



A MOMENT WITH MONACO

Dear Mesquite Resident,

Let's go fishin'! Mesquite, with the help of the state, has launched the "Neighborhood Fishin' Program".

As a father of five and grandfather to eleven kids, I know how important quality family time is, and this is just another way to enjoy our parks with your kids. Mesquite City Lake is one of 15 neighborhood lakes that receive frequent stockings of catfish in summer and rainbow trout in winter, which makes for good fishing throughout the season.



The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has partnered with the City of Mesquite to provide a quality local fishing experience at City Lake Park. The TPWD Inland Fisheries Division provides fisheries management expertise and fish for regular stockings. The City of Mesquite pays a fee for the stocked fish, and provides and maintains the facilities to ensure a quality fishing experience.

The fish stocking plan consists of bi-weekly stockings of channel catfish or rainbow trout. Channel catfish (12 inches) are stocked from April through November, with the exception of August, and rainbow trout (9-12 inches) December through March. Stocking of trout began December 2.

A valid freshwater fishing license is required to fish at Mesquite City Lake Park for people 17 years of age and older. Fishing is allowed by pole and line only (no nets or other devices), with a limit of two fishing poles per person. There is no minimum length limit and a five fish daily bag limit per angler for both channel catfish and rainbow trout.

For more information on the program please call 817-732-0761 or visit on the Web site at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/nf>.

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.

JUNE

- 4 -19 **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents *A Grand Night for Singing*, a revue of songs by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The show includes selection from your favorites musicals *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *State Fair*, *Allegro*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *Me and Juliet*, *Pipe Dream*, *Cinderella*, *Flower Drum Song* and *The Sound of Music*. See Web site for show times. 972-216-8126
- 8 **The Mesquite Arts Council** presents *JazzBreaks* on the Plaza with Greg Waits Quartet at 7:30 p.m. 972-216-6444
- 14-15 **Mesquite Community Theatre** will hold auditions for *Close Ties*, by Elizabeth Diggs from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. 972-216-8126
- 14 **The Mesquite Symphonic Band** presents *Music in the Park* at Westlake Park at 7:15 p.m. 972-216-8125
- 14 **The Monthly Paint-In** begins at 10 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. 214-566-8269
- 14 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features an artist demonstration. 972-463-6004
- 15 **Mesquite Arts Council** presents *JazzBreaks* on the Plaza with Heather Paterson with the Straight Ahead Jazz Quintet at 7:30 p.m. 972-216-6444
- 21 **Mesquite Symphonic Band** presents *Music in the Park* at Westlake Park at 7:15 p.m. 972-216-8125
- 22 **Mesquite Arts Council** presents *JazzBreaks* on the Plaza with the MJRE (Mesquite Jazz Repertory Ensemble) Big Band and Curt Bradshaw at 7:30 p.m. 972-216-6444
- 28 **Mesquite Symphonic Band** presents *Music in the Park* at Westlake Park at 7:15 p.m. 972-216-8125

City Launches Radio Podcast

Mesquite Mayor John Monaco conducts a radio interview every month on KEOM – 88.5 FM. Mayor Monaco interviews City staff on various issues including public safety, special events, recreation activities, economic development, planning and so much more. Those interviews are now available online at: www.cityofmesquite.com/mayorsradioshow.

It's a great way for Mesquite residents to stay informed on their city. The interviews are part of KEOM's "Community Focus" program which is hosted and produced by Mesquite Independent School District high school students.

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

MAINSTREAM

Mesquite Offers Free Summer Breakfast and Lunch Program



Mesquite Independent School District is sponsoring the Free Summer Breakfast and Lunch Program for our community. Meals will be served daily at some of the school district's local school cafeterias starting June 9 and running through July 23. No advance registration is required. This program is open to all children 1 to 18 years of age. It is provided through the Texas Department of Agriculture. For more information or questions, please call Mesquite ISD Food and Nutrition at 972-882-5518.

Sites serving breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. are:

Florence Elementary 4621 Gleneagle Dr.
Shaw Elementary 707 Purple Sage.
Galloway Elementary 200 Clary Dr.
Horn High School 3300 Cartwright Rd.

Sites serving only lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. are:

Hodges Elementary – 14401 Spring Oaks (Balch Springs)
McWhorter Elementary 1700 Hickory Tree Rd.
Rutherford Elementary 1607 Sierra Dr.
Seabourn Elementary 2300 Sandy Lane.
Range Elementary 2600 Bamboo Ln.
Lawrence Elementary 3811 Richman.
Tisinger Elementary 1701 Hillcrest Dr.
Horn High School 3300 Cartwright Rd.



Rules for Summer Nutrition Program include:

- Parents who choose to eat with their children may purchase a breakfast for \$1.25 and lunch for \$2.00.
- Parents are not allowed to eat from the child's meal at any time.
- Due to Health and Sanitary Rules, all the meals must be eaten in the school cafeteria; no part of the meal may be taken away from the cafeteria at any time.
- This program is provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) and their rules must be followed at all times for us to continue to have this special program.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE

- 3 **Book Club Meeting**, "The Heretic's Daughter", 7:00 p.m., Main Library, 972-216-6220
- 7 **City Council Meeting**, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 972-216-6244
- 7,14, 21,28 **Music in the Park Summer Concert Series**, 7:15 p.m., Westlake Park, 972-216-8125
- 8 **Jazz Breaks**, 7:30 p.m., Arts Center, 972-216-6444 (Picnic dinners available for reservation)
- 21 **City Council Meeting**, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 972-216-6244
- 25 **Movies in the Park**, "Planet 21", 8:30 p.m., City Lake Park, 972-216-6260

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When Census Workers Stop By, Please Cooperate With Them

The month of May marks the peak of activity for the U.S. Census Bureau. Currently, Mesquite has had approximately a 63 percent mail back participation rate on Census questionnaires compared to 62 percent in Texas and 67 percent nationwide.

About 700,000 temporary census takers will begin to visit households that didn't submit their 2010 Census information to the Census Bureau by mid-April. Between May and late July, they will visit more than 46 million households across the United States, asking the 10 basic questions found on the 2010 Census questionnaire. This will include residents here in Mesquite.

It's important that Mesquite households cooperate with census workers so the Census Bureau can get a complete statistical portrait of the United States.

Urban planners use the resulting statistics to identify where highways, bus routes and train stations ought to go. The federal government uses that data to help determine where to apportion more than \$400 billion annually, paying for expenses such as school lunches, college tuition and medical care. Census data also determines Congressional representation.

Census workers won't ask for financial information or for social security numbers. They also won't ask to enter your home.

Census workers will carry confidentiality notices, census forms and IDs that identify themselves as Census workers. Some will carry black canvas "U.S. Census Bureau" bags. Mesquite residents who want to verify the employment of a census worker in the Dallas region (which covers Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi) may call 800-563-6499.

For more information about how to identify a census worker and the extra steps the Census Bureau has taken to protect confidential information, go to:

<http://2010.census.gov/2010census/privacy/more-security-topics.php>

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IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Hop Onto the Reading Express!

The 2010 Mesquite Summer Reading Club, *Catch the Reading Express!*, begins at the Mesquite Public Library System on Monday, June 7. Children ages 1 to 12 are invited to participate in this free program at both the Mesquite Main Library and Mesquite North Branch Library. Participants can choose to count the number of books read or the amount of time spent reading. By turning in two parts of a reading log by Saturday, July 31, kids can earn a reading certificate, and if at least three are turned in, a special gold seal is attached to the certificate. Fun activities including games, crafts, and special performers are also planned. Magicians, clowns and exciting creatures will be arriving throughout June and July.

"More than 2,900 kids enrolled last summer. This year we anticipate the number of children enrolling will exceed that number," said Library Director Jeannie Johnson. More information about the Mesquite Summer Reading Club is available by calling the Main Library at 972-216-6220, or the North Branch Library at 972-681-0645, and on the Library Web site, www.library.mesquite.tx.us.

Also, here is a list of performers at the libraries this summer:

Mesquite Main Library

June 17 Creature Teacher at 2:30 p.m.
June 23 Happy Dragon at 2:30 p.m.
June 30 Brett Roberts magic at 2:45 p.m.
July 8 Bonkers the Clown at 2:30 p.m.
July 15 Ronald McDonald at 2:30 p.m.
July 22 Hopalong Cassidy at 2:30 p.m.
July 28 David Slick the Magician at 2:30 p.m.

Mesquite North Branch Library

(all shows at 3:30)

June 15 Bonkers the Clown
June 22 Logan the Juggler
June 29 Happy Dragon
July 6 Wild About Books
July 13 Sandy Shrout presents "The Gingerbread Man"
July 20 Brett Roberts the Magician
July 26 Ronald McDonald

Getting Technical at Mesquite Public Library System



The Mesquite Public Library System has computers available for public use at both libraries. These computers have Internet access and Microsoft Office software, which includes Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. There is no charge to use the computers, though there is a minimal charge for printing. Library patrons can sign on to the computers using their library card and PIN. Both library branches also have free Wi-Fi for patrons who bring a laptop computer or other mobile Internet-enabled devices.

For those who need some guidance in computer use, the Mesquite Public Library System offers free introductory classes: Computer Basics for Beginners, Microsoft Word for Beginners, Intro to the Internet and E-Mail for Beginners. The Main Library has two computer stations, courtesy of the Rotary Club of Mesquite, for patrons who are sight impaired. One has the ability to enlarge images and has a large-print keyboard and tracking ball. The other has a Braille keyboard, voice synthesizer, and a scanner which can scan documents so the computer can read them. For more details on this computer-related information, contact the Mesquite Main Library at 972-216-6220 or the Mesquite North Branch Library at 972-681-0465.

Mesquite Expands Recycling Program



Last month the City of Mesquite added 5,000 bins to its recycling program based upon the positive response by residents to the curbside recycling program. This will bring the total to approximately 18,000 recycling bins.

After launching the Recycling Bin Pilot Project in August 2008, the City had an increase in participation which resulted in a 85 percent rise in the tonnage of recyclable materials collected.

Due to the success of the initial pilot program, which provided 18-gallon recycling bins to one-third of its residents, the City of Mesquite received supplemental grant money from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to purchase an additional 5,000 bins to further expand its residential recycling program.

According to Charles Goodson, the City's Solid Waste Manager, "Those streets selected to receive bins were divided equally throughout the city so as to not over-burden existing route schedules."

In addition to purchasing extra bins, the City has also purchased four new recycling trucks to better serve its residents. Goodson indicated that typically, about 50-60 percent of a resident's household waste can be recycled instead of going to the landfill.

Green recycling bins are also available to those residents not in the pilot areas. Any resident who would like to have a bin may request one by calling the City of Mesquite Recycling Hotline at 972-216-6972.

Over 200 helped with KMB's Bi-Annual Trash Bash



On Saturday, April 10, more than 200 residents pitched in for the Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) bi-annual Mesquite Trash Bash. Volunteers cleaned up roadways, parks and creeks. Participants included several Cub Scout Packs, Girl Scouts, MISD Elementary and High Schools, KMB's Youth Environmental Leaders, FUMC Youth Group, and Eastfield College. For more information on upcoming events: www.keeppmesquitebeautiful.org

New Booster Seat Law

Note this reminder from the Mesquite Police Department:

The new booster seat law will begin to be enforced June 1. It requires all children younger than 8 years old, unless they are over 4'9", to be in a child passenger safety seat. It also requires the safety seat system be installed properly according to the manufacturer's instructions.

For more details, call Officer Cheryl Gregg, Mesquite Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit, 972-329-8757.

Parks and Recreation Corner

MOVIES IN THE PARK

The summer series is a great opportunity for the whole family to experience movie watching in the great outdoors at City Lake Park. The event is free and will begin at dusk. Patrons are encouraged to bring their picnic baskets, lawn chairs, and blankets. Summer movies include:

June 25 - *Planet 21*
July 30 - *The Blind Side*

For more information call 972-216-6260.

SUMMER CAMPS

CAMP RORIE-GALLOWAY

Camp Rorie-Galloway is an action-packed and exciting way to enjoy the summer and create wonderful memories! Camp Rorie-Galloway provides a summer camp program with a focus on team-oriented and individual outdoor activities: nature-related activities, outdoor living skills, canoeing, swimming, nature crafts, fishing, hiking, archery, along with our challenge course. Field trips are on Tuesday or Wednesday and swim day at a Mesquite pool is on Thursday.

For more information about Camp Rorie-Galloway, please contact 972-216-6260.



END OF SUMMER CAMPOUT

Any summer camp participant is invited to end the summer with our annual campout at Camp Rorie-Galloway. Campers will need to bring a tent, sleeping bag and toiletries. Dinner and s'mores will be provided. Activities include: zip line, team games, and a night owl walk through the woods.



Ages 6-12, \$15 per person
Friday, August 20, at 6 p.m.
through Saturday, August 21, at 10 a.m.

BLAST DAY CAMP

B.L.A.S.T. Day Camp (Bringing Leadership, Art and Sports Together) allows children to participate in a traditional summer day camp program. Activities include swimming, games, crafts, field trips, nature walks, and other exciting adventures. BLAST will be held at Florence Recreation Center, Evans Recreation Center and Rutherford Recreation Center from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for ages 6-12. Fees are \$75 for one camper per week. Scholarships are available for Mesquite residents.

For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com or call 972-216-6260.