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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

EWCHEC To Build In Taylor



Community partners present plan to Temple College Board of Trustees. Back row l to r: John Nelson, Bart Fowler, Frank Salvato, Rod Hortenstine, John McDonald, Donald Hill, Jason Ford, Jim Aanstoos. Front row l to r: Bill Maxwell, Ella Jez, Dr. Bruce Scott, Chuck McCarter, Benito Gonzales

The Temple College Board of Trustees has selected Taylor as the site for the new East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHEC). The announcement was made following a year of intense planning, including legislative approval of House Bill 2074 that officially formed the institution.

EWCHEC will be a multi-institutional teaching center that provides college courses and workforce readiness classes offered by Temple College, Tarleton State University-Central Texas and Texas State Technical College of Waco and has the potential of additional educational institutions joining in the future.

Recognizing the need to provide higher

education opportunities for residents of the East Williamson County area and beyond has been the driving force behind efforts of the City of Taylor, Taylor Economic Development Corporation, Taylor Independent School District, Temple College and Texas State Technical College.

The community partners presented a plan to purchase the Taylor site and to fund construction of the first phase of the complex. The proposal includes debt service by the community partners of \$500,000 per year until paid. The proposed site of the EWCHEC complex is at the intersection of FM 973 and US 79 Loop. Classes may begin as early as the spring of 2009.

Capital Improvements Update

Work is underway on the Mustang Creek Interceptor project. Crews are boring 20 feet below the surface under the Highway 95 bridge over Mustang Creek. They are laying 42-inch pipe to carry wastewater from throughout the city to the wastewater plant located south of FM 112.

The project was awarded to S. J. Louis of Texas for their bid of \$4,804,863. This is the largest project ever funded by the City of Taylor using Certificates of Obligation from 2006 and 2007.



Pipe for Mustang Creek Interceptor project

Water Use Reminder

Please be reminded that the average residential water consumption during the months of December, January and February will be used to calculate the monthly water consumption and waste water charges for the next 12 months, beginning in April.

For additional information, contact the City Utility Billing Office at 352-2066.

Red Santa Rides Again!

The Taylor Fire Services and the Taylor Police Department are coordinating the 22nd Annual Red Santa Program. Toys, food and volunteers are needed to help provide 100 families and 400 children with holiday assistance. Here's how you can help.

Drop toys and non-perishable food at any Taylor Fire or Police Station or City Hall by December 14. Additional drop off locations will be hosted by Officers and Fire Fighters on December 1 and December 15 at the corner of Lake Drive & Davis and Mallard Drive & Davis. Donations needed include food, toys and gifts for older kids like bath sets, jewelry, watch sets, etc.

Applications are available at the Fire and Police Stations for families that need Red Santa assistance.

Volunteers are needed to help wrap Christmas items on December 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Volunteer Fire Hall, 705 Carlos Parker Blvd. and to deliver items on Christmas Eve morning at 8:00 a.m. For more information call Anita at 352-6992.

Garbage Holiday Schedule

No service on Christmas Day or New Years Day. If your regular pick up is on one of these days, please place garbage at curb the day after. Service will be moved one day later for the remainder of the week.



Tis' the Season! Christmas in Taylor

Lights of the Blackland at Heritage Square through New Year's Day

Christmas Parade of Lights
7 p.m., Saturday, December 1

Santa Claus at Old City Hall
(weather permitting)
7 - 9 p.m. Thursday - Saturday,
December 1 - 22

Photos with Santa, 7-9 p.m., Fri. & Sat.

Santa Claus is coming
to the Taylor Public Library
801 Vance St.
10 a.m.- Saturday, December 15



Why Taylor? Buy Taylor!

Shop the stores where you see the big red bow to win one of 10 prizes valued \$100 - \$500!

Drawing held January 7, 2008.

City Calendar of Events for December

Dec. 4	Zoning Board of Adjustments 6 pm
Dec. 11	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
Dec. 13	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
Dec. 24	City offices close at 12 noon
Dec. 25	City offices closed for Christmas

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

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