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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

5, 19 August 2013
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 Solid Waste Manager Earns top state award

At the June 17 City Council meeting, Mesquite Solid Waste Manager Charles Goodson was presented the Texas Public Works Association (TPWA) Solid Waste Manager of the Year Award by Mayor Pro Tem Stan Pickett.

Goodson's public service to citizens and his innovation were some of the attributes noted by TPWA in their selection of him for the prestigious award. He was hired in 1980 as Residential Sanitation Helper and has been promoted seven times to his current role as Manager of Solid Waste.

Goodson leads by example in every area of the solid waste business. He personally visits Mesquite residents to resolve complaints, he led City employees in last year's tornado clean-up efforts in the City of Lancaster and he has created a cost-effective operation at Mesquite's Compost Recycling Center.

Goodson oversees the Solid Waste Division which has 64 employees, a \$5 million operating budget and services more than 37,000 homes.



Charles Goodson accepts the TPWA award from Councilmember Stan Pickett.



John Monaco
Mayor



Stan Pickett
Councilmember
Place 3



Shirley Roberts
Mayor Pro Tem
Place 4



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Al Forsythe
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 2



Greg Noschese
Councilmember
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

July is National Parks and Recreation Month, so I thought it would be a good time to remind our residents of all the great amenities our Parks and Recreation Department offers throughout its 1,600-acre park system:

- Three pools
- Five recreation centers
- 13 miles of walking trails
- 39 playgrounds
- 237 picnic tables

We also have facilities for everything from badminton and basketball to softball and soccer. In addition, we have many recreation programs, athletic leagues, camps, exercise classes and special events. So, this summer I encourage you to enjoy all that our Parks and Recreation Department has to offer. Help us celebrate the places that bring our community a higher quality of life, safer places to play and healthy alternatives.

John Monaco, Mayor



In June, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a ceremony to kick-off Phase 1 of the Heritage Trail Project.

Police Department offers safety tips

Every summer, residents across America are victimized by criminals posing as utility workers. They may look for a way into the victim's home to steal valuables or find some way to get the victim to pay for work that wasn't done. An elderly Mesquite resident was recently swindled out of a large sum of money by a fake utility worker. He convinced the victim he was legitimate by telling her that he was not in uniform or in a marked truck because he was a sub-contractor. Here are some suggestions to avoid being a victim of one of these scam artists:



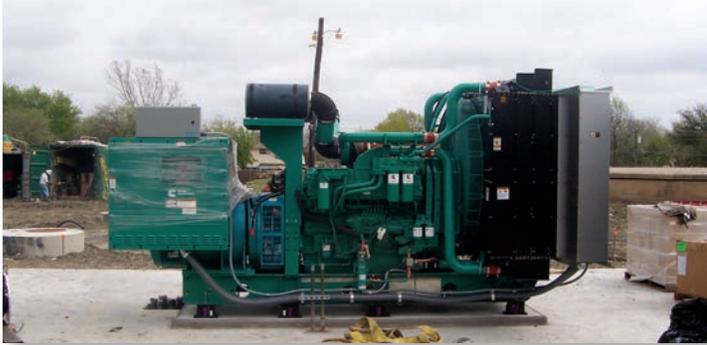
- Verify who they are. Ask for identification and call the company to ensure the person at your door is supposed to be there. Professional utility workers understand this and will provide the information you need to verify their identity.
- Don't let anyone into your home. If you can't verify the legitimacy of the workers to your satisfaction, ask the workers to leave.
- Call the police. If you are ever suspicious or uncomfortable about someone who is at your door, call 9-1-1. The police will respond and make sure the workers are legitimate.

Mesquite Library hosts Edible Book Contest

Want to show the world how much you love your favorite book? The Mesquite Public Library System is holding a fun event for book lovers with the Edible Books Contest. As a celebration of books and artistry, everyone is invited to create and submit an entry – essentially a book that can be eaten by judges. Prizes will be awarded in several categories. Bring your love of books and your creative energy to the Edible Book Contest. Entries will be on display at the Main Library, located at 300 W. Grubb Drive. Winners will be announced on August 15, 7 p.m., at the Friends of the Library meeting. For registration information and contest rules, call 972-216-6220 (Main Library) or 972-681-0465 (North Branch).



Community Snapshots



The City continues to make progress on the Barnes Bridge Pump Station Improvement Project to replace the existing water pumping facilities built in 1962. A new 1,000-kilowatt emergency backup generator has been constructed to allow operation of the pump station during electrical outages.



Recently, Mayor John Monaco presented Katarina Hernandez a special proclamation in recognition of her achieving the Girl Scout Gold Award.



In June, the Amateur Organization of Karate held its U.S. Championships regional tournament in Mesquite. CVB volunteers Janet Rohde, Jeann Wisenbaker, Barbara Dunn and Betty Haynes greeted Tournament Director Bob Beasley and 600 contestants with welcome bags.

Mesquite Police Officers and other City staff participated in the McWhorter Elementary Reading Café.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

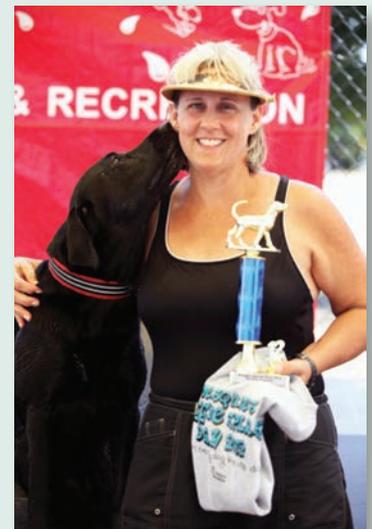
Back to School Bash

Come experience the joys of movie watching during the dive-in movie at City Lake Aquatic Center on August 23. Beginning at dusk, the dive-in cinema will feature the movie, "Beverly Hills Chihuahua 3." We will have fun pool games, prizes, popcorn and more. Admission is free for children under 2 years, \$4 for ages 3 - 44 and \$2 for ages 55+.



Doggie Splash Day

The annual Doggie Splash Day will be held at Vanston Pool from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on August 17. This year's event will include popular activities like the diving contest, retrieving competition and swim suit contest.



Mesquite Arts Center Activities

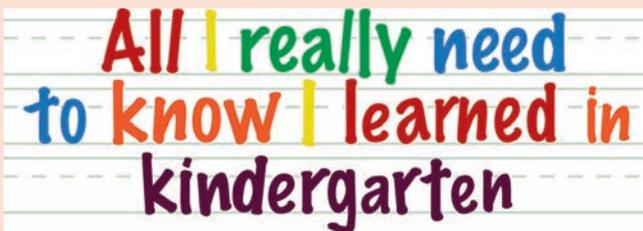
The following activities are funded in part by the City of Mesquite hotel-motel occupancy tax revenues.

The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway.

For updates, check www.mesquiteartscenter.org, or call 972-216-6444.

August

- 4-30 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** will hold an exhibition in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The galleries are open M - F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and during performances.
- 4 **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration at 2 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall. 214-566-8269
- 9-24 **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." Call 972-216-8126 for reservations.
- 12 **Monthly Paint-In** begins at 10 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. 214-566-8269
- 12 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features an artist demonstration. 214-771-5473



Did You Know?

This is a monthly section to give readers a brief insight into the City's operations, services and programs.

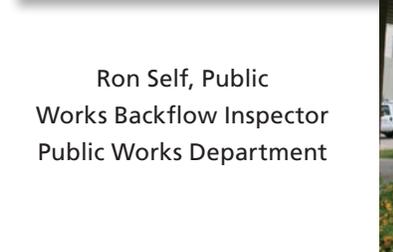
Did you know this past month all Mesquite water customers should have received the City's Annual Water Quality Report in the mail? The City of Mesquite strives to provide high quality drinking water which is safe and reliable to customers. The City maintains a "superior" water system rating with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Copies of the report are available on the City's website at <http://www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities>. If you have any questions about water quality or the current Stage 3 water restrictions, please contact the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.

Employee Service Champions

Here is a look at the City employees recently recognized through the quarterly Employee Service Champions program. To read more about each employee, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/communications/servicechampions.php.



Chris (Bubba) Blasius
Signs and Markings
Supervisor
Public Works Department



Ron Self, Public
Works Backflow Inspector
Public Works Department



William (Will) Ventura
Detention Officer
Police Department



Lilliana Cindo
Executive Secretary
Parks and Recreation
Department

