



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**3, 17** **March 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 Library offers special March programs

The schedule of children's programming at the Mesquite Public Library System is packed full of fun in March. A celebration to honor Dr. Seuss' birthday will be held at the North Branch Library on March 6, at 4 p.m. and at the Main Library on March 7, at 4:30 p.m. There are many special activities for children planned at both libraries during the M.I.S.D. Spring Break, March 10 – 14, with each program beginning at 4 p.m.

#### Main Library

- (300 W. Grubb Dr.)
- March 10: Movie Time
- March 11: Spring Craft
- March 12: Fancy Nancy Party
- March 13: Game Time
- March 14: St. Patrick's Day Craft

#### North Branch Library

- (2600 Oates Dr.)
- March 10: Games & Gab
- March 11: Movie Time
- March 12: Get in the Game (grades 6-12)
- March 13: Library Land
- March 14: St. Patrick's Day Craft

On March 20, the North Branch Library will have a "Spring Craft" program at 4 p.m. and the Main Library will hold a "Come Build with Legos" program at 4:30 p.m.

To mark National Craft Month, the North Branch will also have a special "Craft Time" on March 27 at 4 p.m.

For more information on these programs call Chris Thomson at the Main Library, 972-216-6226, or Christi Mones at the North Branch Library, 972-681-0465.



John Monaco  
Mayor



Shirley Roberts  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Place 4



Al Forsythe  
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem,  
Place 2



Bill Porter  
Councilmember  
Place 1



Stan Pickett  
Councilmember  
Place 3



Greg Noschese  
Councilmember  
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley  
Councilmember  
Place 6



# MAYOR'S CORNER

Last month I was honored to take part in our annual Employee Service Awards. It is an opportunity for me and members of our City Council to pay tribute to those employees who have achieved a specific milestone of tenure with our organization.

This year we honored 174 employees. Those employees have given a cumulative total of 2,690 years of service to the City and the community we serve.

As Mayor, I can tell you first-hand that the City receives very few complaints from citizens. I attribute that to the dedication and professionalism of our staff.

The commitment of all our employees and their genuine interest in serving the Mesquite community is amazing and it reinforces the pride I have in serving as your Mayor.

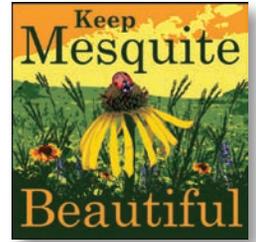
John Monaco, Mayor



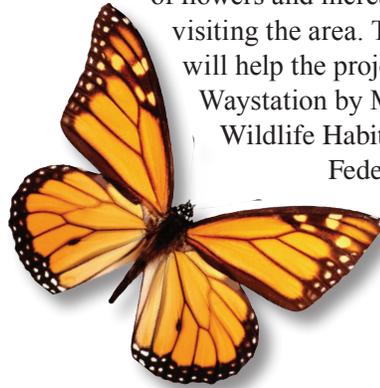
Mayor Monaco and Library Director Jeannie Johnson present Library Administrative Aide Karen Hipp with her award for 40 years of service to the City of Mesquite.

## KMB plans for butterfly trail

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) invites the public to participate in an exciting opportunity to enhance one of Mesquite's natural treasures, the Paschall Park Butterfly Trail. In cooperation with the City of Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department, KMB is working with experts in the native plant field to broaden the wildflower meadows, enhance the show



of flowers and increase the quantity of butterflies visiting the area. The public's financial support will help the project become a Certified Monarch Waystation by Monarchwatch.org and a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. For more information on tax-deductible sponsorship levels, contact KMB at 972-329-8331.



## Manager of Park Services is named president of state association

Manager of Park Services Travis E. Sales was elected as the President of the Texas Turfgrass Association. The association was established in 1947 at Texas A&M University and funds turfgrass research and education conferences in Texas. Travis is the author of the popular "Talkin' Turf with Travis" columns to help educate residents about landscaping and pruning tips. The public may contact Travis Sales with any landscape or irrigation questions at 972-216-8121 or [tsales@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:tsales@cityofmesquite.com).



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## City Code Enforcement offers to attend neighborhood meetings

Delivering code enforcement services to a community is a balance between maintaining a good relationship with residents and achieving goals for safety, cleanliness and the general image of the City of Mesquite. The City of Mesquite's Code Enforcement Division works hard to ensure that Mesquite is a safe community, with a high quality of life and an environment that is conducive to economic development. A large part of their work involves educating the public and enforcing code standards that serve as a foundation to build a better community for residents, businesses and visitors. If you would like a City of Mesquite Code Enforcement representative to attend a Neighborhood Watch meeting in your area, please contact Sherri Johnston at 972-216-8193.

## Public Works offers free Waterwise Landscape Workshop

The City will host a free "Waterwise Landscaping" workshop on Saturday, March 8, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Rutherford Community Center. The workshop will teach residents how to select native, adapted plants and trees which are drought tolerant. This workshop will focus on organic practices in lawn care and how to drought-proof landscape. Attendees will receive free moisture meters and plant selection guides. For a complete description of upcoming workshops and events, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities). To register for this free workshop, call 972-329-8300 or email [kfonvill@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:kfonvill@cityofmesquite.com).



## 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).

### Preschool Pros Volleyball

Preschool Pros Volleyball is a five-week instructional program that consists of 50-minute sessions that include a warm-up, skill building and a scrimmage. Registration for Preschool Pros Volleyball begins Monday, March 10, and will close on Saturday, April 5. There is a \$35 fee per player which includes a t-shirt and an award. A \$10 late fee will be added after April 5 and late registration will only be taken at the main Parks and Recreation Administrative Office. The program begins Saturday, April 5, and ends on Saturday, May 10. Please register at Evans Recreation Center, Dunford Recreation Center or the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office. Please note that a parent or guardian must participate with their child.



### Youth Flag Football

Registration for Youth Flag Football begins Monday, March 17, and will close on Saturday, April 19. There is a \$65 fee per player which includes a jersey. A \$10 late fee will be added after April 19 and late registration will only be taken at the main Parks and Recreation Administrative Office. Practices will begin the week of May 5 and games will begin on Thursday, May 22, at Burton Soccer Complex. Players can either register individually and be placed on a team or they can request a coach/team. Please register at Evans Recreation Center, Dunford Recreation Center or the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office.

## Mesquite Arts Center Activities

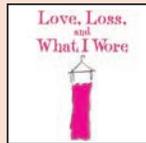
The following activities are funded in part by the City of Mesquite hotel-motel occupancy tax revenues.

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.

### March

- 3-30 Mesquite Arts Council** presents the “Chapter Two, Page One,” the work of Diane Walker Gladney a contemporary painter.
- 2 Texas Area Artists** monthly meeting and artist demonstration. 2 p.m.
- 10 Monthly Paint-In.** All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. 10 a.m.
- 10 Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting and artist demonstration. 7 p.m.
- 22-30 Black Box MAC Actors** present “Love Loss and What I Wore.” Tickets are available at [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org) or call the box office at 972-216-6444.
- 29 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** is in concert with the annual Not Just For Kids concert, entitled “Harry Potter.” 7 p.m. Call 972-216-8127 for tickets.



## 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 the City is planning a World Trade Center Memorial Project?

The World Trade Center Memorial Project will feature a 13-foot, 575-pound steel beam from one of the World Trade Center Towers. Mesquite acquired rights to the steel beam from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey through their WTC Artifact Program and became just the third city in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex to participate in the program. The planned outdoor memorial will be located at the Mesquite Arts Center. For more information about the project and to donate, please call Fire Captain Kelly Turner 972-216-6349.



## Community Snapshots



Top Left: On January 8 at the Go Red Rally held at Mesquite Rehabilitation Institute, Mesquite Mayor Pro-Tem Shirley Roberts joined Go Red Executive Committee members Tina Harris, Ed.D, Donna Adams and Janet Launza to kick-off the woman's health campaign efforts.

Top Right: On January 15, Mayor Monaco presented a proclamation to the Mesquite Woman's Club, one of the longest running civic organizations in Mesquite.

Bottom Left: At the January 21 City Council Meeting, members of the Achziger Elementary Recreation After School Program led the Pledge of Allegiance.