sunday, September 11, in downtown Taylor. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. on West 7th and Main Streets, proceeding south to 3rd Street, making the block east to Porter Street and back to Heritage Square Park for the program at 7 p.m.

The parade will feature units from area fire departments, police and other law enforcement agencies and E.M.S. units from around Williamson County in addition to marching honor guards and a bagpiper.

The program immediately follows the parade at about 7 p.m. and includes a flag ceremony, a silent tribute, 21-gun salute, ringing of the bell, playing of Taps and a memorial address by Kurt Johnson of the Taylor Daily Press.

The event is sponsored by the Taylor Professional Firefighters Association and the City of Taylor. All area residents are invited to attend.

New TPD Officers Bring 20 Years' Experience

Recognizing a decrease in the number of qualified applicants, the Taylor City Council adopted an aggressive salary plan that offers the State average to new hires without prior experience and higher salaries based on prior law enforcement experience.

This initiative has resulted in the addition of two new police officers with a combined 20 years' experience: one with extensive criminal investigations expertise and the other a police manager from a Bell County community.

"We're extremely pleased with the quality of the individuals we've been able to attract as police officers," said Taylor Police Chief Jeff Straub. "They are individuals of high personal integrity, great people skills and they all really seem to be enjoying Taylor."

"After hours" – Inspections, Planning and Permits

City Inspector Bob Luke is available "after hours" and on Saturday by appointment only. For inspections, planning and permits after 5 p.m. and on Saturdays, call 352-2067 for an appointment to meet with him for these services.

City Calendar of Events for September

Sept. 1	Taylor Main Street Adv. Board @ 7 pm
Sept. 6	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
Sept. 8	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
Sept. 13	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 5:45 pm
Sept. 22	Airport Advisory Board @ 6 pm
Sept. 27	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm

Call 352-3675 for meeting locations and details.

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