

QUESTION

AND ANSWER

Q: Is there a place in Mesquite where I can find low-cost mulch?

A: Yes. Free compost and mulch are available on a first-come, first-served basis to Mesquite residents at the Municipal Composting Facility located at 3550 Lawson Road. The days and hours of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Residents need to bring a driver's license and utility bill as proof of residency. To view a map to the Composting Facility, go the City's Web site at www.cityofmesquite.com/solid-waste/compost_facility.php.

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

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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.

AUGUST

- 1-5** The **Texas Area Artists** will hold an exhibition, *Artrageous 2007*, in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The galleries are open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and during performances. (214) 566-8269
- 5-31** **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** will hold an exhibition in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The galleries are open Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and during performances. (972) 463-6004
- 5** **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration at 2:00 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall. The public is invited. (214) 566-8269
- 13** 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
- 17-31** **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents *The Foreigner* in the Black Box Theatre. (972) 216-8126
- 27-28** **Mesquite Community Theatre** staged reading series presents *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. Reservations are not required and admission is free. (972) 216-8126

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30** The **Mesquite Arts Council** presents an exhibit by Diane Walker Gladney in the Main Gallery. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and during performances. (972) 216-6444
- 8** The **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** will hold its Membership Gala Concert, *Transitions*, featuring the music of Halvorsen, Gardner-Morales, Ravel and Williams. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 Adult, \$8 Seniors and \$6 Students. (972) 216-8127
- 8** An artist reception will be held for Diane Walker Gladney from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Main Gallery. (972) 216-6444
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- 10-12** **Mesquite Community Theatre** will hold auditions for *Sleepy Hollow* from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. (972) 216-8126.
- 21-22** The **Latino Arts Association** presents *El Secreto de la Lagartija/ The Lizard's Secret*, a bilingual play based on Mexican folktales, at the Mesquite Arts Center at 10:00 a.m. Admission is free and reservations are required. These performances are funded in part by the Edward Jones, Dr. Cary Tanamachi and Ralph and Jeann Wisenbaker Endowments. (972) 216-6444
- 28** **Art@Lunch** will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and includes a trip to *Autumn at the Dallas Arboretum*. The cost is \$20 and includes: transportation, admission into the museum, a docent-led tour and lunch. Reservations required. (972) 216-6444

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 6** **City Council meeting**, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 711 N. Galloway Avenue
- 11** **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
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- 3** **Labor Day**, City offices closed. City Council meeting rescheduled for September 4. No residential waste collection
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Dog Days of Summer at Evans Pool

Evans Swimming Pool will once again host the City of Mesquite's award-winning "Doggie Splash Day" on Saturday, August 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Evans Pool is located at 1200 Hillcrest. Each dog will be charged \$5.00 while his or her accompanying human will be charged \$1.00.



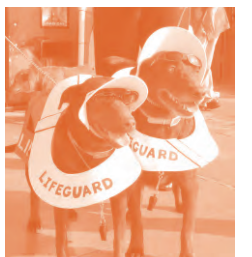
Mesquite has received metroplex, regional and state awards for creating this innovative program. The Parks and Recreation Department has shared its idea with many cities across the state providing similar type programs for dogs at the conclusion of summer swim seasons.

Dogs will be allowed to utilize all of the pool amenities including the wading pool, tower slide and one-meter diving board. The highlights of the day are the fun contests:

- 9:00 a.m. Swimsuit Competition (for the dogs). Dogs come "dressed-to-impress" as they enter the facility to be judged. The swimsuit contest has become very popular over the years and outfits have become quite elaborate.
- 9:45 a.m. Dog Paddle Race. Smaller dogs will be set to swim across the pool for 10 yards in a timed event. Owners may do anything to encourage their contestants.
- 10:30 a.m. Retrieving Contest. Owners will toss their own objects for a minimum of 30 feet requiring dogs to fetch and return in this timed event. This contest is intended for larger dogs that will not be allowed in the Dog Paddle Race.
- 11:15 a.m. Diving Contest. The diving contest is a freestyle competition off a one-meter diving board where dogs will be reviewed by a panel of judges.
- 12:30 p.m. Doggie Talent Show. Last year was the first attempt in offering a talent show and it was quite a hit. Dogs sang, danced and followed their owner's commands to perfection on a small stage.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three contestants in each event. All dogs will be required to have current vaccinations to enter the pool. Mesquite Health Division officials will confirm 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!



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Native Beauty of Mesquite Photo Contest

Keep Mesquite Beautiful recently held the Native Beauty of Mesquite photo contest. The contest was open to photographers of all ages and skill levels. This year's winners are:

- Angie Elza - First Place
- Terri Smith - Second Place
- Angie Elza - Third Place
- Angie Elza - Honorable Mention

The photo contest is held each spring in an effort to showcase the natural plant and animal life found in the Mesquite area. The top three winners split the contest entry fees. This year's winning photos will be displayed in the City Hall kiosk at 711 N. Galloway. Keep Mesquite Beautiful would like to thank all of this year's entrants.



Addressing Mesquite Day

The Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite are hosting the 3rd annual Addressing Mesquite Day on Saturday, October 13, 2007. This citywide event will be comprised of churches and community volunteer groups that will each have a house or yard project they will undertake that day. These projects could be painting the outside of a home, a major landscaping task, a minor construction project (such as a wheelchair ramp, etc.) or assistance in tearing down an old shed/dog house. To apply to have your home become an

Addressing Mesquite Day project, complete the attached form and mail to:

Arti Waghray
City of Mesquite
P.O. Box 850137
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137

If you have questions about the application process, call Ms. Waghray at (972) 329-8523 or e-mail at awaghray@ci.mesquite.tx.us. For more information on Addressing Mesquite Day in general, contact Valerie Bradley at (972) 216-6408 or via e-mail at vbradley@ci.mesquite.tx.us.

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Addressing Mesquite Day Job Request Card

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail Address _____

JOB DESCRIPTION

Please indicate job(s) to be performed.
Only exterior work should be submitted.

CLEAN UP JOBS

- Washing windows - # of windows _____
- Cleaning / sweeping _____
- Other: _____

WEEDING / MOWING JOBS

- Moving dirt / digging _____
- Trimming trees / hedges _____
- Raking leaves _____
- Weeding _____
- Mowing _____

PAINTING JOBS

- Painting _____

Authorization

I certify that I am the owner of the job site concerning the above requested improvements. I understand this is only a job request, and all job requests may not be fulfilled.

Signature _____

Date _____

Fall Fun Forecast

Look for the Fall 2007 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 center activities, adult flag football and youth basketball. For more information please call (972) 216-6260.



Sponsorship Opportunities

Join forces with the Parks and Recreation Department by becoming a sponsor. Your business can place banners at recreation, athletic and aquatic facilities. Businesses interested in

sponsoring special events, Movies in the Park, tournaments and other programs should contact the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department for further information at (972) 216-6260.

Volunteer Reception

Volunteers are an essential part of our community. In 2006 over 365 volunteers worked more than 23,000 hours for the City of Mesquite in a variety of roles. The City recently recognized all City volunteers at a reception and presented awards to 11 volunteers who have provided exemplary service.

The 2006 Volunteers of the Year are: Ann Cox-Rowland (Keep Mesquite Beautiful),

Kelly Baird (Historic Mesquite), Renee Dominquez (Animal Services), Bob Johnson (Mesquite Police Department), Sharon Douglas (Adult Literacy), Ross Wilbur (Senior Alert), Bill Balentine (Evans Senior Center), Eddie Jeans (Goodbar Senior Center), Betty Lancaster (Rutherford Senior Center) and Alan and Leslie Swinson (Mesquite Youth Services).

Parks and Recreation Corner

Junior Players Discover Theater Camp

Florence Recreation Center is partnering with Junior Players to bring The Discover Theater Summer Camp to Mesquite in August.

This free camp will be held Monday through Friday, August 6 - August 17, from 10:00 a.m. - noon at the Florence Center, 2501 Whitson Way. Children will participate in a Festival of Plays at the Anita Martinez Recreation Center in Dallas at the end of the two-week camp. Instructors are volunteers provided by Junior Players.

Participants must sign up at any recreation center and the program has a limit of 25 students. A list of phone numbers for Mesquite's recreation centers can be obtained by visiting www.cityofmesquite.com/parks or calling (972) 216-6260.

After School Fun

The Recreation After School Program, know as RASP, is available at the Dunford (Beasley Elementary School), Florence, Goodbar (McKenzie Elementary School) and Rutherford recreation centers and the Shaw and Thompson gymnasiums. The RASP program is designed to serve elementary aged students from the adjoining schools.

The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department has offered the RASP program since 2004. The program is regulated by the City's Youth Standards of Care Policy that has specific requirements for staff, facilities and operations.

RASP monthly fees are \$95.00 per child. The fee includes supervised activities, afternoon snack, homework opportunities and organized games and crafts. Advanced registration is required and availability is limited.

Mesquite Parks and Recreation will be taking registration for the Fall Recreation After School Program for returning participants August 13. New participants may begin signing up on August 20 at any recreation center. Cost is \$95.00 per month for the first child and \$85.00 per month for additional children. Contact any one of the recreation centers listed above for further information.