

Community Connection

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In Williamson County Taylor Has the Lowest Cost of Living

The following chart provides the combined total monthly utility and tax expenses for the cities in Williamson County. Rates are based on average home values as of 12/01/12.

Assumptions used for average monthly utility and tax payments for Taylor are: \$64.62 for water; \$48.26 for wastewater; \$11.66 for garbage; \$2 for storm drainage fee; \$128.20 for electricity and property tax of \$168.56 for a total of \$423.00.

Taylor also compares favorably when considering the tax rates of other Williamson County cities that includes city, county, schools, ESD and college assessments: Cedar Park \$2.549, Pflugerville \$2.894, Georgetown \$2.257, Hutto \$2.797, Leander \$2.726, Round Rock \$2.395 and Taylor \$2.712.



City Manager's Message

Your City Council has made street improvements the number one priority for the community.

As this project is set in motion, the streets project will touch each of us.

Generations of neglect causes this action to be costly and time consuming, but the end result will be worth it.

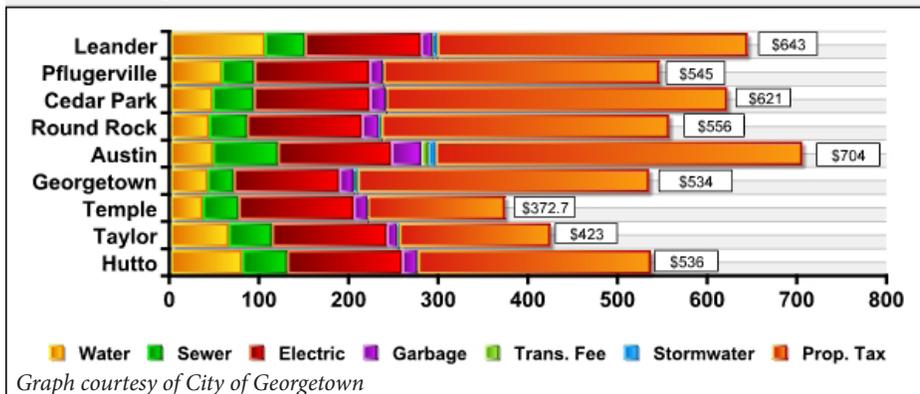
Currently, we have about 14 miles of "Fair" streets that will fail within three years.

We must begin this process now and we ask for your patience and support in this undertaking. We will do our best to keep you informed, but don't hesitate to contact us with questions or comments as we move forward.

- Jim D. Dunaway

Combined Total Monthly Utility and Tax Expense

Based on Average Home Value as of 12/01/12



Council Directs Funds to Street Repairs

The City Council voted to redirect surplus funds from previously issued Certificates of Obligation of about \$2.4 million to beginning the streets project that would repair "Fair" streets in an effort to save them from failing. As funds are available, further plans are to initiate a seal coating program for all "Good" streets. The surplus funds were being reserved for building an indoor recreation center that the Council has postponed for the meantime. The estimate for this portion of the street program is \$4.1 million. Any remaining funds from the Second Street project may be used to make up the shortfall.

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Spring Clean Up Set for April 27

Begin planning now for the spring clean up on Saturday, April 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free collection sites will be open at 1200 Welch St. and 1424 N. Main St. for residents of the City. Be prepared to show proof of residency. All brush clippings need to be manageable to be picked up by hand. No hazardous materials such as chemicals, paint, solvents, oil, batteries or appliances with refrigerants will be taken.

Volunteers and local civic groups will be picking up trash throughout the city, especially along main thoroughfares starting at 8 a.m. Anyone who would like to join the effort and pick up trash in their neighborhood is urged to do so. Filled bags may be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce location at 1519 N. Main St. For additional information, contact Danny Thomas at 512-352-6257.

Taylor MLK Celebration Committee Formed

Planning for the Taylor MLK Celebration March and Program for 2014 is underway. Committee Chairman Shorty Mitchell is looking for committed volunteers and ideas on how to improve the event and turn it into a community-wide effort with outreach all around the area. The committee will meet at the Taylor City Hall auditorium from 6 to 7 p.m. on May 15, August 21, December 18, 2013 and February 1

If interested in volunteering or offering suggestions, contact Shorty Mitchell at 512-365-2016 or Angelina Shelton at 512-466-9891 or by email to TMLKCC@yahoo.com.

For Seven Consecutive Years

Taylor Main Street Receives National Accreditation



Texas Main Street Director Debra Farst and Brad Patterson, division director, Community Heritage Development Division, Texas Historical Commission, present certificate of recognition to Taylor Main Street Manager Deby Lannen (center).

Calendar



American Cancer Society Relay for Life

April 26 & 27

Memorial Field at Murphy Park
7 p.m. – 7 a.m.



City Election

Early Voting

April 29 – May 7

City Hall

Election Day

May 11



May 4, 2013

Vendors Welcome

Contact Deby Lannen at 352-3463
for additional information

Reminders

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 14 & 28

April 11 & 25

6 p.m. at City Hall

City Closings

All City offices will close at 12 noon, Good Friday, March 29 for Easter.

Garbage pickup will not be affected.