



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2015

6, 20

City Council Meeting at City Hall, 7 p.m.,
757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244

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Mesquite Marketplace, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
120 W. Main Street.

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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Free summer food program

Thanks to the Summer Food Service Program, children in Mesquite will be able to enjoy free nutritious meals throughout the summer. The Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) will serve free breakfast and free lunch within the community through a program that is provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture. No advance qualifying or registration is required. This program is open to all children 1 - 18 regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be served daily at specific MISD school cafeterias listed below. For details, call MISD Food & Nutrition Services at 972-882-5500.

Florence Elem. 4621 Gleneagle; Lunch is June 10 - July 31, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Hanby Elem. 912 Cascade Street; Breakfast is June 15 - July 16, 7:15 - 8:30 a.m., Mon. - Fri., Lunch is June 10 - July 31, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Hodges Elem. 14401 Spring Oaks (Balch Springs); Lunch is June 10 - July 31, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Horn H.S. 3300 E. Cartwright Road; Breakfast is June 15 - July 9, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m., Mon. - Thu.; Lunch is June 16 - July 9, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Thu.

McWhorter Elem. 1700 Hickory Tree; Lunch is June 10 - July 31, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Mesquite H.S. 300 East Davis; Breakfast is June 15 - July 9, 8:30 - 9:15 a.m., Mon. - Thu.; Lunch is June 15 - August 6, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Thu.

North Mesquite H.S. 18201 LBJ Freeway; Breakfast is June 15 - July 23, 7:15 - 9:15 a.m., Mon. - Thu.; Lunch is June 15 - August 6, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Thu.

Rutherford Elem. 1607 Sierra; Breakfast is June 10 - June 25, 7:30-9:15 a.m., Mon. - Thu.; Lunch is June 10 - July 31, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

Tisinger Elem. 1701 Hillcrest; Lunch is June 10 - July 31, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Fri.



Stan Pickett
Mayor



Greg Noschese
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 5



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Jeff Casper
Councilmember
Place 2



Bruce Archer
Councilmember
Place 3



Shirley Roberts
Councilmember
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6

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MAYOR'S CORNER

Welcome to my first Mayor's Column in the Mainstream. As the newly elected Mayor of the City of Mesquite, I want to first take a moment to thank the community for their support since taking office. The outpouring of encouragement has been wonderful.

As I begin my tenure, I am excited about the new opportunities for the City Council. Our team includes existing Councilmembers Shirley Roberts, Greg Noschese and Bruce Archer, re-elected Councilmembers Bill Porter and Dennis Tarpley, and newly elected Councilmember Jeff Casper. Together, we will move forward in a positive direction to build consensus on a variety of issues. Those issues include the quality of our roads, code enforcement and economic development, as well as many other items we will discuss and debate during the coming months.

I look forward to the community's continued involvement with the City Council and the City staff who will implement many of our decisions. To do so, I encourage our citizens to stay connected and informed with us by attending our public meetings, visiting our website, participating in our social media platforms and reading this monthly publication.

Stan Pickett
Mayor

Summer food program

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Tosch Elem. 2424 Larchmont Drive, Lunch is June 10 - July 31, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

First come, first served meal serving school locations:

Breakfast only at Austin, Galloway, Gentry, Terry, McKenzie, New, Terry, Vanston, and Wilkinson on June 10 - June 25, 7:30 - 9:15 a.m., Mon. - Thu. Lunch only at Horn High July 27 - August 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Mon. - Thu.

Rules for Summer Nutrition Program

- Parents who choose to eat with their children may purchase breakfast for \$1.50 and lunch for \$3.00.
- Parents are not allowed to eat from the child's meal at any time.
- Due to health and sanitary rules, all the meals must be eaten in the school cafeteria. No part of the meal may be taken away from the cafeteria.
- This program is funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture and their rules must be followed at all times.

Police Department safety tips

The Mesquite Police Department (MPD) wants everyone to have a good time and partake in the Independence Day festivities, but they also want residents to remain safe. During the month surrounding July 4th, a national average of 200 people visit the emergency room each day as a result of fireworks-related injuries. Surprisingly, 12 percent of all fireworks-related injuries are caused by sparklers. MPD would like to remind residents that it is illegal to use fireworks and to discharge a firearm (even in the air as part of a celebration) within the city limits.

Water Quality Report is available

The City of Mesquite is making available to its water customers an annual water quality report as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The report can be viewed at www.cityofmesquite.com/waterqualityreport. For more information or to request a printed copy of this report, please contact the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.

Mesquite Arts Center rentals available

The versatility of the Mesquite Arts Center can accommodate many types of events including weddings, receptions, meetings, recitals, concerts, theatrical performances, birthday and retirement parties and more. The Concert Hall provides an elegant atmosphere for large events. With seating for 500 attendees, it is perfect for concerts, graduations, meetings and other ceremonies. The Rehearsal Hall is an ideal smaller venue for wedding receptions and meetings. Capable of supporting groups of 120, it offers visitors views of our beautiful courtyard. Mesquite Arts Center has an art gallery, conference room and other small meeting rooms appropriate for groups of 30 persons or less. Outdoor events can be hosted on the North Lawn. For reservation information, contact the Arts Council staff at 972-216-6444.



Animal Services summer tips

Animal Services would like to remind all pet owners of the following tips so everyone can enjoy the outdoors:

- Provide adequate shelter and water for all outdoor pets
- Keep outdoor pets contained by a sturdy fence or appropriate tether
- Walk pets on a leash
- Be mindful of excessive barking
- Clean up after your pet
- Keep your pet up-to-date on vaccinations and register them with the City
- Keep current vaccination and identification tags on your pet

To report animal concerns, contact Animal Services at www.cityofmesquite.com/animal or 972-216-6283.

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 parents can avoid long lines and last-minute immunization rush for their kids? The Mesquite Public Health Clinic urges parents of school-aged children to stop by during the summer to get the required immunizations for next school year. During early summer, the clinic is usually at its lowest client demand making it the perfect time to take care of the required immunizations. The clinic is located at 1616 N. Galloway Avenue. The clinic is open Monday - Wednesday, 8 - 11 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For details, call 972-329-8326.

Community Snapshots



On May 9, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a successful KidFish event at City Lake Park.



On May 20, newly elected Mayor Stan Pickett as well as Councilmembers Jeff Casper, Bill Porter and Dennis Tarpley were sworn into office.



The Municipal Court recently launched its new Marshal Program to provide enhanced security for City staff and customers.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

During July we are celebrating **National Park and Recreation Month**. This year we are celebrating '80s style. Fun activities have been planned all around the city. For a full list of all the details, go to www.CityofMesquite.com/July.



Bring your canine companion to the new **Leash Free Zone** at Town East Park, 2724 N. Town East Boulevard, for some socialization and leash-free play.

Volleyball Camp, July 27 - 31, is a weeklong clinic dedicated to improving volleyball skills for girls ages 6 - 14.

Join us July 10 and 24 at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street, for the **Adults 50+ dance**.

Tennis Free Play Days - Kids ages 10 and under are invited to come to a FREE instructional program teaching the basics of tennis on Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. - noon. at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road.

Family Swim - Enjoy special family pricing at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview, on Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates, on Fridays, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Aqua Zumba is an invigorating Latin dance workout blended with aqua fitness disciplines for adults July 11 - August 1, held on Saturdays from 9 - 10 a.m. at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates.

Join us for **Star Swim** on July 11 from 10 a.m. - noon at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. This swim time is specifically set aside for those with special needs and their families.

Adults Ages 50+ are invited to **Open Swim on Tuesdays and Wednesdays** from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street.

Adult Water Exercise is a challenging aerobics class without joint pressure. Participants will need to bring a pool noodle to City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street. Session 1 is May 26 - July 10 and Session 2 is July 13 - August 28, 9 - 10 a.m. or 8 - 9 p.m.

WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

Do you or your neighbors need some extra assistance with exterior house or yard projects? Help is on the way! On Saturday, October 10, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite are hosting Addressing Mesquite Day. This event matches community volunteer groups with homeowners in need of extra assistance. Some of the projects could include:

- Painting the outside of a home
- Major yard work
- Constructing minor structures (such as a ramp, etc.)
- Tearing down structures (such as an old shed)

Addressing Mesquite Day Job Request Form

Please note, while the City would like to assist every applicant, the number of job requests that can be granted is directly dependent upon the level of volunteer participation. **Job requests will only be accepted for OWNER-OCCUPIED homes. Priority will be given to seniors, residents with disabilities or veterans.**

Owner's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Project Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mesquite Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Did you apply for Addressing Mesquite Day last year? Yes _____ No _____

JOB DESCRIPTION (EXTERIOR WORK ONLY)

Please indicate jobs to be performed and, if needed, describe specifically on an attached sheet of paper.

MAJOR YARD WORK

- Moving dirt/digging Trimming trees/hedges
 Raking leaves Weeding
 Mowing

CLEAN-UP JOBS

- Cleaning/sweeping
 Remove debris from property
 Washing windows
(___ # of windows)

OTHER JOBS

- Painting
(describe on separate sheet)
 Accessibility ramp
 Other _____

SUPPLIES

- I can provide all supplies needed.
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide some supplies.
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide all supplies.

Check all of the following that apply to the owner of the work site address:

- Single-parent
 Disabled
 60 and older
 Widow
 Veteran
 Owner-occupied
 Past Addressing Mesquite Day Project House

AUTHORIZATION

I certify that I am the owner of the job site concerning the above requested improvements. I understand this is only a request. The number of requests granted is dependent upon volunteer and resource capacity. Furthermore, I understand that the City of Mesquite staff must approve all job requests and I authorize City staff to take pictures of my property for use in evaluating applications.

Signature

Date

For Office Use Only
Job # _____
Zone # _____
Member: _____

Return the completed job request form by July 24 to:

Addressing Mesquite Day
Attn: Debbie Randall, City of Mesquite
P.O. Box 850137
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137