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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

4, 18

August 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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Office of Emergency Management announces new federal alert system

The Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Communication Commission have launched the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA). This is the first severe weather season since the wireless phone carriers have rolled out the service. A WEA is a short, easy-to-read, text-like message that provides basic information or instructions on safety or security issues. These messages include notification of disasters that pose a threat to life or property and AMBER Alerts for a missing child in the area. Each alert transmits a unique, attention-getting signal and vibration cadence that is helpful to people with hearing or vision-related disabilities. The WEA system broadcasts messages that are location based, so anyone in the vicinity of a cell phone tower in the warning area will receive the alert. For more information on this free service visit www.fema.gov/wireless-emergency-alerts or contact the City's Office of Emergency Management at 972-329-8377 or oem@mesquitefire.org.



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

July is National Parks and Recreation Month and it is a good time to remind our residents of all the great amenities our Parks and Recreation Department offers throughout its 1,600-acre park system that features the Mesquite Golf Course and 69 unique parks.

We also have facilities for everything from badminton and basketball to softball and soccer. In addition, we have many recreation programs, athletic leagues, camps, exercise classes and special events. Furthermore, we are expanding our offerings with new projects like our 4.2-mile Mesquite Heritage Trail.

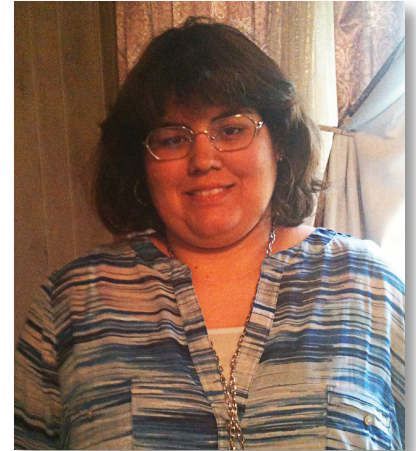
So, this summer I encourage you to enjoy all that our Parks and Recreation Department has to offer. Help us celebrate the places that bring our community a higher quality of life, safer places to play and healthy alternatives.

John Monaco
John Monaco, Mayor



Mesquite Special Olympian earns regional recognition

The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department is a supporter of the Special Olympics program and is proud to announce resident Rebecca Vasquez was awarded the Special Olympics Female Athlete of the Year for Region 10. Rebecca, life-long Mesquite resident, is 25 years old and started participating in Special Olympics in 2004 with basketball. She is the first-ever Special Olympics athlete in Mesquite to receive this prestigious honor for the greater Dallas area.



Respect the property line of your neighbor

Just a friendly reminder to homeowners to be aware of the impacts flowerbeds, tree plantings and other items might have on a neighbor's property. Sometimes residents have good intentions by adding ornamental yard decorations or other aesthetic improvements to their property. However, without proper planning these items can adversely affect a neighbor's home or garage – especially those that are placed close to the adjacent property line or against structures. The best way to avoid unnecessary impacts on a neighbor's property is to talk with your neighbor about your plans to add a planter box, shrubs or other type of improvement to make sure enough space is set aside for the project and to avoid any unintended impacts on their property.

Critter Corner: Be Pet Friendly

Animal Services offers a few helpful reminders on how our pet owners can be "pet friendly" in Mesquite.

- It is the owner's responsibility to clean animal waste on any private or City-owned property immediately.
- Pets must be confined by a fence or tether (leash) of sufficient strength to prevent the animal's escape.
- If left outdoors, pets must have access to water and shelter at all times.
- It is unlawful to keep an animal in such a manner that it creates a nuisance by reason of excessive noise (barking), odors (sanitation of yard), flies, disease, or unsightly appearance.

For more information, call Animal Services at 972-216-6283 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/petfriendly.



Mesquite continues with outdoor watering restrictions

Ongoing drought conditions in North Texas necessitate restrictions on outdoor watering. The restrictions include outdoor watering of yards only one weekday every two weeks. For details on all the restrictions, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilites or email stage3@cityofmesquite.com.

Mesquite Library expands online services

The Mesquite Public Library System has recently added Freegal Movies and Television to its lineup of virtual services. With their library card number and PIN number, library patrons can stream three different videos each week from the Freegal collection. To access the collection on a computer, follow the link on the library's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/library. The library is also pleased to announce early issues of The Texas Mesquiter, the historic Mesquite newspaper and precursor to the Mesquite News, are now available for free online. Issues of the newspaper from 1904 -1940 are available at www.texashistory.unt.edu. For more information or assistance using these services, call 972-216-6220.

Did You Know?

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

Did you know this past month all Mesquite water customers should have received the City's Annual Water Quality Report in the mail? The City of Mesquite strives to provide high quality drinking water that is safe and reliable to its customers and maintains a "superior" water system rating with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Copies of the report are available at www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities or by calling 972-216-6278. For questions about water quality or current Stage 3 water restrictions, contact the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Doggie Splash Day - August 16

All dogs and their owners are invited to this year's annual Doggie Splash Day on Saturday, August 16, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event will be held at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. There is a fee of \$5 for one owner and one pet, \$2 for each additional pet and \$1 for all spectators. This event is a great opportunity for dogs and their owners to cool off, compete for prizes or just play at the pool.



Back to School Bash - August 22

Come experience the joy of a Dive-In Movie with Disney's "Frozen" on August 22 at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street. Pre-movie activities begin at 7 p.m. and the movie will start around 8:30 p.m. There will be fun pool games, prizes, popcorn and more. Admission is the same as the 2014 summer season.

Mesquite 50+ Dances

For 25 years, Mesquite's active adults have enjoyed these social opportunities. Dances are held 7 - 9:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Friday night at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. Admission is \$6 per person. Before each dance there will be free basic dance lessons from 6 - 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 972-285-6761.

Summer Camps

Four different summer camps are available to keep your active kids ages 6-15 busy! Camp Rorie-Galloway, Mesquite All-Star Sports Camp, BLAST Day Camp and Teen Adventures & Public Service Camp feature fun-filled field trips and swimming days. For full details visit www.cityofmesquite.com/pard.

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, or call 972-216-6444.

Here is a look at some of the events scheduled for August:

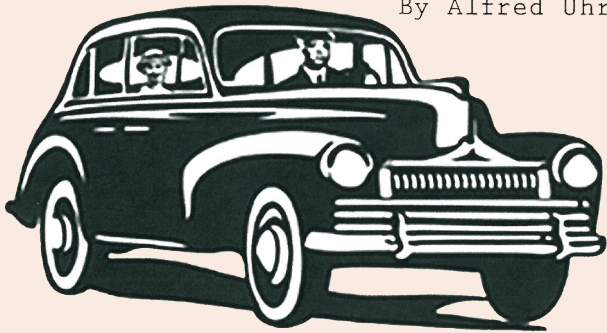
Theater

August 8 - 23

Mesquite Community Theatre presents the play "Driving Miss Daisy" in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets: \$8 - \$15. Contact 972-216-8126 or reservations@mesquitecommunitytheatre.com

DRIVING MISS DAISY

By Alfred Uhry



Directed by Kevin Paris

Visual Arts

August 1 - 30

Mesquite Creative Arts Club presents the Annual Membership Show in Mesquite Arts Center Art Gallery.

Community Snapshots



In May, Mayor Monaco presented the oath of office to newly elected Councilmember Bruce Archer and re-elected City Councilmembers Shirley Roberts and Greg Noschese.



On June 7, Animal Services held the Adoptathon 2014 event which generated 213 vaccinations, 22 microchip identifications and nine newly adopted pets.

On June 7, Parks and Recreation hosted the inaugural Trails on Trails event at Valley Creek Park to celebrate National Trails Day.

