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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

Why Taylor? Buy Taylor

The City Council approved the launch of a "shop local" marketing campaign at its last meeting in an effort to encourage the community to keep Taylor's money in Taylor. Developed to take advantage of the 2007 holiday shopping season, the campaign is designed to provide promotional support for local businesses and to raise community awareness of the benefits of shopping locally.

The program is an eight-week campaign. All local businesses and merchants are invited to participate. Incentives for merchants include promotional materials for showcasing the program that encourages citizens to shop locally and to promote their business. Shoppers who visit a participating business can register for one of ten drawings for gift certificates at the end of the campaign and could potentially win \$100 to \$500.



Goals of the program include raising awareness of the benefits of keeping sales tax dollars in Taylor. The City government is supported by these tax dollars and the sales tax allocations against ad valorem taxes are a benefit for local property owners. The campaign promotes a sense of loyalty to Taylor businesses and a sense of community.

For additional information, contact Tracy Terry at 352-3675.

Safer Routes to School

The Taylor Independent School District has been awarded a grant amount of \$574,000 from the Texas Transportation Commission to make sidewalk improvements in and around several school neighborhoods. This award came as a result of a \$750,000 grant application made by the City of Taylor. Adjustments will be made to preliminary plans to accommodate the lesser amount being funded.

Safety improvements that have already been made for the schools are the construction of a new sidewalk on campus and a crosswalk at Mallard Lane and Highway 95 by the Taylor High School and a new red light crosswalk at FM 397 near the Taylor Middle School.

Connect-CTY

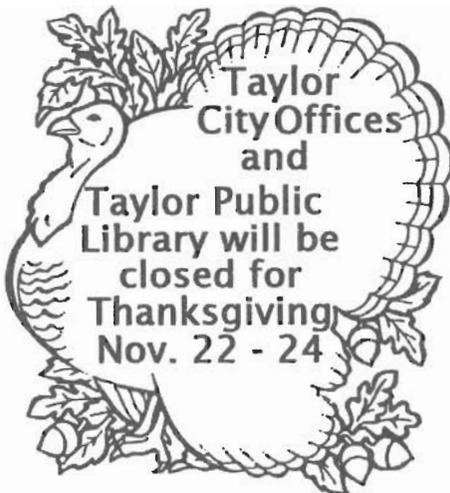
Service Reminder

Taylor citizens can sign up now to list additional contact phone numbers or email addresses with the City's new Connect-CTY service. This is an instant messaging system that allows city officials to send and track personalized voice messages in the event of an emergency. Thousands of residences and businesses can be called in a matter of minutes.

An individual can have up to three phone numbers and two email addresses in the database. These can be added online at the City website: www.ci.taylor.tx.us or by calling City Hall at 352-3675.



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City Recycling Services

The City of Taylor operates a Recycling Center located at 1424 N. Main Street. It is open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays only.

Items accepted include:

- Newspaper/magazines (no telephone books)
- Plastics (soda and water bottles, water jugs, etc.)
- Aluminum cans (please flatten, if possible)
- Tin cans (no foil pie pans, siding, aerosol cans or any scrap metal)
- Glass (no car windshields accepted)

For additional information, contact the Streets Department, 352-5818.

Christmas Is Coming!

Christmas is coming to historic downtown Taylor. Mark your calendars. Christmas lights will be turned on at Heritage Square on Friday, November 23, the day after Thanksgiving. Fundraising efforts are underway to promote this valued Taylor tradition and to make needed improvements in maintenance of the lights. For information on how to help, contact Main Street Manager Jean Johnson, 352-5448.



Also, the annual Lighted Christmas Parade held on Main Street is scheduled for Saturday, December 1. Applications to participate in the parade are available at the Taylor Chamber 352-6364.

Constitutional and Joint Elections

Early Voting
October 29 - November 2
City Hall 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

November 6, 2007
Election Day

Correction to New Rates for Water and Wastewater

The new residential water and wastewater rates that went into effect October 1 were incorrectly reported last month. The new rates for water are \$20.28 for the first 2,000 gallons and wastewater base rates increased to \$14.91 for the first 2,000 gallons. The increase will appear on the November bill that will be mailed at the end of the month.

City Calendar of Events for November

Nov. 6	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
Nov. 13	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
Nov. 14	Main Street Advisory Board @ 11:30 am
Nov. 15	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
Nov. 19	Moody Museum @ 5:30 pm
Nov. 20	Library Board @ 6 pm
Nov. 20	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
Nov. 27	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
Nov. 29	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall and at www.ci.taylor.tx.us.

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