

## 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

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

## Safe Routes to School

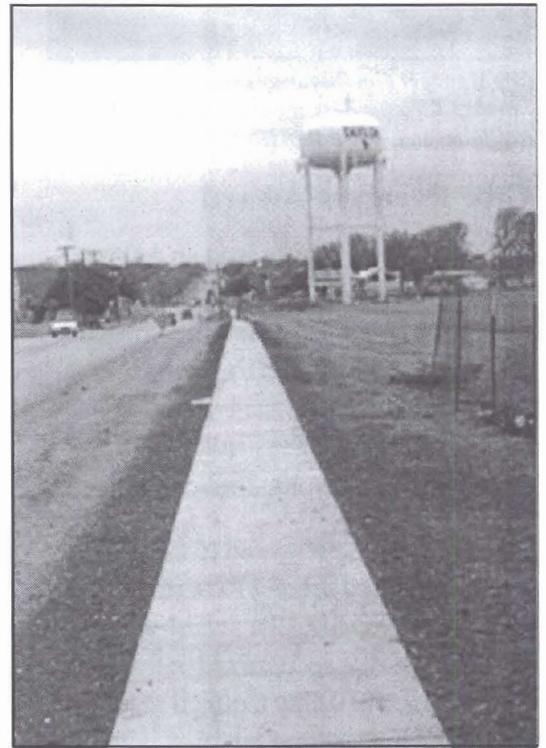
Work is underway for the Safe Routes to School sidewalks. What used to be a trodden pathway through grass made by students is now part of 2.4 miles of sidewalk designed to connect the elementary, middle and high schools.

Construction began in early January on the Mallard Lane section at Taylor High School and will connect to sidewalks near Pasemann Elementary. Upon completion of this section, the contractor will move to the Taylor Middle School campus on Loop 397 to continue the project. This section will connect to an existing sidewalk along Northpark Boulevard. Upon completion the contractor will then move to the T. H. Johnson Drive section that includes Pinehurst Drive and Sherry Drive.

The final phase will be pouring the sidewalk across the T. H. Johnson Elementary campus that is scheduled to be done during the TISD spring break.

The Safe Routes to School initiative was a collaborative effort of the City of Taylor and the Taylor Independent School District to provide a safe route for students and walkers along city thoroughfares that will connect not only the schools, but parks, trails, retail centers and medical facilities.

The pedestrian/bicycle sidewalk project is funded by a Texas Department of Transportation grant of \$750,000.



*New sidewalk along Mallard Lane*

## City Election is Called

The City Council has called for a City election to be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010 to elect two persons for a three-year term as members of the City Council, one representing District 1 and one representing District 4 in the City of Taylor.

Terms expire this year for Council Member Donald R. Hill, District 1, who has served for the past 24 years; and for Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez, District 4, who has served for six years.

Candidate filing begins February 8 through March 8, 2010. Persons who file must be a resident of the district for which they are filing. For additional information, call 352-3676.



*City Manager Jim Dunaway presents award to Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis with Alice Benjiman and Mayor Rod Hortenstine looking on.*

### City Receives Award

The City of Taylor received an Achievement Award for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States for its comprehensive annual financial report for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2008.

The award was presented to City of Taylor Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis for preparing the award-winning report. She was recognized at the January 14, 2010 City Council meeting by City Manager Jim Dunaway with the official plaque.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

### Cattle Egret Alert!

Be on the lookout for Cattle egrets that could begin to show up in February. Scout birds may have been spotted.

If you don't want them in your neighborhood, the best defense is a good offense. Clear out old heronry sites, removing old nests and thin out foliage to discourage nesting. If discouraged early enough, they may move to another area.

Remember these birds are protected under the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act and cannot be disturbed once they begin to nest and lay eggs.

For more information, contact Animal Control, 352-5551.

### Tax Forms & Assistance

AARP Tax Volunteers will be at the Taylor Public Library from 12 noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday through April 14 to provide tax assistance again this year. This is a walk-in service based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sign up for the service begins when the volunteers arrive. This is a free service provided to the public to assist with most IRS tax forms for individuals.

Located at 801 Vance St., the Library has 2009 IRS Tax forms that are free to the public while they last.

### Victorian Valentine Gala



\$25 per person

4 - 8 p.m. Come and Go

February 11

Moody Museum, 114 W. 9th St.

### Notice!

The Taylor Public Library will be closed for inventory February 18 & 19.

### Save the Date!!

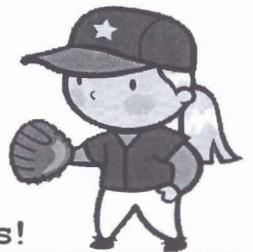


### Opening Day!

Saturday, March 27

Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex

Fun for all !  
Tournament  
& Festivities



Don't miss this!

### City Calendar of Events for February

- February 9 City Council meeting @ 6 pm
- February 16 Main Street Advisory Board @ 12 noon
- February 16 Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
- February 16 Library Board @ 6 pm
- February 23 City Council meeting @ 6 pm
- February 25 Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

Agendas are posted at City Hall and at [www.taylor.tx.gov](http://www.taylor.tx.gov).

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