



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### June 2015

1, 15

**City Council Meeting**, 7 p.m., City Hall,  
757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244

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**Mesquite Marketplace**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
120 W. Main Street.

### Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

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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## Mesquite returns to twice a week outdoor watering

Beginning May 1, City of Mesquite water utility customers may water lawns and landscapes twice weekly. The highlights of the new watering guidelines include:

- From May 1 - October 31, lawn/landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems is limited to no more than two days per week. Residents and businesses may choose their days to water to take advantage of any rain events.
- Watering is NOT allowed between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Operation of malfunctioning sprinkler systems, excessive runoff or any waste of water is prohibited.
- Outdoor watering is not allowed during rain events.
- Non-commercial car washing can only be done when using a water hose with a positive shut-off nozzle.

For questions or to report violations, contact the City's Water Conservation Office at 972-329-8533 or by email at [kfonvill@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:kfonvill@cityofmesquite.com).



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

Last month, my wife Alice joined me as I strolled through The Mesquite Marketplace in historic downtown Mesquite. We really enjoyed the variety of vendors and selection of merchandise on display at the event. An array of artisan foods, fresh produce, crafts and culinary items are available for purchase. This market is located in Heritage Square at 120 W. Main Street. It is open from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., the second Saturday of the month until October. I encourage our residents to consider going to the Mesquite Marketplace. It's a great way to support our local businesses and our downtown area. For more information, visit [www.themarketplacedfw.com](http://www.themarketplacedfw.com).

John Monaco, Mayor



## Library offers summer reading programs

The Mesquite Public Library System will offer Summer Reading Club programs for all ages from June 8 - August 1. The children's reading program, "Every Hero has a Story!" will allow participants to earn prizes and a certificate by submitting reading logs. There will be movies, crafts, games and other activities throughout the summer. Special programs will include clowns, science shows, an animal program, a bubble presentation and more. For more information, check the library's event calendar at [www.cityofmesquite.com/library](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/library) or call 972-216-6220 (Main) or 972-681-0465 (North Branch).

## Mesquite Police Department offers home burglary prevention tips

Here are a few tips from the Mesquite Police Department to keep your home safe from burglaries:

- A home security alarm is a good idea, but you do not need an alarm in order to scare off burglars. Get signs and stickers for alarm systems and place them around your house. The idea is to make your house less appealing.
- The garage is a common point of entry for burglars, so keep it closed when not in use.
- Be a good neighbor. The more eyes watching a neighborhood, the less likely a burglary will be successful.
- Trim bushes and trees. Burglars like areas where they can enter homes without being seen and large bushes and trees help them do just that.
- Install motion sensors on your home's exterior lights. Burglars like to work in the dark. Make it difficult for them by installing lights.
- Leave a radio on when you are not home. The sound of a radio might make the criminal think someone is home.
- Remember the basics. Keep doors and windows locked.

The Mesquite Police Department Crime Prevention Unit can send an officer for a home security inspection. Some insurance companies will give a discount on your homeowners insurance after the inspection. For more information, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 972-216-6600.

## Mosquitos: Learn the "The Four D's"



The City of Mesquite has started its Integrated Mosquito Management Plan. The City's Health Division will continue its mosquito control program of larvicide, surveillance, adulticide and public education. Mesquite residents are encouraged to enjoy the outdoors and remember the four D's:

**Dusk and dawn** are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when infected mosquitoes are most active.

**Dress** in long sleeves and pants when you are outside. For extra protection, you may want to spray thin clothing with repellent.

**DEET** is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Follow label instructions and always wear repellent when outdoors.

**Drain** standing water in your yard and neighborhood where mosquitoes can breed. This includes old tires, flower pots, clogged rain gutters, etc. Mosquitoes may develop in any water stagnant for more than three or four days.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the City's Health Division at 972-216-8138.



# Parks and Recreation Corner

For more information on any of these programs, please call 972-216-6260 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/pard](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/pard).

## Camp Rorie-Galloway,

ages 6 - 12: Camp Rorie-Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road, is an action-packed and exciting way to enjoy the outdoors and create wonderful memories. The camp features a variety of activities: group games, crafts, hiking, archery, high ropes challenge course and more. Field trips and swim days are offered weekly. The camp is Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., June 15 - August 21. The cost is \$100 per camper, per week.

**Blast Camp**, ages 6 - 12: Blast Camp allows children to participate in a traditional summer day camp program. Field trips and swim days are offered weekly. This camp is offered Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at three locations: Rutherford Elementary School, 1607 Sierra Drive (June 9 - August 7), and at either Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest, or Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way (June 9 - August 21). The cost is \$85 per camper, per week.



**Sports Camp**, ages 6 - 12: Each week offers a different sport to keep your young athlete engaged and excited. Field trips and swim days are offered weekly. The camp is held at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon, 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., June 9 - August 21, Monday - Friday. The cost is \$85 per camper, per week.

**Teen Camp**, ages 12 - 15: Teen Camp gives teens the opportunity to learn leadership skills while participating in community service projects and meeting new friends, all while having fun. Field trips and swim days are offered weekly. The camp is held at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon, 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., June 9 - August 21, Monday - Thursday. The cost is \$85 per camper, per week.

**Counselor in Training (CIT)**, ages 14 - 17: Your summer camp experience doesn't have to end when you turn 14. Join our counselor-in-training program (CIT) and receive training and skills to prepare you for a job as a camp counselor. Applications and interview required. All camp locations, 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per CIT, per week.

**Tails on Trails**, June 13, 9 - 11 a.m.: Dog tails will wag on National Trails Day with a one-mile walk, contests, agility course, photos, music, crafts and dog training presentations. Valley Creek Park, 2482 Pioneer Road.

**Movies in the Park - The Lego Movie**, June 19, 7 p.m.: Calling all Master Builders, bring your best Lego creation and compete for a chance to win prizes. Pre-show entertainment will also include music, dancing and games. The movie will begin at dusk. City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Ave.

*Note: Summer Camp registration is available at the following locations: Administration Office, 1515 North Galloway Avenue; Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive; Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street; Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way.*



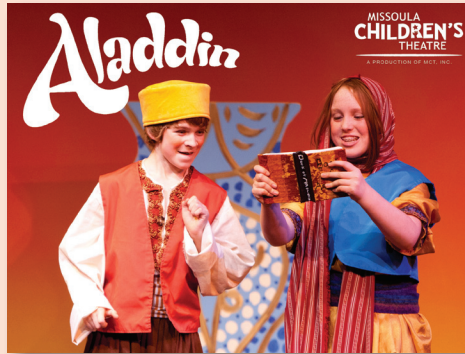
## Mesquite Arts Center Activities

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](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)

### Missoula Children's Theatre:

Summer Workshop - Aladdin, June 8 - 13 at the Mesquite Arts Center. The camp allows for 50-60 students, kindergarten through 10th grade. Participants will have to audition for the various roles. The cost for the camp is \$75.



### Mesquite Community

**Theatre:** Into the Woods Jr., June 26 - 28 Visit [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com) for show times and tickets.

### Mesquite Community Band:

Music in the Park is every Monday in June at 7:15 p.m. on the North Lawn of the Mesquite Arts Center. The event is free. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

**Mesquite Arts Council:** Jazz Breaks is every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on the North Lawn of the Mesquite Arts Center. The event is free. Remember to bring a blanket or lawn chair.

### Monthly Poem

**"Start of Summer"**  
by Amy Sandberg

*A symphony of nature sounds out –  
birds sweetly tweeting for mates, the  
syncopated beat, on alternate weeks,  
of water sprinklers gingerly giving  
drink to a thirsty earth;  
a kaleidoscope of colors peeks out  
from underneath  
and gives birth  
to a summer garden.  
For the avid gardener,  
well worth the work.*

## Community Snapshots



On April 10, Councilmember Shirley Roberts visited Eastfield College to show the City of Mesquite's support for the Texas Mission of Mercy dental program.



In April, the City of Mesquite celebrated the Week of the Young Child program at the Head Start of Dallas located in Mesquite.



On April 13, Mayor John Monaco celebrated Willow Bend Nursing and Rehabilitation Center's "Flag Award" for nation-wide accomplishments in patient care with CEO Kevin Niccum.

## Safety tips from the Mesquite Fire Department

With summer fast approaching, our children will be home more throughout the day. It is important for adults to educate children in home safety practices. None can be more important than knowing how to safely escape from an emergency such as a house fire.

The following information will give you some tips and ideas on creating your own fire escape plan:

- Make a home escape plan with a map and discuss the plan with everyone in the home.
- Establish at least two exits from each room.
- Set a specific place outside the home for everyone to meet.
- Practice a fire drill.
- Teach your children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

For more details, please call the Mesquite Fire Department Public Education Office at 972-216-6267.

## Did You Know?

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

Do you know what to do if the street light in your neighborhood goes out or you see an outage somewhere in Mesquite? All street lights in the City of Mesquite are maintained and operated by Oncor. Street light outages can be reported online at [www.oncorstreetlight.com](http://www.oncorstreetlight.com) or by calling Oncor directly at 1-888-313-4747.