



July 22, 2016

Staff budget presentations online

This week, the City Council received budget presentations from Neighborhood Services Department and Library Services Department for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/BudgetPresentations.

A City Council Budget Workshop is scheduled for August 5-6, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop will be held in Training Rooms A and B, located on the second floor of City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue.

Florence Ranch Homestead closure

The Florence Ranch Homestead will be closed over the next few months for maintenance work. The work will include foundation repairs, new roofing and painting. Staff expects the project to conclude by the middle of September, weather permitting. During this time, the Historic Homes Coordinator will hold Opal Lawrence Historical Park open for public tours Tuesday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For further information, call 972-216-6468.

Historic Mesquite, Inc. accepting items for Treasures Barn Sale

Historic Mesquite, Inc. is now accepting items for its annual Treasures Barn Sale to be held October 14 - 15 at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street. Tax receipts are available. A preview party and barn bash will also be held this year on October 13 in celebration of the organization's 20th birthday. For more information or to donate an item, call the HMI office at 972-216-6468 for drop off days and times.



Local businesses and City Finance Department donate to Spread the Love Campaign

This week, local businesses leaders brought peanut butter and jelly donations to the networking breakfast hosted by the Chamber of Commerce. The “Spread the Love” peanut butter and jelly campaign also received a large donation from the City’s Finance Department. Director of Finance Debbie Mol challenged staff members to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly in a friendly competition between the department’s divisions. The competition produced a total of 321 donations to the campaign benefiting the food pantries of Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove for more information.



HOME Project Completed

The second Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday (HOME) project was completed this week. A contractor, funded by donations made to the program, rebuilt a fence for an elderly couple on Larchmont Drive. HOME is a local initiative that supports neighborhood revitalization and redevelopment.



Donations for pool discounts

The City will offer admission discounts to City Lake Aquatic Center and Vanston Pool in support of the ongoing “Spread the Love” campaign. Each pool attendee who brings either one jar of peanut butter or one jar of jelly will receive a \$2 discount off of their paid admission fee. The discounts will be offered from noon to 5 p.m. One discount will be given per person. No discounts will be offered at Town East Pool.



Special swim times

The City is offering three special swim times for pool attendees this summer:

Toddler Swim: City Lake Aquatic Center's zero depth entry play pool will be reserved from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for a special swim time with toddlers four years and younger and their parents. Admission is \$4 per adult.

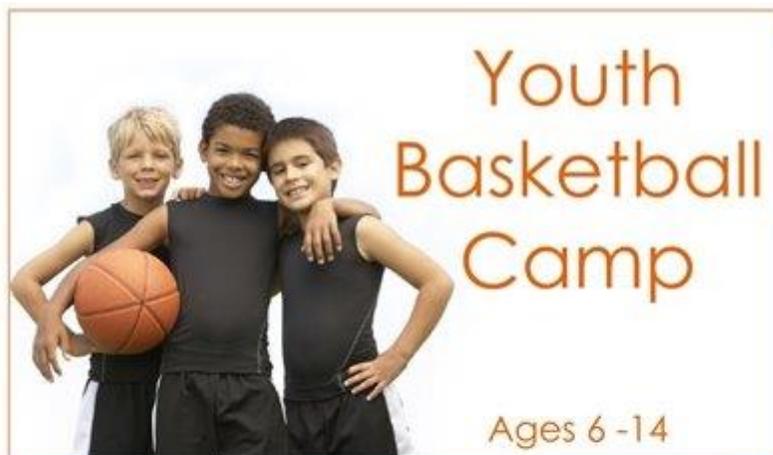
50+ Adult Open Swim: City Lake Aquatic Center will be open for adults 50+ only from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Admission is \$1 per adult, 50 years and older.

Family of Four: A special rate of \$10 per family of four will be offered at City Lake Aquatic Center on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and at Vanston Pool from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays.



Youth basketball camp

Youth Basketball Camp is a week-long clinic dedicated to improving basketball skills for children ages 6-14. The camp is August 1 -5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration is available at any recreation center from July 11-29. The fee is \$45 per player.



Monday, August 1 - Friday, August 5

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

\$45 per player

Ages 6 - 10: Thompson Elementary School (2525 Helen Lane)

Ages 11 - 14: Shaw Elementary School (707 Purple Sage Trail)

Registration Dates: July 11 - 29

Register in person at one of the following locations:

Dunford Recreation Center (1015 Green Canyon Dr.)

Evans Recreation Center (1116 Hillcrest St.)

Florence Recreation Center (2501 Whitson Way)

Rutherford Recreation Center (900 Rutherford Dr.)

Administration Office (1515 North Galloway Ave.)

www.CityofMesquite.com/pard

972-216-6260



Doggie Splash Day

Doggie Splash Day will be held on August 13 from 9 a.m. to noon at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. After the City pools have closed for the summer, dogs and their owners are invited to cool-off, play in the pool and compete for prizes during the event. There is a fee of \$5 for one owner and one pet, \$2 for each additional pet and \$1 for all spectators. Bring a jar of peanut butter or jelly and receive \$2 off admission.



City announces changes to online data of police and fire response calls

The City is placing safety above statistics when it comes to information transparency and protecting first responders. In light of recent events in Dallas and other communities in this country where public safety officials were the targets of violence, the City has decided to modify the “active calls for service” located in the Public Safety section of www.cityofmesquite.com/Transparency. Call data will now be archived and posted once the scene is cleared. The real time data of calls for service and their respective locations places additional risk on first responders. The website will refresh every ten minutes with updated call data.

Public meeting on improvements to SH 352 to be held August 23

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on August 23 at Sunnyvale Town Hall, 127 Collins Road, to obtain public feedback on the proposed improvements to State Highway 352, north of Kearney Street to US Highway 80. The public meeting will have an open house format from 5 to 7 p.m. with no formal presentation. More information is available at www.KeepItMovingDallas.com under Public Hearings/Meetings.

Algal bloom at Palos Verdes Lake

An algal bloom is the rapid growth of an algae population in a body of water caused by a combination of high temperatures and limited rainfall. The blooms typically occur in the late summer months of July and August. Although the bloom can give off unpleasant odors, the water remains safe. The City has been treating the bloom at Palos Verdes Park for the last six weeks. Staff will continue to treat the bloom and monitor other ponds in the City.

Contact your City

Let us hear from you. If you have a concern or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City of Mesquite at 972-299-7711 or visit the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/questions.