



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May/June 2013

- 4** **Water Wise Irrigation Free Workshop,**
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center,
17360 Coit Rd., 9 a.m., 10 a.m. or 11 a.m.,
Pre-register at 972-329-8300 or
kfonvill@cityofmesquite.com
- 6, 20** **City Council Meeting**
3 p.m., Council Chambers,
757 N. Galloway, 972-216-6244
- 6/1** **Adoptathon,** Mesquite Animal Services,
1630 Gross Rd., 1 - 5 p.m.,
972-216-6283

Municipal Election Day is May 11

The annual municipal election is scheduled for Saturday, May 11 to elect a Mayor and Councilmembers for Places 1, 2 and 6.

Early voting will be conducted in Mesquite at Lakeside Activity Center, 101 Holley Park Drive, as follows:

- Monday, April 29 - Friday, May 3, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 4, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, May 5, 1 - 6 p.m.
- Monday, May 6 - Tuesday, May 7, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the main early voting location at the Dallas County Records Building, 509 Main Street and at approximately 51 additional branch locations countywide. 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, Early Voting Clerk, Dallas County Elections Department, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas, 75207, and must be received by Dallas County Elections Department no later than the close of business Friday, May 3.

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 Number972-288-7711
- Animal Services.972-216-6283
- Building Inspection972-216-6212
- Environmental Code972-216-6276
- Parks and Recreation972-216-6260
- Planning and Zoning972-216-6216
- Trash Collection/Recycling972-216-6284
- Street/Alley Repair972-216-6282
- Water Billing.972-216-6208
- Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups.972-216-6278

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John Monaco
Mayor



Stan Pickett
Mayor Pro Tem
Place 3



Shirley Roberts
Deputy Mayor
Pro Tem, Place 4



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Al Forsythe
Councilmember
Place 2



Greg Noschese
Councilmember
Place 5



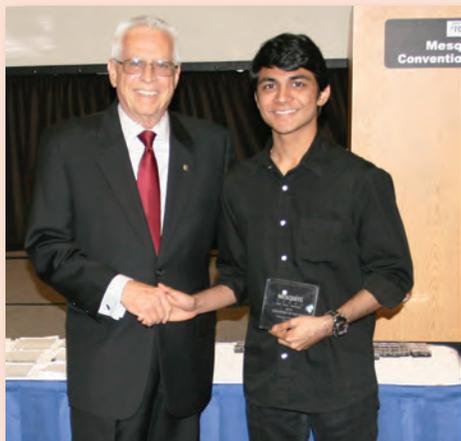
Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

During my annual State of the City Address, I mentioned a quote by the founder of McDonald's, Ray Kroc, which I truly believe says so much about our community, especially our volunteers. The quote is, "None of us are as good as all of us." Recently I had the privilege to present recognitions to the volunteers of our community during the 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. In 2012, we had more than 630 volunteers donate nearly 55,000 hours to the City, at a value of almost \$1.2 million! Furthermore, each volunteer, on average, donated a little more than 86 hours last year. In simple terms, that is about two weeks of work that each volunteer gave to the community to help the City serve the citizens of Mesquite. I want to again publicly thank all the volunteers for the time and talent they graciously give to make this a wonderful place to call home.

John Monaco
John Monaco, Mayor



Mayor Monaco presents the 2012 Library Volunteer of the Year Award to Arun Nair for donating more than 250 hours.

MAY 11 ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCTS

Dallas County Precincts Located Within Mesquite City Limits

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCT NO.
Florence Park Community Center	2501 Whitson Way	1139, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1305
Tosch Elementary School	2424 Larchmont Drive	1303, 1304, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1316
Galloway Elementary School	200 Clary Drive	1311, 1312, 1313, 1314
Dunford Recreation Center	1015 Green Canyon Dr.	3300, 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304
W L Wilkinson Middle School	2100 Crest Park Drive	3305, 3306, 3307, 3315
Mesquite High School	300 East Davis Street	3308, 3309, 3310, 3311
Pirrung Elementary School	1500 Creek Valley Rd.	3312, 3316, 3318
Horn High School	3300 East Cartwright Rd.	3313, 3314, 3317

Split Precincts Voting Outside Mesquite City Limits

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCT NO.
St. Pius X Church Parish	3030 Gus Thomasson Rd.	1315
Edwin J. Kiest Elementary School	2611 Healey Drive	1062
Charles A. Gill Elementary School	10910 Ferguson Road	1125
Classical Center at Vial Elementary	126 Creekview	1721
Sunnyvale Town Hall	127 North Collins Rd.	3500

Kaufman County Precincts Partially Located In Mesquite City Limits

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

(Precincts and Polling Places provided by the Dallas County Elections Department. Subject to change.)

Mesquite Recycles Day is set for May 11

Mesquite Recycles Day will be held on Saturday, May 11, 8 a.m. - noon in the front parking lot of Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive. The following list of items will be accepted:

- Gently used eye glasses.
- Gently used books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs and books on tape.
- Used cellular phones, cellular phone batteries and accessories, laser and ink jet printer cartridges and rechargeable batteries.
- Gently used clothing, handbags, linens and towels.
- Gently used toys and household items.
- Tires and used appliances (maximum four tires per driver/vehicle).
- E-waste (computers, monitors, televisions, printers, any electronic device)
- Documents for shredding (shredding will be done off-site through Greenstar Security Destruction).



The following items are not accepted: paint, oil, chemicals, business e-waste and business documents. For more information visit www.keepmesquitebeautiful.org or contact the Recycles Day hotline at 972-329-4129.

Mesquite Police Department earns state recognition

The Mesquite Police Department was recently awarded the status of Recognized Law Enforcement Agency from the Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program. Mesquite is the 71st agency to achieve this status. The Recognition Program evaluates a department's compliance with more than 160 Best Practices for Texas Law Enforcement. These practices were carefully developed by Texas law enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of public safety. The practices cover all aspects of law enforcement operations including use of force, protection of citizen rights, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management as well as patrol and investigative operations.



Texas Police Chiefs Association Recognition Program Coordinator Marlin Price presents Texas Police Chiefs Association Law Enforcement Recognition Program award to Mesquite Police Chief Derek Rohde.

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 Mesquite City Ordinance No. 3391 prohibits placing trash anywhere in public except in proper receptacles?

If you've driven down one of Mesquite's busy roadways, you have probably seen a piece of trash fly from a car or truck. Although there are still a few people who believe it's okay to drop their fast food bags or cigarette butts out on the highway, the majority of our residents know litter hurts plants and animals, contaminates water supplies and makes the roadways unpleasant to view. If you are caught littering in Mesquite, it can cost you up to \$200 in fines. Mesquite City Ordinance No. 3391 prohibits placing trash anywhere in public except in proper receptacles. What is Keep Mesquite Beautiful doing to help in the effort? Semi-annual cleanup days such as Trash Bash help, but busy roadways are not always a safe place to ask a volunteer to clean. That is why Keep Mesquite Beautiful has a mission to educate and engage residents to become responsible for their community environment. Here are a few ways you can help with the effort:

- If you drive a pickup or other open-bed vehicle, make sure your load is covered.
- Keep a used grocery bag or shopping bag in your vehicle to collect trash.
- Rid your vehicle of trash each time you get out of it.
- Always line your trash cans so litter doesn't have the chance to blow out when being emptied by solid waste collectors.

If you have tips to share, visit our Facebook page and join in the conversation at www.facebook.com/keepmesquitebeautiful.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Movies in the Park:

Mesquite Parks and Recreation invites the public to City Lake Park, 403 South Galloway Ave., on the evening of Friday, May 10, to Movies in the Park. This is the first event in a series lasting throughout the summer. It is a great opportunity for the whole family to experience movie watching in the great outdoors. The event is free and features the movie "Wreck-it-Ralph" beginning at dusk. Attendees are encouraged to bring their picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets.



KidFish:

Mesquite Parks and Recreation and Old Town Mesquite are proud to announce the annual KIDFISH at City Lake Park, 403 South Galloway Ave., for May 18. Fishing will begin at 9 a.m. and children age 16 and under may fish until noon. The event is free and registration will begin at 8 a.m. All fishing participants must register. Poles and bait will be provided or participants may use their own fishing gear. Prizes and trophies will be awarded immediately following the final measuring and weigh-in of the fish.

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 2013

- 4 **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** season finale concert is “**Transcendental**.” 7:30 p.m. Call 972-216-8127 to purchase tickets.
- 5 **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration at 2 p.m. 214-566-8269
- 10 - 19 **Mesquite Arts Council** presents “Crimes of the Heart.” For specific show times and to purchase tickets call 972-216-6444.
- 13 **Monthly Paint-In**. 10 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. 214-566-8269
- 13 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting. 7 p.m. Features an artist demonstration. 214-771-5473
- 19 **The Texas Voices** in concert. 6 p.m. Purchase tickets at www.thetexasvoices.org or call 214-384-6336.

HMI hosts Mesquite Meander

Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI) and the Mesquite Community Theater are presenting Mesquite Meander on May 17 and 18 at Mesquite Cemetery. The event is an interactive walk through the historic cemetery, located at 400 Holley Park Drive. The Mesquite Meander offers a unique history lesson about the early residents who helped build the community. Actors will portray nine characters on six tour stops within the cemetery. While docents will lead visitors to each stop, the guides will share more information from early newspaper clippings.

Purchase tickets by calling the HMI at 972-216-6468. The event is not appropriate for those under age 7.

Community Snapshots



On March 22, the MISD Superintendent Dr. Linda Henrie, MetroTex Chief Executive Officer Rich Thomas and Mesquite Mayor John Monaco were some of the featured speakers at the Realtor Expo hosted at the Mesquite Arts Center.



On March 8, Mayor Pro Tem Stan Pickett helped recognize Rutherford Elementary as the top recycling school in Texas in the national Recycle-Bowl competition.



Mesquite Police Officer LaToya Levingston and other City staff recently participated in the Shands Elementary Career Fair.



Recently, Mayor Monaco, along with Fire Chief Mark Kerby, congratulated Paramedic of the Year Brian Lester and many other fire fighters as part of the Fire Department's annual awards ceremony.



At the March 4 City Council Meeting, the Mesquite Independent School District celebrated “College and Career Week” with a special ceremony.