

Mesquite Citizens Ask...

Q: Does the City of Mesquite offer a recycling program?

A: Yes. The City offers the Blue Bag Recycling Program to all Mesquite residents who wish to participate. Citizens may recycle their aluminum and steel cans, plastics #1 (i.e., soft drink bottles) and #2 (i.e., milk and water jugs), newspapers, magazines and telephone books. The recyclables are picked up on one of your two regular garbage pick-up days at your regular collection site. Residents must use a special "blue bag" when bagging their recyclables for pick up. The bags are available for \$8.50 per roll of 50 and may be purchased from any local 7-Eleven store or the City Cashier at 711 North Galloway. For further information, contact the City's solid waste message line at (972) 216-6284 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/solidwaste/recycling.php.

Frequently called city phone numbers:

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



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Mainstream is an official publication of the City of Mesquite to inform and advise citizens of municipal activities.

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Mesquite Arts Center Arts Notes

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.

May

- 1-8 The **Mesquite Arts Council** will present an exhibit by *Jackie MacLelland* in the Main Gallery. (972) 216-6444
- 8-31 The **Mesquite Arts Council** will present an exhibit by Dick Clintsman entitled *Carbon Faces* in the Main Gallery. (972) 216-6444
- 6 The **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** will perform its *National Pride* concert, featuring the music of Borodin, Dvorak, Renieck and Cessyon. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. (972) 216-8127
- 7 **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
- 8 **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
- 8 The **Mesquite Creative Arts** monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and will feature an artist demonstration. (972) 463-6004
- 8 Registration for the **Mesquite Arts Council** annual *John and Alta Nichols Art Camp* begins at 8:00 a.m. The camp runs Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. each day. The activities are structured for children ages seven through 10. Cost is \$20 and includes all supplies. Space is limited. (972) 216-6444
- 11 Join us for **Art @ Lunch**. This month will feature a brief, fun and informative mini art session by Dick Clintsman. Free at the Mesquite Arts Center at noon. Bring a sack lunch or buy one on site. Reservations required. (972) 216-6444
- 13 **National Tourism Week** Opening Reception and Artist Reception for Dick Clintsman. This free event lasts from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (972) 216-6444
- 17 The *Blue Horizons Community Concert* will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Concert Hall and requires no admission cost. (972) 216-6444
- 20 **Texas Voices** will present a concert at 8:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall. (972) 801-2532

June

- 1-30 The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents an exhibit by Ruth Marie Gross and Renee Joy Gick in the Main Gallery. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during performances.
- 2 Join us for **Art @ Lunch**. This month participants will explore the process of the artists' work with Renee Joy and Ruth Marie Gick. Free at the Mesquite Arts Center at noon. Bring a sack lunch or buy one on site. Reservations required. (972) 216-6444
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- 6 An artist reception will be held for Ruth Marie Gross and Renee Joy Gick from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Main Gallery.
- 6, 13, *JazzBreaks on the Plaza* begin at 7:30 p.m. The events are free 20, 27 and picnic dinners will be sold on site. (972) 216-6444
- 9-24 The **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents *The Heiress* based on Henry James' novel, *Washington Square*. After discovering that his bride-to-be is to be disinherited, a handsome young fortune hunter jilts her on the night of their engagement. (972) 216-8126
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- 12-16 The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents the annual *John and Alta Nichols Art Camp*. (See May 8 for more details.)
- 19-20 The **Mesquite Community Theatre** staged reading series presents *The Hound of the Baskerville* at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. No reservation required and admission is free. (972) 216-8126
- 26 The **Mesquite Community Theatre** will hold auditions for *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. (972) 216-8126

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Summer Reading Program



The Mesquite Public Library summer reading program, "Reading: The Sport of Champions!" provides opportunities for children of all ages to enjoy reading. The curriculum begins on May 30, 2006, at both the Main Library (300 West Grubb Drive) and the North Branch Library (2600 Oates Drive). It will continue through July 22, 2006, and each library will offer the following programs:

Main Library

- ◆ Crafts on Fridays at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Games on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Movies on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ Programs with special guests:
 - Jungle Jim and his bugs on June 5 at 2:00 p.m.
 - Boopsie the clown brings

clowning fun on June 22 at 3:30 p.m.

- Zooniversity, the teaching zoo, will bring four animals from around the world on June 29 at 4:00 p.m.
- Bonkers the clown brings clowning fun on July 6 at 3:30 p.m.
- Jimmy the magician on July 13 at 2:30 p.m.
- Sandy Shroul on July 20 at 3:30 p.m.

North Branch

- ◆ Games and Gab on Mondays at 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Short Films on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Crafts on Fridays at 3:30 p.m.
- ◆ Library Land-play, an original board game, on Wednesdays at

3:30 p.m.

- ◆ Programs with special guests:
 - Miss Jo will perform songs focusing on the community on June 8 at 3:30 p.m.
 - Bonkers the clown on June 15 at 3:30 p.m.
 - Logan the juggler will perform on June 22 at 3:30 p.m.
 - Grenda Walton and the EuropeanCircus Marionette Show features a trapeze-flying clown and a bear on roller skates on June 28 at 3:30 p.m.
 - Zooniversity on July 21 at 3:30 p.m.

Programs are free and open to the public. For more information contact the Main Library at (972) 216-6220 or the North Branch Library at (972) 681-0465.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May

- 1 City Council meeting, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 711 N. Galloway Avenue.
- 13 Historic Florence Ranch Homestead is open for tours, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. (972) 216-6468
- 15 City Council meeting, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 711 N. Galloway Avenue.
- 29 Memorial Day, City offices closed. No residential waste collection.

June

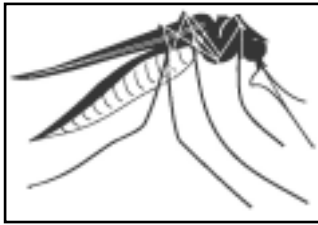
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Mosquito-borne Disease Prevention

As the cooler weather begins to wind down, the Health Division of the City's Community Development Department has begun implementation of the mosquito-borne disease prevention program. With the overall effects on the ecology in mind, the Health Division restricts spraying to an as-needed basis, as confirmed by trapping



and sampling. The best preventative effort against the spread of mosquito-borne diseases – and something in which all residents can participate – is to stop mosquito

development by eliminating breeding places.

Adult mosquitoes develop in four stages. The first three stages occur in water, which only has to be the depth of a few tablespoons. Eggs (stage 1) can hatch within a day or two or can remain unhatched for months until they are covered with water. Stage 2 in the mosquito life cycle is the larvae or "wigglers" stage; in stage 3 the larvae evolve into pupae. The pupae split open to allow the adult mosquitoes to fly away.

The Health Division's "Tip and Toss" program gives all

homeowners essential tips to prevent the accumulation of water in and around their homes, thus removing the essential ingredient for the life cycle to begin. The program reminds residents to "tip" containers and "toss" any standing water through the following efforts:

- Clean leaves and debris out of gutters
- Store tires where they are not collecting rainwater
- Clean and change birdbath water twice a week
- Turn wading pools over when not in use
- Turn canoes and boats over or cover and secure with a tarp
- Stock ornamental ponds with small fish
- Empty pet water dishes daily
- Check for any other opportunities to remove standing water

Individuals can also protect themselves by checking the integrity of screens around the home, by avoiding outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, by covering up with long pants and long-sleeved shirts and by using mosquito repellent that contains permethrin or DEET.

Beginning April 1, 2006, the Health Division's Vector Control hotline at (972) 329-8715 will have additional information.

Water Conservation Update Available on the Web

Because the metroplex experienced very little rain this year, all of the North Texas lake levels, including Lake



Lavon (the city's primary source for water) are significantly low. These dry conditions are predicted to continue through the summer months. To stay informed of the latest water conservation requirements, go to the City of Mesquite Web site at www.cityofmesquite.com. While any

resident can call City staff for assistance, the Web site provides a quick and easy avenue for timely information.

Senior Alert

The Senior Alert's goal is to assist senior adults when they need help. From referrals to advice, the program is designed to aid seniors and children of seniors obtain necessary services. Senior Alert is staffed mainly by volunteers who provide limited transportation for seniors who are not able to drive by taking them to the pharmacy, grocery store and other local appointments. Information on Medicare, Medicaid and other federal and state programs is also provided. Most importantly, Senior Alert offers someone who will listen and work with seniors when they need it the most.

If you or your parent is in need of advice or assistance or if you are interested in being a Senior Alert volunteer, please call (972) 329-8335.

Cool Kidz

Mesquite Parks and Recreation Camps

This exciting summer program is a Mesquite tradition that offers fun and adventure in a safe environment throughout the summer for children ages six through 12 years. The camps will have a new theme each week, complete with games, arts and crafts and other theme-related activities. Every week participants will be treated to a swim outing, a field trip, a competition/play day and a camp T-shirt. Each camp is from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with drop-off as early as 7:30 a.m. and pick-up as late as 6:00 p.m. Camp sessions begin the week of June 5 and conclude the week of July 31. Call for camp themes and specifics.

Camp Sites

Dunford Recreation Center

1015 Green Canyon
(972) 279-9285

Evans Recreation Center

1116 Hillcrest
(972) 285-4145

Florence Recreation Center

2501 Whitson Way
(972) 279-7477

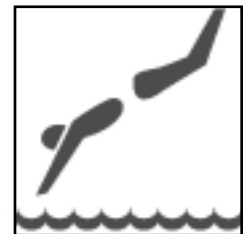
Rutherford Recreation Center

900 Rutherford Drive
(972) 216-7790

Camp Rorie-Galloway

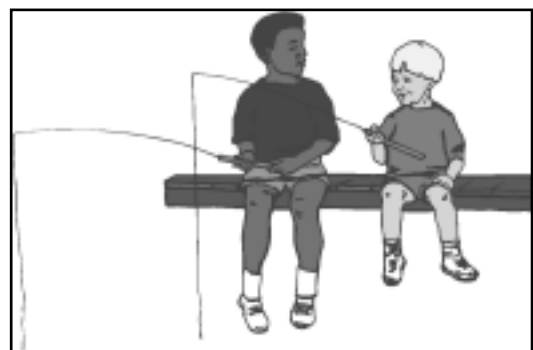
An additional camp option is Camp Rorie-Galloway, located at 3100 Lawson Road. This camp features a variety of nature-related activities, camp and nature crafts, swimming, outdoor living skills, canoeing, fishing, hiking, archery and a challenging ropes course. There is a traditional day camp for youth ages six to 12 and a teen camp is for youth ages 12 to 16. A Counselor-in-Training (CIT) program is also provided for interested teens ages 13 to 17.

Registration for all camps begins on April 1 at any recreation center. The registration and payment deadlines are the Fridays prior to the requested camp. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt, water and snacks. Participants should bring a sack lunch daily. Each program is \$95 per week or \$360 for four consecutive weeks. Additional family members are only \$85 per week or \$320 for four consecutive weeks. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at (972) 216-6260 with questions.



Kid Fish

The sixth annual Kid Fish, a program designed to educate and provide a hands-on fishing experiences for children, will be held Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at City Lake Park. The lake is stocked with over 1,000 pounds of catfish prior to this event. Last year, kids caught over 100 fish in a three-hour period. The largest fish caught in 2005 measured over 25 inches. The event is for youth ages 16 and under and equipment and bait will be provided.



Contact the Mesquite Parks and Recreation offices at
(972) 216-6260 for more Kid Fish information.