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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 2013

- 1** **Adoptathon**, Mesquite Animal Services, 1650 Gross Rd., 1 - 5 p.m., 972-216-6283
- 1** **Drought Tolerant Landscaping Free Workshop**, Rutherford Community Center, 900 Rutherford Drive, 10 a.m. - noon, Pre-register at 972-329-8300 or kfonvill@cityofmesquite.com
- 3, 17** **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 under water restrictions

At the request of the North Texas Municipal Water District, the City of Mesquite is considering Stage 3 watering restrictions. Currently, Mesquite is in Stage 2 restrictions. For details on the most current outdoor watering guidelines, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities or call 972-329-8533. City Manager Ted Barron said, "We understand that nobody likes these types of restrictions, but we all must be cautious with our natural resources. We hope everyone will set their sprinkler systems correctly, remember their permitted watering days and look for ways to conserve their water use. The City of Mesquite has worked extremely hard these past few years to conserve its water use. For example, we delayed the planting of landscaping at our new City Hall complex for one year. Now, we are asking for the help of neighbors and business partners on this regional issue." If Stage 3 is implemented, the restrictions for homeowners and businesses located in Mesquite would be:



Water your lawn in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to minimize evaporation.



Check outdoor faucets, sprinklers and hoses for leaks periodically.



Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and NOT the house, sidewalk or street.



Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway & sidewalk.

- Lawn watering is limited to one time each week based on address. Addresses that end the following numbers may water on the corresponding day: 0 or 1 Monday, 2 or 3 Tuesday, 4 or 5 Wednesday, 6 or 7 Thursday, 8 or 9 Friday.
- No lawn watering is allowed between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on any day.
- Vehicle washing is only permitted with the use of a hose-end positive shut-off nozzle.
- No operation of malfunctioning irrigation equipment.



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

I recently had the distinct pleasure of joining the City Council in participating in ceremonies to honor employees of our Fire Department and Police Department. During two separate ceremonies, held as part of City Council meetings, I had the opportunity to present recognitions to firefighters, paramedics, police officers and civilian staff as part of an annual awards program each department organizes to pay tribute to those employees who have excelled in their service to our community. Those ceremonies, in addition to the recent events of the Boston Marathon and West, Texas were added reminders of how vitally critical these first responders are to any community. As Mayor, I want you to know that the City of Mesquite and the entire City Council are committed to providing a safe community for our residents, business owners and visitors. Furthermore, I want to publicly thank all of our employees of the Fire Department, Police Department and Office of Emergency Management for ensuring the public's safety.

John Monaco
John Monaco, Mayor



Free summer breakfast and lunch program is available

Children in Mesquite will be able to enjoy a free, nutritious meal during the summer months. The Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program for free breakfasts and lunches at various schools June 11 - August 8. No advance qualifying or registration is required. The program is open to all children age 1 - 18 without charge regardless of race, color, national origin, gender or disability. The rules for the program are:



- Parents who choose to eat with their children may purchase a breakfast for \$1.50 and a lunch for \$2.50.
- Parents are not allowed to eat from a child's meal at any time.
- For the health and safety of all participants, all meals must be eaten in the school cafeteria and no part of the meal may be taken out of the cafeteria.

For specific meal times and locations, please call MISD Food & Nutrition Services at 972-882-5500.

Animal Services hosts Adoptathon on June 1

Mesquite Animal Services will host Adoptathon 2013 on Saturday, June 1, 1 - 5 p.m. at the Mesquite Animal Shelter and Adoption Center, 1650 Gross Road. It is an annual event to encourage shelter pet adoptions and promote animal health through low-cost vaccinations. Animal Services Superintendent Donald White said, "During last year's Adoptathon, nearly 300 vaccinations were given to local pets. Those vaccinations saved lives and a lot of money for their owners by avoiding costly treatments for diseases."

For more information on adopting a pet, visit the shelter database at www.cityofmesquite.com/animal or call 972-216-6283.



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 Mesquite Library System offers a number of free summer programs? Programs and activities for all ages will be offered from June 10 – August 3. The children's reading program, "Dig into Reading," will allow participants to earn prizes and a certificate by submitting reading logs. There will be movies, craft activities, games and other fun activities throughout the summer. Special programs will include magicians, clowns, science programs and more. Registration begins on Monday, June 10. The teen reading club, "Beneath the Surface," offers the chance to win prizes by submitting reading logs. Programs for teens will include movies, crafts and other activities. Adults can also join in the fun by participating in the "Groundbreaking Reads" program for a chance to win prizes. For more information, dates and times, check the library's event calendar at www.cityofmesquite.com/library or call 972-216-6220 (Main) or 972-681-0465 (North Branch).



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: Zoo Keeper

Mesquite Parks and Recreation invites the public to City Lake Park, 403 South Galloway Ave., on the evening of Friday, June 14 for one of its 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 "Zoo Keeper" beginning at dusk. Attendees are encouraged to bring their picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets.



Mesquite Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association gets mobile command post

The Mesquite Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (MCPAAA) volunteers were recently presented the Police Department's former mobile command post. The command post has been used as a mobile base of operations by the Mesquite Police Department in a variety of incidents during the past 14 years. When the department purchased a new state-of-the-art mobile command center, the old command post was re-configured and assigned to the volunteers. Police Chief Derek Rohde said, "The CPA coach serves as a highly-visible symbol of the partnership between the community and the Police Department. Whenever it is deployed, citizens will be reminded that there are dedicated volunteers giving their time and effort to help make Mesquite a safe and secure community." The coach will be deployed at a variety of activities, including Kidprint, Santa-Cop and the annual Real. Texas. Festival.



Community Snapshots



In April, Mayor John Monaco read to more than 200 students at the Jerry R. Junkins Head Start Center located in Mesquite as part of the "Week of the Young Child" activities.



At the 2013 Rodeo Parade, the Mayor's Pillar of the Community recipient Jeann Wisenbaker was honored as the Grand Marshal.



At the April 15 City Council meeting, participants from the Recreation After School Program helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



In April, the Mesquite City Council helped celebrate the completion of the Hillview streetscape project in one of Mesquite's historic neighborhoods.

Mesquite Symphonic Band presents its 22nd Annual "Music in the Park" concert series

In cooperation with the City of Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department, the Mesquite Symphonic Band will present its outdoor summer concert series "Music in the Park." Every Monday evening in June the band will perform free concerts at Westlake Park located at 600 Gross Road. The concerts begin at 7:15 p.m. and continue until dusk. The theme this year is "By Popular Demand." The audience will enjoy a selection of music ranging from classical to whimsical. On Monday, June 24, the band will present its July 4th tribute with flag waving, toe-tapping music and ice cream for everyone. This concert is a family favorite and sure to be a memorable event. For more information, visit www.MesquiteSymphonicBand.com.

