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City of Taylor City Council

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District 1

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District 3

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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

Why Taylor? Buy Taylor!

Ten happy people were rewarded for shopping in Taylor during the holiday season. All were winners of at least \$100 cash. The winner of the \$500 grand prize was Ben Montanez.

Forty-four Taylor businesses participated in a campaign to encourage residents to shop locally. With 60 registration locations, 2,069 shoppers registered for the cash drawings and provided feedback on why they like to shop in Taylor, citing convenience, gas savings, everything is here and supports the local economy.



Winners line up to draw for grand prize. Ben Montanez, left, was the winner of \$500 cash. Nine others won \$100 cash.

New Hike & Bike Trails Nearing Completion

Construction of the new North Bull Branch Hike & Bike trails is well underway and nearing completion. The trail is now open from North Drive to Bull Branch Park connecting with the existing trail.

The extension from the existing trail on the north side of the Lake Drive bridge has been completed. Construction is underway for a trail bridge that crosses the lake on the south side of Lake Drive as well as a new trail that, when completed, will connect Murphy Park to the trail that runs to Robinson Park.

Upon completion, the Hike & Bike trail will extend approximately three miles.



New Hike & Bike Trail along Bull Branch

Closure of Highway 95 South Bridge Expected Mid-February

The Texas Department of Transportation has advised they will close the Mustang Creek bridge on Highway 95 South for an estimated two week period in mid-February. The bridge will be completely shut down to repair damage due to aging of the concrete structure underneath the bridge.

All through traffic will be detoured at the South Carlos G. Parker Loop and at the Main Street and Second Street intersection. Local traffic will be open but will not be able to cross the bridge.

Municipal Election To Be Set

The City Council will consider setting a municipal election for May 10, 2008. The Council Member-At-Large position on the Council will be up for election. Council Member Rod Hortenstine currently holds this office and will seek reelection.

Other candidates may apply for the council seat beginning February 11 through March 10, 2008 at 5 p.m. Applications are available at www.ci.taylor.tx.us or may be picked up at City Hall. For additional information, call City Clerk Susan Brock at 352-3676.

City Calendar of Events for February

Feb. 5	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
Feb. 12	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
Feb. 12	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
Feb. 18	Moody Museum Board @ 5:30 pm
Feb. 18	Jt. Airport Zoning Board @ 6 pm
Feb. 19	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
Feb. 19	Library Board @ 6 pm
Feb. 21	Main Street Advisory Board @ 6 pm
Feb. 26	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
Feb. 28	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

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

Gift Provides New Swing Sets for Robinson Park

Thanks to Ms. Lessie Givens, Robinson Park is getting additional playground equipment. On December 30, Ms. Givens presented a \$2,000 contribution to purchase a new six-swing set for children's enjoyment near the Taylor Community Center at Robinson Park.

The City Council approved an additional \$3,466.39 to provide a border and required safety material around the swing set.

Thank you Ms Lessie Givens!

City "Adopts-A-Unit"

The City Council is providing support to the Central Texas Fort Hood Chapter, Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and it's "Adopt-A-Unit" program. The program supports the troops from Fort Hood with links to communities. Williamson County has adopted the 4th Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade. The cities of Hutto and Taylor are sharing troops with the 1/4 Aviation Battalion of approximately 300 troops that will deploy this summer.

Anyone interested in participating in this worthy program to support the troops, contact Jim Aanstoos at the Chamber, 365-8485.

Tax Forms & Tax Assistance

The Taylor Public Library has 2007 ¹⁰⁴⁰ Tax forms that are free and available while they last. The forms are available for pick up at the Library located at 801 Vance St. during library hours.

The Library is coordinating with AARP once again this year to provide tax assistance to individuals. AARP tax aide volunteers will be available on Wednesday afternoons from 12 noon to 4 p.m. through April 9. This is a free service on first come, first serve basis. Individuals needing assistance should bring all their tax paperwork, last year's tax paperwork and their actual Social Security card.

For additional information, contact the Library at 352-3434.

Primary Election Schedule

March 4, 2008 Primary Election

Early Voting Dates

Tues - Fri, 2/19 - 2/22, 8 am - 5 pm
Saturday, 2/23, 7 am - 7 pm
Sunday, 2/24, 12 N - 5 pm
Mon - Fri, 2/25 - 2/29, 7 am - 7 pm

Voter Registration Deadline

February 4, 2008

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