

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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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

## 2007 In Review

The completion of the new Taylor Public Library was a very significant accomplishment for the City and a tremendous quality of life investment for the community. The new Library houses nearly 35,000 items, including books, DVDs, etc. and serves 8,365 library cardholders. Wireless access is available at the facility and provides 14 public access computers that are in continuous use.



*Taylor Public Library- 801 Vance Street*

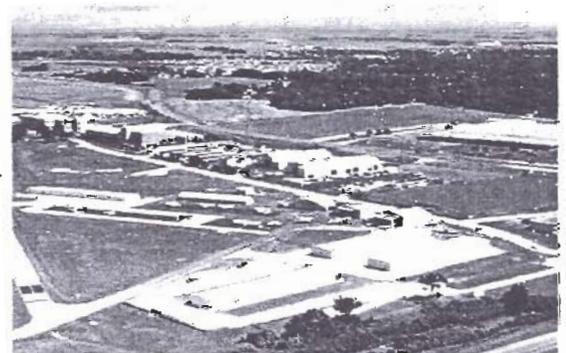


*Central Fire Station - 200 Washburn Street*

The Taylor Municipal Airport added 12 new T-hangars for private planes, bringing the total to 48 full hangars. With the hangars at capacity, there are more than 70 individuals on the airport hangar waiting list. Usage of the airport is growing steadily and is a popular fueling station with between 7,000 to 8,000 gallons of aviation fuel sold every five weeks.

More than seven miles of Taylor streets were listed for rehabilitation and maintenance. The program is 94 percent completed at year-end and will be completed when warmer weather returns so the new resurfacing will adhere properly.

The new Central Fire Station also was completed providing a high quality facility for the Taylor Fire Department for the central part of the city. The station has more than 8,000 square feet, including four drive-through bays that will accommodate up to five fire trucks. Additional features include separate training room, kitchen, laundry and living room, computer/radio room and storage for fire equipment and apparatus.



*Taylor Municipal Airport - 303 Airport Road*

The streetscape project is close to being completed. New sidewalks and landscaping grace Main Street from Second to Fifth Streets and from Porter to Talbot. Installation of new street lights is underway.



## MAJOR RETAILERS



North Main national and regional retailers

### New in 2007 *Connect-CTY* Emergency Notification

This new communications tool allows the City to provide instant messaging by telephone or email to its residents in times of emergencies or when the need arises to communicate critical information. Thousands of residences and businesses can be called in a matter of minutes to the phone numbers provided in the phone book.

Residents are reminded they can add up to three additional contact phone numbers, including cell phones, and two email addresses to the database by calling City Hall at 352-3675 or visiting the City's website: [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).

### City Calendar of Events for January

- Jan. 7 Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
- Jan. 8 Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
- Jan. 10 City Council @ 6 pm
- Jan. 15 Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
- Jan. 15 Library Board @ 6 pm
- Jan. 21 Moody Museum @ 5:30 pm
- Jan. 22 City Council @ 6 pm
- Jan. 24 Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall and at [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).

## On the Retail Front in 2007

The City of Taylor continues to recruit new retailers to serve the community and area. In 2007, members of the City Council and City staff hosted an exhibit booth at the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conference to market Taylor directly to Texas developers and retailers.

Taylor has a growing retail base of national and regional companies. Three banking franchises have opened branch offices in Taylor, including Franklin Bank, Chase Bank and IBC Bank.

New retail businesses opened their doors or expanded in 2007, including Bealls, Whataburger, Taylor Seafood & Steak and in the downtown area, Reiny's German Restaurant and Dreams to Treasures.

## Improved Communications

The City of Taylor stepped up communications efforts in 2007. In addition to the monthly *Community Connection* newsletter, the City's website has been enhanced to include online payment of utility bills and municipal court fines. Users can sign up for Notify Me emails about various topics and can report problems with FixIt online. Visit [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).

City leaders hosted the first *Town Hall Community Meeting* in September to showcase the multiple services the City provides for its residents. Numerous exhibits were featured with a brief program by City Manager Frank Salvato along with an open forum to answer questions and hear recommendations.

City information can be found daily on *Time Warner's Channel 10* for residents with Time Warner Cable.

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