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**City of Taylor  
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District 2

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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 Member Runs In Marine Marathon

City Council Member Christopher Gonzales ran in the 34th Annual Marine Corps Marathon held in Arlington, VA on October 25, 2009. A Marine Corps veteran, Gonzales ran along with 20,936 runners on a 26.2 mile course through the streets of Arlington and Washington, DC culminating with a finish at the Marine Corps War Memorial. Gonzales' run time was 4:01:03 coming in 4,802 out of nearly 21,000.

The Marine Corps Marathon follows a tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism and is the world's largest marathon to not offer prize money, earning the nickname "The People's Marathon."

## City Contemplates Annexation

The City Council has agreed to move forward with an expanded annexation plan for 2009. Areas to the east, north, northwest and south have been identified as potential land to be annexed. A Service Plan and map will be available prior to the first public hearing which is on the agenda for the City Council meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

More information can be found on the city website at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) or by contacting City Planner John Elsdén at 352-3863, ext. 24.



*Councilman Gonzales with his medallion from the Marine Corps Marathon.*

## Safe Routes to School Update

Property owners recently had an opportunity to attend a Public Meeting to finalize the construction design of a sidewalk project funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. The main purpose of this \$750,000 project is to connect schools and neighborhoods for safer travel for students going to and from school.

When completed, students and walkers will be able to travel more than two miles on a sidewalk that connects the Taylor High School to T. H. Johnson Elementary to Northside Elementary to the Taylor Middle School. Construction is expected to begin in December, weather permitting.

## New Domain Name for City

The City website has a new domain name that is easier to remember and communicate: [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov). The former web address: [ci.taylor.tx.us](http://ci.taylor.tx.us) will be routed to the new address.

## *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!*

### *All Things Christmas in Taylor . . .*

**Friday, November 27**

*Lights of the Blackland Lighting Ceremony, 7 pm*  
*Heritage Square*

**Saturday, December 5**

*Main Street Christmas Bazaar, 10 am - 5 pm*  
*City Hall, 400 Porter*

*Zesty Chili & More Main Street Concession, 1.*  
*5th Street at Main*

*Annual Lighted Christmas Parade with Santa*  
*Main Street & Heritage Square*

*Christmas Art Show & Ornament Sale, 7-9 pm*  
*The Main Gallery, Main and 2nd*

## **Thanksgiving**

**Taylor City Offices and  
Taylor Public Library  
will be closed for Thanksgiving  
November 26 & 27**



**Save the date!**

**Opening November 14!**

**Taylor Regional Park &  
Sports Complex**

*Where sports & nature thrive!*



## **Cemetery Hours & Access**

Access to the cemetery is now limited to the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week through Gate 1 located on the far west side of the cemetery. All other gates are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or as needed for funeral services. For more information, call Danny Thomas at 352-3675, ext. 39.

## **Cycle Billing Update**

Most customers should have noticed a change in their billing date for their utility bills this past month. This change may have resulted in a shorter billing time for some and longer for others. Please take notice of your billing date and change any automatic drafts or online payments you may have scheduled with your banking institution.

We appreciate your patience as this process continues. We are happy to respond to any questions or concerns.

The Utility Billing office hours are from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For additional information, contact Utilities Supervisor Toni Bazzle at 352-2066.

## **MDUS Update**

The City Council took one step closer to establishing a new funding option for drainage issues by introducing an ordinance at the October 8 Council meeting. City staff will be gathering information and setting priorities for drainage projects and scheduling public hearings about the proposed Municipal Drainage Utility System.

The Council plans to consider adopting the ordinance early next year following citizen input at public hearings being held over the next couple of months. For more information, visit the City website at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov) or contact Consulting City Engineer Casey Sledge at 365-1888.

## **City Calendar of Events for November**

November 3	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
November 10	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
November 12	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
November 16	Moody Museum Board @ 5:30 pm
November 17	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
November 17	Library Board @ 6 pm
November 18	Main Street Advisory Board @ 12 noon
November 19	Airport Advisory Board @ 5:30 pm
November 24	City Council 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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