

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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### City of Taylor City Council

Rod Hortenstine  
Mayor  
At Large

Ella Pumphrey Jez  
Mayor Pro Tem  
District 4

Donald R. Hill  
District 1

Bernabe Gonzales  
District 2

John McDonald  
District 3

### 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

## City Council To Receive Economic Impact Award

The Austin Business Journal has awarded the Taylor City Council the Economic Impact Award for the Taylor community for its contribution to the economic growth of Taylor. The Council will be recognized along with other community recipients at the Williamson County Growth Summit on November 3.

The Taylor Marketing Team nominated the City Council for its leadership and the bold steps it has taken to position Taylor for economic growth which has begun and is expected to intensify during the next five years. Some of the specific actions cited in the nomination included:

- Adoption of a new business incentives policy that focuses on attracting clean energy companies and businesses that bring jobs with average annual salaries of \$50,000 or more.
- Improvements at Taylor Municipal Airport with new hangars and acquisition of additional land for runway expansion.
- Capital investments of \$5.2 million for expanded wastewater interceptor and \$9 million for upper pressure plane for new water towers and ground storage for expanding water needs and future growth.
- Completion of \$2.5 million downtown streetscape and signalization projects in Taylor's Historic Downtown District.



*Taylor City Council, seated left to right, Mayor Rod Hortenstine and Mayor Pro Tem Ella Jez, standing left to right, Councilmen Bernabe Gonzales, John McDonald and Don Hill.*

- Becoming a formal partner in the East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHEC) with a funding commitment of \$125,000 in 2008-09.
- Completion of \$500,000 Murphy Park and Hike & Bike improvements and \$400,000 for Robinson Park.
- Completion of new Central Fire Station and Taylor Public Library with proceeds from a \$5 million General Obligation bond election.
- Construction of new 70-acre East Williamson County Regional Park and Sports Complex with approximately \$8 million in state and local funds that will be a major draw for regional sports events.

The Taylor Marketing Team includes Taylor Independent School District, TaylorCNET, Taylor Economic Development Corporation, Taylor Chamber of Commerce and the City of Taylor.



*Check presentation to Mayor Hortenstine by Jim Hodson and Aloma Clayton of ALCOA.*

### ALCOA Foundation Gift

The ALCOA Foundation has donated \$15,000 to help garner funds required to apply for a Housing Trust Fund grant. The Housing Trust Fund grant is \$250,000 that will provide for weatherization of approximately six to eight homes in Taylor.

The City of Taylor is partnering with Williamson-Burnet Counties Opportunities (WBCO) to apply for the grant in early 2009. The City has agreed to help raise \$50,000 towards this goal and ALCOA Foundation is the first donor. The money raised will be used to fund the administration of the program and the initial grant request.

### Murphy Dam is Done!

Austin Filter Systems, Inc. has completed their work repairing Murphy Dam. The concrete work is finished. The gate is installed and closed, ready for Murphy Lake to be filled and the water level in the smaller clear lake to rise to normal levels.



*Scenic observation point over the clear lake along the Hike & Bike trail at Murphy Park.*

### Robinson, Murphy, Hike & Bike Improvements Complete!

Taylor residents and visitors have already increased their use of and visits to the new and improved Robinson and Murphy Parks. New playscapes, basketball courts, volley ball courts, swings, parking areas and landscaping are among the amenities at each park. Over three miles of Hike & Bike trails now connect North Drive to Robinson Park.

Official ribbon-cutting ceremonies are planned for October to celebrate the completion of the parks and to encourage the public to take advantage of and enjoy the parks.

### Community Activities



### Halloween Spooktacular

**Thursday, October 30  
6 - 9 pm  
Historic Main Street**

*Safe Halloween fun with games and treats for all sponsored, by Taylor Merchants Association and civic groups - Haunted House sponsored by Main Street and Taylor Jaycees. A City of Taylor sponsored event.*

### Early Voting Locations

Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St.  
Open Oct. 20 through Oct. 31  
7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday  
12 Noon to 6 pm, Sunday

Taylor Middle School  
304 Carlos Parker Blvd.  
5-8 pm, Tuesday, Oct. 21

Taylor ISD Administration Building  
602 W. 12th St.  
5-8 pm, Friday, Oct. 31

**VOTER REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 6  
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

### City Calendar of Events for October

- Oct. 7 City Council/TISD Jt. meeting @ 7 am
- Oct. 7 Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
- Oct. 9 City Council meeting @ 6 pm
- Oct. 14 Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
- Oct. 15 Main Street Advisory Board/TIF Board @ 12 noon
- Oct. 20 Moody Museum Advisory Board @ 5:30 pm
- Oct. 21 Library Board @ 6 pm
- Oct. 21 City Council meeting @ 6 pm
- Oct. 23 Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
- Oct. 27 City Council Special meeting @ 6 pm

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

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