

## 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

### Council Awards Park Bids

The Taylor City Council awarded contracts totaling approximately \$7.75 million to begin immediately developing the 75-acre East Williamson County Regional Park.

Consulting City engineer Casey Sledge, along with representatives from Gallagher Construction Services, presented the bids and recommendations to the Council on January 6. Construction is expected to begin by March with projected completion of the high-quality sports complex in late 2009.

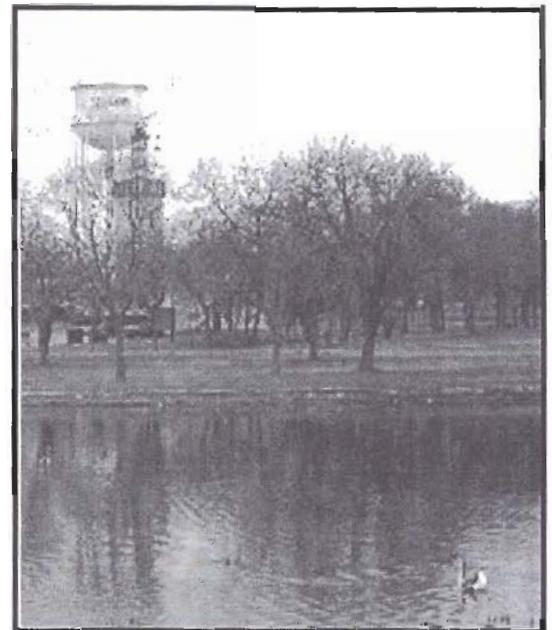
Funding for the development comes from \$6 million in bonds issued by the City in 2007 and 2008 with the balance coming from prior park land sale proceeds, Williamson County and Texas Parks and Wildlife grants.

### Safe Routes to School

After receiving public input, the City Council approved new sidewalk locations that will connect all the elementary schools and middle school campuses allowing school children to safely walk or bike to school.

A \$750,000 grant was awarded to the City of Taylor by the Texas Department of Transportation with no matching funds required.

The sidewalk plans can be viewed on the City's website at [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).



*Signs of progress. The Ducks are happy! Water is filling the lake. The new Murphy water tower under construction is shown in the background.*

### City Council Elections

Terms will expire this year for Council Member Benito Gonzales, Precinct 2, and Council Member John McDonald, Precinct 3. The Council will be considering a May 9 election date for filling these two places.

Application for candidacy may be found on the City's website or at City Hall and must be submitted to the City Clerk between February 9 and March 9. Applicants must live within the district for which they seek office. For more information, contact Susan Brock, 352-3676 or visit the website at [www.ci.taylor.tx.us](http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us).

### Community Reception

The public is invited to a reception to visit with prospective candidates vying for the position of City Manager, from 5 - 6:30 p.m., February 19 at the Library Community Room

## ***Cattle Egret Alert!***

Be on the lookout for Cattle egrets that could begin to show up in February and March. These birds are protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and cannot be disturbed or removed after they nest and lay eggs. If there have been problems with these birds in certain areas in the past, it is in everyone's best interest to try and stop the problem before it starts. A heronry cannot be disturbed once the first egg has been laid.

Old herony sites should be modified by removing as many old nests as possible and thinning out foliage to discourage future nesting. This habitat modification will help to persuade the Cattle egrets to move into another area. It is possible that the birds will move to another site that may cause conflicts in new areas.

It is extremely important for the entire community to be on the look out for when these birds show up searching for new nesting sites. If Cattle egrets are not wanted in an area and are caught early enough they can be moved out. Noise harrassment, laser lights and high pressure water spray are good ways to discourage nesting and force the birds to leave.

For more information, contact Linda Tschirhart-Hejl, Wildlife Biologist with the Texas AgriLife Extension-Wildlife Services at (979)845-6201 or by email at [Linda.Tschirhart@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Linda.Tschirhart@aphis.usda.gov).

## **Tax Forms & Tax Assistance**

The Taylor Public Library has 2008 IRS Tax forms that are free and available to the public while they last. The forms are available for pick up at the Library located at 801 Vance Street during regular library hours.

Once again this year, the AARP will be on hand to provide tax assistance to individuals. This will be a free service on a 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.

Call the Library at 352-3434 for times when counseling is available and for additional information.

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## **Trash Pick Up Notice**

The City's garbage service provider, IESI, will pick up trash that has been placed in an IESI container only. No other containers are allowed to be used for trash that is to be picked up. If a resident has excess trash that will not fit into an existing IESI container, additional containers may be ordered by calling 352-2066. There is an additional monthly fee of \$2.90 per container.

IESI will continue to pick up a maximum of two bags of leaves at each pick up that are not in a container.

## ***Community Activities***

### ***Moody Museum***



### ***Victorian Valentine Gala***

***4-8 pm, Thursday, Feb. 12***

***\$25 per person***

***Proceeds benefit Moody Museum***

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### ***Adopt A Unit 2008***



***Thank you, Taylor, for support  
of the 1-4 Aviation Regiment!***

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## **City Calendar of Events for February**

Feb. 3	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
Feb. 10	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
Feb. 12	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
Feb. 17	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
Feb. 17	Library Board @ 6 pm
Feb. 18	Main Street Advisory Board @ 12 noon
Feb. 19	City Manager Candidates Reception @ 5 pm Library Community Room
Feb. 24	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
Feb. 26	Airport Advisory Board @ 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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