

QUESTION

AND ANSWER

Q: What is the best resource for locating information regarding any water restrictions that may be in place for City of Mesquite residents?

A: The City's Web site www.cityofmesquite.com is the best place to look for the most recent information on local watering limitations. Stories related to water will be prominently displayed on the front page of the Web site. The City's Water Hotline, (972) 329-8533, is also an excellent way to stay current on this topic.

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

ARTIVITIES

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.

AUGUST

- 1-6 The **Texas Area Artists** will hold an exhibition called *Artrageous 2006* in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The galleries' hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during performances.
- 6-31 The **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** will hold an exhibition in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The galleries' hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during performances.
- 6 The **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
- 11-26 The **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*. Fed up with the pressures of her career, Myra, a famous actress, leases a house in a tiny New England town to write her autobiography. But her nosy neighbors won't leave her alone! Performances will be at 8:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. (972) 216-8126
- 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
- 21-22 The **Mesquite Community Theatre** Staged Reading Series presents *The Children's Hour* by Lillian Hellman at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. No reservation required and admission is free. (972) 216-8126

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents a woven art exhibit by Anna Rose Barry in the Main Gallery. Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and during performances. (972) 216-6444
- 9 The **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** presents *Myths and Legends*, The Music of Bach, Carmichael and Rutter featuring the Brookhaven College Chorus at 7:30 p.m.
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- 11-13 **Mesquite Community Theatre** will hold auditions for *War of the Worlds: A Radio Experience* from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. (972) 216-8126
- 15 Join us for **Art @ Lunch**. This month participants will be visiting the Nasher Sculpture Center. The group will leave the Mesquite Arts Center at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$20 and includes transportation, admission into the museum, a docent-led tour and lunch. Reservations required. (972) 216-6444
- 16 An artist reception will be held for Anna Rose Barry from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Main Gallery. (972) 216-6444

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Back by Popular Demand - Doggie Splash Day

If dog spas, doggie day care and the usual pampering at the local pet store are not enough indulgence for your canine companion, bring Fido on down to "Doggie Splash Day."

The City's "Doggie Splash Day" will be held at Evans Swimming Pool, 1200 Hillcrest in Mesquite, on Saturday, August 19, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dogs will be charged \$5.00; accompanying humans will be charged \$1.00.

Dogs will be allowed to utilize all of the pool amenities including the wading pool, speed slide and one-meter diving board. PetSmart of Mesquite will sponsor the following contests:

- **Doggie Talent Show** Tricks, skills and unique talents will be on display during this contest.
- **Swim Suit Competition (for the dogs)** Sponsor will provide awards and judge this contest in a variety of categories.
- **Dog Paddle Race** Dogs will be set to swim across the pool for 10 yards in a timed event. Owners may do anything to encourage their contestants.
- **Retrieving Contest** Owners will toss their own objects for a minimum of 30 feet requiring dogs to fetch and return in this timed event.
- **Diving Contest** Free-style competition off a one-meter diving board.



All dogs will be required to have current vaccinations to enter the pool. Mesquite Health Division officials will assist with dog registration information and will assist with any overly aggressive participants. For further information please call the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department at (972) 216-6260.

This is a special event that is sure to be a "dog gone" good time for all!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

- 4 *Labor Day. City offices closed. City Council meeting rescheduled for September 5. No residential waste collection.*
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Environmental Code

It's that time of year again! Grass and weeds are growing throughout the city. Environmental Code Inspectors will be driving through neighborhoods to make sure that all properties are properly mowed. They will also check for any violations with outside storage, parking, inoperable vehicles, fencing and property maintenance.

Grass and weeds over 12 inches in height are in violation of City ordinance. Upon viewing yards that contain grass in height that exceeds this limitation, inspectors will send notification to residents to have the property mowed within 10 days. If compliance is not achieved, a contractor will be hired by the City to mow the property at the owner's expense.

The Environmental Code Division appreciates the cooperation it receives throughout the year from residents and property owners who want to keep Mesquite a beautiful place to live. To report a code violation, use one of the following options:

ONLINE – www.cityofmesquite.com/online-services.php (click on Report a Code Violation)

COMPLAINT LINE – (972) 216-6276



Volunteer Luncheon 2006



The City of Mesquite recently honored Volunteers of the Year at its Annual Volunteer Luncheon. Over 200 volunteers who have served the City in a variety of roles attended the luncheon. Left to Right (back): Thelma Anthony (Rutherford Senior Center), Lynn Rockwood (Historic Mesquite, Inc.), Barbara Dunn (Mesquite Police Department), Renee Dominguez (Mesquite Animal Shelter and

Adoption Center), James Spruill (Senior Alert); Left to Right (front): Adrienne Balsamo (Mesquite Parks and Recreation – Camp Rorie-Galloway), Renee Berrios (Florence Recreation Center), Mary French (Evans Senior Center), Ann Martin (Goodbar Senior Center), Anita Spruill (Senior Alert). Not shown: Elizabeth Norris (Mesquite Adult Literacy

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Girlfriends

Do you have a special group of lifelong friends? Do you have just one special girlfriend to hang out with? Would you like to meet and make new friends, perhaps even develop long-lasting friendships? Join us and share your interests and ideas, books to read, favorite hobbies, crafts, shopping excursions, lunch and dinner parties, game nights, theatre, musicals and more. Bring your friends, mother, daughters or come alone and join us for fun and friendship. Girlfriends meets every second Tuesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.



at Florence Recreation Center. Call (972) 279-7477 for more information.

Scooter Scam

Fraud in the form of power chairs and scooters for seniors is taking a big bite from the Medicare budget. Fraud occurs when Medicare is billed for services or equipment that is not needed or that the patient never receives. Many seniors have been told, "You should go ahead and buy this power chair or scooter. You might not need it now, but you may need it in the future and be unable to get one." The Medicare patient thinks, why not, it does not cost me anything and I might need it someday. You order one and Medicare gets the bill. A doctor is the only person who should determine medical needs and this includes power chairs and scooters.

Watch out for suppliers who:

- ✦ Offer a "free" wheelchair or scooter
- ✦ Want you to use their doctors
- ✦ Offer to waive coinsurance or deductibles
- ✦ Recommend a motorized wheelchair when you have requested a scooter



Be especially aware of companies to which you did not give your number. They may have purchased your number and be making "cold calls." Also, be sure to review any recommendations you receive from anyone with your doctor and family members.

Another important thing to remember is to review your Medicare Summary Notice. This will list all of the services and supplies billed in your name to Medicare. If an item or service is different from what you received, contact the provider. If you suspect fraud, call the Inspector General's Hotline at (800) 447-8477.

Fall Fun Forecast



Look for the Fall 2006 Fun Forecast at Mesquite Recreation Centers, public libraries, various businesses and online at www.cityofmesquite.com during the month of August. The fall Fun Forecast will include information about Pumpkin Fest, Christmas in the Park, Recreation After School Program (RASP), adult flag football, elementary basketball and classes for all ages. For more information please call (972) 216-6260.

Library Web Site

Residents can find a wealth of online information by pointing their browser to <http://www.library.mesquite.tx.us>. The Mesquite Public Library's Web site is ready with useful information seven days a week and 24 hours a day. Check out these useful databases that are available on the library's Web page:

- *Dallas Morning News* - Search *The Dallas Morning News* from the years 1983 to 2006 for full-text articles about recent and past news and events.
- Learning Express - This is a practice test service to help you prepare for academic and professional exams. Practice versions of many standard tests and e-book study guides are available.
- Library catalog - Search the library's holdings of books, DVDs, CDs and videos. You can review your library card account and renew materials. You can also access several best sellers lists and recommended reading lists.
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