



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**7, 21** **July 2014**  
**City Council Meeting,**  
 3 p.m., Council Chambers,  
 757 N. Galloway,  
 972-216-6244

### 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 limits outdoor watering to one weekday every two weeks starting June 2

The City of Mesquite announced support of the North Texas Municipal Water District's extended Stage 3 water restrictions. The restrictions in Mesquite include limited outdoor watering by residents and businesses to one weekday every two weeks. Mesquite is focusing on public education and is asking the public to be efficient with their use of outdoor watering to help preserve the North Texas water supply.

Specific to the City of Mesquite:

- The extended water restrictions go into effect June 2. Details and Water Wise tips are available at [www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities).
- Outdoor watering is not permitted any day from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Residents and businesses are asked to:
  - Water lawns and landscaping only on weekdays. No outdoor watering on Saturdays or Sundays.
  - Turn off the automatic setting on irrigation systems and manually turn on systems for use.
  - Apply good judgment in choosing their one weekday watering day every two weeks and to be mindful of precipitation days in order to delay their irrigation plans.
  - Use a hose to hand water shrubs and plants, and to use a soaker hose for foundations and trees. Hand watering of lawns is not permitted.

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**Water your lawn in the morning or evening** when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.



**Water your plants deeply, but less frequently,** to encourage deep root growth & drought tolerance.




**Adjust sprinklers** so only your lawn is watered and NOT the house, sidewalk or street.



**Check outdoor faucets,** sprinklers and hoses for leaks periodically.




**Add a layer of mulch** to your planting beds to minimize water evaporation.



**Use a broom** instead of a hose to clean your driveway & sidewalk.



**Don't water your lawn on windy days** when most water blows away or evaporates.



**Water only when plants look like they need it.** Most plants die from over-watering, not under-watering.

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John Monaco  
Mayor



Shirley Roberts  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Place 4



Al Forsythe  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem,  
Place 2



Bill Porter  
Councilmember  
Place 1



Bruce Archer  
Councilmember  
Place 3



Greg Noschese  
Councilmember  
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley  
Councilmember  
Place 6



## MAYOR'S CORNER

This month I would like to take the opportunity to thank all residents and businesses for their compliance with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) outdoor watering restrictions we all have had to endure these past few years.

I understand it can be difficult and challenging to maintain your yard, landscaping and the exterior improvements of your home or business because of these restrictions. But, I am happy to share with you that Mesquite has sustained its overall reduction in water use and has supported the NTMWD restrictions with the help of our utility customers. And when a homeowner forgets to schedule their irrigation properly or a business has a landscape company inadvertently irrigate their property, all customers are quick to come within compliance once they are notified by our City staff. So again, on behalf of the entire City Council, I thank you for help with outdoor watering conservation.

*John Monaco*  
John Monaco, Mayor

## Talkin' Turf with Travis – Insects and Disease

What is wrong with my grass? That is a very common question this time of year. The most common St. Augustine Turfgrass pests are St. Augustine decline (SAD), Chinch Bugs, Large Patch and Grub Worms. All of these issues have almost the exact same damage symptoms, which are large areas of yellowing and brown turf in circular-type patterns.

**St. Augustine Decline (SAD):** Green leaves with mottled yellow spots. It is a viral disease prevalent in older St. Augustine turfgrass varieties and no treatment is available.

**Chinch Bugs:** Pull a handful of turfgrass leaves from the outer edges of damage and shake the leaves over a white sheet of paper. Look for bright orange nymphs or adult chinch bugs crawling which have an “x” on their backs in black and white. Use general insecticide in liquid form labeled for “chinch bugs.”

**Grub Worms:** Dig a 12” x 12” area approximately 2” - 3” deep into soil from the brown area. If there are 4 - 5 grub larvae present, this is the problem. Use general insecticide in granular form labeled for “grub worms.”

**Large or Brown Patch:** Pull on turfgrass and if the leaf blades easily pull from the stolons (horizontal root of grass), this is the problem. Use various fungicides labeled for “large patch.”

For more yard tips or questions, contact City of Mesquite Certified Arborist Travis Sales at 972-216-8121 or [tsales@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:tsales@cityofmesquite.com).



Talkin' Turf with Travis videos are now available on the City's YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/cityofmesquitetexas](http://www.youtube.com/cityofmesquitetexas).

## Community Snapshots



In May, Mayor Monaco presented a special proclamation to Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau Director Judy Skowron in recognition of National Travel and Tourism Week.



The Community Development Department promoted the May 16 Bike to Work event with special activities.

Mesquite Firefighters were out in the community during May seeking donations for their annual fundraising efforts for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



Mesquite City Hall recently hosted various works of art and sculptures from Mesquite Independent School District students.

## Water Restrictions (cont.)

The City is supporting these extended outdoor watering restrictions by the following actions:

- Limited, strategic irrigation of ball fields that are in use to maintain safe play standards.
- Irrigation of passive parks, roadway medians and landscaping located at City facilities one weekday every two weeks.
- Delayed planting and irrigating of landscaping for the new Mesquite Heritage Trail.
- Instructions to contractors to use water trucks containing non-city water to irrigate required replacement sod on sidewalk repairs.

For more information, the public may call the City of Mesquite at 972-329-8533 or email [stage3@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:stage3@cityofmesquite.com).



## Critter Corner: Pet Vaccinations

Keep your pet safe and get their vaccinations. Vaccinations prevent your pet from common, but potentially deadly diseases. The rabies vaccine protects both your pet and your family against rabies and is required by law. Even if your pets

are kept indoors they can still be at risk of coming into contact with these viruses. By six weeks of age, puppies and kittens should begin receiving vaccinations. Not every vaccine is right for every pet. Your veterinarian will determine which vaccines are appropriate based on your pet's age, activity level and where you live. For questions, contact the Mesquite Animal Shelter at 972-216-6283.

## Mesquite Arts Center Activities

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](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org), or call 972-216-6444.

### July

- 6 - 8/2 **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration. 2 p.m. 214-566-8269
- 14 **Monthly Paint-In.** 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 and artist demonstrations. 7 p.m. 214-771-5473
- 14 **Missoula Children's Theatre** auditions (children 6-16) for the production of Robin Hood. 972-216-6444.



## 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).

### Volleyball Camp

This camp is for girls ages 6 - 14 and will provide an introduction to basic volleyball skills such as serving, passing, net play, attacking, blocking and defense. The camp will run July 28 - August 1, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per participant and includes a camp shirt.

### Basketball Camp

This camp is for boys and girls ages 6 - 14 and will provide an introduction to basic basketball skills such as passing, dribbling and shooting. The camp will run August 4 - 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per participant and includes a camp shirt.



### Archery

There are a variety of archery camps this summer at the Westlake Sports Center for youth ages 6 - 16. Themes included Basic Archery, Hunger Games and Zombie Apocalypse Survival Camp. No experience is needed and all equipment is provided. For more information, contact the Westlake Sports Center at 972-289-5326.

### Tennis

There are tennis camps for Juniors as well as 10 and Under. Each camp will be taught by a certified instructor. For more information, contact the Westlake Sports Center at 972-289-5326.

# WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

Do you or your neighbors need some extra assistance with exterior house or yard projects? Help is on the way! On Saturday, October 11, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite are hosting Addressing Mesquite Day. This event matches community volunteer groups with homeowners in need of extra assistance. Some of the projects could include:

- Painting the outside of a home
- Major yard work
- Constructing minor structures (such as a ramp, etc.)
- Tearing down structures (such as an old shed)

## Addressing Mesquite Day Job Request Form

Please note, while the City would like to assist every applicant, the number of job requests that can be granted is directly dependent upon the level of volunteer participation. **Job requests will only be accepted for OWNER-OCCUPIED homes. Priority will be given to seniors, residents with disabilities or veterans.**

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mesquite Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you apply for Addressing Mesquite Day last year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### JOB DESCRIPTION (EXTERIOR WORK ONLY)

Please indicate jobs to be performed and, if needed, describe specifically on an attached sheet of paper.

#### MAJOR YARD WORK

- Moving dirt/digging       Trimming trees/hedges  
 Raking leaves       Weeding  
 Mowing

#### CLEAN-UP JOBS

- Cleaning/sweeping  
 Remove debris from property  
 Washing windows  
(\_\_\_ # of windows)

#### OTHER JOBS

- Painting  
(describe on separate sheet)  
 Accessibility ramp  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUPPLIES

- I can provide all supplies needed.  
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide some supplies.  
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide all supplies.

Check all of the following that apply to the owner of the work site address:

- Single-parent  
 Disabled  
 60 and older  
 Widow  
 Veteran  
 Owner-occupied

### AUTHORIZATION

I certify that I am the owner of the job site concerning the above requested improvements. I understand this is only a request. The number of requests granted is dependent upon volunteer and resource capacity. Furthermore, I understand that the City of Mesquite staff must approve all job requests and I authorize City staff to take pictures of my property for use in evaluating applications.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

For Office Use Only  
Job # \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return the completed job request form by July 31 to:**

Addressing Mesquite Day  
Attn: Kim Attebery, City of Mesquite  
P.O. Box 850137  
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137