

Community Connection

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Committee Update

Street Maintenance and Reconstruction

Committee Chair Ed Komandosky and Jose Orta, sub-committee chair of community surveys, provided an update on the committee's activities at the June 12 Council meeting.

Komandosky reported that the Street Committee had met six times since it was formed in mid-March. Their role is to recommend a process to prioritize which streets should be repaired first; recommend a funding mechanism to support new construction, reconstruction and maintenance; recommend a time frame to implement a program and expect completion; and serve as a resource to Taylor citizens to educate them about what is being accomplished and to obtain feedback to help with recommendations for funding the program.



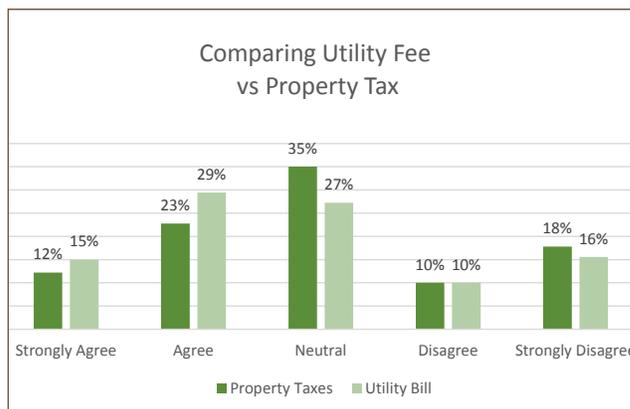
Surveys from the utility mailing are coming in. Next steps include hosting community public meetings for more input.



Jose Orta reported on survey results the committee received from citizens at the Zest Fest event. Street Committee members had a booth to share information about the scope of street maintenance and reconstruction with festival attendees and to get their views on funding possibilities.

The first survey results were from 180 people.

When asked about how to fund the street program, they were asked about paying a utility fee versus property tax. The results are shown in the graph at right.



A Message From The Interim City Manager

At a recent Taylor Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon, John Highbarger, professor of marketing at the UT McCombs School of Business spoke on "The Coming Taylor Boom."



Mr. Highbarger related how substantial growth is coming our way; that we need to be properly positioned to embrace and manage that growth. When asked how Taylor can best do this, he replied: "It takes leadership."

In Taylor we are fortunate to have outstanding leadership. Our Mayor and City Council are exceptional. We have strong Boards and Commissions. We also have tremendous partners in our Economic Development Corporation, Independent School District and Chamber of Commerce.

Growth and change are not always easy, but we are Taylor. We don't care if it's easy, we want it done right. As we work together, we will achieve great things. We are blessed to have the leadership to insure this occurs.

- Jeff Straub

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Would you like to serve?

The work performed by citizens serving on boards and commissions is a vital part of the work of the City of Taylor government. These groups advise the City Council on public policy and play an important role in city government by providing creative ideas and community feedback and by serving as a sounding board for proposed public policy. Additional background may be found at www.taylor.tx.gov/Boards. If you are interested in serving, an application is included with this mailing and should be returned to City Clerk Susan Brock at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, TX 76578.

Taylor 101 Announces Fall Class

Learn how your city government operates, how it's organized and the roles of city departments. The City of Taylor is offering residents another 10-week, 2014 Fall program that will begin Tuesday, September 9, 2014. Taylor 101 provides an in-depth look at how the City operates. The curriculum includes presentations by city department heads and field trips to several sites such as fire and police departments. Registration is open for this free class. Visit www.taylor.tx.gov/Taylor-101 for more information and the application.

June Proclamations

Tribute to Blackshear/O. L. Price Ex- Student Association

Mayor Jesse Ancira paid tribute to the many accomplishments of the Blackshear/O. L. Price Ex-Student Association for its valuable contribution to the City of Taylor as leaders in business, education, politics, medicine and the arts. In 1920, Edward L. Blackshear started a school for African American children and in 1948 the school was renamed in honor of Oliver L. Price, who served as the principal of Blackshear School for nearly 30 years.

The Association's mission is "To promote awareness of the African American culture and the appreciation of the African American heritage by engaging in community involvement, charitable, benevolent, patriotic and educational activities."



Mayor Jesse Ancira presented the Proclamation to Diane Thomas

Vesta Ryan Day

Mayor Jesse Ancira proclaimed June 26, 2014 as Vesta Ryan Day in recognition of her being a shining example of the valuable contributions our seniors make to our community and society as a whole.



On June 26, the First United Methodist Church will help Mrs. Ryan in fulfilling her lifelong dream to serve as a missionary to Africa. Later this year, she will teach women in Ghana new sewing skills.

Summer Events

Movies in the Taylor Regional Park



July 11, Little Mermaid
August 8, Despicable Me II
Free popcorn while it lasts
Movies start at dark (8:30 pm)



65th Annual Taylor Rodeo & 3rd Annual Cowboy BBQ Cook Off

East Williamson County
Event Center
July 18 & 19

37th Annual International Taylor Barbecue Cook Off

August 15 & 16 in Murphy Park

City Council Meetings

Thursdays, July 10 & July 24

Thursdays, August 14 & 28

All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall