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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2014

2, 15

City Council Meeting,

3 p.m., City Hall,
Council Chambers,
757 N. Galloway,
972-216-6244

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Mesquite Market Place,

9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Downtown Historic
Mesquite Square, European-style
markets that include growers,
artisans, craftsmen, local
merchants and live music.
866-242-8078.

Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

- Main Number972-288-7711
- Animal Services.972-216-6283
- Building Inspection972-216-6212
- Environmental Code972-216-6276
- Parks and Recreation972-216-6260
- Planning and Zoning972-216-6216
- Trash Collection/Recycling972-216-6284
- Street/Alley Repair972-216-6282
- Water Billing.972-216-6208
- Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups. . .972-216-6278

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Mesquite Golf Club to reopen August 5

Mesquite Golf Club has completed renovations and is set to re-open August 5. Tee time reservations may be made by calling 972-270-7457.

Course renovations include three new holes, 18 sand bunkers and lush grass bunkers. The renovations also feature the reversal of the front nine and back nine layouts. With an additional 700 yards in length and expanded tee boxes, the reopening will showcase Champion Bermuda Greens, native grass in the rough, additional trees, an upgraded pro shop, on-course restroom and an enhanced clubhouse.

The course, which closed in 2013 for this massive reconstruction project, will celebrate its 50th anniversary in November. For more details, visit www.mesquitegc.com.



A new day dawns on the Mesquite Golf Course as it reopens in August.



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John Monaco
Mayor



Al Forsythe
Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 2



Greg Noschese
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 5



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Bruce Archer
Councilmember
Place 3



Shirley Roberts
Councilmember
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6




MAYOR'S CORNER

As you have probably heard, the City is moving forward with a new transit service for all our citizens. Beginning October 1, our Mesquite Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled (MTED) will convert into the new STAR Transit service. STAR will provide a new array of transportation services for all our residents. To help our citizens better understand how this new service will operate and the tremendous new benefits that will be available to all our residents, STAR and the City will conduct public awareness meetings in September. Together, we will provide general information on the services and answer any questions. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please call STAR Transit at 877-631-5278. Below are the details on those public meetings. I hope to see you there!

Evans Senior Center
Wednesday, September 3
10 a.m.

Goodbar Senior Center
Wednesday, September 10
9 a.m.

Rutherford Senior Center
Wednesday, September 17
11 a.m.

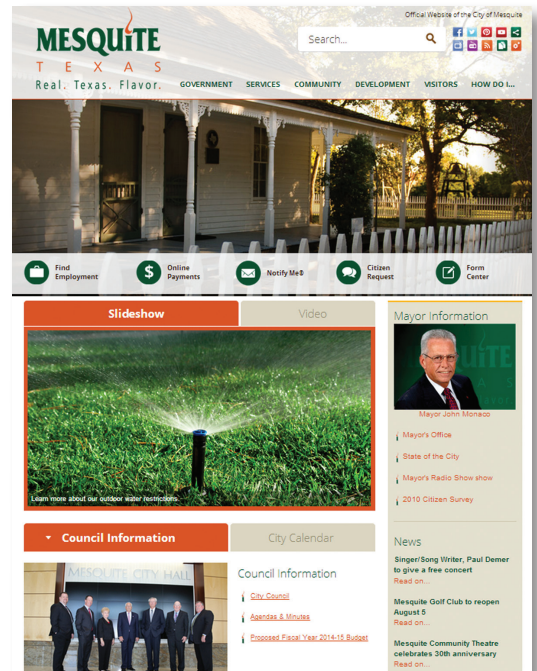

John Monaco, Mayor

City launches new website

This summer the City of Mesquite launched its new website. The website features a design that provides enhanced navigation, multi-media tools, and many ways for citizens to stay informed. There are special tabs to watch a slideshow of photos, links to additional content, video clips, City Council information and a calendar of events.

One of the highlights of the new website is the “Notify Me” function. Using Notify Me, the public can subscribe to receive weekly updates on City news, events and more. Additionally, updates are sent out as needed for weather alerts or other public safety notices. Subscribers can choose to receive these updates through email, a text message or both. The public may also sign up to get City Council agendas as they are posted.

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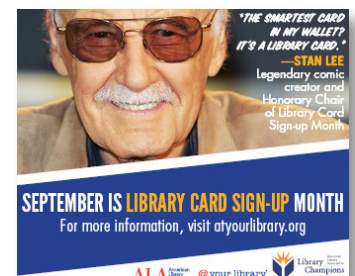
September is “Library Card Sign-up Month” at the Library

September is “Library Card Sign-up Month,” a time when the Mesquite Public Library System joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card.

In addition to Library Card Sign-up Month, September is also Customer Appreciation Month. The Mesquite Public Library System will be celebrating by hosting a number of programs, including:

- Creature Teacher, North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr., September 13, 2:30 p.m.
- Dallas Puppet Theater, Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr., September 20, 2 p.m.
- Ask a Lawyer, Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr., September 27, 10 a.m.
- Medicare Update, Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr., September 30, 6:30 p.m.

For details, call the library at 972-216-6220 or www.cityofmesquite.com/library.



Did You Know?

This is a monthly section to offer readers a brief insight into the City's operations, service and programs.

Did you know the Mesquite Arts Center ("MAC") is available for rentals at affordable rates? The MAC, located at 1527 N. Galloway Avenue, has a concert hall with seating for 500, gallery space, a black box theater with seating for 145, a rehearsal hall with seating for 120, an outdoor stage/lawn area, a beautiful courtyard and other meeting spaces. A variety of events can be hosted at the MAC, including professional meetings, small weddings, receptions, recitals/concerts, theatrical performances and parties. The MAC can also provide chairs, tables, catering, podiums, as well as accommodate many audio/visual needs. For details, call the MAC at 972-216-6444.



The MAC is available for private rentals.

Help keep animals out of the trash

Not all residents have a garage to store their trash until collection day rolls around. Residents who store their trash outside run the risk of stray neighborhood animals digging into garbage bags and knocking lids off of trash cans the day of trash pickup. Those residents can follow these helpful hints to keep these animals from making a mess of the trash:

- Remove traces of food smells by lightly spraying the inside of the bag and contents with bleach water, ammonia or liquid soap.
- Consider investing in heavy-duty garbage cans with tight-fitting lids. Bungee cords can even be used to secure the lids to the cans if the cans have handles.
- Wash out trash cans often.
- During holidays when there are large quantities of food scraps to be discarded, keep them in a bag in the freezer until collection day.

For more tips, contact Code Enforcement at 972-216-8193.



Parks and Recreation Corner

For more information on any of these programs, please call 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/pard.

Creative Kids

Children age 6-10 are encouraged to paint, create, squish, dab and doddle. Cost is \$10 per month. Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., September 4-25 at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way.

Family Night Out

This is a free event to bring the family out for some crafting fun. Friday, September 26, 7-8:30 p.m., at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way.

Okinawa Karate-Do

Participants age 6+ will gain mental and physical fitness by practicing the traditional art of Okinawa Karate. Cost is \$30 per five-week session. Mondays, 7-8 p.m. and Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m. at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way.

Vinyasa Yoga

Participants age 16+ will learn a style of yoga designed to incorporate breath with movement. Cost is \$35 a month. Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon.

Move Baby Move

Adults 50+ are invited to improve flexibility and strength with this fun and easy chair exercise done to music. Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. at Goodbar Senior Center, 3000 Concord Drive.

Let's go boot scootin'!

Adults 50+ join us for live music, dancing, fellowship and light refreshments. Cost is \$6 per person. Friday, September 12 and 26, 7-9 p.m. at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest.

Ceramics

Instructors are on hand to teach adults 50+ ceramics - the art of creating decorative and practical pieces out of clay. Thursdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive.

Mesquite Arts Center Activities

The Mesquite Arts Center is located at
1527 N. Galloway.

For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call
972-216-6444 or
visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org,

9/1 - 30 Gallery Exhibit of Mark Crow

A self-taught painter who engages in subjects as diverse as everyday life illustrations to contemporary structural design. His artistic visions are influenced by modern architecture, social, political and cultural issues.



10/5 Children's Choir of Greater Dallas 4:30 p.m.

Now celebrating its 18th season, the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas (CCGD) is one of America's largest and most prestigious youth choral programs and serves as the official children's chorus of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.



Critter Corner: It's hot outside - don't forget about your pets!

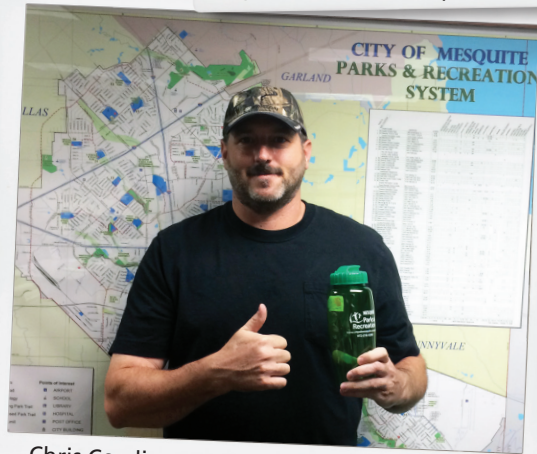
This is a regular column by Animal Services to offer tips and tricks on having a happy pet.

When the weather gets hot, pet owners should not forget they are responsible for their pet's health and well-being. By law, an outdoor pet must be provided with an approved shelter and clean drinking water at all times. Dog owners should know canines become overheated easily and can also suffer from sunburn and heatstroke. Also, dogs must never be left in a vehicle during summer heat - even with the windows cracked. Failure to provide for your pets can result in animal neglect and/or animal cruelty charges. If the public witnesses an animal in distress in Mesquite, they are encouraged to contact Animal Services immediately at 972-216-6283.

Community Snapshots



Councilmember Shirley Roberts speaks with a resident during the Cornerstone Baptist Church Men's Group monthly breakfast.



Chris Cowling was one of the winners of the "Park Pal" challenge on the City's Facebook page to name parks in recognition of July's National Parks and Recreation Month.



In July, Truman Heights Pocket Park was dedicated with a special event that featured the release of more than 4,000 ladybugs.



During the summer, Parks and Recreation has hosted many successful events including the popular Movies in the Park with fun games such as "Minute to Win It."