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**City of Taylor
City Council**

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District 1

John McDonald
Mayor Pro Tem
District 3

Bernabe Gonzales
District 2

Ella Jez
District 4

Rod Hortenstine
At Large

**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

New Library Begins Construction

City leaders broke ground to begin construction on the new \$3.4 million Taylor Public Library located at 801 Vance St.

A crowd of nearly 100 citizens were on hand to witness the long-awaited ground-breaking. The show of support included Texas State Library and Archives Commission Director Peggy Rudd, Taylor Public Library Advisory Board, Friends of the Library and Taylor Public Library Foundation.

Library Director Karen Ellis and current staff, along with former Library Director Norma Patschke, were beaming as they picked up shovels to participate in the event.

The Taylor Public Library has been located in the City Hall building since 2002 when it relocated due to environmental problems with the former facility.

The new library will be a multi-purpose asset for the community. When completed, the new 20,000 square-foot facility will



Taylor Library Director Karen Ellis and John Wehby chat with Peggy Rudd, Director of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission

feature a separate Children's area and Young Adults area in addition to the larger, general reading area.

There will be a large meeting room that will accommodate 200 theater-style, a conference room, and a local history archive room. The library will continue to offer wireless computer access for its patrons.

Designed by Komatsu Architecture, the building contractor is Vanguard Contractors, Inc. Sledge Engineering will manage the project. Year-end completion is planned.

Major Bequests Made to Library and Cemetery

The Donald L. and Mattie R. Noble Revocable Living Trust has bequeathed \$97,900 to the Taylor Public Library for the building fund. An additional gift of \$195,800 was bequeathed to the City of Taylor Cemetery for the express purpose of curbing and paving the street in a designated area of the cemetery.

The late Lacy and Mattie Ree Noble were life-long residents of the Taylor area. He has been deceased since August 9, 1995. Mrs. Noble passed away July 2, 2004. She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Lillian "Babe" Condra.

Job Search Assistance

Resume Writing Workshop
Thursday, March 2 at 6 p.m.
Taylor Public Library
400 Porter St.

Taylor Job Fair
Sat., March 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Taylor High School Student Center
3101 North Main St.

Employers from the manufacturing, clerical, retail, merchandising, education, corrections and health professions as well as the military will provide information on current openings and accept applications at the Job Fair. Staffing services that staff for businesses in Taylor and the local area also will be present.

The Taylor Job Fair is co-sponsored by the Taylor Economic Development Corporation and the Texas Workforce Center of Williamson County. For more information, contact the TEDC at (512) 352-4316.

Don't forget to VOTE!
March 7 Primary Election

FYI!
New Contact at City Hall for Garbage Services
Call: Beverly Currie at 352-3633

TaylorCNET Gives Back

The City of Taylor is a major beneficiary of grant monies received by TaylorCNET.

In applying for the Collaborative Community Network Enhancement Grant (CCNEG) in late 2004, TaylorCNET Manager Debbie Kiewit found that additional funds could be applied for through SBC net service credits that were available as part of the grant program.

Through the successful negotiations of Ms. Kiewit, TaylorCNET was the recipient of a \$532,000 grant, nearly double the amount originally applied for.

A partner in TaylorCNET for the past four years, the City was the recipient of \$174,600 in benefits:

--\$54,600 in streaming video equipment for Council chambers

--\$30,000 for AV equipment for the community room of the new Taylor Public Library

--\$90,000 in servers, access points and bridges

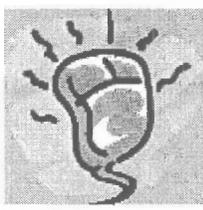
Other CNET partners include: Taylor ISD, Taylor Economic Development, Williamson County, Taylor Housing Authority, Johns Community Hospital, Taylor Chamber of Commerce and Temple College at Taylor.

Municipal Election Set

May 13, 2006 has been set as election day for the City of Taylor to elect two City Council members. Both Council member Bernabe Gonzales of District 2 and Mayor Pro Tem John McDonald representing District 3 have terms expiring in May.

Polling places on May 13 will be the Senior Activity Center for District 2 and Taylor High School for District 3.

The last day for taking candidate applications is March 13, 2006 at 5 p.m. Applicants must reside in the District they wish to represent. Applications are available at www.ci.taylor.tx.us or may be picked up at City Hall. For additional information, call City Clerk Susan Brock at 352-3676.



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WEBTIPS

How to: Report a Problem

See left margin of Home Page. Click on "Report a Problem" and go directly to the "FixIt Form." Fill it in, send it in and we'll do the rest!

City Calendar of Events for March

- March 2 Main Street Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
 - March 6 Moody Museum Advisory Board @ 5 pm
 - March 7 Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
 - March 9 City Council @ 6 pm
 - March 14 Planning & Zoning Commission 6 pm
 - March 23 Airport Advisory Board @6:30 pm
 - March 28 City Council @ 6 pm
- Agendas are posted at City Hall. Call 352-3675 for additional information.

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