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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

5, 20 (Tue.) **January 2015**
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.,
 City Hall, 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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New City Hall and Municipal Court hours announced



The City of Mesquite has announced new lobby hours for City Hall (757 N. Galloway Avenue) and Municipal Court (211 Municipal Way). The new hours of operation will be Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and become effective

on January 5. Adjusting the lobby hours will allow more City staff to be available to serve customers during peak hours of the day, both in person and on the telephone. The City would also like to remind its water utility customers of the various ways their bill can be paid. Payments can be made in person using the drop box located at the Galloway Avenue entrance into the City Hall parking lot or at the customer service office located on the first floor of City Hall. Additional payment options include:

- Mail a check with your bill to: City of Mesquite, Water Utilities, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, Mesquite, TX 75149
- Use the new and improved online system. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/paybill.
- Pay with a check using our Check-by-Phone system. (972-216-6208)
- Set up a monthly bank draft using the account number from your November bill.
- Pay with a credit card-by-phone through Interactive Voice Response. (972-216-6208)
- Use Fidelity Express located at various store locations in Mesquite. For locations, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WaterBillPaymentLocations.
- Using your smart phone, download the new phone app. Search "Mesquite Utility Mobile."

For additional questions or assistance, please call the Utility Billing Office at 972-216-6208.

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John Monaco
Mayor



Al Forsythe
Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 2



Greg Noschese
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 5



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Bruce Archer
Councilmember
Place 3



Shirley Roberts
Councilmember
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

On behalf of the entire City Council, I am proud to announce Mesquite has extended and expanded its transit service again, by adding hourly mid-day connection service to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system. This new mid-day service begins January 1, 2015. The existing City of Mesquite Passenger Shuttle (COMPASS) offers weekday trips from the COMPASS stop at the Hanby Football Stadium parking lot to the DART Lawnview Station during the hours of 5 - 9 a.m. and 3:30 - 7 p.m. By extending the service hours to include 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., passengers in our community will now get all-day access to COMPASS and can navigate all the buses and trains within the entire DART system for only \$7 a day. This will be a great opportunity for those who live in Mesquite and work in the DART service area. Furthermore, for families with one household vehicle, this expanded service will offer them new transportation opportunities. I encourage you to learn more about this service. For schedule details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/compass.

John Monaco, Mayor

New phone app offers easy way for water utility customers to pay their bill

A new water utility app is now available for iPhones and Android users. This new app allows the City's water utility customers to access their accounts, pay their bill and obtain detailed account information. For additional questions or assistance with the app, please call the Utility Billing Office at 972-216-6208.



Did You Know?

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

Did you know the City will pick up appliances? The Solid Waste Division will pick up discarded refrigerators, dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers, hot water heaters, stoves, lawnmowers and other household appliances at no additional charge. Appliances are collected each Wednesday from either your alley or front curb. If you have an item to be collected, contact the Solid Waste Office prior to Wednesday. Pick-ups can be scheduled by calling 972-216-6285.

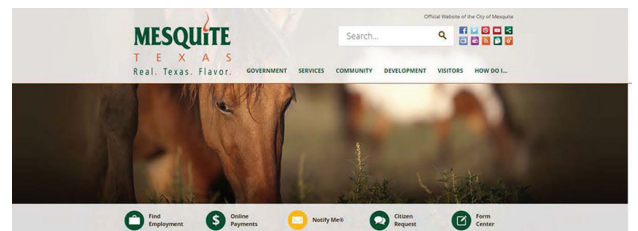
Critter Corner: What if my pet dies?

Unfortunately every animal passes at some point. The City of Mesquite is available to help with the removal of deceased pets. You may bring your pet to the Animal Shelter and Adoption Center during regular hours of operation, or if you prefer, you may place your pet in a box or bag at your curb for an Animal Control Officer to collect. For animal pick-up, please call Animal Services at 972-216-6283.



Stay informed by signing up for free Notify Me alerts

The City of Mesquite has a new service available to keep the public informed. The service is called Notify Me. The public can register for the free service by selecting the Notify Me button on the city website at www.cityofmesquite.com. By choosing the News Release option under Notify Me, subscribers will receive weekly emails and text alerts to their phones of news, events and more. The brief messages contain links to the City's website for further details on each story. Thus, empowering the subscriber to select the stories they wish to read in further detail. It is an easy way to stay informed about the City of Mesquite and the public services we provide.



Solid Waste announce holiday schedule for January

The solid waste holiday schedule for the month of January is listed below. For more information, please call 972-216-6285.

Garbage Collection

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1
* Will be collected on Monday, January 5

Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 19
* Will be collected on Thursday, January 22

Recycle Collection

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1
* Will be collected on Thursday, January 8

Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 19
* Will be collected on Monday, January 26

Compost Site/Convenience Center

New Year's Day - Thursday, January 1
* Closed. Will resume operations on Friday, January 2

Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 19
* Closed. Will resume operations on Tuesday, January 20



KMB seeks donations

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) delivers over a dozen annual programs to educate and motivate people to take care of our city. Programs include Mesquite Recycles Day, Trash Bash, the Recycling Fashion Show and so many more environmental education programs. Please consider Keep Mesquite Beautiful in your giving plan this holiday season. Donations are accepted online at www.keeppmesquitebeautiful.org. Also, contact the KMB office at 972-329-8331 for event sponsorship opportunities.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

New Year's Fitness Plan

Start your year off right! Get back to the gym for \$50 a year. To purchase a membership you will need to present your valid drivers license or identification card and proof of residency. Four convenient locations are near you: Dunford Recreation Center at 1015 Green Canyon; Evans Recreation Center at 1116 Hillcrest; Florence Recreation Center at 2501 Whitson Way; Rutherford Recreation Center at 900 Rutherford.



Zumba Zumba Fitness

The program is a group class where high-energy dance music keeps everyone engaged and motivated. This isn't a workout... it's a party! Dunford Recreation Center: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 p.m. and Rutherford Recreation Center: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 7 - 8 p.m. Ages: 16+. The cost is \$25 per month or \$5 drop-in fee.

TJ's Hip Hop Line Dancing

This low-impact, high-energy hip hop line dancing is for everyone! Groove and learn hip hop line dance moves and routines to some of today's hot new songs! All skill levels are welcome. Dunford Recreation Center on Fridays, 7 - 8 p.m. Ages: 9+. The cost is \$25 monthly and try the first class for free.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Mark your calendar, this year's Daddy Daughter Dance theme is "All That Jazz" and will be held Friday, February 6, at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. The dance is for fathers and their daughters between the ages of 4 and 12.



Mesquite Arts Center Activities

The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway.

For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call 972-216-6444 or visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org

Just For Kids: Second Saturdays of the Month at the Mesquite Arts Center

On Saturday, January 10, at 10 a.m., this free program will offer award-winning entertainer Brett Roberts' Magic School. Children will learn how to perform many of the tricks in the show and they will get to demonstrate the magic tricks for their friends.



Mesquite Arts Council presents

"Three Jazz Divas" featuring Drenda Barnett, Jennifer Barnes and Carla Norris-Hopkins on Friday, January 16, 7:30 p.m. This concert features an all-star cast of Dallas area jazz vocalists, each with their own unique style.

The Ken Davis Chorale on Saturday, January 17, at 3 p.m. A Dallas-based chorale ensemble, The Ken Davis Chorale is comprised of former members of the Texas Tech University Choir.

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents their concert "Swing Time!" on Saturday, January 31, at 7:30 p.m.



The Mesquite Arts Center is looking to expand its programming into literature.

With that, here is the featured poem of the month.

"The Three Jazz Divas" by Amy Sandberg

*Three Dallas Divas merging diverse styles
from Modern and Blues to old standards to keep us smiling.
Smooth and sultry, sometimes mellow, then.....
Suddenly, an effervescence of scat bubbling its way through
the calm, signaling a change of pace.*

*The beat at times so fast it is moving you to your feet,
so slow, at times, you are wanting to hold each other close.
Ending the night finds you in sweet repose.*

Community Snapshots



At the November 3 City Council meeting, members of the American Legion Post 504, located in Mesquite, led the Pledge of Allegiance.



On November 6, Eastfield Community College (ECC) announced a partnership with Columbia College to begin offering four-year degrees to students at the ECC campus located in Mesquite.



On November 7, the City of Mesquite celebrated Arbor Day by dedicating one newly planted Bur Oak tree at Gentry Elementary School. Thus far, 31,217 trees have been planted in the community since the inception of the Urban Forestry Program in 1988. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Greg Noschese and City Arborist Travis Sales proudly display the Arbor Day flag.