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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 2015

- 3, 17** **City Council Meeting at City Hall**, 7 p.m., 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244
- 7** **Summer Reading Club Awards Party**, 1 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. 972-216-6220
- 8** **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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Mesquite Freedom Park is announced

On June 12, the City of Mesquite hosted a kick-off event to announce the proposed Mesquite Freedom Park.

Mesquite Freedom Park is an effort to build a 9/11 memorial utilizing a beam recovered from the World Trade Center buildings attacked on September 11, 2001. The 15-foot, 575-pound beam was acquired by the Mesquite Fire Department in 2011. The original concept of a memorial in remembrance of all the victims and families from the 9/11 terrorist attacks as well as all first responders has evolved into a broader scope. This includes a park setting to celebrate, educate and embrace the freedoms of art, music, expression and more.

No City funding has been dedicated to master-plan or to construct the park. The current goal is to first develop the 9/11 memorial through community funding and celebrate the completion of the memorial in September 2016. An estimated \$100,000 is needed to build the memorial. Future aspects of the park will be addressed and funded through art grants and additional community fundraising efforts.

To donate, visit www.mesquitefreedompark.com.

Mesquite Mayor Stan Pickett and Dallas Regional Medical Center CEO Raji Kumar record DRMC's \$10,000 gift announced at the event. In addition to DRMC, other major donors include: Mesquite Service League, Mesquite Rotary Club, Benjamin Moore Paints and Mesquite Arts Council.



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Stan Pickett
Mayor



Greg Noschese
Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 5



Bruce Archer
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 3



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Jeff Casper
Councilmember
Place 2



Shirley Roberts
Councilmember
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

Recently, I announced our goal for this year's Addressing Mesquite Day (AMD) program is to complete projects at 100 homes in Mesquite. To accomplish this, we need more volunteer groups to register for this half-day community service day project. This year, AMD is scheduled for Saturday, October 10. Volunteer groups will be asked to perform yard work, basic clean-up and/or minor repairs. This program is a great way to give back to the Mesquite community and help those who cannot help themselves.

So, I would like to encourage all of our local churches, civic clubs, businesses, service organizations and other associations to consider giving back to those in need within our community through AMD. Also, for any of these groups who do not have the resources to volunteer but would still like to support AMD, we always welcome financial and in-kind contributions towards the supplies needed to implement this award-winning program.

For details on volunteering or donating, please contact Lauren Rose in the City Manager's Office at 972-216-6409. On behalf of the entire City Council, I thank you in advance for your consideration of supporting this cause.

Stan Pickett
Mayor



AMD Volunteers

Public Works launches mobile app

The Public Works Department will be rolling out a mobile app for its Solid Waste customers later this summer. Residential customers will be able to view their collection schedule online or print a collection calendar specific to their address. They will also be able to download their collection schedule into their personal computer calendar. The app will allow residents to subscribe to weekly email, phone, Twitter or text message reminders. These reminders will automatically notify the resident of pick-up schedules or changes to their service. Emergency messaging will also be sent out to residents alerting them of inclement weather that may impact service. For details, contact Matt Townsend with Public Works at 972-216-6348.

2014 Water Quality Report is now available

The City of Mesquite's 2014 Annual Water Quality Report is now available and can be viewed on the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/waterqualityreport. For details or to request a printed copy of this report, contact the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.

Animal Services launches Stop Littering campaign

The City of Mesquite has partnered with Petsmart Charities to offer \$3 cat sterilizations to residents of the following neighborhoods: Northridge Estates, El Rosa, Pasadena Gardens, Galloway Place and Hillcrest Heights. The goal of the new "Stop Littering" campaign is to reduce the number of stray kittens in the area. Sterilization vouchers may be purchased at the Mesquite Animal Shelter to use at either the Town East-Galloway Animal Clinic or the Spay Neuter Network. There is no voucher limit per household, but funds are limited. For details, contact Animal Services at 972-216-6283, Monday - Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Police Department Tips: Household False Alarm Prevention

Having a monitored alarm system on your home can provide security and peace of mind. Unfortunately, the majority of alarm calls received by the Mesquite Police Department are false. Here are a few tips to prevent false alarms:

- Confirm door and window contacts are securely mounted.
- If your system includes window screens, check the clips and/or fasteners.
- Make sure contact switches are clean.
- Inspect motion sensor areas for dust, spider webs and insects.
- Follow your alarm company's testing schedule.
- Advise your alarm company of changes to home or work phone numbers.

A reduction in the number of false alarms allows officers to more effectively use their time which, in turn, makes Mesquite a safer place.

Fire Department announces the 2015 Citizens' Academy

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Mesquite Fire Department Citizens' Academy (CFA). The CFA is a nine-week program held annually beginning in September. It provides residents the opportunity to learn about the Fire Department directly from firefighters and fire officers. Each week's class explains a different aspect of the department's daily duties and responsibilities through classroom education and hands-on learning. Topics include Emergency Medical Services, vehicle extrication, firefighting tactics, search and rescue, bomb team activities and more. For details, contact the Fire Department at 972-216-6349.

Did You Know?

Did you know Mesquite announced a new railroad Quiet Zone in historic downtown?

The City of Mesquite has received approval from the Federal Railroad Administration for a new quiet zone through Mesquite's historic downtown area. Union Pacific and AMTRAK trains traveling through five different railroad crossings (Gross Rd., Ebrite St., Galloway Ave., Florence St., and City Service Center Drive) will no longer be required to sound locomotive horns. This quiet zone allows Mesquite to mitigate the effects of train horn noise on local merchants and residents in the downtown area. The quiet zones are anticipated to become effective on August 1. In a quiet zone, locomotive engineers have been directed to cease the routine sounding of their horns when approaching public and private highway-rail grade crossings. Train horns may still be used in emergency situations or to comply with other federal regulations or railroad operating rules. To support the new quiet zone, the City has installed vertical barriers and additional signage at the five crossings to inform drivers and pedestrians that train horns will no longer be used. Questions on the quiet zone can be addressed to the City Manager's Office at 972-216-6403.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

This year's annual **Doggie Splash Day** is on Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m. - noon. The event will be held at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. There is a fee of \$5 for one owner and one pet, \$2 for each additional pet and \$1 for all spectators. The event is a unique opportunity for dogs and their owners to cool off, compete for prizes or just play at the pool.



Dive-in and enjoy a free movie poolside on August 21 at the **Back to School Bash**, at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street. The movie "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" will begin at dusk, with pre-show entertainment starting at 7 p.m.

Summer Camps are in full swing! Sign up for a weekly camp today. For details, visit www.CityofMesquite.com/Camps.

Basketball Camp is a one-week camp dedicated to improving the basketball skills of those age 6 - 14. The session is August 3 - 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Register at any recreation center July 13- 31.

Girls Volleyball League registration is August 3 - 30. Games begin September 28. The fee is \$65 per player.



Adult co-ed fall sports registration for soccer, kickball, basketball and volleyball is open through August. For details, visit www.CityofMesquite.com/AdultAthletics.

Join the **senior and ladies golf associations** at the Mesquite Golf Club (MGC). Seniors meet Thursdays at 8 a.m. and have annual dues of \$25. Ladies meet Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. and the second Sunday each month at 11 a.m., with annual dues of \$55. For details, call the MGC at 972-270-7457.

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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

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.



Monthly Poem

Summer Starts to Fade

Amy Sandberg

*The joys of summer play from the first
of the sun's rays cascading through
the clouds to embrace the earth seem to
fade with each passing day in August.
Family gatherings near an end and photos
snapped with family and friends keep the memory.
Parents ready their smiling, suntanned kids for another
year of learning, sharing summer experiences with their
peers.*

Community Snapshots

In celebration of July as National Park and Recreation Month, here are a variety of images feature Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department summer programs and events.



Summer Camp



Adult Sand Volleyball



Ropes Course at Camp
Rorie-Galloway



Blast Camp Field Trip



Tails on Trails



City Lake Aquatic Center