



---Dear Mesquite Resident,

I would like to tell you how excited I am to see the new changes which have come to the Mesquite Championship Rodeo. Nearly a year ago when I got involved with negotiations to bring improvements I never imaged it could turn out like this, and the upgrades which have been made so far are just the beginning.

If you haven't been to the Rodeo in a while, then now is definitely the time to re-acquaint yourself with the facility. There are two huge new jumbo screens which have been installed to help you see all the action with replays, and the entire show has been revamped making it a much more family friendly and fun outing.

My favorite change is with the new placement of the announcer, who now presides over the event from near the arena floor where all the action is, and the rodeo clowns wear microphones now and they are funnier than a night at the Improv.

For those of you who don't know, the new and improved rodeo is another Project Renewal initiative. I hope you are able to go and see the changes for yourself, and I know the new Mesquite Championship Rodeo will become another event in our community that distinguishes our Real. Texas. Flavor.

Sincerely,

John Monaco
Mayor

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

2 Texas Area Artists hosts its monthly open meeting at 2 p.m. featuring an artist demonstration.
214-566-8269

7-22 Mesquite Community Theatre presents *Belles* by Mark Dunn in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets range from \$8 to \$12.
972-216-8126

10 The *Monthly Paint-In* begins at 10 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. Free!
214-566-8269



24-26 Mesquite Community Theatre will hold auditions from 7 - 9 p.m. for *The Butler Did It* by Tim Kelly in the Black Box Theatre.
972-216-8126



FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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| 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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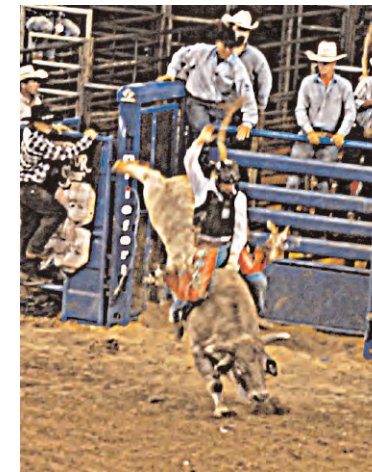
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MAINSTREAM

The Rodeo Is Back In Business

The Mesquite Championship Rodeo is up and running again. It kicked into gear with its grand re-opening on Friday, June 5, delivering rock'n roll and championship rodeo like never before seen in Resistol Arena.

The World Famous Mesquite Championship Rodeo features: professional rodeo cowboys riding famous livestock, rodeo clowns from across the U.S., special guest announcers and lasers and pyrotechnics that add up to two hours and 15 minutes of fast-paced action and excitement. It's an especially exciting time for the City as well, because the new Rodeo is part of Project Renewal, which created a public-private partnership between Mesquite and Camelot Sports and Entertainment LLC.



As usual there's bull riding, saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, cowgirl barrel racing, tie-down roping, steer wrestling and team roping. Also included for the kids are crowd favorites mutton bustin' and the dash-for-cash.

Adding to the enhanced rodeo experience are two new state-of-the-art jumbo color video boards allowing fans a close-up view of the live action, contestant interviews and instant replays.

One of the biggest differences will come during the Rodeo's off season. In the past, Resistol Arena went dark when the bulls aren't bucking, but now it will be a year-round sports and entertainment venue. In an exclusive partnership with SUN Sports and Entertainment, up to 12 award-winning mixed martial arts events featuring the "Art of War" series as well as new series for alternative markets called "Mano A Mano", will be held at Resistol Arena, with the first event scheduled for Sunday, July 12.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY

- 6, 20 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.
- Historic Florence Ranch Homestead** is located at 1424 Barnes Bridge Road and is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m. and every second Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
972-613-7547
- 25 Opal Lawrence Historical Park's S.D. Lawrence House**, open for tours, every fourth Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. 701 E. Kearney St.
972-216-6468

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| Bill Porter | Councilmember, Place 1 |
| Stan Pickett..... | Councilmember, Place 3 |
| Shirley Roberts | Councilmember, Place 5 |
| Dennis Tarpley | Councilmember, Place 6 |



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Addressing Mesquite Day Wants To Help You!

Do you or your neighbors need some extra assistance with house or yard projects? Help is on the way! On Saturday, October 10, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite are hosting a citywide event called **Addressing Mesquite Day**. This event matches community volunteer groups with homeowners in need of extra assistance. Some of the projects could include:

- Painting the outside of a home
- Landscaping tasks
- Constructing minor structures (such as a ramp, etc.)
- Tearing down structures (such as an old shed)

Do not let this wonderful opportunity pass by. The faith-based community of Mesquite stands ready to lend a hand.

Addressing Mesquite Day Job Request Card

Owner's Name: _____ Home Phone # _____

Work Site Address: _____ Work Phone # _____

Mesquite Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Did you apply to for Addressing Mesquite Day last year? Yes ___ No ___

Disclaimer: Job Requests will only be accepted for OWNER-OCCUPIED homes. Priority will be given to seniors or residents with disabilities.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Please indicate job(s) to be performed and, if needed, describe specifically in an attached letter:

EXTERIOR WORK ONLY

CLEAN UP JOBS

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

WEEDING/MOWING JOBS

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

OTHER JOBS

- Painting (include description in an attached letter)
 Accessibility ramp

Check all of the following that apply to the owner of the work site address

- Single-parent _____ 60 and older
 Disabled _____ Widow
 Owner-occupied

SUPPLIES

- I can provide all supplies needed.
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide some supplies.
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide all supplies.

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 that the City of Mesquite staff must approve all job requests.

Return the completed job request form by August 14, 2009 to: Addressing Mesquite Day Planning Division, City of Mesquite, PO Box 850137, Mesquite, TX 75185-0137.

Signature _____

Date _____

For Office Use Only

Job # _____

Zone # _____

Member: _____

Mail to:
 Addressing Mesquite Day
 Planning Division
 City of Mesquite
 PO Box 850137
 Mesquite, TX 75185-0137
 Fax: 972-216-8109
 Email: planning@ci.mesquite.tx.us

Mesquite Recycles Day Brings In Tons Of Waste

Spring cleaning took on a special meaning for hundreds, if not more than a thousand people, who helped make May's Recycles Day one of Mesquite's most successful.

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) and the City of Mesquite held Mesquite Recycles Day on May 9 at Poteet High School. It's a time when residents can come by and drop off those hard to dispose of items which are usually better left out of the landfill. Of most concern is waste from electronic components such as TVs or computers, and plenty of those were

disposed of this year.

At the event, approximately 25,000 pounds of e-waste (computers, televisions, printers, etc.) were collected, and 3.9 tons (7,820 lbs) of papers and documents were shredded.

The Mesquite Lion's Club, Environmental Co-op, Friends of the Library and Sharing Life Community Outreach also collected donations.

All of the City departments and the clubs involved in the clean up send out a big "Thank You!" to everyone who participated, and hope to see even more people at the next event in November.



Visit www.cityofmesquite.com

First "No Smoking" Sign Installed

It wasn't a media frenzy, but every local news station and The Mesquite News showed up to witness the installation of the City's first "no smoking" sign. The sign was installed at Bruton Soccer Complex and is one of nearly 70 that will be installed at all of Mesquite's parks, buildings and athletic facilities.

In March, Mesquite's City Council voted to expand the City's smoking ordinance. The ordinance bans

smoking in almost all public places. Among the exceptions are bingo halls and retail tobacco stores. The new ordinance went into effect June 14.



South Mesquite Creek Trail Dedication

Elected officials from Mesquite and Dallas County gathered together last month to officially open the new South Mesquite Creek Trail. The three-mile section connects a variety of residential subdivisions, but what makes the project really significant is that it creates the first link to the Dallas County Trails for the 21st Century system.

Trails for the 21st Century is a concept created by the Dallas County Park and Open Space Board. The program is designed to eventually create a non-stop loop which will span between cities across Dallas County with connections into adjacent counties. The South Mesquite Creek Trail is Mesquite's first connection to that loop.

The South Mesquite Creek trail begins just off of Gross Road near Peachtree Road. It connects Westover Greenbelt, Lambert Park and Oakbrook Park, giving those local residential subdivisions a direct hike or bike link to the 9-hole disc golf course and KidsQuest playground at DeBusk Park.

In addition to the County connection, the South Mesquite Creek Trail is also part of a master trail plan that creates nearly 200 miles of trails through the city once the plan is fully implemented. The plan is to have Mesquite's trail system connect at multiple points to the regional Dallas County master trail system.



Pictured left to right: Contrella Dixon, Dennis Tarpley, Lily Arenas, Al Forsythe, Shirley Roberts, Dudley Hargrove, Mike Cantrell, John Monaco, Jim Schumann, Jim Foster)

Parks and Recreation Corner

Movies in the Park – Kung Fu Panda

Friday, August 14
At dusk
City Lake
Aquatic Center
\$2



It's movie madness, this time at the City Lake Aquatic Center! Come experience the joy of movie watching in the pool. Bring your inner tubes, pool chairs or other floatation device and enjoy!
972-216-6260

Doggie Splash Day

Saturday, August 22
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Vanston Pool
\$5 per owner/\$1 per visitor



The annual Doggie Splash Day will include popular activities like the dog paddle race, retrieving competition and swimsuit contest.
972-216-6260

Dance Aerobics

Monday and Wednesday, August 3 - 26
7 - 8 p.m.
Evans Recreation Center
Ages 18+, \$25

Think aerobics classes went out with the 80s? Think again! Our new Dance Aerobics class is a great way to get your life on a healthier, more energetic path to wellness. Start out at any fitness level and challenge yourself to meet your fitness goals. You'll have so much fun you won't realize you're working out! Don't forget to bring your mat and a bottle of water.

