

Community Connection

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Water Supply Looks Good

The Taylor City Council received a good report from David Collinsworth, Central Basin Business Manager for the Brazos River Authority (BRA) about the water outlook for the Taylor community. Collinsworth reported that Lake Granger is 100 percent full.

The lake supplies all of Taylor's water supply under a 50-year contract plus an additional 20 years upon renewal with the BRA. BRA is contractually obligated to supply water to Taylor at its current population and any further growth.

The BRA recently completed a new water intake system that was moved to the deeper part of the lake near the dam at an investment of approximately \$2 million. This new structure is capable of providing 15 million gallons a day to the City of Taylor that currently uses approximately six million at peak times.

The Council was assured that both the short and long-term water supply for Taylor is excellent.

Main Street Earns 8th National Recognition



The Taylor Main Street Program was recognized at the Texas Downtown Association winter conference for receiving its eighth national accreditation as a National Main Street City.

Further, the Taylor program will be recognized at the National Main Street Conference being held in May in Detroit, MI.

Taylor Main Street Manager Deby Lannen presented National Accreditation Certificate by (l) Brad Patterson, Division Director, Community Heritage Development Division of Texas Historical Commission and (r) Debra Drescher, Texas Main Street Program State Coordinator.



A Message From The Interim City Manager

It's easy to settle for the status quo. It's comfortable, but less than productive.

An example of this is the condition of our streets.



Streets must be continually maintained to prevent deterioration. Once streets fail, they must be rebuilt. Street maintenance and reconstruction are expensive propositions. It is estimated that we will need to spend up to \$1million a year for street maintenance alone. More than 50 percent of our streets have failed. The estimated cost to rebuild these failed streets ranges from \$80 million to \$100 million.

Our City Council has appointed a Street Maintenance and Reconstruction Committee tasked with the difficult assignment of making recommendations on how to fund street maintenance and reconstruction. Please remain informed on these issues and share your ideas with your council members, our Street Committee and me.

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How To Read Your Utility Bill

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ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
ACCOUNT:	06-1910-03
ZONE:	02
SERVICE ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
LAST PAYMENT:	01/27/14 -70.58
BASE SERVICE PERIOD:	12/10/13 TO 01/09/14
BILLING DATE:	02/12/14
DUE DATE:	February 27, 2014

CURRENT WATER CHARGES						
Meter	Previous Reading	Previous Read Date	Current Reading	Current Read Date	Usage	Amount
B1754343N	6467	12/10/13	6488	01/10/14	21	[REDACTED]

OTHER CHARGES	
Description	Amount
SEWER	24.37
GARBAGE	15.79
DRAINAGE FEE	2.00
FRANCHISE FEE	1.58
SALES TAX	1.30

AMOUNT DUE	

This appears on the top right portion of your utility bill. The City has four billing zones broken down into four weeks each month.

The standard start date for the first billing zone is the 5th of the month, followed by the second billing zone the second week of the month, etc. Usage is shown in hundreds of gallons, which is 2,100 gallons shown here.

For additional information, contact the Utility Billing Department at 512-352-2066.

Keep Taylor Beautiful

Spring Clean Up Is Here

The City of Taylor and Keep Taylor Beautiful (KTB) have teamed up to make the 2014 Spring Clean Up a community event. The annual clean up is scheduled for Saturday, April 19.

Collection sites will be open at 1424 N. Main and 1200 Welch Street from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. KTB will be stationed at the Taylor Chamber to provide large trash bags, sign-up sheet for volunteers and serve as a collection point for the trash picked up.

Brush needs to be manageable to be picked up by hand. The City will not accept appliances with a refrigerant, batteries, chemicals, hazardous materials, paint, solvents, waste oil or tires. All of these may be accepted at the Williamson County Recycling Center located at 101 Landfill Road, Hutto, 512-846-2756.

For additional information about the spring clean up, contact Lance Zeplin, 512-352-6257 or Keep Taylor Beautiful board member Carrie Orts at 512-352-3675.



Make sure you are signed up for emergency alerts provided by Blackboard Connect to all Taylor residents who have a phone or a computer. An application is enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience in returning this information to us. Also, You may sign up on the city's website: www.taylor.tx.gov or by calling 512-352-5448.

Community Events

Relay for Life



Sponsored by
 American Cancer Society
 6-10:30 pm, Saturday, April 12
 Murphy Park
 Contact:
 Addison Elliott
Addison.elliott@cancer.org
 512-919-1941

Annual City Easter Egg Hunt



10 am – 12 noon, Saturday, April 19
 Murphy Park
 Contact Deby Lannen
 512-352-3463

City-wide Spring Clean Up

8 am – 3 pm, Saturday, April 19
 Contact: Lance Zeplin
 512-352-6257

City Election Early Voting For At-Large Council Seat

April 28 – May 6
 Taylor City Hall

City Council Meetings

March 13 & 27
 April 10 & 24, 2014
 6 p.m. at City Hall