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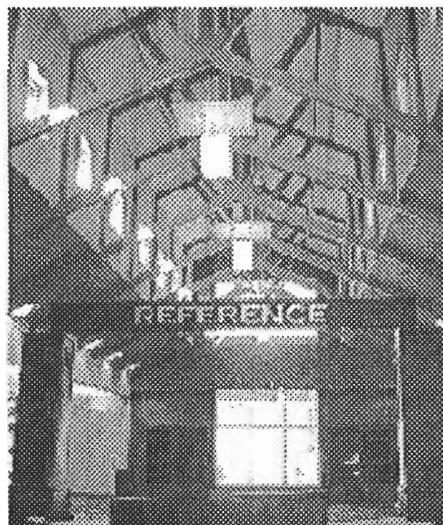
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New Home for Library

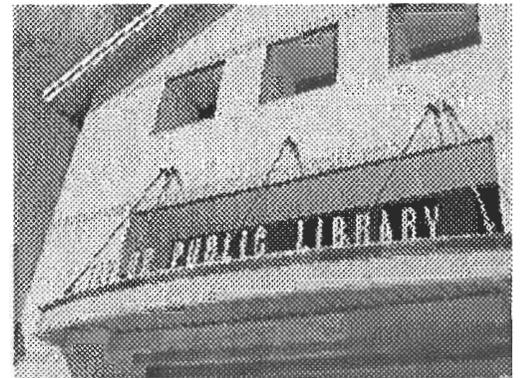
Nestled in the heart of central Taylor at 801 Vance St., the new home of the Taylor Public Library is being readied for occupancy. Finishing touches are being made and furniture is being moved in.

The 20,000 square foot facility features a separate Children's area and Young Adults area in addition to a larger, comfortable reading area. Another feature is the community room that will accommodate 200 theater-style with audio-visual amenities. The library will continue to offer wireless computer access for its patrons.

The Library's City Hall location will close on March 1 for its annual inventory, then packing begins for the move to the new location. The opening date at the new facility is projected to be near the end of March.



Library interior featuring the Reference reading area.



Entry to the new Taylor Public Library

Drop Everything And Read!

DEAR is a community-wide literacy celebration being held in conjunction with and to celebrate the opening of the new Taylor Public Library.

On Thursday, March 22, all Taylor citizens are invited to Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) for 15 minutes from 10-10:15 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to stop whatever they are doing and enjoy uninterrupted, sustained reading for this period of time.

Library Gala Planned

The Taylor Library Foundation is hosting a gala event to celebrate the opening of the new library and to raise funds for new books, computers and a children's playscape.

The black-tie optional event will be at the new library facility at 801 Vance Street from 6:30-9:30 p.m., March 22. Tickets for the event are \$25 per person and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, City National Bank, Citizens National Bank, Guaranty Bank or the Library.

Streetscape Construction Update

Construction is scheduled to begin this month on the downtown streetscape project. The project involves Main Street from Second to Fifth Streets and side streets from Porter to Talbot.

Sidewalks will be removed and rebuilt in the affected areas. New street lights and landscaping amenities, including park benches and trash receptacles are planned.

Concurrently, the Texas Department of Transportation will be removing the current traffic lights in the affected area and installing new traffic light standards with pedestrian signals. This will be a major safety improvement in the downtown area. This project also includes the removal of the traffic light on Fourth Street (Highway 79 East) at Porter Street.

The City is planning a public meeting about the project and to answer any questions or concerns of property and business owners in the affected areas and the public in general. The meeting will be Thursday, March 1, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall.

For additional information, contact Casey Sledge, Sledge Engineering, 365-1888 or Jean Johnson, 352-5448.

City Crews at Work

City Utility crews are currently upgrading and replacing old water and wastewater lines on Washburn, Elliott, Second and Third Streets around the new Central Fire Station.

The work is being done by City crews in advance of planned street improvements needed for the Fire Station.



Water and wastewater construction on Washburn Street

Bull Branch Dam Repairs

Recent rains prompted an assessment of the Bull Branch dam on the lake at Murphy Park. This required draining the lake.

City officials discovered the wing walls to the dam needed repair. The design for the repairs are underway with Freese & Nichols Engineers. The lake will not be allowed to refill until the repairs are completed.

Municipal Election Polling Place Change

May 12, 2007 is a joint election day for two City Council seats and also for three School Board seats for Taylor Independent School District.

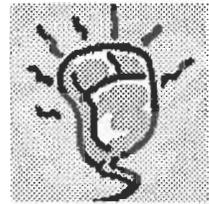
On May 12, polling places will be open from 7 am-7 pm at the following places:

For District 1 City Council seat:

City Hall
400 Porter St.
Taylor, Texas

For District 4 City Council seat and School Board Districts 3, 4, and 5:

Northside Elementary School
1004 Dellinger
Taylor, Texas



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WEBTIPS

Photos of new Taylor Public Library

Click on Departments>Library>Details

Library Picture Diary

City Calendar of Events for March

- 3/6 Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
- 3/8 City Council @ 6 pm
- 3/13 Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
- 3/15 Main Street Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
- 3/19 Moody Museum Board @ 5:30 pm
- 3/20 Library Board @ 6 pm
- 3/20 Parks & Recreation Bd. @ 6 pm
- 3/22 Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
- 3/27 City Council @ 6 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall and at www.ci.taylor.tx.us.
Call 352-3675 for additional information.

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