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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

“Superior Public Water System” Rating for Taylor

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) issued a “Superior Rating” for the public drinking water supply in the City of Taylor. Soon signage will go up at the entrances to the city proclaiming a “Superior Public Water System.”

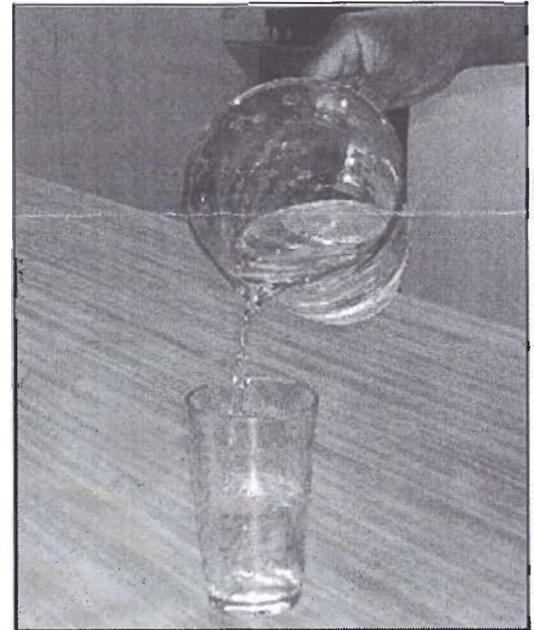
Water quality and capacity have been a major priority for the City. Council and staff have worked toward this goal for many years including opting to go from well water to purchasing surface water through the Brazos River Authority (BRA) and building the water treatment plant at Lake Granger.

The citizens then approved the sale of the water treatment plant to BRA in 2004, enabling the needed expansion improvements to be made to the plant. The increase in capacity was a critical step to

Standard & Poor’s “A” Rating

The City of Taylor received an upgrade from Standard & Poor’s in its general obligation (GO) debt rating to “A” from the “BBB+” rating held for a number of years. Standard & Poor’s cited good financial management by the City and maintenance of strong reserves despite growth pressures.

The City maintains a conservative investment polity and five-year capital improvement plan and works very hard to pay-as-you-go in making improvements.



Taylor water receives highest rating by TCEQ.

receiving the highest rating for water quality.

The recent expansion made by the Brazos River Authority (BRA) to the water treatment plant more than doubles the capacity of water available to the City of Taylor.

Beware of Fire Hazard & Fireworks

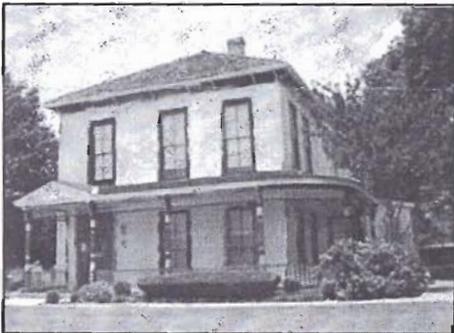
County Judge Dan A. Gattis instituted a burn ban for all of Williamson County in mid-June that will remain in effect until further notice due to the current hot and dry weather. Outdoor burning is prohibited.

Citizens are also reminded that it is illegal to possess, transport, store or discharge fireworks within the City Limits of Taylor. Anyone violating this ordinance is subject to citation and possible fine up to \$500. Please take extreme precautions with any fireworks due to dry conditions.

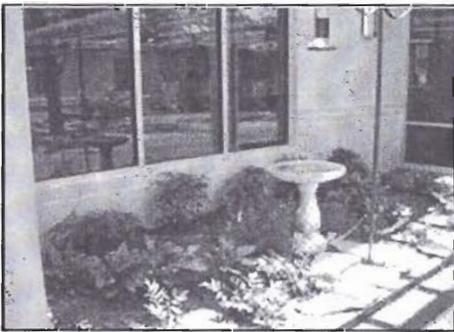
City Improvements Update



Murphy Dam repairs are well underway.



Moody Museum is receiving makeover.



New landscaped garden at Taylor Public Library designed and developed by Seth Harvey for his Eagle Scout project. Boy Scout Troop 167 helped provide manpower and Keep Taylor Beautiful provided the funding.

Streets Update

Construction is underway for the streets around the new Central Fire Station beginning with full excavation on Elliott and Second Streets. Patin Construction, LLC is the contractor. The street rehab will include parts of Second, Washburn, Third and Elliott Streets. Substantial completion is due around November this year, weather permitting.

The remaining work to be done on the 2007 Street Maintenance project has been completed by Ramming Paving. Several streets from last year's project still needed to be seal-coated but were left to this year due to weather.

The downtown streetscape project has been completed. Construction costs ended 9.6% under the contract amount. The City is awaiting the Construction Administration fee from TXDOT and final signoff.

Taylor Police Department Upgrades Equipment

A new, in-car digital video system has been installed for all Police cruisers. The system was funded 100% by Homeland Security grant funds at no cost to the City. This system provides immediate access to information in the field for Police officers. The Department is upgrading its dispatch center and radio equipment to digital allowing full regional interoperability with Williamson County's Regional radio system.

Community Activities



Red White & Blue Parade 9 am Friday July 4

Walking parade starting at 3rd Street moving up Main Street to 5th Street & Heritage Square Park.

Lots of activities including Patriotic Hat Contest and best parade entry contest. Call 352-5448 for information.

Time Warner Presents



In Murphy Park

Friday, July 18 - Spiderwick Chronicles
Friday, Aug. 1 - The Water Horse

All movies are free and begin at dusk. Bring a blanket, lawn chair and enjoy! Call 352-3463 for more information.

Taylor National Night Out 2008 Sign Your Neighborhood Up Now!

Block party registrations are being accepted for the August 5 National Night Out event sponsored by the Taylor Police Department. Call Beth Wilkes at 352-5552 for more information.

City Calendar of Events for July

July 1	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
July 8	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
July 8	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
July 15	Library Board @ 6 pm
July 15	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
July 16	Main Street Advisory Board @ 11:30 am
July 17	City Council Budget Workshop @ 6 pm
July 22	City Council Meeting @ 6 pm
July 24	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
July 31	City Council Budget Workshop @ t pm

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

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