



A MOMENT WITH MONACO

Dear Mesquite Resident,

I am often asked, "Mayor, who do I contact for ..." Most recently, I received a number of inquiries pertaining to the debris created by the storms here in Mesquite. So I thought it would be a good idea to list for you some of the most frequently utilized city services and contact information.

The following are some phone numbers that may be helpful:

- Solid Waste Division (debris, tree limbs, etc.) 972-216-6285
- Mesquite Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled (MTED) 972-329-6833
- Main Library 972-216-6220
- Animal Shelter and Adoption Center 972-216-6283
- Environmental Code 972-216-6276
- Parks and Recreation 972-216-6260
- Trash Collection/Recycling 972-216-6284
- Building Inspection 972-216-6212
- Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups 972-216-6278

If you are uncertain as to which department to call, I suggest calling our Main Number at 972-288-7711 and someone will be glad to assist you.

And don't forget about our web site. At www.cityofmesquite.com you can find tons of information, the City Council's agenda and more. You can get registration forms for some of our programs, and directions to our facilities and parks. Check it out, it's a great resource!

In closing, please know that you may continue to contact my office directly at 972-216-6400 if I can be of service to you or point you in the right direction. I am truly proud of our many great City services and hope that you are too.

Sincerely,

John Monaco
Mayor

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.

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- 1 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** season finale concert is *Romantic Fireworks* featuring the music of Grieg, Bruch and Saint Saens and Andrew Robert Sords on solo violin. 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall. 972-216-8127
- 2 – 30 The Mesquite Arts Council** presents an exhibit by Texas Area Artist in the Main Gallery. The galleries are open M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and during performances. 214-566-8269
- 2 Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration at 2 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall. The public is invited. 214-566-8269
- 6 - 15 Mesquite Arts Council** presents *A Texas Romance*. In a small town near San Antonio in 1928, a recently widowed woman dreams of a second chance at love. When a young man comes calling she sees her opportunity, but will she be brave enough to seize it? May 6,7,8,13,14,15 at 1 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. \$20 for lunch and the show or \$10 for performance only. Details at www.mesquiteartscenter.org
- 10 Texas Area Artists** will hold the "Monthly Paint-In" at 10 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. Free. 214-566-8269
- 10 Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features an artist demonstration. 972-463-6004
- 16 A Salute to Texas Composers**, The **Texas Voices** concert features selections from composer-in-residence Debra Scroggins, Paul Thompson and special guest artists, Camerata Winds. Whether Texas born or Texas bred, many talented composers call Texas home. Their unique choral works display a wealth of creativity befitting our great state. 6:30 p.m. \$22 regular admission, \$15 for seniors, \$10 for students, and can be purchased online at www.thetexasvoices.org, or 214-384-6336.

Sign Up For Free City Alerts

The public can sign up for Mesquite's free Citizen Notification System (CNS) which sends out emergency alerts or news updates on City services. Notifications can either be sent by e-mail to a computer or as a text message to a cell phone. It's a great way to stay informed on City events and happenings. Mesquite's Emergency Management Division also uses the service to send out critical notifications during storm events or other disasters. Register at www.mesquitecns.com



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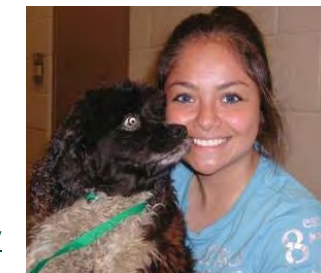
Pet Adoption is a Purr-fect Idea



In shelters across the United States, unwanted, healthy, perfectly suitable companion animals are euthanized every day and Mesquite is no exception. The Humane Society of the United States estimates that of the six to eight million animals entering shelters annually, three to four million are euthanized.

For animal advocates and volunteers for the City of Mesquite, saving, caring for and nurturing animals that would have otherwise been euthanized, is a rewarding, yet incredibly time-consuming task. For the members of PAWS Patrol of Mesquite, a foster based, nonprofit, rescue organization, it is just another day's work in the Mesquite Shelter. The bottom line — there are far more cats and dogs of all ages than there are volunteers to foster them until they find permanent homes.

Residents who already own pets can help by getting their pets spayed or neutered. In addition to any of the local veterinarians in Mesquite, this procedure can be performed at Kaufman County Animal Awareness Project (KCAAP). PetSmart Charities has provided a grant to KCAAP to cover most of the costs of spaying or neutering about 3,000 cats and dogs during the next year. KCAAP is a nonprofit organization that works to provide low-cost pet services to its surrounding communities. The grant, awarded in late 2009, will allow KCAAP to offer Mesquite residents spay and neutering services at a cost of \$25 for cats and \$50 for dogs. Since 1994, PetSmart Charities has funded more than \$70 million in grants and programs benefiting animal welfare organizations and, through its in-store pet adoption program, has helped save the lives of more than 3.4 million pets. Mesquite is proud to be a part of this effort. For more information visits KCAAP's Web site at www.spayneuternet.org or call 972-472-3500.



For more information on animals available at the Mesquite Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/animal/petoftheweek.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY

- 1 Pet Adoptathon and Low-cost Pet Vaccinations**, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Mesquite Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. 972-216-6283
- 3 City Council Meeting**, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers. 972-216-6244
- 6 Book Club Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Mesquite Public Library. 972-216-6220
- 15 KIDFISH**, 8:00 a.m., City Lake Park. 972-216-6260
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- 21 Movies in the Park**, 8:30 p.m., City Lake Park. 972-216-6260

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- Bill Porter ..Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Place 1
- Stan Pickett..... Councilmember, Place 3
- Shirley Roberts..... Councilmember, Place 4
- Vacant..... Place 5
- Dennis Tarpley Councilmember, Place 6



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The Verdict Is In - Crane Selected As New Municipal Court Judge



In March the Mesquite City Council named Steve Crane as the Municipal Court Judge to replace Judge David Rosen who is

retiring. Mesquite Municipal Court handles a wide variety of Class C misdemeanors such as traffic offenses, penal code violations (juvenile education code infractions, curfew, and theft cases), various building and code enforcement matters, health code enforcement and animal control issues.

Crane has been Assistant City Attorney II for the City since 2001. Some of his duties included prosecution of jury and bench trials, represent the City in administrative hearings involving claims of employment/civil service issues and to advise the City on various matters involving police and fire issues, contracts, ordinances, resolutions, and employment law. Crane also has served as Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Garland, City of Sachse and the City of Rowlett.

For more information on the services provided by the Mesquite Municipal Court, please call 972-216-6206.

Book Sale at the Main Library



The Friends of the Mesquite Public Library will hold their semi-annual used book sale on April 29, 30, and May 1. April 29 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

is a Sneak-a-Peek night for Friends members only with memberships available at the door. The sale will be open to the general public on April 30 from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m. and on May 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The semi-annual sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Mesquite Public Library. Funds raised through the sale are used to support the programs of the Mesquite Public Library. For more information contact the Mesquite Main Library at 972-216-6220 or the North Branch Library at 972-681-0465.

Get Counted: The United States 2010 Census—"It's In Our Hands"



With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

- If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.
- Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information.
- Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.
- REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.
- While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION. The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Anyone asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau.
- Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the Census.
- Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For additional Census 2010 information or questions, visit www.bbb.org or www.2010.census.gov or call the Regional Census Center for Texas at (214)-267-6900.

Public Works: Above, Below & All Around You

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works. This year, the commemorative week takes place May 16-22. Here are some interesting annual facts about the City of Mesquite's Public Works Department:

- # of traffic signals & stop signs serviced by the Traffic Engineering – 108 traffic signals & 3,200 STOP signs
- # of miles of roads maintained by Street Services – 431 centerline miles or 1,123 lane miles
- Average # tons of trash and debris collected by Solid Waste weekly – 1,416 tons per week
- Average # gallons of water provided each day by Water & Sewer Operations – approximately 16.7 million gallons per day with peak summer delivery of more than 40 million gallons per day
- Average # gallons of sewage treated daily by Utilities/NTMWD – approximately 15.9 million gallons of sewage transported/treated per day

Municipal Election Scheduled for May 8

The annual municipal election is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010, to elect Councilmembers for Places 3, 4 and 5.

Early voting will be conducted in Mesquite at Lakeside Activity Center, 101 Holley Park Drive, as follows:

- Monday, April 26 through Friday, April 30 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 1 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday, May 2 – 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Monday, May 3 through Tuesday, May 4 – 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will also be held at the main early voting location at the Dallas County Records Building, 509 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, 75202, and at approximately 37 additional branch locations throughout the county. Qualified voters in Dallas County and the portion of Kaufman County located within the city of Mesquite may vote early at any one of these locations. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Bruce Sherbet, Dallas County Elections Administrator, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas, 75207, and must be received by Dallas County no later than April 30.

On election day, results can be accessed on Dallas County's Web site at www.dalcoelections.org and on the City's Web site at www.cityofmesquite.com.

ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCTS

DALLAS COUNTY PRECINCTS LOCATED WITHIN MESQUITE'S CITY LIMITS

POLLING PLACE (open 7a.m.-7p.m.)	PRECINCT NO.
Mesquite High School 300 East Davis	2323, 2324, 2325 and 2326
Pirrung Elementary School 1500 Creek Valley	2327 and 2328
Horn High School 3300 East Cartwright Road	2329, 2330 and 3902
Galloway Elementary School 2329 Candleberry	2319, 2320, 2321 and 2322
Wilkinson Middle School 2100 Crest Park	2315, 2316, 2317 and 2318
Tosch Elementary School 2424 Larchmont	2303, 2307, 2309, 2310 and 2312
Florence Park Community Center 2501 Whitson Way	2300, 2301, 2302, 2308, 2332 and 2333
Scott Dunford Community Center 1015 Green Canyon	2304, 2305, 2306, 2313 and 2314
Vial Elementary School 126 Creekview Drive, Garland	2141*, 2142* and 2147*

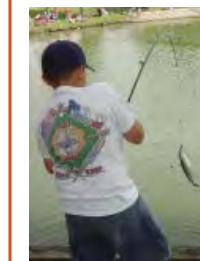
*Split precincts voting outside city limits.

KAUFMAN COUNTY PRECINCTS PARTIALLY LOCATED IN MESQUITE'S CITY LIMITS

POLLING PLACE (open 7a.m.-7p.m.)	PRECINCT NO.
Horn High School 3300 East Cartwright Road	29 and 37

Parks and Recreation Corner

KIDFISH



Mesquite Parks and Recreation will once again offer KIDFISH at City Lake Park on Saturday, May 15. KIDFISH is an outreach program designed to educate and provide a hands-on fishing experience for children ages 6-12. Texas Parks and Wildlife will stock the pond and all participants must register. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the event

begins at 9 a.m. Poles and bait will be provided or participants may bring their own. Prizes and trophies will be awarded immediately following the final measuring and weigh-in of the fish. The event is free and donations are accepted to support the community fishing outreach efforts of the KIDFISH Foundation. Families are welcome to spend the day enjoying the park and picnicking while watching their children fish. Please call 972-216-6260 for more information. KIDFISH is sponsored by Old Town Mesquite.



MOVIES IN THE PARK



Mesquite Parks and Recreation would like to invite the public to watch a Movie in the Park on the evening of Friday, May 21 at City Lake Park. The event series will continue monthly throughout the summer and is a great opportunity for the whole family to experience movie watching in the great outdoors. The event is

free and features the movie *The Princess and the Frog* beginning at dusk. Patrons are encouraged to bring their picnic baskets, lawn chairs, and blankets. For more information please call 972-216-6260.

