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**City of Taylor
City Council**

Bernabe Gonzales
Mayor
District 2

Donald R. Hill
Mayor Pro Tem
District 1

John McDonald
District 3

Ella Jez
District 4

Rod Hortenstine
At Large

**WHO TO CALL AT
CITY HALL?**

General Information
352-3675

Municipal Court
352-5977

Street Department
352-5818

Water Bills
352-2066

Library
352-3434

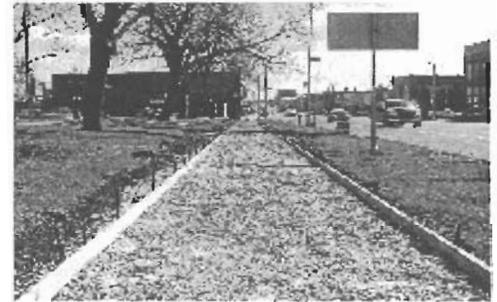
Excuse Our Mess!

Construction signs are evident all around downtown as the streetscape project is in full swing. Crews may be seen demolishing the old sidewalk or pouring concrete.

The most notable construction is in the Third Street block between Porter and Main. While the work is underway and messy, the restaurants and businesses remain open for business. There is plenty of street parking within a block of the area. Don't let the construction keep you from patronizing these downtown businesses.

The sidewalk project is nearing completion around Heritage Square Park. Nice wide sidewalks and new curbing replace old broken up walks. When fully completed, the walks will be wheel chair accessible.

Weather permitting, the entire project should be completed this fall.



New Traffic Signals

Out with the old, in with the new . . . traffic signals that is. Construction begins this month on replacing the traffic signals at the Main Street intersections of Walnut, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Streets.

Currently, the traffic signals are hung from lanyard cables across each intersection. These will be replaced with signals extended from mast arms that eliminate overhanging and unsightly cables and wires. With the addition of pedestrian signals, the new traffic signals will not only improve safety but also the appearance of our historic downtown area.

“Keep Taylor Beautiful Trash-Off”

Keep Taylor Beautiful and the City of Taylor are encouraging all Taylor residents and businesses to participate in the 2007 Trash-Off from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., Saturday, April 28, with registration being held at the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, 1519 North Main Street. The Central Texas Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc. is providing grant assistance for this annual project.

Keep Taylor Beautiful volunteers and local civic groups will be picking up trash throughout the city, especially along main thoroughfares, starting at 8 a.m. Anyone who would like to join the effort to pick up trash in their neighborhood is invited to come by the Chamber to register, pick up bags and gloves and drop off their bags when filled. Everyone can participate in cleaning their street, property, church, school, etc.

Dumpster locations are listed on page two. For additional information, contact Lee Anderson of Keep Taylor Beautiful at 352-5207 or Fred Switzer at City Hall, 352-3463.

New Library Grand Opening

The brand new Taylor Public Library celebrates its grand opening at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 31. After being closed a month to move to its new building, the Library is in full swing in its new home.

The computer lab formerly housed in the old Taylor Middle School building has been moved to the new library with more than a dozen computers available for public use.

A colorful new children's area is a wonderland for kids featuring two new computers and child-size seating area.

The new community room features state-of-the-art audio-visual amenities and provides theatre style seating for up to 200 people.

City Election Cancelled

Incumbents Donald R. Hill, District 1, and Ella Jez, District 4, were unopposed in the call for candidates for the City election set for May 12.

If candidates are unopposed and there are no other issues on the ballot the City Council may declare the unopposed candidates elected to office, in which case the election is cancelled.

Donald R. Hill and Ella Jez will be sworn in at the May 22, 2007 City Council meeting.

City Calendar of Events for April

- 4/3 Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
- 4/5 Main Street Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
- 4/10 Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
- 4/12 City Council @ 6 pm
- 4/16 Moody Museum Borad @ 5:30 pm
- 4/17 Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
- 4/17 Library Board @ 6 pm
- 4/24 City Council @ 6 pm
- 4/26 Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

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

Here Comes Peter Cotton Tail!

Time: 10 a.m.

Date: Saturday, April 7

Place: Heritage Square Park in Downtown Taylor



All Taylor youngsters, ages one through six are invited to join in the fun -- 2,000 colorful Easter eggs -- "Rudy the Easter Bunny" -- Lucky Eggs -- and more!



Mark Your Calendar!

Taylor's Bloomin' Festival

10 am - 6 pm

Saturday, May 5

Family fun, shopping, arts & crafts, horticulture demonstrations, food, entertainment, fun children's activities, car show and more!

Trash-Off Collection Sites

8 am - 3 pm, Saturday, April 28

Dumpsters for general trash (nominal fee)
City Maintenance yard, 1424 N. Main (enter in back off Old Thorndale Road) and 1400 block of Welch Street, just west of T. Don Hutto facility. All brush must be bundled. No tires, batteries, waste oil and oil filters, chemicals or other hazardous materials will be accepted at the dumpster locations.

Aluminum cans, batteries, copper and brass materials may be disposed of at Texas Metals, 900 block of North Main from 9 am - 12 noon.

Used passenger tires may be left at the Chamber office from 8 am - 12 noon for a fee of \$3 each. No tires accepted after 12 noon.

Gently used clothing donations may be made for Shepherds Heart Ministries at the Chamber location.



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