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A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



A look at newly rebuilt Edmond Street, facing south at 6th Street. It's open and ready for traffic. City Council, staff, citizens and contractors held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on site on February 8.

With warmer weather soon moving into Taylor, outdoor work, such as mowing and street repair, will increase. One major project that was not hampered by winter, however, was the rebuilding of Edmond Street between Second and Sixth streets. A ribbon-cutting was held on February 8, and is a visible example of the Council and staff's focus on improving infrastructure.

I am also pleased that February marks the start of the new Curbside Recycling Program, adding to the quality of life in Taylor. Our current trash collection company, Waste Connections, will every other week collect recyclables such as plastics, glass, paper and cardboard. City Council approved funding for the program during last summer's budget planning and approved the program in December 2017.

Isaac Turner
Taylor City Manager

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM BEGINS FEB. 26

Recycling Center will close permanently on March 28

Citizens will soon find large blue bins placed in front of their houses on their regular trash pickup days, as the City of Taylor and Waste Connections (WC) begin the new Curbside Recycling Program in two steps.

- Delivery of the blue recycling containers begins on Thursday, February 15
- The first recycling bin pickup day will be Monday, February 26

Bins will first be delivered on the Thursday pickup routes to homes currently participating in the city's trash collection program. Delivery of the recycling bins to single-family and homes will continue on subsequent days in accordance with everyone's normal trash pickup day.



While regular trash pickup happens every week, recycling containers will be emptied only every other week.

- Cost per month per home is \$2.50 for the first year
- Cost after the first year is \$3.25 per month

With the start of curbside recycling, the City of Taylor Recycling Center at 1606 N. Main St. will be permanently closed on Wednesday, March 28.

Taylor City Council voted in December to absorb the 75-cent difference in cost to citizens for the first year of the program as it gets underway. Citizens will see the \$2.50 monthly charge appear on the normal city utility bill starting the week of March 5 according to each zone's billing cycles.

With the initial bin delivery, citizens will be provided a bag inside the container to include a recycling schedule, details about what can be recycled and other information about the program, according to Buddy Hyden, WC Operations Manager. Residents are advised to look for that information for answers to recycling questions.

"Waste Connections is very excited and pleased to provide residential recycling service to the citizens of Taylor," said Steve Shannon, WC Municipal Marketing Manager. "This is a service and environmental project that people in Taylor have wanted for several years. We are pleased to partner with the City of Taylor to make this service something that Taylor and its residents will be proud of."

Residents can refer to the city's website for a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and program details, including a pickup schedule, within the weeks before the recycling pickup begins on February 26.



FREE TAX PREPARATION AVAILABLE

Free income tax preparation is available through mid-April at Taylor City Hall and Taylor Public Library for senior citizens and those individuals who earn less than an annual salary of \$54,000. The free service is provided by United Way of Williamson County.

Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St. - January 24 to April 16

Mondays: 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance St. - February 7 to April 11

Wednesdays: Noon to 4 p.m.

What to Bring:

- Photo ID for taxpayer (and spouse if married filing a joint return)
- Married filing jointly - both must be present to complete the return
- Social Security card and/or ITIN cards for all listed on the return
- ID number for child care provider and receipts
- 1098-T tuition statement for college and technical school students and relevant record of higher education expenses

- Interest and dividend statements
- Receipts for mortgage property taxes or interest
- For 1095-A, B or C or Affordable Healthcare statements
- Account and routing numbers of your financial institution
- Last year's tax return (if you filed)

Call UWWC at 512-225-6799 with questions about the sessions.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTICES?

The City of Taylor sends residents information about emergencies via the Capital Area Council of Governments Regional Notification System, called CodeRED. Citizens may sign up to receive alerts by email, phone or text. Register your individual or family contact information online at: warncentraltexas.org. If already registered, please double-check your information for accuracy or to make changes.



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Be Water Wise at Home & Save Money

- 1) Keep a pitcher of cold water in the refrigerator, rather than letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- 2) Showering accounts for nearly 17% of indoor water use. Take shorter showers and reduce your water bill costs!

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

February | Black History Month

8 MOODY MUSEUM: VALENTINES GALA

A benefit for the museum, tickets are \$25 per person. Refreshments and live piano music all evening. Time: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Location: 114 W. 9th St. www.moodymuseum.org for more information.



10 FOR KIDS: VALENTINES AT THE MOODY

Join us from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to make Victorian Valentines! For children ages pre-school to fifth grade. Tours for families who come with children. 114 W. 9th St.

15 THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING NIGHT

Head to Main Street where the downtown merchants are open late, offering special sales. Everyone is invited!

26 NEW! RECYCLED TRASH PICKUP STARTS

Waste Connections begins its first recycle route collection, in line with regular trash pickup days. Recycled bins are emptied only every other week, on the same day as a home's normal trash day.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City offices will be closed on the following day:
Monday, February 19 | Presidents Day
(Normal trash collection, no delays)

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday - February 8 & 22
All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. Watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylor.tx.gov.