



March 4, 2016

Fire Department to help families at Ronald McDonald House of Dallas

Each year on Good Friday, the Mesquite Fire Department prepares, cooks and serves supper for the families at the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas. This year's theme is "Super Hero Supper," and will be held Friday, March 25. The department is also collecting donations to provide needed items for the families. Suggested donations include monetary gifts, Walmart or Target gift cards and travel size personal hygiene items.

All donations may be dropped off at:

Mesquite Fire Station #2, 4609 Sarazen Drive, Mesquite

Mesquite Fire Station #5, 2141 N. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite

For more details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RonaldMcDonaldHouse.



Elizabeth Harrell selected as Parks and Recreation Director

Recreation Manager Elizabeth Harrell has been selected as the new Director of the Parks and Recreation Department. Harrell has been with the department since 2010 and has over 20 years of experience in the field of parks and recreation. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Recreation and Leisure Studies from Washington State University. Harrell is an active member of the National Recreation and Parks Association as well as the Texas Recreation and Park Society. Manager of Parks Services Travis Sales was also promoted to the new position of Assistant Director.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/NewParksDirector for more information



Animal Shelter's new feral cat room becomes operational

The City is pleased to announce the Animal Shelter's feral cat room became operational March 1. The room can currently house nine cats, but will soon have the capacity to hold 27 feral cats when additional kennels arrive later this month. The feral cat room will allow cats believed to be feral to be held for 72 hours before becoming eligible for euthanasia. In the past, without a place to temporarily house these cats, they were euthanized at the time of impound.

If a cat is determined to be socialized after settling down in the holding kennel, it is moved into the adoption program. If the cat is determined to be feral, the 72 hour hold permits shelter staff the time to work with feral rescue groups that operate Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) programs to remove them from the shelter. The City is also in the process of beginning a pilot TNR program which is expected to begin in early May.



Read Across America Day

On March 2, Mayor Stan Pickett and members of the Police and Fire Departments participated in the National Education Association's "Read Across America Day" at schools throughout Mesquite. Now in its 19th year, this program focuses on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships and reading resources.



Breakfast with the Bunny

Breakfast with the Bunny is gearing up for an EGGciting time on Saturday, March 19, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. Panera Bread is sponsoring the breakfast with pastries, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon and drinks. The cost of breakfast is \$5 per person and children two and under are free. Train rides, a petting zoo, and an egg hunt are just a few of the activities that will be offered.

Find out more at www.cityofmesquite.com/BreakfastWithTheBunny.



Fix a Leak Plumbing Workshops

The City is partnering with Home Depot to offer free Fix a Leak plumbing workshops on Saturday, March 19, at Home Depot in Mesquite, 18855 Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway. Workshops will be offered at 10 a.m. and at 11 a.m. Attendees will receive free toilet flappers and low flow shower heads while supplies last. For more information, please contact the Water Conservation Office at 972-329-8300 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities.



Contact your City

Let us hear from you. If you have a concern, have a question or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City at (972) 288-7711 or visit the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/questions.