

# Community Connection

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## Adopt a Pet for Christmas

Consider adopting an animal from the Taylor Animal Shelter for Christmas. Choose from cats and dogs that are available for an adoption fee of \$80 which includes a DHLPPC vaccination, spay/neuter (if needed), rabies vaccination, nail trim and City of Taylor registration. These animals may be viewed on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com), or you may visit the Animal Shelter at 600 E. Fourth.



The Taylor Animal Shelter is a no-kill animal shelter that is open seven days a week. Tom Waggoner and Bob Edwards are animal control officers who manage the shelter. Call 352-5483 for an appointment or to make sure someone is at the shelter before visiting.

The shelter welcomes volunteers to help with the animals and donations of gently used towels and blankets are appreciated.

## Register your pets now

Also, please be reminded that all pets in the City of Taylor are required to be registered annually.

There is a registration application included with this newsletter.

## Water Use Averaging Begins

The average residential water consumption during the months of December, January and February will be used to calculate the monthly wastewater charges for the next 12 months beginning with the April billing.

This process is followed every year. For additional information, contact the City Utility Billing office at 352-2066.



Texas Comptroller  
Leadership Circle  
Gold Member



### City Manager's Message

The City of Taylor has received the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Gold Member award for the second year in recognition of meeting a high standard for financial transparency online.

This includes providing a clear, consistent record of spending, and sharing information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily access more information. This is an award that we are very proud to receive for 2012.

As we approach the end of 2012, the City of Taylor Council and Staff sends best wishes to you and your family for a safe and blessed holiday season, as we all look forward to 2013.

- Jim D. Dunaway

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## Call for Board Applicants

Board vacancies exist for the Moody Museum, Main Street, and Parks & Recreation advisory boards.

These boards have regular monthly meetings and are seeking individuals who can commit time and energy to serve. The Parks & Recreation advisory board does have a residency requirement.

All boards are appointed by the City Council and have an attendance expectation.

Applications are available online at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) or at City Hall. For more information, contact City Clerk Susan Brock at 352-3676.

## Amy Young Barrier Removal Program

Construction is under way on the homes of the first five recipients of the Amy Young Barrier Removal grants. This Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs program provides funding if you or a member of your household has a disability and your home needs improvements

to make it accessible (such as ramps, handrails, accessible showers and more).

Certain income requirements apply to receive funding. For information about this assistance, contact Chris Silva-Gonzales at the Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter Street or call 352-3675.



Home with ramp from Amy Young Barrier Removal Program

## Library Receives Grant

The Taylor Public Library has been awarded an Impact Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for \$10,000. The funding is provided by The Institute of Museum and Library Services. This grant will be used to hold adult computer education classes in the Library meeting room.

The Library has purchased 10 laptops to provide local citizens with technology skills. Free technology classes will be offered on a variety of computer and internet topics monthly until May 2013. Registration is required.

For information contact the Library at 352-3434.

## ISO Rating for City Improves

Fire Chief Pat Ekiss announced that the City of Taylor will improve from a Class 4 to a Class 3 rating with the Insurance Service Office (ISO). This Public Protection Classification rating affects insurance premiums for businesses and homes.

The lower ISO rating may mean lower insurance premiums. This new rating will be effective on November 1, 2012.

For additional information, contact Chief Ekiss at 512-352-6992.

## Holiday Events

### Saturday, December 1

**Main Street Christmas Bazaar**  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Location to be determined

**Taylor Chamber Parade of Lights**

7 p.m., Historic Downtown Main Street

**Taylor Artists Guild Show and Ornament Sale**

6:30 – 9 p.m.

The Main Gallery at Main & Second Sts.

### Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9

**Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society Taylor Historic Homes Christmas Tour**

Beginning at 200 N. Main

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday

12 noon – 6 p.m. Sunday

Ticket prices:

\$15 Adults (\$10 presale)

\$5 Children under 12

## Reminders

### City Closings

All City offices and the Library will be closed on the following:

Nov. 10 & 12 Veterans Day

Nov. 22, 23 & 24 Thanksgiving

Dec. 22, 24 & 25 Christmas

Jan. 1 New Year's Day

### City Council Meetings

November 8 and 29, 6 p.m.

December 13, 6 p.m.

### Holiday Garbage Pickup Schedule

There will be no garbage pickup on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Garbage pickup will be delayed one day and for each subsequent day following the holiday until the weekend.