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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2015

2, 16 **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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Music line-up announced for the annual festival



The Real. Texas. Festival. will host country superstars Thompson Square, Kevin Fowler, Wade Bowen, Luke Wade from The Voice and many other entertainers. The festival is Friday, April 24 (5 - 11 p.m.) and Saturday, April 25 (12 - 11 p.m.) at the Rodeo Center located at 1818 Rodeo Drive.

The \$15 pre-sale tickets will be available March 2. Tickets will be \$20 at the gate with a \$3 discount on all tickets for attendees who donate a non-perishable food item towards the "Mayor's Canned Food Drive." All attendees age 14 and under are admitted free. Parking and shuttle service is complimentary.

The festival will also include the Cowboys and Chrome Car Show, Real. Texas. BBQ Cook-Off., Mesquite Championship Rodeo, the popular "Kids Korral" activity center, a carnival midway and more. For a complete schedule of activities, visit www.realtexasfestival.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

I would like to ask for the public's input on how the City of Mesquite should utilize grant funds it receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) during the next five years. Eligible programs and services must generally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Communities are required by HUD to prepare a Consolidated Plan which articulates their needs and priorities and their vision for housing and community development. Citizen participation is a vital step in developing the plan. We will be holding two public meetings to receive feedback on housing and community development issues in Mesquite. The meetings will be held at the Main Branch Library, 300 West Grubb Drive, on Tuesday, March 3, 6 p.m. and on Friday, March 6, 12 p.m. For additional information or to make arrangements for meeting accessibility, please contact Rebecca Barton at 972-216-6425.


John Monaco, Mayor

Midday service to DART

COMPASS provides midday transportation service from Mesquite to the DART Lawnview Station weekdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For only \$7 a day, citizens get access to the shuttle and can navigate the entire DART system. On the DART website, www.dart.org, this service is identified as Express Bus Route 282. For details on all the transit services available in Mesquite, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/compass.



MISD Foundation to host Lone Star Legacy Gala March 21

The rock band and hit machine Lifehouse will headline the Mesquite ISD Education Foundation's 9th Annual Lone Star Legacy Gala and Concert on March 21 at Mesquite Arena. Lifehouse has sold more than 15 million singles and albums worldwide since 2000 when they released their smash debut album, "No Name Face." For concert details, visit www.mesquitefoundation.org.

Fix a Leak Week

Household leaks can waste more than 10,000 gallons of water a year. Common leaks include worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets and leaking showerheads. As part of Fix a Leak Week held March 16 - 20, the City will offer water utility customers free low-flow showerheads to reduce water use and toilet dye tablets to help check for leaks. These are available at the Water Billing Office while supplies last. For details, call 972-329-8300.



Fix a Leak Week
EPA WaterSense



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 that by Mesquite City Code, residents are responsible for the repair of damaged sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway approaches? As this type of maintenance can be costly, a 50/50 Cost Share Program has been established by the City to help defray citizen expenses. This program is available to assist in the reconstruction of curbs, gutters, drive approaches and sidewalks as requested by the homeowner. A reconstructed sidewalk and drive approach can substantially improve the appearance or "curb appeal" of a home and make walkways easier to navigate, especially for our older residents. For details, please contact the Streets 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.



Introduction to Archery March 7, 12 - 1 p.m.

Learn archery with a certified instructor. This one-hour class teaches archery basics, safety and proper form. The free class is held the first Saturday of each month. All equipment is provided.

Spring Break Camps March 9 - 13

RASP Camps, Hunger Games Archery Camp, Tennis Camp & Junior Tennis Camp

Learn more at

www.cityofmesquite.com/SpringBreak

Essential Oils Part 2 March 19, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn the basics about essential oils and how they are used to improve the four elements of health: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual at Rutherford Recreation Center.

Breakfast with the Bunny March 21 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Join the Easter Bunny for breakfast, an egg hunt, pictures and more at Evans Recreation Center. The breakfast is \$5 per person, with children 2 and under admitted for free. The egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. for children age 9 and under. Some activities will have an additional fee.



Rodeo Parade March 28, 10 a.m.

Horses, bands and floats will wind through downtown Mesquite during the 58th annual Mesquite Rodeo Parade. The parade will follow its traditional route starting on Belt Line Road at Newsom Road, proceeding through downtown Mesquite and ending on Galloway Avenue at New Market Road.

Mesquite 50+ Dance March 13 and 27

Kick up your heels with live music and dancing for adults 50+ at Evans Recreation Center, 7 - 9 p.m. Free basic dance lessons start at 6 p.m. Admission is \$6.

Boys Flag Football Ages 5 - 17

Registration dates are March 23 - April 19. Practices begin May 7 and games start May 21. Cost is \$65 per player and a birth certificate is required for registration.

Little Rookies Volleyball Ages 5 - 6

Registration dates are March 9 - April 11. Sessions begin Saturday, April 11. Cost is \$35 per player and parent participation is required.



Spring Break begins with stories and music at the Library

Start your child's Spring Break with a visit to the Mesquite Public Library. The Main Library will present a Musical Story Time on Saturday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m. Children in grades K - 2 will be entertained with an interactive program featuring both stories and music. Additional children's activities are planned at both the Main Library and North Branch Library throughout the week of Spring Break, March 9 - 13. For details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/library or call 972-216-6220.



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

Yuri Anshelevich: It Sounds Better on the Cello

Saturday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., in the Concert Hall. General admission tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

Toni Simmons - Storyteller

Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. in the Black Box Theater, Free admission.

The Fiddlin' Carson Peters Band

Thursday, March 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall. General admission tickets available at the door are \$18 for adults and \$8 for children.



Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents Superheroes!

Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults \$6 for children.

Monthly Poem

Carson Peters – The Appalachian Way

By Amy Sandberg

The Appalachian Mountains groomed a young man to play amongst the strings he loved so much, his parents paved the way. Coached by his father to start, lessons were taught from age three. He became the showman he is today thanks to instrumental dexterity on the fiddle, and a generous dollop of vocal runs with artistry resembling long time musicians many years older than he. With his band he brings a blend of stringed instruments, harmonizing their way through complex notes of Old Time and Bluegrass that even Opry fans would love to hear and see.

Recycling bins are provided at no charge for residents

The City of Mesquite is committed to increase awareness and participation in its recycling program in order to reduce waste and decrease the volume of material going to the landfill. The city offers free, 18-gallon recycling bins to all Mesquite residents upon request. Recycling is collected once per week and is a great way for residents to significantly reduce their trash. To request a bin, or for more information on what can be recycled, please call the Recycling Hotline at 972-216-6972.

Community Snapshots



In January, Mayor John Monaco presented a proclamation to the American Heart Association in recognition of Go Red for Women Day to bring awareness to heart disease in women.



At the January 20 City Council meeting, Family Cathedral of Praise Pastor Harry Sewell led the Invocation.



At the annual Employee Service Awards event on January 21, the City Council recognized 153 employees who had given a cumulative total of 2,240 years of service to the Mesquite community.