

QUESTION

AND ANSWER

Q: Who is responsible for cutting and trimming trees located in alleys?

A: According to City Code Section 9-308, it is the responsibility of the owner of the property that borders a public street, alley or sidewalk to prune the trees on the property in such a manner that they will not obstruct or shade the street lights, obstruct the passage of pedestrians, obstruct vision of traffic signs or obstruct the view of any street or alley intersection. The minimum clearance of any overhanging portion shall be 10 feet over sidewalks and 14 feet over all streets and alleys.

FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Main Number(972) 288-7711
Animal Control.....(972) 216-6283
Building Inspection.....(972) 216-6212
Environmental Code.....(972) 216-6276
Parks and Recreation.....(972) 216-6260
Planning and Zoning.....(972) 216-6216
Trash Collection/Recycling.....(972) 216-6284
Street/Alley Repair.....(972) 216-6282
Water Billing.....(972) 216-6208
Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups.....(972) 216-6278

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MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

A R T I V I T I E S

The following activities are funded in part by the City of Mesquite hotel-motel occupancy tax revenues. The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway. For updates, check www.mesquiteartscenter.org.

NOVEMBER

- 4-30** The **Texas Area Artists' Holiday Hues 2006 Exhibit** will be in the Main Gallery. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during performances. (214) 566-8269
- 5** **Texas Area Artists** will host its monthly meeting at 2:00 p.m. and will feature an artist demonstration. The public is invited. (214) 566-8269
- 6-7** **Mesquite Community Theatre** staged reading series presents *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol* by Tom Mula at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. No reservation is required and admission is free. (972) 216-8126
- 10** The **Chamber Singers** will perform in the Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. (972) 216-6444
- 11** The **Mesquite Symphony Guild** will host its annual Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Mesquite Convention Center. The 2007 Debutantes and their mothers will be on the runway dressed in "Unforgettable Style." There will be a live auction of denim jackets designed by the debutantes as well as a silent auction. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by contacting Mary Jo Pickett at (972) 289-0055 or (214) 914-2727.
- 14** The **Texas Area Artists'** monthly *Paint-In* begins at 10:00 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. (214) 566-8269
- 18** The **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** is in concert with *Masterworks - That Was Mozart!* The performance will include the many musical sides of Mozart and feature Amy Claire deCola, Soprano. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. (972) 216-8127

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- 9-31** The Smithsonian traveling exhibition entitled *Feast Your Eyes: The Unexpected Beauty of Vegetable Gardens* will be on display throughout the Arts Center. The exposition traces the visual appeal of vegetable gardens across centuries, continents and cultures, from the floating gardens of the Aztecs to the emergence of World War II victory gardens in America. (972) 216-6444
- 9** The **Mesquite Symphonic Band** is in concert with holiday music at 8:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Tickets are \$5 adults and \$2 students. (972) 216-8125
- 12** The **Texas Area Artists'** monthly *Paint-In* begins at 10:00 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. (214) 566-8269
- 16** The **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** is in concert with music of the holiday season with performances at 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 seniors and \$6 students. (972) 216-8127

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You Could Save a Life Using Automatic External Defibrillators

Following a cardiac arrest, when seconds count, a carefully delivered electrical defibrillation could mean the difference between life and death. The American Heart Association has determined the four links in the chain of surviving cardiac arrest are early access, early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), early defibrillation and early advanced care. Previously, citizens were restricted to assisting in the first two links since trained personnel (doctors, nurses and paramedics) were the only ones who could perform a defibrillation. Given the recent advances in technology, residents can now play a part in the third link, early defibrillation, through the use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED).

An AED is a device that will allow a civilian to deliver a carefully placed electrical shock to the heart. These devices have cues and can walk a person through the process of delivering the shock. Many times when the heart goes into cardiac arrest it begins to quiver. When the heart is quivering, it is not effectively pumping blood to the vital organs and they begin to die. The electric shock is designed to jump-start the heart back into a viable heartbeat.

The City of Mesquite has placed AEDs in many City facilities (see list below) and in Town East Mall. However, an AED is not a stand-alone tool. It is designed to be used in conjunction with CPR. The American Heart Association has designed a training class that teaches participants the proper use of an AED and CPR in as little as six to eight hours. The Mesquite Fire Department offers this training quarterly. Taking one Saturday to learn these techniques may mean the difference between life and death for a co-worker, family member or friend. If you are interested in taking a CPR course, contact the Mesquite Fire Department at (972) 216-4117.

AED Locations

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| City Lake Aquatic Center | Mesquite City Hall (711 N. Galloway Ave.) |
| Dunford Recreation Center | Mesquite Municipal Center
(1515 N. Galloway Ave.) |
| Evans Recreation Center | Mesquite Service Center (office and shop) |
| Evans Senior Center | Rutherford Recreation Center |
| Evans Swimming Pool | Rutherford Senior Center |
| Florence Recreation Center | Thompson Gymnasium |
| Goodbar Recreation Center | Vanston Swimming Pool |

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 6** **City Council meeting**, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 711 N. Galloway Avenue.
- 11** **Historic Florence Ranch Homestead** is open for tours, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. For special tours call (972) 216-6468.
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