

Community Connection

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Utility Billing Moving to City Hall

Look for the Utility Billing Department at its new location on or about October 1. The department is moving from the City Annex building to City Hall, 400 Porter Street.

The drive-up window on the north side of City Hall will be reopened and will provide a better stacking lane to accommodate more vehicles.

Once the move is completed, bill payments may be left in the drop box located at the north doors of City Hall and for personal customer service, the staff will be available in the reception lobby of City Hall.



City Manager's Message

It's that time of year again when City Staff delves deep into the budgeting process. Once again, we are planning for a relatively flat budget from an operational standpoint. As of now, sales tax revenues are showing a slight increase over this time last year of 5.3 percent and ad valorem revenues came in right on target. That's the good news. The City Council is currently grappling with the serious challenge of how to fund a long-term street maintenance program. There is no easy solution and Council is considering all possible options, including possibly asking the voters to decide on the best option in a November election. More to come in the upcoming newsletters, so please stay tuned! - Jim D. Dunaway

Moody Museum Ready to Reopen

Volunteers are busy unpacking and getting ready to reopen the Moody Museum following a refurbishing project that included new wall coverings and painting.



New programming plans are underway and include developing an exhibit about Governor Moody's life and career.

Another initiative is to feature local families with long Taylor histories. An estimated completion date for these exhibits is December of this year.

Anyone who is interested in providing family information or in serving as a volunteer may contact Susan Komandosky at 365-7396.

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Is your contact information up to date?

Emergency Notification System – Blackboard Connect

Effective August 1, the City will begin using Blackboard Connect as its emergency notification system provider. This automated system will be used to provide emergency messages directly to your telephone or email box. Message delivery may be done by text messages, Facebook, Twitter and RSS feeds. These are all in addition to information being posted on www.taylor.tx.gov.



A new feature includes automated weather alerts that will be broadcast by the National Weather Service directly to you if you are in the path of a severe storm. Also, City staff may use this system to share important information with residents such as road closures or water main breaks.

We need your help to make sure we have your current telephone number and other contact information. Over the years, many have discontinued using land lines and changed to cell phone usage. It's highly possible that your telephone number may be incorrect.

You may submit your current contact information directly online at www.taylor.tx.gov or call Jean Johnson at 352-5448.

Movies in the Park

The Taylor Parks & Recreation Department has kicked off its new Movies in the Park series. Each movie will be shown at a different park and will be free to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring lawn chairs and blankets and mosquito repellent.

Start times for the movies will be about 8:30 p.m. or dark. The next movies to be shown are *Kung Fu Panda II* on Friday, August 24 in Murphy Park and *Puss in Boots* on Friday, September 28 in Fannie Robinson Park. For more information, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 352-5818.

HeliOS Classes to Resume

The HeliOS Project will begin free computer classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. starting September 18 at the former Neighborhood Center located at 307 Ferguson Street. For additional information, contact Ken Starks at 512-689-6556 or helios@fixedbylinux.com.

Introducing Progressive Waste Solutions

The City's garbage services vendor, formerly known as IESI, has changed its name to Progressive Waste Solutions. The company is transitioning to the new name and brand across the state. Their services, however, will remain the same. For additional information call 866-282-3508.

Save the Date

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 2

Neighborhoods throughout the City of Taylor are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 29th annual National Night Out, Tuesday, October 2.

Block party registration deadline is September 21. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote police/fire-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie.

For more information, visit www.taylor.tx.gov or call Beth Wilkes at 512-352-5551.

Taylor Business Expo 2012

September 22, 2012

Sponsored by the

Taylor Chamber of Commerce

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Former Taylor High School

3101 N. Main St.

Reminders

Pool Hours Change

Normal hours through Aug. 19

Murphy Park

Then only on Saturdays 12-8 p.m.

(Aug. 25 and Sept. 1)

And on Sundays 1-8 p.m.

(Aug. 26 and Sept. 2)

On Labor Day 12-8 p.m.

(Monday, Sept. 3)

Robinson Park

On Saturdays 2-6 p.m.

(Aug. 25 and Sept. 1)

And on Sundays 2-6 p.m.

(Aug. 26 and Sept. 2)

On Labor Day 12-8 p.m.

(Monday, Sept. 3)

Pools close for season after Labor Day.

Office Closings

City Offices and the Taylor Public Library will be closed Saturday, Sept. 1 and Monday, Sept. 3 For Labor Day holiday.

Garbage service will not be affected.