



March 18, 2016

Inaugural HOME project completed

The City's inaugural Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday (HOME) project was completed on March 16 thanks to the hard work of volunteers and the generosity of community donors. More than 60 feet of old fence was removed and replaced by eight off-duty Mesquite firefighters. The work was performed by Fire Captain David Shedd, Fire Captain Chuck Tull, Fire Deputy Chief Bobby Muse, Fire Driver-Engineer Jason Sutcliff and Firefighters Ron Buie, Aaron Hall, Eric Wright and Andy Pratz. For more information on the HOME project, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/HOME.



Everyday Heroes to be celebrated in 59th annual Mesquite Rodeo Parade

The 59th annual Mesquite Rodeo Parade will celebrate everyday heroes this year. The Grand Marshal for this year's parade is Matthew Hernandez, the 2015 Special Olympics World Games Silver Medalist in the 500 Meter Kayak race. The parade will be held on April 2 and will begin at 10 a.m.

For more information or to register to be a part of the parade, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade or call (972) 216-6260. The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 23.



Fed Ex Building in Mesquite

The City is pleased to welcome Federal Express to the community. Fed Ex will build a ground sorting center at the former Big Town Mall site. The facility will be 355,027 square feet in size and will have over 500 employees. The facility is expected to be operational by September 2017. The developer is 42 Real Estate, LLC, and the project is being built under the name 42 Mesquite, LP.

SH-190 project update

During the next 60 to 90 days, property owners within the future SH-190 alignment will be contacted by consultants working for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT.) The consultants will be seeking right of entry to perform land surveys and geotechnical work. The project is in the final phases of the federally required environmental impact statement process and it is scheduled for final completion in October of 2018. The public will have another opportunity to comment on this project at an open house in either November or December of 2016. The City Council will be asked to identify its locally preferred alternative in April or May of 2017. For more information, visit: www.theeastbranch.org.

Hodges Park receives upgrades

New play features and additional safety panels were installed during a recent upgrade at Hodges Park. These features are just one portion of a two-part upgrade. A new pavilion will be installed at the park in the upcoming months.



New plantings throughout city

The Parks and Recreation Department planted native, drought-tolerant flowers, grasses and shrubs throughout the city. The installation replaced both missing plants and plants that were not drought-tolerant and required more maintenance.



City Lake Park pedestrian bridge removal

The Parks and Recreation Department will remove the pedestrian bridge at City Lake Park within the next several weeks. The age and condition of the wood has caused the bridge to fail and it is no longer safe for the public. Replacement wood installed several years ago has not held up. Staff is currently evaluating future bridge replacement options.



Code Ambassador orientation meeting reminder

As a friendly reminder, the City will be hosting an orientation meeting for residents interested in the new Code Ambassador program on Thursday, March 24 at the Mesquite Arts Center, in the Rehearsal Hall, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 972-329-8704 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CodeAmbassadors.

Water Efficient Landscaping workshop offered on April 9

The Water Conservation Office will offer a free workshop in two parts on Saturday, April 9 at the Mesquite Planetarium, 2501 Memorial Boulevard. Part one of the workshop will be held from 9-10:30 a.m. and part two of the workshop will be held from 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Attendees will learn basic design principles, plant placement and proper soil preparation. To register, call (972) 329-8300 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities.



Help reduce your outdoor water bill by attending this free workshop!

APRIL 9, 2016 WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING

Part 1 (9:00 am to 10:30 am)

Are you on a budget, but your landscape needs a facelift? Transform your landscape into a water efficient landscape. Come and learn basic design principles, plant placement, and hardscape so you can "do it yourself".

Part 2 (10:45 am to 12:15 pm)

Now that you been to "Part 1" learn to install and maintain your water efficient landscape design. Learn proper soil preparation, plant installation, hardscape installation and the maintenance of your landscape or garden.



City of Mesquite
offers free
environmental
workshop,
Saturday, April 9th

All attendees will
receive plant
guide and free
moisture meter!

Speaker: Patrick
Dickinson,
AgriLife Research

To register:
Call 972-329-8300
or
<https://dallas.tamu.edu/classes>

LOCATION:
Mesquite ISD
Planetarium

2501 Memorial Drive
Mesquite, TX 75149

For info on upcoming
classes and events
www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities

Library hosts edible book contest

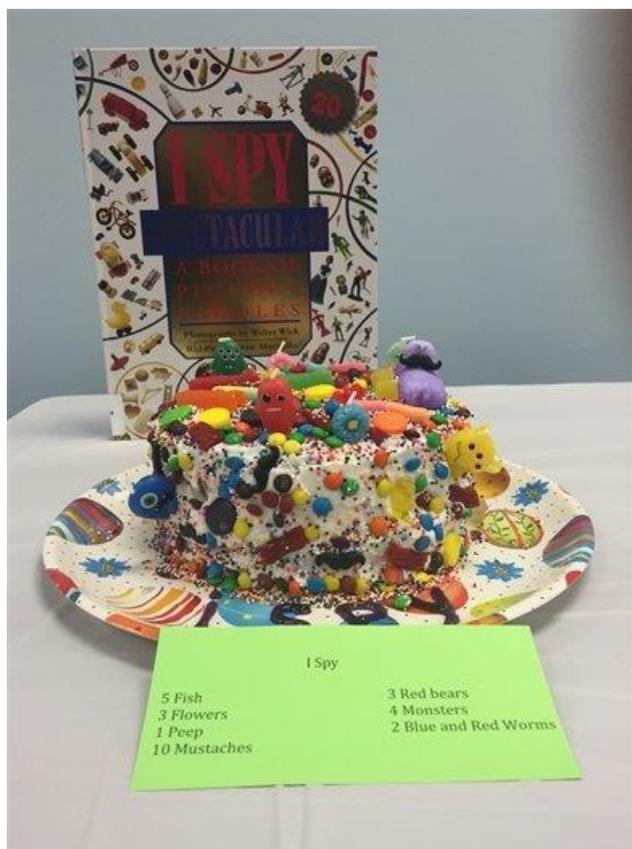
The Friends of the Mesquite Public Library held the Edible Book Contest at the Main Library. This is a fundraiser encouraging participants to use edible materials to create a representation of a book. The general public buys ballots for a dollar that allow them to cast 4 votes for Most Creative and Best Presentation. The Best of Show winner was selected by two judges, Mesquite City Councilmember Shirley Roberts and former Library Director Jeannie Johnson.

Best of Show went to Kendall Herb for "The Mitten" by Jan Brett

Most Creative went to Mary Wavrusa for "Murder on the Orient Express" by Agatha Christie

Best Presentation went to Charlee Stonecipher for "Good Job Little Bear" by Martin Waddell

The Friends of the Mesquite Public Library will use all proceeds to help support the Summer Reading Club Program at the Mesquite Public Library.



Craig Foshee recognized for customer service

The City received a letter recognizing Craig Foshee for helping Sharing Life Community Outreach with the permitting process for their office remodel. Teresa Jackson, CEO of Sharing Life Community Outreach, thanked Craig for his time and assistance throughout the entire process. The City appreciates Craig's hard work and commitment to providing excellent customer service.

Breakfast with the Bunny

Breakfast with the Bunny, presented by Panera Bread, is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 at Evans Recreation Center. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person and children two and under are free. Activities will be held from 9 a.m. to noon and will include a petting zoo, train rides, face painting and pictures with the bunny. An egg hunt for kids ages 9 and under will begin at 11 a.m.

For more information visit: www.cityofmesquite.com/BreakfastWithTheBunny .



Contact your City

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