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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

5, 19	May 2014
	City Council Meeting , 3 p.m., Council Chambers, 757 N. Galloway, 972-216-6244
10	Mesquite Recycles Day , 8 a.m. - noon, Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive, 972-329-8300

Mesquite's Municipal Election is May 10

The annual municipal election is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, to elect Councilmembers for Places 3, 4 and 5. Early voting will be conducted in Mesquite at Lakeside Activity Center, 101 Holley Park Drive, as follows:

Monday, April 28 - Friday, May 2	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 3	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 4	1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will also be held at the main early voting location at the Dallas County Records Building, 509 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, 75202, and at any of the branch locations. Qualified voters in Dallas County and the portion of Kaufman County located within the City of Mesquite may vote early at any one of these locations. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Toni Pippins-Poole, Dallas County Elections Administrator, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas, 75207, and must be received by the Dallas County Elections Department no later than close of business on Thursday, May 1.

On election day, results can be accessed on Dallas County's website at www.dallascountyvotes.org and on the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com.

For polling places and precincts, please see page 2.

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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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

Recently, I was honored to participate in the graduation ceremony of our inaugural Mesquite Police Department training academy. We had 10 cadets successfully go through the program and join the 230 existing police officers who help keep our community safe. This new internal academy has empowered our police department to teach new officers policing tactics and techniques that are special to the Mesquite community. Further, this academy places Mesquite in unique company. Out of 2,650 police departments in Texas, only 3 percent have developed and conduct internal academies for their cadets. I am proud of our Mesquite Police Department for achieving this very significant milestone.

John Monaco, Mayor



Mayor Monaco congratulates Academy Valedictorian and new Mesquite Police Officer Nicole Shire during the graduation at the Mesquite Arts Center.

Location Of Polling Places:

Dallas County Precincts Located Within Mesquite City Limits

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCT NO.
Florence Park Community Center	2501 Whitson Way	062, 1139, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1305, 1315
Tosch Elementary School	2424 Larchmont Drive	303, 1304, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1316
Galloway Elementary School	200 Clary Drive	1311, 1312, 1313, 1314
Dunford Recreation Center	1015 Green Canyon Drive	3300, 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304
Wilkinson Middle School	2100 Crest Park Drive	3305, 3306, 3307, 3315
Mesquite High School	300 East Davis	3308, 3309, 3310, 3311
Pirrung Elementary School	1500 Creek Valley Road	3312, 3316, 3318
Horn High School	3300 East Cartwright Road	3313, 3314, 3317

Split Precincts Voting Outside Mesquite City Limits

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCT NO.
O'Banion Middle School	700 Birchwood Dr., Garland	1125
Classical Center at Vial Elementary	126 Creekview, Garland	1721
Sunnyvale Town Hall	127 N. Collins Rd., Sunnyvale	3500

Kaufman County Precinct Partially Located In Mesquite City Limits

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCT NO.
Horn High School	3300 East Cartwright Road	29

(Precincts and polling places provided by the Dallas County Elections Department and subject to change.)

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 of Mesquite has regulations about having a garage sale?

Spring is here and it's time to start thinking about cleaning out closets, the garage and getting everything ready for a garage sale. While the City does not require a permit for such sales, there are regulations that pertain to sales and sign placement. Garage sales are limited to two per year and should last no longer than three consecutive days. One sign announcing a garage sale may be displayed at the sale site and six additional off-site directional signs are allowed to be displayed on private property. Signs cannot be placed in such a way as to create a traffic hazard. This means that signs must be located at least three feet from the street curb or the edge of the road. Sign size is important as well.

The maximum size of a garage sale is five square feet and maximum height is 40 inches. Signs are prohibited on vehicles, utility poles, trees, medians, traffic signs or any other public property. For any questions concerning garage sales in Mesquite, please contact the Environmental Code Division at 972-329-8704.



Mesquite to host landscape workshop for new homeowners on May 3

Proper care of your landscape involves more than just cutting the grass. To assist new homeowners and novice gardeners,



the City's Water Conservation Office is hosting a free workshop on May 3, from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at Rutherford Community Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. The workshop will teach basic lawn care, landscape and sprinkler techniques, and other tips to make caring for your lawn or landscape easier and more efficient. Attendees will receive free rain gauges. To register, call 972-329-8300 or email kfonvill@cityofmesquite.com.

Library grant promotes early literacy

The Mesquite Public Library System was awarded a \$3,000 Texas Reads grant to implement Books for Babies. It is a free program promoting early literacy for newborns and their parents. Parents who read to their babies and who become regular library users themselves, help their babies develop language skills and start them on the path to success in reading and learning. To encourage early reading, the library will distribute kits in English and Spanish. The kits will contain a board book, brochures with reading tips and details about the importance of early literacy. The Mesquite North Branch, 2600 Oates Drive, will present a "Books for Babies" Literacy program on May 6 at 4 p.m. For more information on this free program, contact the North Branch Library at 972-681-0465.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Hero Run

Saturday, May 10 • Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Rd.

On your mark. Get set. Go! The City is teaming up with Run On and Coca Cola to host the 2nd annual Hero Run. All ages are encouraged to participate. As a reminder, no pets, skateboards, rollerblades or bicycles are allowed on the course. T-shirts will be sold for \$10 at the event and during pre-registration. Runners are encouraged to dress up as their favorite superhero at this year's run. Registration on the day of the event begins at 6:30 a.m., but pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, or to pre-register please call 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/pard/Hero.php.



KidFish

Saturday, May 17

City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Ave.

The City and Community Heart of Mesquite are proud to announce the annual KIDFISH event. This year the popular family-friendly fishing activity will begin at 8:30 a.m., with registration starting at 8 a.m. KIDFISH is a free event for children ages 16 and younger. All fishing participants must register. Poles and bait will be provided or participants may use their own fishing gear. For more information on this event, please call 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/pard



Movies In The Park

Friday, May 9 • City Lake Park, 403 S Galloway Ave.

Mesquite Parks and Recreation invites the public to Movies in the Park on May 9. The first event in a series lasting throughout the summer, Movies in the Park is a great opportunity for the whole family to experience movie watching in the great outdoors. This event is free and features the movie "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" beginning around 8:15 p.m. Patrons are encouraged to bring their picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets.

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.

May

- 2 - 4 **Mesquite Community Theatre's** second show of the 30th
- 8 - 10 **Anniversary Season**, "Dearly Departed." For showtimes and tickets call 972-216-8126 or visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com.
- 3 **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** season finale concert is "Masterworks: Beethoven." 7:30 p. m. \$12 for adults and \$6 for students. For tickets call 972-216-8127 or visit www.mesquitesymphony.org. Tickets also available at the door.
- 4 **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration. 2 p.m.
- 12 **Monthly Paint-In** invites all artists to bring their projects and share successes with others. 10 a.m.
- 12 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting features an artist demonstration. 7 p.m.
- 18 **The Texas Voices** are in concert with "Luminous Night of the Soul." For tickets call 214-384-6336 or visit www.thetexasvoices.org.



The Texas Voices

Community Snapshots



Top Left: On March 7, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Al Forsythe presented Mesquite Academy with their state-wide Recycle Bowl award.

Top Right: On March 4, Mayor Pro Tem Shirley Roberts presented a special proclamation to recognize IHOP's National Day of Pancake charitable causes.

Bottom: On February 27, the City hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Mayor Pro Tem Shirley Roberts (center) presented the President's Call to Service Award to Mesquite volunteers George and Bennye Rice as well as Patti and Dwight Hawkins.



Talkin' Turf with Travis

This is a quarterly column on landscape tips offered by Manager of Park Services and Municipal Arborist Travis E. Sales. To learn more, watch video tips by Travis at www.cityofmesquite.com/travis.

Mowing Is the Key to a Healthy Turfgrass

It's the time of year again that you either love or hate, but it's time to get the mower out. Mowing is the one step in your turfgrass maintenance program that can make or break your lawn. Regardless of the type of turfgrass you have, mowing frequency is critical to having a lush and weed-free lawn. As a rule of thumb, you should never cut more than one-third of the leaf surface at any time, as this will cause stress that can result in weed infestations, insect infestations or just an overall weak turfgrass. A minimum of twice a week mowing is optimal. Most weed species cannot tolerate continuous mowing and frequent mowing can actually eliminate weeds without chemicals. Mowing height is also critical to the success of a healthy lawn. Mowing too low or too high, for the type of turfgrass that you have, can cause serious issues in your lawn. Finally, maintaining a sharp mower blade, whether rotary or reel, is essential to maintaining healthy turf. Dull mower blades thrash and beat the tops of the grass blades off. Ragged tops are prime points of entry for many fungal pathogens (turf disease causers) and small turf insects.