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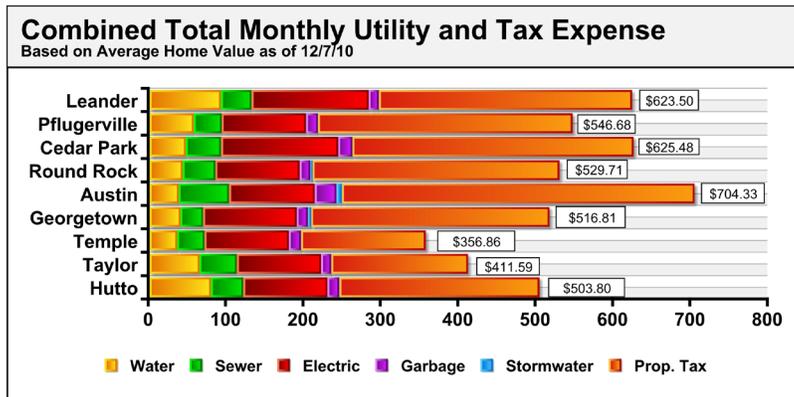


City Adjusts Fee Schedule

The City Council approved a 1.5% increase in the base rate for solid waste collection services by IESI. That equates to an increase of \$.17 per month for residences with a 96 gallon cart with the base rate going from \$11.05 to \$11.22 before taxes and fees.

An adjustment pertaining to new construction drops the sidewalk fee-in-lieu charge from \$6 per square foot to \$3 per square foot. This program helps to fund sidewalks in areas of the city that would best be served by sidewalks.

It's Tax Time
Tax preparation assistance available
(see story on back)



Source: City of Georgetown

It is anticipated that cutting the fee by one-half will attract more applicants to the program.

City Manager's Message

Hardly a week goes by without my being asked about the cost of living in our community. In this issue, we are providing an estimation on property taxes and utilities for a "standard" Taylor residence compared to other cities in Williamson County and the Metro area.

This estimate is based on a home valued at \$89,344 for a Taylor residence as of December 7, 2010 with a combined property tax rate of \$2.74 for city, school and county taxes. Other assumptions are based on approximate usage of water, wastewater, garbage rates and electricity used each month. Hopefully, this will give our citizens a snapshot of the value they receive from living in Taylor. **JIM D. DUNAWAY**

Annual Easter Egg Hunt - April 23

The City of Taylor will sponsor its annual Easter egg hunt for Taylor youngsters, ages one through six, Saturday, April 23 at the Murphy Park pavilion.

Children ages one through three will be in one group and children ages four through six will be in another to hunt over 2,000 colorful Easter eggs. Don't be late! The hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m. Call Fred Switzer at 352-3675 for more information.



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Activities and Events

Citywide Cleanup Set for April 16

Get ready now for the citywide cleanup sponsored by Keep Taylor Beautiful and the City of Taylor to be held Saturday, April 16 starting at 8 a.m. Bags of trash may be delivered to the Chamber of Commerce location at 1519 N. Main.

Collections sites for city residents who do major cleanup are located at 1424 North Main Street and 1200 Welch Street. Residents can have their trash and debris unloaded at dumpsters at these locations. For more information, call 352-3675.

Relay For Life Scheduled for April 15

The annual Relay for Life has been set for April 15 at Taylor Memorial Field.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the event begins at 7 p.m. on Friday night and runs until 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 16.

Contact Heather Johnson at 512-914-2722 for information.



Expanded Free Tax Preparation Services

The Williamson County Financial Stability Coalition is providing two free tax preparation alternatives for those who qualify.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site is available at Taylor City Hall, 400 Porter St., for those who made less than \$50,000 in 2010. This location is open until April 18, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

on Mondays and Wednesdays and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

The AARP TAX-AIDE site is at the Taylor Public Library, 801 Vance St., and is open until April 13, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays. There are no restrictions on income or age at this site.

A limited supply of tax forms are available at the library.

Free Computer Classes to Find a Job Online

The Taylor Public Library will provide the Digital Literacy Corps Program, a series of five free classes to help individuals become more computer literate. This program is for job seekers only.

The classes are free to the public for ages 17+ and all skill levels are welcome. There is a limit of 10 people per class.

Classes will be held from 3-5 p.m. each Thursday beginning April 21 through May 19. For additional information or to sign up for classes, contact the Taylor Public Library at 352-3434 or drop by 801 Vance St.

Election Day Is May 14

One City Council seat is open for election in the At-Large position. Candidates must be a resident and a qualified voter of the City.

Prospective candidates may file applications beginning February 14 and continuing until March 14 at 5 p.m.

All applications must be filed with the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

Early voting will be at City Hall, 400 Porter St., May 2 - 10.

Election Day voting on May 14 will be held in each of the individual precincts.

All voters must be registered to vote 30 days before Election Day (by April 14).

Additional information will be available on the City website: www.taylortx.gov or by calling Williamson County Elections Division at 512-943-1630.

Easter Closings

City offices and the Taylor Public Library will be closed at 12 noon on Good Friday, April 22 and on Saturday, April 23.

Garbage services are not affected.

Egret Alert!

Cattle egrets will soon return. Residents who don't want the pesky birds in their neighborhood should take precautions. Clear out old nests and thin out foliage to discourage nesting.