

# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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**City of Taylor  
City Council**

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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

## Capital Improvements

The City Council approved \$8,780,000 in Certificates of Obligation for the next round of capital improvements for the city.

The projects covered by this bond issue include \$430,000 to complete the third restroom/concession stand and signage at the Taylor Regional Park & Sports Complex; \$2.3 million for Sloan Street rehabilitation; High Plane water line residual of \$267,927; \$2.5 million for Second Street rehabilitation; \$2.9 million for utilities for new high school development area; \$300,000 for Robinson Park pavilion and the balance is the cost to issue.

Since 1998, the City of Taylor has completed over \$51.1 million of capital improvements to the city's infrastructure and community. An additional \$17.6 million in current and committed projects is underway or in the pipeline for a total of nearly \$69 million over the past 12 years.



1936 Water tower being dismantled in Murphy Park

About 17 percent of this amount, or \$11.5 million, has been funded through grants and other contributions, saving and leveraging taxpayer dollars.

Since 1998, the City's capital improvement investment is equivalent to \$12,000 per household with total grants acquired equivalent to \$2,000 per household.

### Capital Improvements since 1998 - 6/2010

In Millions	Projects
\$16.0	Streets
3.0	Drainage
12.6	Parks
24.0	Utilities (water & wastewater)
8.5	Facilities
3.7	Airport
1.0	Administrative - planning/software
<u>\$68.8 **</u>	

**\*\*\$11.5 million of this total was funded through grants.**

## Adopt A Pet - Petfinder.com

The City of Taylor Animal Shelter is looking for good homes for local animals and looking for good volunteers. Visit Petfinder.com to view the animals that are available in Taylor through the shelter.

The shelter is always seeking new volunteers to help in a variety of ways. Most volunteers work at the shelter a couple of hours during the week and/or a couple of hours on the weekends. Some help with remote adoptions. Anyone interested in being a volunteer can obtain an application at the shelter or at the Taylor Police Department. Volunteer meetings are held monthly at the Police Department at 5:30 p.m. The next meetings are scheduled for July 6 and August 10.

For more information about volunteering or about adopting a pet, contact Diana Voytek, Volunteer Coordinator, City of Taylor Animal Shelter, 512-917-3836.



"Lanra" is ready for a new home.

## HOME Program Update

EFC Builders has been awarded the bid for the construction of five homes under the HOME OCC grant program. This is a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) HOME Owner Occupied Housing Assistance grant program that was awarded to the City of Taylor in the amount of \$382,500. With these funds, five homes will be demolished and new homes constructed on the same site. The cost to build each home is a maximum of \$62,700.

The five homeowners were selected through an application process and were selected based on income and the condition of their homes as required by the State. The grant funds are provided directly to the contractor by the City and reimbursed by the State.

Addressing substandard housing conditions in the community is a part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. In 2004, the City received a \$400,000 HOME grant that was used to replace seven homes and in 2008, grant funds were used to replace five homes. Also, the City received a \$250,000 "weatherization grant" for improving substandard housing.

## Have you planned your party?



**Reminder - August 3 !**  
**Call 352-5551 to register.**

## City Receives Stimulus Grant

The City of Taylor was awarded \$57,576 in stimulus grant funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) awarded the funds under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. These funds will be used for building energy audits and retrofits of HVAC units, lights and fixtures and installing programmable thermostats on various City facilities.

The EECBG program provides funds to units of local and state government to develop and implement projects to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions in their communities. SECO received more than \$45 million in allocations to distribute for the program.

## Code Enforcement Reminder

Property owners and residents are reminded of requirements to keep their property mowed and reasonably free of weeds, tall grass and underbrush. Compliance is important to the appearance of the community and to the health and safety of your neighborhood. Grass should not exceed 12 inches in height and underbrush should not exceed 18 inches in height.

This requirement includes the property between the owner's property line and the edge of the pavement of a street and to the center of any alley that abuts the owner's property.

## City Calendar of Events for July

July 6	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
July 8	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
July 13	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
July 19	Moody Museum Advisory Board @ 5:30 pm
July 20	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
July 20	Library Board @ 6 pm
July 21	Main Street Board @ 4 pm
July 27	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
July 29	City Council Budget Planning Mtg. @ 6 pm
July 29	Airport Advisory Board @ 6:30 pm

## City Calendar of Events for August

August 3	Zoning Board of Adjustments @ 6 pm
August 5	City Council Special Meeting @ 6 pm
August 10	Planning & Zoning Commission @ 6 pm
August 12	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
August 17	Parks & Recreation Board @ 6 pm
August 17	Library Board @ 6 pm
August 24	City Council meeting @ 6 pm
August 25	Main Street Advisory Board @ 4 pm
August 26	Airport Advisory Board at 6:30 pm

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