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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



"Christmas on the Blackland Prairie" at Heritage Square Park

Strategic Plan Adopted

The City Council formally adopted the Strategic Plan for the City of Taylor at its November 22 meeting.

In early 2005, a set of ten goals were developed by the City Council as part of a strategic planning process for the City of Taylor. Following directives from the Council, City staff has been working on developing strategies and tactics to support the broad goals listed here.

The Council is reviewing accomplishments to date as they begin their annual review and prepare for the 2006 planning process.

The Strategic Plan for 2005 consists of the following goal topics:

1. Economic development
2. Community pride
3. Measurable improvement of the City of Taylor's infrastructure
4. Revitalization of Downtown
5. Alternative funding sources
6. Information technology
7. Implement existing plans
8. Legislative agenda
9. Goal setting
10. Annual review of Strategic Plan

Taylor Downtown Historic District Approved

In recognition of its architectural and historical significance, downtown Taylor has been approved by the National Park Service for a listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Taylor Downtown Historic District is recognized for its role as one of the largest inland cotton markets in the United States, an important center of livestock trade, and for numerous influential wholesale, retail and industrial establishments during the late 19th century. The district includes 84 historic buildings and structures that are reflective of architectural trends through the mid-1950s.

Construction Bids Awarded

Bid results for construction of the new Taylor Public Library, the Central Fire Station and Park Restrooms for Murphy and Robinson parks were opened November 14. Results of the bids were reviewed and awarded by the City Council at its November 22 meeting.

There were six bids each on the library and fire station and five on the park restrooms. The following were awarded:

Taylor Public Library - \$2,835,000
Vanguard Contractors, Inc., Temple
Proposed start in January 2006 with projected completion of December 2006.

Central Fire Station - \$1,640,000
J. L. Construction, Gatesville
Proposed start in January 2006 with projected completion of September 2006.

Park Restrooms - \$372,000
Vanguard Contractors, Inc., Temple
Proposed start in January 2006 with projected completion of May 2006.

HOME Grant Contractor Selected

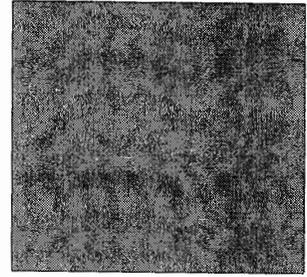
In early 2004, the City received a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) in the amount of \$400,000. The purpose of the grant is to rehabilitate at least eight owner-occupied single-family homes.

Following an application process, eight homeowners were selected as recipients of the new home grant.

All of the homes will be demolished and replaced with a new 1,000 square foot home. The owners will relocate during the demolition and building process.

In total four contractors bid on the project. The City Council awarded the contract to J. W. Turner Construction with a bid of \$42,780 per home for a total amount of \$342,240.

The homes are scheduled to be built concurrently over a 45 day period.



*Happy Holidays
from the City of
Taylor Staff!*

**City Hall offices will be closed
Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday,
Jan. 2 for the holidays.**



Santa Claus is coming to town!
Dec. 3 Christmas Parade @ 7 pm

Visit Santa at Old City Hall
Dec. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, & 23
from 6 - 9 pm

Story Time with Santa
Taylor Public Library
Dec. 17 @ 10:30 am



SHOP TAYLOR!

DOWNTOWN, UPTOWN, CROSSTOWN

City Calendar of Events for December

Dec. 5	Moody Museum Adv. Board @ 5 pm
Dec. 6	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
Dec. 13	Jt. Mtg. City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
Dec. 15	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
Dec. 20	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
Dec. 22	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall. Call 352-3675 for additional information.

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