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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

6, 21 (Tue.)
January 2014
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 completes 500th Addressing Mesquite Day home

The City of Mesquite recently achieved a historic milestone by assisting its 500th home through the Addressing Mesquite Day program.

Addressing Mesquite Day was started nine years ago to perform home-related projects for residents in need, particularly those who are elderly or disabled. The annual one-day community service event has used a combination of City staff and community volunteers to perform various home improvement tasks, including minor repairs, landscaping, clean up, painting and more. A large percentage of the volunteers are generated by various churches through the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance. This year alone, Mesquite had more than 800 volunteers work on 72 homes. Since 2005, more than 15,000 volunteers have donated their time and talent towards this award-winning program.



In 2011, The International City/County Management Association presented Mesquite the Community Partnership Excellence Award for demonstrating innovation, excellence and success to improve the quality of life for residents.



City staff and community volunteers completed the 500th project through the Addressing Mesquite Day program.



John Monaco
Mayor



Shirley Roberts
Mayor Pro Tem
Place 4



Al Forsythe
Deputy Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 2



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Stan Pickett
Councilmember
Place 3



Greg Noschese
Councilmember
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

Recently, City of Mesquite employees conducted a variety of events to raise funds for the United Way. I'm proud to announce that our dedicated employees raised more than \$7,000 through popcorn sales, a chili cook-off, a silent auction, a photo contest and a special luncheon. And this is in addition to what our employees typically donate through their paycheck deductions. I also wish to thank the employee team which coordinated the annual campaign and all the local businesses and non-profits who donated items towards our efforts. These businesses are: Aaron Jones Massage, Academy Sports & Outdoors, Albertson's, All 4 Paws, Above All Plumbing, Antique Gallery, ASI Gymnastics, AVON - Hazel Ferris, Bass Pro Shop, Carol Barber, Carter Automotive Repair, Celebration Station, Chang Lee's Tae Kwon Do, CrossFit North Mesquite, Dallas Zoo, Enterprise Rental Car, Eyemax Optical, Farr Family & Cosmetic Dentistry, Fort Worth Zoo, Friends of the Library, Frisco Rough Riders, Gator Supply, Gospel Advocate Bookstore, Hampton Inn & Suites, Haverty's Furniture, Historic Mesquite, Inc., Jazzercise - Forney, Joseph's Electronics, Just Fitness 4U, Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc., Keeton Park Golf Course, Keiley Booker - Continental Hairlines, LaJoie Consulting, Lone Star Park, Mansfield National Golf Club, McAlister's Deli, Mesquite Animal Shelter, Mesquite Arts Center, Mesquite Chamber of Commerce, Mesquite Eye Associates, Mesquite Fire Department, Mesquite Firefighters Association, Mesquite Golf Course, Mesquite Historical & Genealogical Society, Mesquite ISD - Athletic Department, Mesquite Pro Rodeo, Mesquite Sports Center, Metzger Trophy, Michele Lindsey - Premier Designs Jewelry, Mister Car Wash, North Branch Library, Origins of Inner Strength: Pilates Studio, Painting With a Twist, Quality Furniture, Real.Texas.Festival., Rick Smith, Robbie Lee - Scentsy, Ron's Organic Dynamics, Shamrock Florists & Gifts, Shenaniganz, Snap Fitness, Stateside Pie & Beer, Stone River Golf Club, Sunshine Pools, Dennis Tarpley CPA, Things Remembered, Town East Mall, Town East Trophies, Uni-First, White Rock Paddle Company, Williams Paint & Body, Windsor Florist, Woodfire Kirby's, Work Wear, Arby's, Blue Bell Creameries, Chicken Express, CiCi's Pizza, Coca-Cola, HoneyBaked Ham, Hooters, IHOP #1399, Iron Chefs, Jack In The Box, Joe's Pizza & Pasta, Olive Garden, Pancho's Mexican Buffet, Panera Bread #819, Pepper's Café, Red Lobster #416, Smokers Old Fashion Q, Subway, Taco Bell, Taco Cabana, Taco Casa, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays and Wendy's.

John Monaco
John Monaco, Mayor

Mark your 2014 calendars – City Council Meetings

The Mesquite City Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month, pending holidays. Here is a quick look ahead at the current schedule of meetings set for 2014:

January 6, (Tuesday) January 21, February 3, February 17, March 3, March 17, April 7, April 21, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18, (Tuesday) September 2, September 15, October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, December 1, December 15

Council pre-meetings begin at Noon and the regular meeting begins at 3 p.m. However, these times are subject to change. Contact the City Secretary's Office at 972-216-6444 for the most recent times and agendas.

Keep Mesquite Beautiful hosts successful event

Last month, the Keep Mesquite Beautiful (KMB) organization hosted its annual Recycles Day at Poteet High School. The total number of recyclable materials is still being tabulated, but 815 vehicles were processed through the recycling center which shatters last fall's total of 585. KMB collected e-waste, tires, clothes, books, cell phones and more. The event also offered document shredding services. KMB Executive Director Paige Swiney stated, "It is very possible that KMB and all our volunteers helped divert close to 100,000 pounds of recyclable material from our landfills."



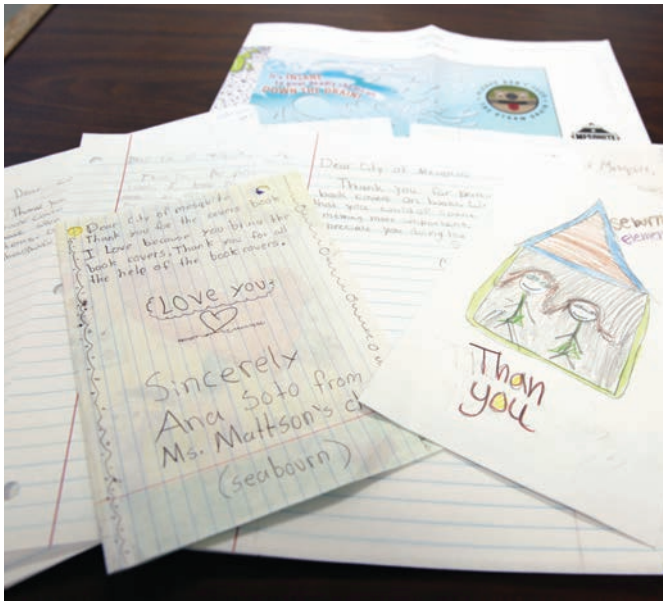
KMB hosted another successful Mesquite Recycles Day.

Did You Know?

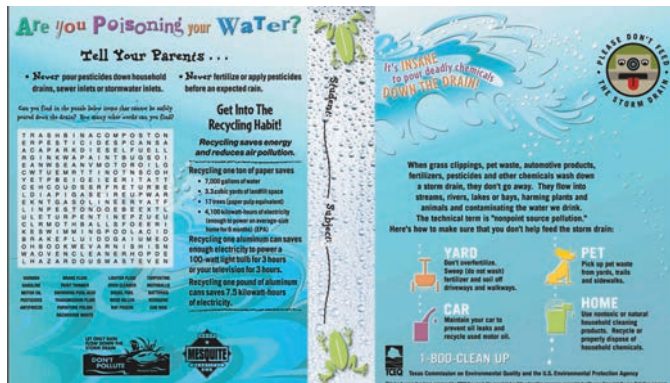
This is a monthly section to give readers a brief insight into the City's operations, services and programs.

Did you know that the City of Mesquite Public Works Department provides complimentary book covers to students in the Mesquite Independent School District? As part of a program through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Keep Mesquite Beautiful, the City's Public Works Department uses the book covers to convey simple household and recycling tips and the importance of not polluting the City's storm water inlets. For example, recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to power a 100-watt light bulb or a television for three hours.

Each year, the Public Works Department receives thank-you letters from individual students as well as entire classrooms for the donated book covers.



The City of Mesquite Public Works Department receives thank-you letters from area schools for donated book covers.



The Public Works Department provided this free book cover to local students.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Daddy-Daughter Dance

Mesquite Parks and Recreation is hosting the annual Daddy-Daughter Dance Friday, February 7, at the Mesquite Convention Center located at 1700 Rodeo Drive for fathers and daughters (ages 4 -12) . This year's theme is "Once Upon a Time." Ticket sales begin Monday, January 6. Tickets are \$15 per person/per session and are available at any Mesquite recreation center, online at www.cityofmesquite.com/pard or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1515 North Galloway Avenue.

Session 1, for ages 4 - 8, is from 6 - 8 p.m. and Session 2, for ages 9 - 12, is from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Please note that adults accompanying multiple children cannot reuse their ticket from Session 1 for Session 2, and tickets purchased at the door will be \$20.



The Daddy-Daughter Dance is set for February 7.

Active Adults Social Dance

Adults 50+ are welcome to join us for our Friday Night Dances which are held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest St. Dessert will be served and cost is \$5 per participant. For more information please call Evans Senior Center at 972.285.6761

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.



The Ken Davis Chorale will make its Mesquite debut January 18.

January

- 1- 7 **Mesquite Arts Council** presents the exhibit, "Linedrives And Lipstick: The Untold Story of Women's Baseball."
- 5 **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting at 2 p.m. and will feature an artist demonstration.
- 7- 30 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** will hold an exhibition in the Main and Chamber Galleries.
- 13 **Monthly Paint-In** begins at 10 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others.
- 13 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features an artist demonstration.
- 18 **Ken Davis Chorale**, Dallas/Fort Worth's newest professional chorus, is proud to announce its next concert will be at the Mesquite Arts Center on Saturday, January 18, at 3 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at www.kendavischorale.com, by calling 940-600-7459 or at the door.

Community Snapshots



On November 15, Mayor John Monaco presented a special proclamation to Joyce Hicks for 20 years of service as a volunteer for Historic Mesquite, Inc.



In October, as part of Fire Safety Month, the Mesquite Fire Department hosted various fire station tours and presented fire safety tips at many community events.



Mesquite Arts Center Manager Mike Templeton was presented the 2013 Tourism Award at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon.