



Dear Residents,

As Mayor, one of the many priorities I have is to insure the City provides quality public safety programs and services.

In last month's issue of Mainstream, we shared that September is National Preparedness Month and encouraged all residents to plan accordingly by offering tips and suggestions. Our Office of Emergency Management's slogan is "Preparedness through Planning". And with that, I want to ask that residents take a moment to visit a special website devoted to this issue: www.KnowWhat2DO.com.

Staying with the subject of public safety, as you read in this month's Mainstream we are promoting October's National Night Out events. On October 2 we will be at the SuperTarget near the mall with all sorts of special safety activities. And, on October 5, our Mesquite Police Department will be present throughout the city in many neighborhoods to celebrate awareness of National Night Out. Here are two contacts for you to get your neighborhood mobilized and registered for the events:

North of Hwy 80:
Officer Cheryl Gregg
Office: 972-329-8757
Email: cgregg@mesquitelibrary.org

South of Hwy 80:
Officer Don Williams
Office: 972-329-8781
Email: dwilliam@mesquitelibrary.org

In closing, please prepare and participate to make Mesquite the safest community possible.

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, or call 972-216-6444.

OCTOBER

- 2-Nov 4 Mesquite Arts Council** presents the exhibit "Just Playin'", the work of Darryl Dalton, in the Main Gallery. Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and during performances.
- 11** The **Monthly Paint-In** begins at 10:00 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others.
- 11 Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. and features an artist demonstration.
- 16 The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** is in concert with "MSO POPS! Fiesta" featuring Mariachi Quetzal and the music of Mexico!
- 17 Mesquite Symphonic Band** concert with "The Finest in Fall" begins at 3:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Tickets are \$10.
- 14-30 Mesquite Community Theatre** presents, Laura by Vera Caspary. Tickets range from \$8-\$15.
- 24 Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas** in concert at 4:30 p.m. The concert is funded in part by the Dede Duson Music Endowment. Call 214-965-0491 for tickets and reservations.



Community Snapshots

Emergency Management Coordinator Phillip Mongeau chats with Mayor John Monaco during an interview at KEOM.



Winners at the City's Doggie Splash Day event held in August show off their trophies and dogs.



Veterans salute during the Mesquite Veterans Center Ribbon Cutting ceremonies held at the Arts Center.



Kids had fun at this summer's Blast Camp provided by the Parks and Recreation Department.

MAINSTREAM

Mesquite Police Department celebrates National Night Out in October



The City of Mesquite will again recognize National Night Out/Texas during the month of October with two events. Last year, more than 36 million people participated in National Night Out (NNO) events held in all 50 states, military bases around the world and in Canada.

NNO is designed to:

- Bring neighborhoods together and to strengthen the citizen-police relationship in the community.
- Increase crime and drug-abuse awareness.
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized in their anti-crime efforts.

To get things started, the SuperTarget, located on Town East Boulevard, will kick-off this year's NNO with a free celebration on Saturday, October 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will be highlighted by:

- snacks, drinks and giveaways provided by Target
- displays from Mesquite Police Department, Mesquite Fire Department, Mesquite Office of Emergency Management
- child safety-seat checks
- crime-prevention tips

The Mesquite Police Department will be out in various neighborhoods on the evening of Tuesday, October 5. Neighborhood Watch groups throughout Mesquite will be actively involved in many different activities in their respective neighborhoods. For information about becoming involved in a Neighborhood Watch program in your area, contact:

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 1, 2** Fall Book Sale, 9:00 a.m., Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, Mesquite Library 972-216-6220
- 2** National Night Out Celebration, 11:00 a.m., Super Target on Town East Boulevard, Mesquite Police Department 972-329-8757
- 4, 18** City Council Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Council Chambers, 711 N. Galloway, City Secretary's Office 972-216-6244
- 23** Dinner Under the Cedars, 5:00 p.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St., Historic Mesquite 972-216-6468
- 23** Computer Genealogy Class, Mesquite Public Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr., 972-216-6220 (Registration Required)

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Mesquite Celebrates 15 years under the cedars

Historic Mesquite, Inc. (H.M.I.) will host its annual dinner near the stately cedar trees at Opal Lawrence Historical Park on October 23 beginning at 5:00 p.m. This will be the 15th anniversary of this memorable event.

The dinner will be served by Eddie Deen Catering, well-known for its Texas-sized barbecues all over the country. State Senator Dr. Bob Deuell and his Dixieland Band will provide entertainment. Silent and live auctions are scheduled and commemorative items will be on sale through the gift shop. New this year will be the introduction of the 1,010-linear-foot nature trail, which meanders through the north end of the property, and the restored 1850s log cabin, which serves as the trailhead.

The cabin was restored with funds donated by the Mesquite Rotary Club and is dedicated to the memory of Bedford Franklin, son of Jeannette Galloway Franklin, who purchased the cabin from a Sunnyvale landowner. The trail itself is constructed of decomposed granite and is decorated with trail signs explaining conservation both today and yesterday. The trail was funded by Union Pacific Railroad Foundation, the Summerlee Foundation, First State Bank, the Mesquite Arts Council, Atmos Energy and Keep Mesquite Beautiful.



Proceeds from the event benefit the restoration of Opal Lawrence Historical Park, a National Register property, a Texas Recorded Historical Landmark and a Texas Department of Agriculture Family Century Farm. H.M.I. is the nonprofit that operates the City of Mesquite's two historical parks.

If you have questions or to purchase tickets, please call 972-216-6468. Space is limited.

City cuts ribbon on new VA center



Recently the City celebrated the opening of the new Dallas County Veteran Center located at 502 W. Kearney, Suite 300.

It is a premier operation designed to provide quality readjustment services to Veterans who have served in a combat. The services include individual, group, and family

counseling as well as treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and bereavement. The facility is approximately 3,600-square feet, including two group rooms and several offices that can be used for readjustment counseling. The staff is comprised of social workers, counselors and an administrator.

The center is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Evening and weekend hours are available for those unable to schedule services during the week day. For more information, please call 972-288-8030.

City updates parks and recreation rental procedures

Mesquite Parks & Recreation offers residents many opportunities to make use of facilities for family reunions, wedding receptions, birthday parties and other events. Athletic fields and gymnasiums are also available for private use. Picnic shelters, pavilions, meeting rooms, athletic fields and recreation centers throughout the City can be reserved throughout the year for various needs. Beginning September 1, changes to the reservation system are being made to make the process more user-friendly and in some cases more economical for Mesquite residents. The most significant change in the system will be extending the reservation time from three months in advance to 12 months in advance. This will help families wishing to utilize facilities for family reunions and wedding receptions to better plan for their events.

Another change to the reservation system includes a new service to set up and clean up for events. For a fee, City staff will set up chairs and tables prior to an event and will clean up the facility. Residents interested in reserving a facility should check out the various facilities at www.cityofmesquite.com or call 972-216-6260.

Union Pacific Foundation provides grants to Mesquite nonprofits

In August, Union Pacific Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Union Pacific Corporation and Union Pacific Railroad, provided grants to these nonprofit organizations and their associated projects:

- Historic Mesquite, Inc. / Brickyard Cemetery Project
- Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. / Lawrence Homestead Outdoor Classroom
- Mesquite Social Services, Inc. / 4E - Empowering Citizens through literacy and life skills

Union Pacific Railroad, which operates in Mesquite, believes that the quality of life in the communities in which its employees live and work is an integral part of its own success. Originally created as the Union Pacific Railroad Foundation in Omaha, Nebraska, the Foundation has distributed funds since 1959 to qualified organizations in communities served by



Union Pacific. The Foundation is not endowed, but is funded each year from the operating profits of Union Pacific Corporation. In 2010 the Union Pacific Foundation is granting \$1,124,300 to continue funding several projects submitted by nonprofit organizations in Texas. This is the sixth year the program has been in Texas.

Progress on new city hall moves forward



Construction on the City's new City Hall is on schedule and is slated to be fully completed by Fall 2011. The site, which is adjacent to the Police Department Headquarters, has been buzzing with major activity recently. The structure has begun to rise out of the ground with the installation of steel columns and the cement pour of the third floor.

Located at 757 N. Galloway, the new facility will feature a state-of-the-art City Council Chambers, two Courtrooms with staff support offices, a Community/Training Room, and City offices consisting of Finance and Accounting, the Print Shop, the Communication Division's video production studio and the Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

A few highlights of the building include the following:

- Low E-glass, Energy Management Lighting Controls, Building Systems Management and exterior window sun visors all work together to reduce energy and maintenance costs.
- Construction is on track to earn a Silver LEED award (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) for its environmentally friendly design and construction.
- Water fountain along the building's front is enhanced by flying stairs and two permanently displayed sculptures created by award winning sculptor Cliff Garten.
- An open plaza with terraced landscaping and interior public art.

October is Code Compliance Month

October is Code Compliance Month and the City continues with its proactive approach to educating residents about code issues. Whether you are a homeowner or a renter there are certain responsibilities that go along with maintaining a swimming pool, hot tub or spa.

1. The water clarity of the pool or spa must be maintained so that all parts of the bottom can be seen.
2. Fences and walls around the pool must be maintained so that there are no openings, other than the door or gate.
3. All doors or gates opening into a swimming pool/spa enclosure must be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices. The self-latching device shall be attached to the upper quarter of any door or gate.
4. Fencing or other structures surrounding the pool must not be less than five feet in height. A fence for an above-ground pool that is 42 inches or less in depth may be constructed at a minimum height of four feet.



Pools and spas must not be allowed to remain inoperable, unsafe, or unsanitary for more than 10 consecutive calendar days. Once a pool or spa in this condition comes to the attention of the City, the owner or legal occupant is contacted to make the corrections. In the

event the responsible party cannot be found and the pool or spa remains in the same condition, the City will have the right to fill, cap or remove the pool or spa. All costs incurred by the City may be charged to the owner of the property. A lien will also be placed on the property as a security for expenses incurred by the City.

For more information or to report a code issue, please contact the Environmental Code Division at 972-216-6276.

Parks and Recreation Corner

Old Town Mesquite Pumpkin Fest

Saturday, October 16
11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway



All ages will enjoy this annual fall festival with crafts, games, rides, costume contests and great food!

There will be a small fee for activities and concessions. For more information, visit www.oldtownmesquite.org. Pumpkin Fest is sponsored by Old Town Mesquite and the City of Mesquite.

Haunted Fest

Friday and Saturday, October 22 - 23
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Camp Rorie-Galloway, 3100 Lawson

Venture into the haunted woods of Camp Rorie-Galloway to enjoy all the Halloween fun. Gather your courage and wear a costume for a scary fun-filled evening. There will be a small fee for activities and concessions. For more information, call 972-216-6260.

Haunted Family Campout

Saturday, October 23
5:00 p.m., Saturday – Noon, Sunday
Camp Rorie-Galloway, 3100 Lawson
\$25 per family of four (\$5 per additional family member)



Sure you've got the courage to make it through the haunted woods of Camp Rorie-

Galloway, but are you brave enough to last the entire night? The annual Haunted Family Campout will take place at a ghostly Camp Rorie-Galloway. We will have prizes for the spookiest campsite, not-so-scary stories around the campfire and s'mores for all! Breakfast will be provided. For more information, call 972-216-6260.