

# QUESTION

AND ANSWER

**Q:** Can I fish in City of Mesquite lakes and ponds in the parks?

**A:** Yes. There are fishing piers at City Lake Park, Palos Verdes Lake Park, Rorie-Galloway Day Camp and Valley Creek Park. The only catch-and-release lake in Mesquite is Rorie-Galloway Day Camp. Patrons are free to catch and keep fish from the other lakes, being sure to follow the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department guidelines.

Texas residents who are 17 years of age and over need a license to fish in any public waters of Texas. A license can be obtained at most stores selling fishing equipment. For more information regarding fishing regulations, visit the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Web site at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/>.

## 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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## MAINSTREAM

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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](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).

## MAY

- 1 - 14 The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents an exhibit by Michael Tichansky in the Main Gallery. (972) 216-6444
- 12 **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** is in concert with *Masterwork-Expressivo* featuring violinist Shannon Lee and the music of Faure, Prokofiev and Tchaikowsky. 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall. (972) 216-8127
- 14 **John and Alta Nichols Children's Art Camp** registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Presented by the *Mesquite Arts Council*, the camp runs June 11-15. The annual summer art camp offers a week of art experience taught by an experienced artist and teacher and is structured for children ages 7-9. Space is limited. Cost \$20 includes all supplies. (972) 216-6444
- 15 - 31 **Recovered Views: African American Portraits 1912-1925** is being presented by the *Mesquite Arts Council* in the Main Gallery. Photographs documenting life in a vibrant black community in a small midwestern city will be exhibited. (972) 216-6444
- 15 - 31 The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents an exhibit by Duane Light in the Main Gallery. (972) 216-6444
- 18 - 19 **Latino Arts Association** is presenting the bilingual play, *El Conejito Verde/The Green Rabbit* at 10:00 a.m. each day. Admission is free although a ticket will be required. (972) 216-6444
- 19 **Texas Voices** presents a concert in the Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. Visit [www.thetexasvoices.org](http://www.thetexasvoices.org) to purchase advance tickets. (972) 801-2532
- 19 The **Mesquite Arts Council** hosts an artist reception for Duane Light from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Main Gallery.

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- 4, 11, 18 25 The **Mesquite Symphonic Band** presents *Music in the Park* concert series at the Westlake Park at 7:30 p.m. Admission is FREE. (972) 216-8125
- 5, 26 The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents *JazzBreaks on the Plaza with the Mesquite Jazz Repertory Ensemble Big Band* and Curt Bradshaw. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. and it's FREE! Picnic dinners sold on-site (reservations required). (972) 216-6444
- 8- 23 **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents the Pulitzer Prize winning play, *The Shadow Box*. Tickets range from \$8 - \$12. (972) 216-8126
- 12 The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents *JazzBreaks on the Plaza with Clave Con Alma (Kerry Adams 3 horn Latin Band)*. See June 5 for details.
- 25-27 **Mesquite Community Theatre** will hold auditions for *The Foreigner* 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. (972) 216-8126
- 18-19 **Mesquite Community Theatre** staged reading series presents *The Octette Bridge Club* at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. No reservation required and admission is free. (972) 216-8126
- 19 The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents *JazzBreaks on the Plaza with Shelley Carrol Quartet*. See June 5 for details.
- 23 - 30 The **Texas Area Artists** will hold an exhibition, *Artrageous 2007*, in the Main and Chamber Galleries. (214) 566-8269

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# MAINSTREAM

## Mesquite Public Library

### Summer Reading Program 2007

#### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

##### MAY

- 6 **Mother/Daughter Tea Party/Fashion Show**, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Westlake House.
- 7 **City Council meeting**, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 711 N. Galloway Avenue.
- 12 **Historic Florence Ranch Homestead** is open for tours from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., 1424 Barnes Bridge Rd. For special tours call (972) 613-7547
- 19 **KidFish**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., City Lake Park.
- 21 **City Council meeting**, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 711 N. Galloway Avenue.
- 28 **Memorial Day holiday**, *City offices closed*. No residential waste collection.

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The Mesquite Public Library System, in cooperation with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, is sponsoring the 2007 Texas Reading Club this summer. This year's theme is "Sail Away With Books!" The fun will start on May 29, at your nearest Mesquite Public Library location.

Programs and activities are planned to promote reading as a fun leisure activity. The summer reading club is self-paced and fosters reading success by asking children to record titles of books they have read or the length of time they spend reading each day. Preschoolers can join the Read-to-Me Club and get the credit for books read out loud to them. Kids who turn in at least two reading logs by Saturday, July 21 will receive certificates.

The library has scheduled many activities throughout the summer. There will be craft programs, story hours, movie times and special guests. Special guests will include:

- Boomwhackers at the Main Library on June 14 – Boomwhackers Stu and Len are rhythmweb drummers. They will bring drums from all over the world and demonstrate them to the children.
- Rochelle Rabouin will perform at the Main Library with Jingle Jyngel, the Happy Helpful Bell, on June 21.
- Zooniversity will appear on June 28 at the Main Library. This wonderful program is run by zookeeper and educator Allison Knox Blankenship and is the teaching zoo that comes to you.
- Bonkers the Clown will be appearing at the Main Library on July 5 and the North Branch Library on June 21.
- The Clown on the Run circus marionette show will be at the North Branch Library on June 7.
- Magician Bryan Lankford will bring spellbinding entertainment to the Main Library on July 12.
- Logan the Juggler will perform at the Main Library on July 19.
- Miss Jo will sing songs for children at the North Branch Library on June 14. Miss Jo always brings a surprise animal friend for the children to see and touch.

Information about the summer reading club is available by calling the North Branch Library at (972) 681-0465 or the Main Library at (972) 216-6220. Information is also available on the library's Web site at <http://www.library.mesquite.tx.us>.

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## Become a Lifeguard at the City of Mesquite

It's that time of year again. The kids are out of school and it is time for fun in the sun. The City of Mesquite is currently hiring lifeguards, pool cashiers and pool supervisors for Summer 2007. There are openings at all locations: City Lake Aquatic Center, Evans Pool, Town East Pool and the City of Mesquite's newest location, Vanston Pool.

All lifeguard positions and pool supervisor positions require certifications in Lifeguard Training and First Aid, CPR/PR and AED. Pool cashier positions require certifications in First Aid, CPR and AED. All certifications can be obtained through the American Red Cross or the Tom Landry Center. Call the American Red Cross at (214) 678-4800 or the Tom Landry Center at (214) 820-7946 for class schedules. The time to get certified is NOW!

Apply in person at 1515 N. Galloway. For further information call Human Resources at (972) 216-6218.



## YardWise Training Workshops

Your yard is the environment over which you have the most control, so it is more important than ever to manage it responsibly.

Did you realize that millions of gallons of treated water are used to irrigate landscapes where native vegetation once grew in naturally mulched soil, sustained by rainfall? Or that every year more than five million tons of yard trimmings and other organic materials end up in Texas landfills instead of building up the soil? Participate in YardWise, a simple four-step program that

will help you maintain a healthy yard with less cost, less work and less waste.

YardWise will be provided in Mesquite free of charge on Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Mesquite Main Library, located at 300 W. Grubb Drive. Contact the Solid Waste Division at (972) 216-6972 to register. This training is presented in cooperation with the North Central Texas Council of Governments through grant funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com](http://www.cityofmesquite.com)

## Prescription Pick-up Service Available

Residents of Mesquite who utilize medical services at Parkland Hospital have some much needed assistance in obtaining their prescriptions. The Mesquite Special Transportation Program is a volunteer program sponsored by the City of Mesquite and run entirely by volunteers. Each week, volunteers travel to Parkland Hospital to collect prescriptions from the Parkland Pharmacy and deliver medications to the homes of residents. There is no charge for this service.

The Special Transportation Program has been operating in

Mesquite for over 10 years. Prescriptions are picked up each Thursday and delivered the same day. Residents who are patients at Parkland Hospital may sign up for this service by contacting the program coordinator, Joyce Eubanks, at (972) 681-1890, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



## Teen Anime Club

The Mesquite Public Library Teen Anime Club meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Library's meeting room. Teens ages 12 to 18 are invited to

attend. The group watches anime movies and TV episodes and discusses them afterward. If you have any questions, please call the library at (972) 216-6220.

## 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 mosquito 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 centimeters. 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, 2007, the Health Division's Vector Control hotline at (972) 329-8715 will have additional information.

## Manga Book Club

The MANGA BOOK CLUB, for Middle School and High School students, meets every other week at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. Manga books, Anime series and regular Young Adult novels are discussed. Anyone who is interested in joining can send an e-mail to [sharding@ci.mesquite.tx.us](mailto:sharding@ci.mesquite.tx.us) to be added to the e-mailing list

for meeting reminders or call Susan Harding at (972) 681-0465 for more information.



## Parks and Recreation Corner

### Mother/Daughter Tea Party/Fashion Show

Sunday, May 6 • 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Westlake House

In honor of your mother-daughter relationship, come enjoy an afternoon tea and fashion show. Local dignitaries will take the runway with the latest spring fashions. The event will benefit the Mesquite Youth Services Scholarship Fund. (972) 285-4145

### KidFish

Saturday, May 19 • 9:00 a.m.- Noon

City Lake Park

KidFish is an outreach program designed to educate and provide a hands-on fishing experience for children ages six-12. Poles and bait will be provided or bring your own. The event is free. (972) 216-6260

### Parks and Recreations Summer Camps

These camps are a Mesquite tradition that offer fun and adventure in a safe environment throughout the summer for children ages six through 12 years. Beginning April 16, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (972) 216-6260 to register for any of the following activities.

#### Camp Rorie-Galloway

A hidden gem in the Creek Crossing area of Mesquite is Camp Rorie-Galloway. The camp is located at 3100 Lawson Road and is a great way for children to spend their summer. Join us for fun-filled times with hiking, crafts, swimming, field trips, fishing, ropes course, archery, outdoor cooking, sports, campfires, special events and free time, all in a safe environment. Weekly sessions begin June 4 and end the week of July 30. The last two weeks of camps are for teen girls and teen boys.

#### 2007 Cool Kidz Camp

This camp offers 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 and a camp shirt. Each camp is scheduled from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cool Kidz Camps will be held at Florence Recreation Center and Rutherford Recreation Center.

#### Camp BLAST

Camp BLAST (Bringing Leadership, Art and Sports Together) allows children with limited financial resources to participate in summer camp activities. Campers build self-esteem, develop social skills and improve health and fitness in an exciting environment. Each camp is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Evans Recreation Center.