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**City of Taylor
City Council**

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Mayor
At Large

Ella Pumphrey Jez
Mayor Pro Tem
District 4

Donald R. Hill
District 1

Christopher Gonzales, Sr.
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

Willie Shaw named Commissioner of the Year

Taylor Housing Authority Chairman Willie Shaw was recognized at the September 22 Council meeting for being named Commissioner of the Year by the South-west Region of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.



Willie Shaw (center) receives recognition from Councilman Don Hill (right) with Steve Shorts, Executive Director, Taylor Housing Authority (left).

Mr. Shaw has been an active Board member since November of 2003 and has served as Treasurer, Vice Chair and is currently Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the Taylor Housing Authority. A Viet Nam veteran, he served 20 years with the United States Air Force as an air traffic controller, retiring at the rank of Technical Sergeant. He then entered the U.S. Postal Service and retired as U. S. Postmaster after 21 years. Shaw serves as deacon of the Zion Chapel Baptist Church.

A graduate of O.L. Price High School of Taylor, Shaw holds a bachelor of arts degree in Management from Parks University in Illinois.

Water Rate Increase in New Fee Schedule

The City Council has adopted a revised Fee Schedule for City Services for 2009-2010 that will become effective October 1. The base rate for residential water will increase from \$20.28 to \$22.31 per month and the volume charge for each 1,000 gallon will increase from \$4.14 to \$4.55. The new rate is still below the rate of \$23.19 that customers were paying in 2003 before the sale of the water plant. This 10 percent increase is being made to allow the City to partially recoup a 25% increase it is being charged from its service provider. The rate increase affects all water customers. However, sewer rates will remain the same.

New fees are being implemented for use of the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex that is being completed this fall. Fees include rental fees, deposits for field use, lights and concession stand rental and deposits. All fees are being introduced to subsidize the cost of maintenance and management of the new park. Other fee changes include an increase in contractor permits for new construction and residential and apartment remodeling.

The Fee Schedule for City Services 2009-10 can be viewed on the city's website: www.ci.taylor.tx.us. For additional information, call City Hall, 352-3675.



City Council and City Manager Jim Dunaway with new brand, "The Zest of Texas."

Taylor "The Zest of Texas"

The new community brand was adopted by the City Council on September 22. Through many hours of focus groups and research, the brand directives to GOGO Creative was to develop a brand that reflected all the good things about Taylor: quality lifestyle, small-town appeal, Texas charm, family values, cultural heritage, rich history, outdoor recreation, geographic location, creative spirit and nature friendly.

In Taylor, one can feel the history, culture and gusto of Texas with spirit, charm and heart. Taylor has been the prairie, the railroad town, the country community, and now the progressive edge of an urban landscape. In Taylor, folks like who they are, live life to the fullest and embrace the future. Taylor really is "The Zest of Texas."

Citywide Fall Cleanup

A citywide cleanup is scheduled for October 17 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Collection sites are at 1424 North Main Street and 1200 Welch Street. Rates per truck will be \$10 and per trailer \$20.

Collection sites will not accept tires or any hazardous materials. Hazardous waste may be disposed of at the Williamson County Recycling Center north of Hutto.

Keep Taylor Beautiful volunteers are spearheading trash pickup throughout the city, especially along main thoroughfares beginning at 8 a.m. Any citizen wanting to help may bring their filled bags to the Chamber of Commerce location on North Main.

Collection sites will require a City of Taylor water bill or valid I.D. as proof of residency. For more information, call Nancy Tyson with KTB, 365-8434 or Fred Switzer, 352-3463.

Cycle Billing Reminder

Utility customers are reminded that cycle billing will begin in October. Please refer to the letter in your last statement for details or call Toni Bazzle in the Utility Billing Office at 352-2066.

Cemetery Hours Set

Hours have been set for the newly gated Taylor Cemetery. Visitors will be able to gain access to the cemetery grounds at ~~any~~ ^{GATE 1} gate during visiting hours from 7 am - 7 pm. Call 352-3531 for more information.

Community Events

Deployment Ceremony & Reception

Texas Army National Guard

Alpha Troop, 1st Squadron
112th Cavalry Regiment

The public is invited to send off the local National Guard Unit being mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bring your flags and join in.

2 p.m., October 3

Taylor High School
3101 North Main
Taylor

Contact: Lila Beard, 512-657-7349

Halloween Spooktacular

Downtown Taylor
Saturday, October 31

6 - 9 pm



City Calendar of Events for October

October 6	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
October 8	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
October 13	Jt. mtg. of TISD Board and City Council @ 7 am
October 13	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6pm
October 19	Moody Museum Board @ 5:30 pm
October 20	Library Board @ 6 pm
October 20	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
October 21	Main Street Advisory Board @ 12 noon
October 22	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm
October 27	City Council meeting @ 6 pm

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

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