

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q: Is it true that the City will help me replace my sidewalk?

A: Yes! By Mesquite City Ordinance, residents are responsible for the repair of damaged sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway approaches. However, the City realizes this type of maintenance is costly, so a 50/50 Cost Share Program was established to help defray expenses. Under this program, you can feel confident in the contractor you have selected because it is the City of Mesquite.

If you would like to participate in this program call the Street Services Division at (972) 216-6282. Funds are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Main Number	(972) 288-7711
Animal Services	(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



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

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.

JANUARY

1 – 4 The Mesquite Arts Council presents “Works in Progress” an exhibit by Jenice Johnson in the Main Gallery. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during performances. (972) 216-6444

6 – 31 Mesquite Creative Arts Club exhibit will be in the Main Gallery Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and during performances.

7 – 9 Mesquite Community Theatre will hold auditions for *The Sugar Bean Sisters*, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. (972) 216-8126



11 Art@Lunch tours the *Rachofsky House* which presents Howard and Cindy Rachofsky’s private collection of contemporary art. Tickets are \$20 each and include transportation, tour and lunch. (972) 216-6444



Building Report

The following shows major commercial projects recently permitted in the city.

Project	Location	Size	Value
Fritz Industries (New project)	2950 Executive Blvd.	44,975 Sq. Ft.	\$3,900,000
Shell Retail Building (New project)	2030 N. Belt Line Rd.	13,294 Sq. Ft.	\$975,000
Children’s Safari Day Care (New project)	3550 Clay Mathis Rd.	12,654 Sq. Ft.	\$950,000

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“Water Wise” Construction

One of the City’s most extensive “Water Wise” landscaping projects is now underway.

If you have traveled down North Galloway in recent weeks, then you probably noticed the landscaping project underway at the City’s Community Services building. The work is more than just the typical trees and sod; it is a “Water Wise” landscape, which basically means it is designed and constructed to use less water to keep the plants alive.

Water Wise landscaping is the new term replacing what was commonly known as “Xeriscaping”. However, many people started having a negative connotation with the term, thinking it was “zerescaping”, suggesting you shouldn’t have any plants at all. Water Wise and



Xeriscaping incorporate native plants in the habitat which are designed to survive during the region’s regular ups and downs in rainfall. It means less water is needed to be used for irrigation since the plants are already bred to survive in the area.

The Water Wise project at the Community Services building also has the distinction of encompassing the City’s second piece of public art. It is in the form of a “landscape art” flower and is being erected near the entrance of the building.

Water Wise landscaping is just one of many methods the City is utilizing to become more “green” in its growth. Other measures include natural lighting designs for new buildings and newer lighting fixtures which use less energy.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- JANUARY**
- 7** City Council Meeting – All meetings are open to the public and start at 3 p.m. in the council chambers located at 711 N. Galloway Avenue.
- 12, 26** Historic Florence Ranch Homestead is open every second and fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. For special tours call (972) 613-7547.
- 22** City Council Meeting (rescheduled)– All meetings are open to the public and start at 3 p.m. in the council chambers located at 711 N. Galloway Avenue. This meeting was re-scheduled due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.
- 26** Opal Lawrence Historical Park’s S.D. Lawrence House, open tours, every fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 701 E. Kearney St. (972) 216-6468

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Homeland Security Grant To Pay For Emergency Management Projects In Mesquite

The City of Mesquite has received a \$723,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security to pay for some regional emergency management upgrades.

The money will be used to buy a phone system to call people at home during an emergency, a new bomb robot and equipment for an emergency evacuation center for the next time evacuees are funneled through the Dallas area.

The money was officially accepted by the City Council during its November 5th meeting. The process is now underway to work with other local governments to identify the equipment needs for a future regional emergency reception center. Some equipment being evaluated includes: emergency generators, crowd control barriers, portable lighting and electronic road side signs



Council Approves Ordinance To Protect City Logo

There's a new law on the books to protect the use of Mesquite's city logo. The new ordinance re-enforces state law which protects such trademarks, and provides for a fine of up to \$500 for anyone who illegally uses the City's likeness. It is also now a Class C Misdemeanor to do so.

The City logo was adopted in 2006 and has been the trademark for Mesquite City government since. Its unique look was chosen to help the City market itself to attract business, residents and provide a

unique image to identify with City services.

The new ordinance is now in effect, and the law offices of Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, P.C. in Dallas are representing the City on a pro bono basis to register the logo to reduce the likelihood of it being plagiarized in the future.



Visit www.cityofmesquite.com

Did You Know? The Rows of Texas is Unique to Mesquite

There's new meaning to The Rows of Texas. It's no longer Texas' famous flower, but is also a four-mile span along Interstate 635 that offers a variety of places to shop, eat, stay and enjoy family entertainment.

The Rows of Texas branding was derived from the close proximity of

Restaurant Row, Retail Row and Rodeo Row which are all located around the I-635 and Highway 80 interchange.

Mesquite is marketing this attraction to let the entire Metroplex know there's a place to go for more entertainment and it is uniquely Mesquite.

City Shelter More Than Just Cats and Dogs

A lot of people may be surprised to learn Mesquite's Animal Shelter has more housed in it than just cats and dogs. From time to time the shelter comes across some out-of-the-ordinary animals which also need a home.

In its past the shelter has been home to parakeets, roosters, ferrets, an owl, a python, a parrot, pigs, gerbils and rabbits. But, if one of these creatures strikes your fancy don't run to try and adopt just yet. There are a few guidelines for these unusual



animals.

Native wildlife can only be taken care of by people who hold a Texas Parks and Wildlife permit for designated animals, and animals classified as livestock, such as the pig and poultry, can only be adopted by people with a minimum of two acres of land.

If you had your thoughts on the python then you're out of luck. Exotic animals are not allowed in Mesquite.

We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

The City of Mesquite is celebrating the completion of its most successful United Way employee campaign.

Every year City workers are asked to give what they can to the organization. To help the effort the City holds a variety of drawings and a large luncheon every year to give a little incentive, but the City depends on support from local businesses to pull off the drive.

This year 157 individuals, groups, organizations and businesses donated food and silent auction items for the lunch. At the printing of this article the event raised more than \$55,000, making it the most successful United Way fundraiser the City has ever held.



Mesquite City administrators would like to thank all those who donated, making this year's event such a wonderful success.

(Congratulations to Wanda Fyffe of the Mesquite Police Department who placed the winning bid for this year's quilt from the Mesquite Quilt Guild at Rutherford Senior Center!)

FOOD DONATIONS

Applebee's
Blue Bell Creameries
Carino's Italian Grill
Chicken Express
China First Restaurant
CiCi's Pizza
Dieck's BBQ Pit
Donna's Kitchen
Dos Panchas Mexican Restaurant
El Chico #59
El Fenix Corp.
Go Diva Catering
Griff's Hamburgers
Hooters

Joe's Pizza & Pasta
Lone Star Wings #4
Loustain's Chicken
Martinez Restaurant
Mesquite Barbecue
Napoli's
NYPD Pizza
Olive Garden
On the Border
Pancho's
Panera Bread #819
Pizza Hut
Pizza Inn
Quizno's

Razzoo's Cajun Cafe
Red Lantern Chinese Restaurant
Red Lobster #416
Ryan's Family Steakhouse
Southwest Coffee
Spaghetti Warehouse
Subway
The Nutcracker Company
The Wood Pit Bar-B-Que
Twin Peaks Restaurant
Waffle House #593
Wendy's
Williams Chicken
Wingstop

SILENT AUCTION

99.5 FM The Wolf
A-1 Hobby Shop
Academy Sports & Outdoors
Ace Hardware
Action Suzuki
American Jewelers
American Pawn Shop
Auto Shop (Range Road)
Auto Zone
AvidGolf Magazine
Award Concepts
Bally Total Fitness
Barnes & Noble, Inc.
Best Buy
Beverly Hills Salon
Car Wash Headquarters
Carter Automotive Repair
Celebration Station
Comfort Inn Mesquite
Complete Nails
Continental Hair
Cowboys Golf Club
Custom T-Shirts
CVS Pharmacy #7645
Dallas Car Accessories
Dallas Diamonds
Dallas Stars
Dallas Symphony
Dallas Zoo
Dallas/Fort Worth Area
Tourism Council
Dickson Brothers
Dollars and Cents
Duncan Photography
Dusty Attie
Dwight & Don's Auto Care

Edible Arrangements
Elliott's Hardware
Estee Lauder
Family Health Food #2
Fantasia Dance Company
Farr Family & Cosmetic
Dentistry
FC Dallas
Flowers by Cheryl
Four Brothers Outdoor Power
Friends of the Library
Frisco Rough Riders
Geddie's Photography
Hampton Inn & Suites
Herbmart
Holiday Inn Express
Hotel & Suites
Home Depot
Indian Creek Golf Club
Mesquite Arts Center
Jim's Pawn Shop
Joseph's Electronics
Keccon Park Golf Course
Kim Miller
Kirkland's
Kohl's
Kwik Car Lube & Tune
Lenscrafters, Inc.
Liz Landuy
Marshall's #307
Men's Warehouse
Mesquite Arts Center
Mesquite Chamber of Commerce
Mesquite City Secretary's Office
Mesquite Dancewear
Mesquite Evans Senior Center

Mesquite Gold and Silver
Mesquite IT Dept.
Mesquite Jewelry
Mesquite Rutherford Senior Center
Mesquite Sports Center
Mesquite Tax Office
Nichols Jeweler
O'Reilly Auto Parts
Outhack Steakhouse
Pat Killingsworth
Patriot Bank
Ron's Landscape
Royal Car Wash
Sandy Stovall
Shamrock Florist and Gifts
Starbucks
Stone River Golf Club
Sunshine Pool
Tangle Ridge Golf Course
Texas Oil Change
Texas Star Golf Course
Texsun Tan
Things Remembered
Town East Trophies
Tractor Supply
Trade Secret
Ultra
Uni-First
Viekie Majors
Wal-Mart
Wal-Mart - Neighborhood Market
Whataburger of Mesquite
Wild Birds Unlimited
Williams Paint and Body
Windsor Florist
Zak LaJoie

Parks and Recreation Corner

Adults 55+ start the New Year off right and take advantage of an array of free exercise classes offered by the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department senior programs. Exercise has proven benefits for mental, physical and emotional well being and it's always more fun when done with a group. Individuals must register at the senior center before participating in class.

Evans Senior Exercise Program

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
11 a.m.
1116 Hillcrest

Stay limber with gentle stretching and range of motion movements done with the assistance of a chair and exercise band. (972)285-6761

Rutherford Senior Exercise Program

Tuesday and Thursday
10 a.m.
900 Rutherford Dr.

Practice the art of exercise through a 30- to 45-minute fitness program using resistance bands and chair drills. The program focuses on strength and flexibility. Adults 54 and under may also register for this class at a cost of \$15 for a 10-class punch card. Of course seniors may participate free. (972)216-7791

Goodbar Senior Exercise Program

Monday - Thursday
8 a.m.
3000 Concord

Maintain fitness and health with a full body workout specially designed to keep you fit after fifty. (972)279-6881

6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS NEED YOUR HELP!

Mesquite Youth Services is looking for bilingual volunteers to tutor and mentor MISD students. Tutoring and mentoring sessions will be held on select campuses from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and focus on helping students with homework assignments and with study skills. (972) 329-8346