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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

Finance Staff Wins Second Budget Award

For the second consecutive year, the City of Taylor has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget for the fiscal year that began October 1, 2008. The award represents a significant achievement by the city and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation.



Rosemarie Dennis, Alice Benjimin, Lillie Lawler, Terri Carrizales

A Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation was presented to Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, and her staff at a recent city council meeting. The actual recognition plaque has been received and is shown here with the proud Finance staff.

Recycling Update

Efforts to provide affordable curbside recycling for residents have not been successful at this time. However, recyclables may be delivered by residents to the City of Taylor Recycling Collection Center located at the City Public Works facility, 1424 N. Main Street. The Center is currently open 8 to 5 on Saturdays.

Acceptable items include paper, aluminum, tin and metal cans, glass jars and bottles that are clear, brown and green, and rigid plastics such as milk jugs, water, soda and juice bottles, and plastic bottles smaller than a gallon.

Unacceptable items include plastic bags, styrofoam, pizza boxes, cardboard, box-board, yard or food waste, garbage, helium tanks, aerosol cans or metal containers larger than a gallon, plastic containers larger than a gallon, wire hangers and motor oil bottles.

Garbage Dos and Don'ts

As a reminder to residents, all garbage to be picked up at curbside must be inside an authorized IESI poly-cart with the lid closed. Up to five bags of yard leaves/debris and up to five cubic yards of unbundled brush will be picked up once a week. Garbage receptacles other than the ones furnished by IESI will not be accepted. Please call for an additional receptacle if needed.

Items that may be picked up include white goods, appliances (stoves, water tanks, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators and air conditioners with the Freon properly removed by a certified technician), sinks, toilets and like items along with furniture such as couches, beds, mattresses, tables, chairs, TVs, lamps, microwaves, etc. Items that will not be removed include construction materials such as bath tubs, shower stalls, etc. These materials may be picked up for a small fee by calling IESI at 512-282-3508.

Taylor Animal Control Takes Special Care

Taylor Animal Control makes every effort to place animals that are picked up as strays back into the hands of the owner or to responsible people who are willing to make a commitment to adopting the animal as a pet. Potential adopters are counseled about the responsibility of pet ownership and an adoption application is used to help determine if one is prepared for taking care of a rescued animal. There is an adoption fee of \$80 that includes spay/neuter, nail trim, rabies vaccination and city registration if the animal will live in the city limits.

There is a 72-hour hold on animals that are picked up by Animal Control for being claimed by the owner. After that time frame, the animal is available for adoption. The Taylor Animal Shelter also provides for foster care of an animal. Again, an application process is followed to determine commitment to caring for the animal, including providing rabies vaccination and sterilization.

During the past year, the Animal Control Shelter has worked with 15 rescue groups and been able to release 80 animals to them. Additionally, 26 animals have been adopted locally. Animals available for adoption are featured on the petfinder website: www.petfinder.com/shelters/TX601.html. Those interested in adopting an animal may contact the shelter at 352-5483.



Beth Wilkes, Taylor Police Department, makes friends with newest resident of the Animal Shelter, a potbellied pig.



Don't forget Taylor National Night Out
Tuesday, August 4

Get Ready For Back to School!

A library card is the most important school accessory students can have! Now all students attending a school in the City of Taylor are eligible to receive a free Taylor Public Library card. This includes students enrolled and attending public schools, registered private schools and EWCHEC.

The process is simple:

- Come to the library and fill out a short patron form.
- Students under 16 must have a parent sign the application.
- Older students must have a student ID.
- Library staff will issue a Taylor Library Card and provide information about using the card.

Come to the library to get the most helpful and most inexpensive (FREE) item you can have for back to school! For more information visit <http://taylor.lib.tx.us/> or call 512-352-3434.



City Calendar of Events for August

August 4	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
August 6	Special City Council meeting (Tax Rate) 6 pm
August 11	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
August 13	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
August 18	Library Board @ 6 pm
August 18	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
August 19	Main Street Advisory Board @ 12 noon
August 25	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
August 27	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

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

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