



August 26, 2016



Beam installed at Freedom Park

The 15-foot, 575-pound twisted beam from one of the Twin Towers destroyed on September 11, 2001 was recently installed at the new Freedom Park. The park will serve as a place to celebrate the freedoms of art, music, education and assembly. A public dedication event for the park is scheduled for September 11, at 3 p.m. on the North Lawn of the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001.



Animal Shelter announces new operating hours

On August 24, the Animal Shelter, 1650 Gross Road, began new operating hours. The shelter will now be closed on Wednesdays to provide staff the opportunity to conduct field operations and general shelter duties. No adoptions or in-take of animals is provided on Wednesdays, however

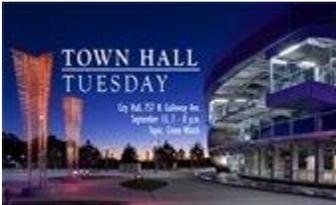
staff is available to assist customers by phone. Wednesday was selected as the day of the week to be closed because the shelter experiences the least amount of customer traffic on that day. The shelter will be open from 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; and Saturdays from 1 – 5:30 p.m.



Mayor's Bi-Monthly Prayer Breakfast features 9/11 survivor

Mayor Stan Pickett's next Bi-Monthly Prayer Breakfast will feature 9/11 survivor and former United States Secret Service agent Ms. Samantha Horwitz. The free breakfast, sponsored by First State Bank, will be held at 7:30 a.m. on September 1 at Lakeside Activity Center, 101 Holley Park Drive. The public is invited to attend. The program is organized in association with Vision Mesquite, a multi-ethnic, faith-based leadership team.

For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PrayerBreakfast.



Town Hall Tuesday to be held September 13

The next Town Hall Tuesday will be held on September 13 from 7 - 8 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The topic will be community policing. A question and answer session will be offered and attendees will have the

opportunity to interact with City staff.

For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHallTuesdays.



Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. to host Trash Bash on September 17

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) will host the semi-annual Mesquite Trash Bash on September 17. The event is part of the "Don't Mess with Texas" Trash-off and the Great American Clean-up. Groups can be assigned to a location of their choosing or to an area designated by KMB. Volunteers will receive a free lunch and Trash Bash

t-shirt, while supplies last. Volunteer groups are encouraged to register for the Trash Bash at www.keeptmesquitebeautiful.org. For more details, call the KMB office at 972-329-8331.



Johnny Rogers “Buddy & Beyond” to perform at Mesquite Arts Center

Johnny Rogers “Buddy & Beyond” will be performing at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue, at 3 p.m. on September 18. The music of Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Ritchie Valens and other artists of the same era will be featured. Tickets start at \$20 each and are available at www.showtix4U.com.



Recreation After School Program

The Recreation After School Program (RASP) began this week serving more than 500 elementary students. RASP activities include games, outdoor play, arts and crafts, snacks and homework time. The program operates in conjunction with the MISD calendar. RASP is located at

Achziger, Beasley, Florence, McKenzie, Rutherford, Shaw and Thompson elementary schools.

For more information or a registration packet visit, www.cityofmesquite.com/rasp.



Florence Ranch Homestead construction continues

The construction activity at Florence Ranch Homestead will continue next week with the re-roofing of the home. This is the second phase of the maintenance project, following the foundation adjustment. Once the roofing is complete, any rotted wood will be replaced and the house will be repainted. Staff expects the grand re-opening of the property to occur in late September, weather permitting.



HOME project completed by Mesquite Firefighters Association

This week, the Mesquite Firefighters Association completed a Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday (HOME) project on Springleaf Drive. The 15 volunteers gave more than 55 hours conducting significant fence repair. This marks the third HOME project that has been

completed through the program. For more information about HOME, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/HOME.

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.