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Downtown Master Plan Out with the old and in with the new

The 1935 City Hall building had its day. While it is gone, the City of Taylor is undertaking plans for the future of Heritage Square and the downtown business district with a vision of creating a vibrant, attractive destination where businesses will thrive and will be a place for people to gather.



Design Workshop, Inc. has been hired to create the plan that will cover a project boundary from 1st Street on the south, 7th Street on the north, Washburn Street on the east, Vance Street on the west, an extension west on 2nd Street to Doak Street and an extension south on Main Street to Rio Grande Street.

Members of the Main Street/TIF Advisory Board presented the recommendation to Council to hire Design Workshop, Inc. to create a Downtown Master Plan. TIF funds, which are limited in scope to make improvements to the downtown business district, will be used for the project.

Time Capsule Recovered From Old City Hall

Hidden for 79 years behind the main corner stone of the 1935 City Hall building, the time capsule was recovered with great mystery.

The capsule measuring 10"x8"x5", made from copper was sealed by a fine weld. A news story from the Taylor Daily Press in 1935 listed a number of articles that were supposedly placed in the time capsule.



One of the items was a letter by Sheriff Louis Lowe of Georgetown that reads, "When this is read, I will be dead." That was 79 long years ago.

Plans are being made to open the capsule publicly.

A Message From The City Manager

It is a wonderful opportunity to serve as City Manager for the City of Taylor, Texas. Preparing for the anticipated growth in the area is a very exciting challenge.

I look forward to working with city staff to enhance the services provided to our community. My goal is to position our organization to better meet demands for city services.

Our community has many tough challenges. Working with City Council, staff and citizens, we can prepare to take advantage of the opportunities which will enhance Taylor's quality of life while preserving our rich heritage.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few weeks and months. I welcome your visit if you stop by City Hall. Working together as a community, we will make life in Taylor even better!

-Isaac Turner

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Taylor Public Library Receives Bequest

The Library was named beneficiary of \$15,332.47 from the Estate of Mrs. Ludine (Deane) Pfennig. Mrs. Pfennig was a longtime resident of the Taylor community and a member of The Woman's Study Club whose charity of choice is the Taylor Public Library.

The Library will use the funds to purchase library materials. The Director and Library staff are extremely grateful for the gift which will benefit the entire community.

LSC - Taylor Fall 2014

The Fall 2014 LSC-Taylor Rec Program is set for September 22 through November 8.

The Taylor Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the Lonestar Recreational Program that is serving Taylor and the surrounding areas, for ages Under 4 and Under 18.

Registration is open by visiting www.taylor.tx.gov/soccer or by coming by City Hall at 400 Porter St.



October Is Fire Prevention Month

The theme for 2014 is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives." Taylor Firefighters will be visiting students in grades 1-5 in all public schools, St. Mary's and St. Paul's.

They also are planning a coloring contest about fire prevention. Every home should have working smoke alarms. Each unit should be tested monthly and the batteries should be changed twice a year. The Fire Department will put in a free smoke alarm if a home is in need of one.

On October 18, the Fire Department is hosting an open house at Central Station One, 219 Elliott St., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with hot dogs and drinks, exhibits for the entire family and tours of the fire station and trucks.

Get Ready for Fall Clean Up

The City of Taylor provides citywide clean up services twice a year. It's time for the Fall Clean Up on Saturday, October 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to help pick up trash throughout their neighborhoods and take advantage of two collection sites that will be free to residents to use. Site locations are at 1424 North Main Street in the Public Works yard and at 1200 Welch Street near Hidalgo Park. No hazardous waste will be accepted.

Water Smart Tip:

Wash your pets outdoors in an area of your lawn that needs water.

For more smart water tips and ideas, visit:
www.takecareoftexas.org and www.wateruseitwisely.com



Coming Events

Patriot Day Remembrance

March and Program

7 pm, September 11

Main Street from 7th to 3rd St.

Program at Heritage Square

Fly-A-Kite Day

9 am – 2 pm

Saturday, Sept. 13

Taylor Regional Park

Free event. Family fun.



Taylor Business Expo & Job Fair 2014

10 am – 2 pm, Sept. 20

Main Street Intermediate Campus

3101 N. Main Street

No charge.

Good Life Family Fair

October 11, 9 am – 1 pm

Bull Branch Park

Corner of Davis and Dellinger

Free family fun, games, 5K run,

Information booths,

Fire & Police Displays

Happy Halloween

Spooktacular

6 – 9 pm, Thurs. October 30

Historic Downtown Taylor

The Main Street Car Show

10 am – 4 pm, Saturday

November 1, Historic Downtown

Closings

All City offices will be closed

August 30 and September 1

In observance of Labor Day

Regular garbage schedule

City Council Meetings

Thursdays, September 4, 11 & 25

Thursdays, October 9 & 23

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