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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2014

6, 20 **City Council Meeting,**
7 p.m., City Hall,
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 to expand transit service October 1

The City of Mesquite is moving forward with expanded transit service for all citizens. Beginning October 1, the Mesquite Transportation for the Elderly and Disabled (MTED) will convert into the new STAR Transit service. The expanded service will be available for the entire community for all types of transportation needs. These include rides to medical appointments, trips to the grocery store, visits to friends, attendance at events and more. Additionally, the transportation service is available for trips outside of the city limits of Mesquite, within STAR Transit's service area.

STAR Transit services more than 150,000 passengers each year and has a fleet of more than 60 vehicles. All the vehicles are ADA compliant. STAR Transit operates clean, safe multi-passenger buses with professionally trained drivers. They also offer Client Advocates to assist riders who may need assistance while traveling with STAR Transit.



Mesquite celebrated MTED drivers who will join STAR Transit during "Driver Appreciation Week."

In addition to individual passengers and small groups, STAR Transit has group rates available for local businesses. Mesquite businesses are encouraged to contact STAR Transit regarding bulk ticket purchases as incentives for their customers.

For details and to purchase tickets, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/star or call STAR Transit at 877-631-5278.



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

The City Council has decided to move its meetings from the afternoons to the evenings. Beginning with the October 6 meeting, the regular City Council meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

We are moving our afternoon start time to the evenings for the second time in the past few years. It is an attempt by the City Council to encourage more attendance at the meetings.

As a reminder, if you are unable to attend the City Council meetings, they are accessible on our website. You can read the agendas and minutes, as well as watch the meetings. And, with our time-stamped technology, you can simply click on a particular agenda item of interest to watch that portion of the meeting. Our website is: www.cityofmesquite.com.

As always, I look forward to the community's interest and participation in our City Council meetings.

John Monaco, Mayor

Mesquite announces once per week outdoor watering beginning September 1

The City of Mesquite announces that beginning September 1, its water utility customers will be allowed to water outdoor landscaping once per week on a weekday of their choice. For more information on outdoor watering restrictions in Mesquite, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities, call 972-329-8533 or email stage3@cityofmesquite.com.

Mesquite Library offers Genealogy

Are you interested in learning how to trace your family history using the Internet? The Mesquite Public Library is hosting a free computer class at its Main Library location, 300 W. Grubb Drive. The class is called "Researching Your Family History Online" and will be held on Saturday, October 25, from 9 a.m. - noon. A limited number of seats are available, so please contact the Main Library at 972-216-6220 to reserve your spot in this class.

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 one of the main complaints received in the Code Enforcement Office each day is the parking of vehicles, trailers, recreational vehicles, motorcycles, boats and farm machinery on the grass or other unimproved surface?



City Code requires that these items be parked on a properly constructed surface. At times driveways are not wide enough to park vehicles and other equipment. In such cases, concrete extensions can be added, but must adhere to Code requirements (reinforced concrete having a minimum depth of four inches). Vehicle, boat and trailer parking is permitted within side and rear yards as long as it is done on an improved surface, which can include concrete, asphalt or compacted gravel or crushed rock contained within a distinct border and having a minimum depth of four inches. Any parking construction or addition requires a building permit, so be sure to contact the City's Building Inspection Division for information prior to beginning any project. For more information concerning parking of vehicles and other equipment, please contact the Environmental Code Division at 972-329-8704.

Barn Sale will be held October 17 & 18

Historic Mesquite, Inc. is collecting donations for its third annual Treasures Barn Sale, October 17 and 18, with ticketed Preview Party on October 16. The event will be held at the restored barn located on the grounds of the Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The Thursday evening Preview Party is 6 - 8 p.m. Support Mesquite's history and clean out your closets at the same time. Anything and everything is accepted, including clothing, books, collectibles, antiques, new and used items. Please call 972-216-6468 or 214-727-9178 to arrange for pick-up or drop-off of your items or to obtain ticket information.



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

On **October 5** at 4:30 p.m., the **Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas (CCGD)** will be performing in the Concert Hall. Now celebrating its 18th season, the CCGD is one of America's largest and most prestigious youth choral programs. They serve as the official children's chorus of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra.

On **October 11** at 7 p.m., the **Mesquite Symphonic Band** will present a concert at the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Haunted Campout, October 11 - 12

Join us for a spooky good time on October 11 and 12 for the Haunted Campout at Camp Rorie-Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. We'll have pumpkin carving, tent decorating, a costume contest, tent-or-treating, campfire and scary stories, plus a few surprises along the way. Families can begin tent and sleeping area setup at 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 11. The campout will end at 10 a.m. the next morning. The cost is \$30 for a family of four, with additional family members costing \$5 each. Included in the cost is a hot dog dinner on Saturday and breakfast tacos on Sunday morning.



PumpkinFest, October 18

On Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway, the Parks and Recreation Department will join the Community Heart of Mesquite to host the 14th annual PumpkinFest presented by Mid-South Bank. The event will include carnival games, bounce houses, air brush tattoos, picture booth, pony rides, petting zoo and live performances. Be sure to join us at 4 p.m. for the costume contest. Vendors will be available for a little bit of shopping and plenty of food to satisfy any craving.



Community Snapshots



On August 18, the City Council presented a special declaration to Jeann Wisenbaker for her 32 years of volunteer service to the Mesquite community.



On July 16, Parks and Recreation hosted a successful Doggie Splash event at Vanston Pool.



In August, the Mesquite Fire Department and the City Council co-presented a "Fill the Boot" fundraiser check to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



In July, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Greg Noschese joined the Civil Air Patrol - Dallas Composite Squadron at Mesquite Metro Airport as they participated in the Orientation Flight Day to engage in aerospace education and flying activities.



The Mesquite Library's 2014 Edible Book Contest "Best of Show" and "Best Presentation" winner was Wizard of Oz.



In August, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a successful "Back to School Bash" event at City Lake Aquatic Center.