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Taylor City Clerk Receives Certification

Susan Brock is a new graduate of the Texas Municipal Clerk Certification Program that is offered through a partnership of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association and the University of North Texas. The program covers finance, public relations, elections, local government law and public administration.



Brock enrolled in the program in 2008 that included successful completion of 200 hours of individual home study on a four-course curriculum and attendance of eight two-day seminars.



City Manager's Message

Two good things: I am pleased to report the Holly Springs drainage project is nearing completion. The above picture shows the channel improvement that is an example of the MDUS utility funding and what can be achieved through a separate utility fund.

On page two, we are pleased to report a positive trend in Sales Tax Revenues. We are currently seeing a 20.1 percent increase over the same time frame as last year. We are cautiously optimistic about future revenues for the rest of the year. We are reminded of the importance to shop locally and that it does make a difference when we do.

- Jim D. Dunaway

Four in a Row City Recognized for CAFR Excellence



City Manager Jim Dunaway presents CAFR Award To Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis with Account Clerk Diane Naivar.

The City of Taylor has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fourth consecutive year by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

The City of Taylor also has received four consecutive Distinguished Budget Awards from the GFOA and its second Gold Award from the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle for displaying financial transparency to the public.

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Aspiring authors, take note . . .

The Taylor Public Library will host three successful authors on March 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They are Suzy Spencer, New York Times Best-seller author of *Wasted* and other true crime books; Joe Nick Patosky, author of biographies including *Selena*, *Willie Nelson* and a recent book on the Dallas Cowboys; and Carol Dawson, author of both nonfiction and novels. These authors will speak on their experience in writing, publishing and related topics.

This free event is provided by The Writer's League of Texas with grant funding from the Tocker Foundation. Each of these authors will speak for about an hour and will allow some Q&A afterwards. For more information, call the Library at 512-352-3434.

Moody Museum Features Family Exhibit

The Moody Museum has reopened and is once again available for visitors and tours. After nearly a year of refurbishing and improvements, final touches include replacing the upstairs blinds with a donation of \$1,400 from the Friends of the Moody Museum.

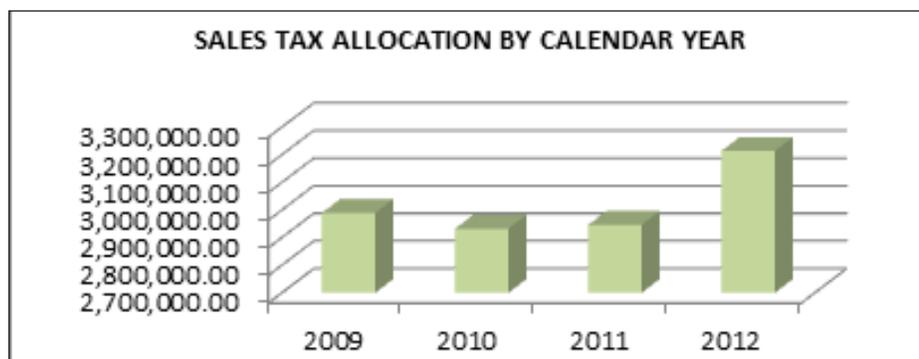
The first exhibit of local families with long Taylor histories was showcased at the open house Victorian Valentine Gala on February 7. The first family to be featured is the Bernabe and Delores Gonzales family and will be on exhibit for six weeks. Anyone interested in providing historical family information to be considered for exhibit may contact Susan Komandosky at 365-7396.

Built in 1887, the childhood home of Governor Dan Moody is located at 114 West Ninth St. and is open from 2-5 p.m. on Sundays. Special tours may be requested by calling 352-3675, ext. 16.

Council Application Filing Deadline Approaching

March 1 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for qualified applicants to file for City Council seats for District 1, currently held by Mayor Don Hill, and District 4 held by Christopher Osborn. Candidate applications are available on the city website, www.taylortx.gov or at the City Clerk's office, City Hall or by contacting City Clerk Susan Brock at 352-3676 or susan.brock@taylortx.gov.

Positive Trend in Sales Tax Revenue



Total retail sales tax has risen 9.2 percent over the past calendar year in the City of Taylor as indicated by the graph above. This positive trend continues to be demonstrated by the first quarter results of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 that shows a 20.1 percent increase for the same period comparing this year to last year.



Save the Date!

Annual City Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30 10 a.m.

Murphy Park

Tax Preparation Help

Available Now Until April 15

Taylor City Hall

400 Porter St.

Mondays & Wednesdays

4:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturdays 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Taylor Public Library

801 Vance St.

Wednesdays

12 noon-4 p.m.

City Closings

City offices will be closed for:

Presidents Day

Monday, February 18

The Library also will be closed

Saturday, February 16.

Easter Holiday

City offices will close at 12 noon

On Good Friday, March 29

The Library also will be closed

Saturday, March 30

(No changes in garbage pickup for either holiday.)

Reminders

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 14 and 28

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6 p.m. at City Hall

Spring Forward One Hour

Time Change to DST

Sunday, March 10