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General Information
352-3675

Municipal Court
352-5977

Street Department
352-5818

Water Bills
352-2066

Library
352-3434

Taylor Responds to Hurricane Rita Victims

The City of Taylor activated its Emergency Management Plan well in advance to begin preparations for Hurricane Rita. At mid-week City staff and community partners were preparing for the worst as a category 3 hurricane was predicted for the Central Texas area. Taylor was not scheduled for an evacuee-shelter in Williamson County by the Red Cross. However, the City had made plans for providing a storm-shelter, if needed, as part of its Emergency Management Plan.

By Friday, weather forecasts changed considerably indicating the storm would be far to the east of the area. At an early Friday morning meeting, City Council members were provided a status report on emergency management activities. It was determined the storm-shelter was no longer needed and resources should be directed to providing a rest stop for weary evacuees coming through the area. Signs were posted on evacuee routes into Taylor directing travelers to the downtown Fire



City Council meets in Emergency Operations Center

Station where they could get snacks, drinks and information about Red Cross evacuee-shelters available to them in the Williamson and Travis county areas.

Later in the day, the Red Cross did request the storm-shelter to be activated to accommodate an overflow of evacuees in Williamson County. Forty-nine evacuees from Houston were placed in Taylor by the American Red Cross and Williamson County Emergency Operations Center. Designated evacuee-shelters in the Austin and Williamson County areas had reached capacity as coastal residents fled from Hurricane Rita.

Evacuees Placed in Taylor

Evacuees from Houston were hosted at the former Taylor Middle School cafeteria and gymnasium until mid-morning on Sunday. The community responded to urgent calls for cots, bedding, clothing, food and volunteers.



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Thank you, Taylor!

During the month of September, our city experienced the impact of two severe hurricanes and the season is not over. We have seen first-hand so many acts of kindness and generosity of this community. They are too numerous to mention.

With Hurricane Katrina sending our neighbors in Louisiana scrambling for their lives and a place to call home for an undetermined amount of time, this community responded. The storm sent a number of evacuees fleeing directly to the Taylor area to stay with family and friends until they could find a temporary home.

Churches, schools, businesses, community organizations and residents stepped forward with an amazing outpouring of assistance to help those in need, a need that will continue for some time to come. It doesn't end here.

Along came Hurricane Rita. The City's emergency management plan was activated. And, again an immediate response from this community helped large numbers of evacuees. Churches and families opened their doors to provide shelter and food. Volunteers came forward to help. Taylor businesses provided donations of food, medicine, and needed supplies.

We are very proud and thankful for the leadership, commitment and caring of this community in taking care of its own and others. Thank you, Taylor!

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Special Events This Month

Taylor Fall Fly-In 2005

Taylor Municipal Airport, Sat.,
October 29, 8 a.m. start

Halloween Spooktacular 2005

Heritage Square, Downtown
Mon., October 31
5 - 7:30 p.m.

Cemetery Fee Increase Advance Notice

Cemetery fees will increase effective January 1, 2006.

Lot prices will increase to \$600 from current \$400 price.
A monthly payment plan will still be available for cemetery lot purchases.

Grave digging and other fees will also increase. Additional information is available at City Hall or phone 352-3675.

City Calendar of Events for October

Oct. 4 Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
Oct. 6 Main Street Adv. Board @ 7 pm
Oct. 11 Planning & Zoning Commission @ 5:45 pm
Oct. 13 City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
Oct. 25 City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
Oct. 27 Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
Current board openings: Library Board and Airport Advisory Board. Call 352-3675 for additional information.

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