

Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex Opens

On November 14, the Taylor community was invited to preview the new 75-acre Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex. A state of the art sports facility, the park features two quints (5 ball fields each), a full size football field, two soccer fields (with more to come), a pavilion, basketball courts, playscapes, basketball courts and a six-acre lake. The park is located at 210 Carlos Parker Boulevard and is adjacent to the East Williamson County Event Center.

The park also is located on the southern end of the Blackland Prairie Ecological Region of Texas. A very unique feature of the park is that it showcases a nature conservation project and urban wetland exhibiting grasses and wildflowers that are native to the endangered Blackland Prairie. This feature of the park will be used as an outdoor classroom for nature enthusiasts.

Construction for the first phase of the park began in February 2009 at a cost of approximately \$8 million. The Williamson County Park Foundation donated the 75 acres of land to the Taylor Park Foundation. Grants were received from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department in the amount of \$900,000 and from H-E-B for \$50,000.

The park is open to the public at this time. However, the fields in the park are not open for play at this time in order to allow the grass to establish and grow. Tournaments are being booked at this time for next year. The grand opening is anticipated in March 2010.

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Ribbon cutting for Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex with City Council and Chamber Ambassadors

MDUS Update

The first public hearing regarding the creation of a Municipal Drainage Utility District was held November 12 by the City Council. The Council is considering an ordinance to establish the utility only and does not include setting a fee at this time. The ordinance has been published three times in the Taylor Daily Press for the public to review.

The next public meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2010 at the regular Council meeting. For more information, visit the City website at www.taylor.tx.gov or contact Consulting City Engineer Casey Sledge at 365-1888.

Annexation Being Considered

On September 29, 2009 the City Council authorized staff to move forward with plans for future annexations of property in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) into the city limits. The annexation being considered for 2009 includes over 2,390 acres of land on all four sides of the existing city limits.

Two public hearings were held in November to allow property owners and citizens to express their opinions to the Council. The final vote will take place at the December 17, 2009 Council meeting. For more information contact John Elsdon, City Planner, at 352-3675 ext. 24.

Water Use Averaging

Please be reminded that the average residential water consumption during the months of December, January and February will be used to calculate the monthly water consumption and waste water charges for the next 12 months, beginning in April. This process is followed every year to set the waste water fees.

For additional information, contact the City Utility Billing office at 352-2066.

Holiday Garbage Pick Up

There will be no garbage pick up on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. If your regular pick up is on one of these days, please place garbage at the curb the day after. Service will be moved one day later for the remainder of the week, including Saturday.

Holiday Closures

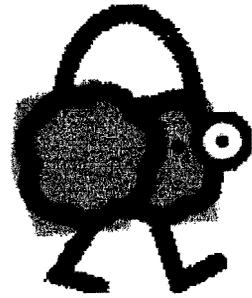
All City of Taylor offices and the Taylor Public Library will be closed

**December 24 at 12 noon
December 25 for Christmas
January 1 for New Year's Day**



Martin Luther King Day Community March & Program

**January 18, 2010
Starting at Robinson Park
at Walnut Street
March begins at 9 a.m.
to Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St.
Program upon arrival**



Winter Break Movies!

Where? Taylor Public Library

When? 2 p.m.

December 22, 23, 29 & 30

City Calendar of Events for December

December 1	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
December 8	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
December 10	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
December 15	Parks & Recreation Board meeting @ 6 pm
December 16	TIF Board meeting @ 12 noon
December 17	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
December 17	Airport Advisory Board meeting @ 6:30 pm

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

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