

# Community Connection

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## Distinguished Service Awards

Six firefighters were lauded for exceptional service by Chief Pat Ekiss in saving the life of an accident victim from a burning automobile last August.

Firefighter Derrick Steffek was recognized with the Distinguished Medal of Honor for his act of bravery in extricating the female victim. Additionally, the following were awarded the Medal of Merit for their heroic actions that evening: Brian Ruden, Tim Davis, Trey Robertson, Mike Glanville and Trenton Hernandez.



*(Left to right) Chief Ekiss, Derrick Steffek, Brian Ruden, Mike Glanville, Tim Davis, Trenton Hernandez, Trey Robertson, Asst. Chief Bobby Copeland*

## WWII Veterans Going to Washington, D.C.

Four WWII Veterans from the Taylor area have been selected to travel to Washington, D. C. with Honor Flight Austin to visit the national memorials in their honor.



*(Left to right) George Vanecsek, T. A. Beard, Louis Rubino, and Charles Liles*

ERCOT and the City of Taylor co-sponsored a fundraising effort along with a number of community partners to send these veterans to Washington. Honor Flight Austin is a non-profit charitable organization with a goal of sending all surviving veterans to Washington.

We salute these men for their service.



## City Council Names Straub Interim City Manager

Current Assistant City Manager Jeff Straub has been named Interim City Manager.

His appointment will become effective immediately upon the retirement of Jim Dunaway as city manager on December 31, 2013 at 5 p.m.

Straub is in his 32nd year of municipal service, having served as a police officer, police administrator and chief of police for most of his career.

He holds a master's degree in Leadership from Liberty University and Executive Certification in Leadership and Management from the University of Notre Dame.

He is a Credentialed Manager of the International City Managers Association, is a Certified Professional Manager, and a 1994 graduate of the FBI National Academy.

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## Your City at Work in 2013

# Capital Improvements Projects



The following list of capital improvements projects totaling \$19,906,283 were completed or being finalized in 2013.

Funding received through grants is \$416,979.

2nd Street Paving & Drainage <i>Partnership with Williamson County \$14 million and City of Taylor \$2.5 million</i>	\$16,500,000
Sloan Street Rehab	1,922,794
CDBG Water Lines (Walnut St.)	240,979
Annexed Area Water Improvements	137,667
Holly Springs Drainage	928,547
Amy Young Barrier Removal	176,296

## MDUS Funded Drainage Projects

The first phase of the Municipal Drainage Utility System (MDUS) funded projects has been completed, including the Holly Springs drainage channel.

The City Council has approved the next phase of projects to be done that includes the Edmond & Mills Streets project as a priority. Requests for qualifications (RFQ) have been issued and design work will begin as soon as an appropriate engineering firm has been selected.

The MDUS Fund balance is estimated to be more than \$950,000 at the close of the fiscal year 2013.

## Wastewater Usage Averaging

During December, January and February, the average residential water consumption will be used to calculate the monthly wastewater charges for the next 12 months effective as shown below:

Zone 1 & 2 will be changed on April bills.

Zone 3 & 4 will be changed on March bills.

For questions, contact the Utility Billing Office at 352-2066.

## Taylor 101 Class Starts in January

The City of Taylor is offering residents a great opportunity to learn about the city. It's a 10-week program beginning in January and provides an in-depth look at how our city operates. The class will be free and includes presentations by city department heads and field trips to several city sites. Admission requirements and additional information are located on the City website: (<http://www.taylor.tx.gov/721/Taylor101>) or call City Hall, 512-352-3675.

## Community Events



### Third Thursday Events

Historic Downtown Taylor  
Dec. 19 & Jan. 16, 2014  
5 - 9 p.m.



### Martin Luther King Day

#### Community March & Program

January 20, 2014  
March begins at 9 a.m. from  
Robinson Park to Taylor City Hall.  
Program begins upon arrival.



## Holiday Closings

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

### Christmas Holidays

December 24 & 25

New Year's Day

January 1, 2014

(Garbage pickup will be delayed one day for both holidays)

### Martin Luther King Day

January 18 & 20

(Regular garbage pickup)

## City Council Meetings

December 12, 2013

January 9 & 23, 2014

6 p.m. at City Hall