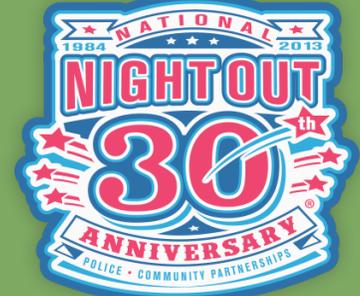


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NYFD Rescue Four Memorial

This rolling tribute has been on display in Taylor at the Central Fire Department and at several community events. It will be displayed at the September 11 Remembrance March and Program at Heritage Square on Patriots' Day.



The Rescue Four vehicle survived the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001 in New York City while all eight firefighters assigned to it perished in the fires caused by the attack 12 years ago. Visitors from around the Central Texas area have come by to witness first hand this rolling piece of history.

Community Development Action Plan

The City of Taylor is joining the Taylor Economic Development Corporation, the Taylor Independent School District and the Taylor Chamber of Commerce in participating in a community assessment that will result in an action plan that can be used for strategic planning by each entity.

The planning process will be facilitated by the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). Community development workshops will be formed as public forums to help identify the community's challenges and assets resulting in establishing a "community" vision.

The cost of the TEEX plan is \$48,788 with \$10,000 being contributed to the project by TEEX, \$500 by the Chamber, and \$12,262.67 each by the TEDC, TISD and the City. The timeline calls for the plan to be presented to the public after the first of the year.

Community Connections Now Every Two Months

As more and more residents take advantage of online communications, your monthly newsletter from the City will now be published every other month.

The next issue will be for November/December. In the interim, visit our website: www.taylor.tx.gov and our Facebook page at Taylor, Texas – Municipal Government. We welcome your feedback at 512-352-5448.



City Manager's Message

As we close out our 2012-2013 fiscal year and look back over our five-year Strategic Plan that was developed in 2007-08, we find that we have accomplished the internal plans that were set forth.

Now our City Council and staff are ready to embark on planning for the next five years. We are excited about collaborating with our partners in the TEEX community development planning process to plot a course in the best way to serve our citizens.

This will be a great complement to the plan we make internally that will serve as a management tool for the next five years.

- Jim D. Dunaway

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Second Street Completion



Street lights are being installed as one of the last improvements to finish the West Second Street project. The new thoroughfare is a major improvement as the gateway into the city.

There is more to be done as the West Second Street Corridor Plan begins to address code enforcement and beautification initiatives. Community input is welcome by contacting the Planning & Development Department at 512-352-3675. Notices for public meetings are posted on the City website: www.taylor.tx.gov.

Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society To Hold Heritage Fest Downtown

Save the date! The TCHS is planning a heritage festival (to be formally named later) in Historic Downtown Taylor. On October 26, everyone is invited to celebrate the wonderful history and diversity of the Taylor community. The event will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Exhibits and demonstration booths along with a period dress costume contest are being planned. Watch the Taylor Daily Press for additional information or check the TCHS website: www.taylorheritagesociety.org.

Moody Museum Receives Bequest

A bequest of \$50,000 was made to the Moody Museum by the estate of Nancy Paxton Moody who passed away January 3, 2013. She was the second child and only daughter of Texas Governor Dan Moody and his wife, Mildred Paxton Moody. These funds will be included in the Moody Museum proprietary account to be used for future programming or other expenses as recommended by the Moody Museum Board.

One of the most recent programming activities is to showcase families with long Taylor histories with a photographic exhibit. The Moody Museum Board would appreciate recommendations for future exhibits. Contact Susan Komandosky at 512-365-7396.

Gates are Open

All four gates at the Taylor City Cemetery are now open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. Automatic sensors have been installed for convenient egress after hours.



October is Fire Prevention Month

Taylor Firefighters will visit the elementary schools to promote "Let's Get Cookin' with Fire Safety." Firefighters will visit with students and teach them valuable fire safety lessons, have a coloring contest and lunch with the kids. For more information, contact the Taylor Fire Department at 512-352-6992.

Community Events

August 16 & 17

**36th Annual
Taylor International
BBQ Cook-off**

Murphy Park

September 11

**Patriot's Day Remembrance
featuring the
Memorial March**

7 p.m. on Main Street

September 21

**Taylor Chamber of Commerce
Business Expo**

TISD Main Street Campus
3101 N. Main St.

October 1

**National Night Out
Neighborhood Celebrations**

Contact Beth Wilkes,
512-352-5551

October 12

Citywide Fall Cleanup

Free drop off locations
1424 N. Main & 1200 Welch St.

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

October 31

**Halloween Spooktacular
Historic Downtown Taylor**

5:30 – 9 p.m.

City Council Meetings

August 22 & 29

September 12 & 26

October 10 & 24

6 p.m. at City Hall

City Closings

All City offices and Library will
be closed Monday, Sept. 2.

Garbage service will not be affected.