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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 2016

- 4** Free landscaping workshops, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/Utilities, or call the Water Conservation Office at 972-329-8300.
 - 6, 20** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
 - 11, 25** Mesquite Marketplace, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 150 W. Main Street.
 - 11** Join us for a free Saturday Matinee, 2:30 p.m., at the Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr. For more information, call the North Branch Library at 972-681-0465.
 - 16** Magician Brett Roberts will work his magic for the kids at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 2:30 p.m. Call the Main Library at 972-216-6220 for more details.
 - 16** Sprinkler System Quick Fixes workshop, 6 p.m., at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/Utilities, or call the Water Conservation Office at 972-329-8300.
- For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/holidays.

Summer Sizzle to be held June 11

Kick off your summer with Summer Sizzle, a family-friendly festival hosted by the City of Mesquite. Gather your friends and family and join us at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road, on Saturday, June 11, from noon - 10:30 p.m. Enjoy live music, food trucks, children's activities, a BBQ contest, mud volleyball tournament, vendors and more! Plus, a spectacular fireworks show set to music will end the night beginning at 10 p.m. Entrance into the park is free, but some activities will have a fee.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SummerSizzle for more details!



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Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 5



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Tem, Place 3



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Councilmember
Place 1



Jeff Casper
Councilmember
Place 2



Shirley Roberts
Councilmember
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

I am pleased to announce the City Council and I recently adopted policy issue priorities for 2016 and strategic goals for the future of Mesquite. We are excited about the consensus we reached to move forward on these issues, which include Public Safety, Neighborhood Appearance and Condition, Job Creation, Downtown Redevelopment, Shopping Center Revitalization, IH-20 Corridor Development, Small Business Retention, Sharing Our Story, Minority Citizen Involvement and Infrastructure Maintenance.

Prioritizing our policy issues and goals allows for strategic focus on our budget planning and decision-making process, thus enhancing our public service to the community and our citizens. These priorities and goals were identified during the October 16 - 17, 2015, policy workshop and the February 13, 2016, goal-setting workshop.

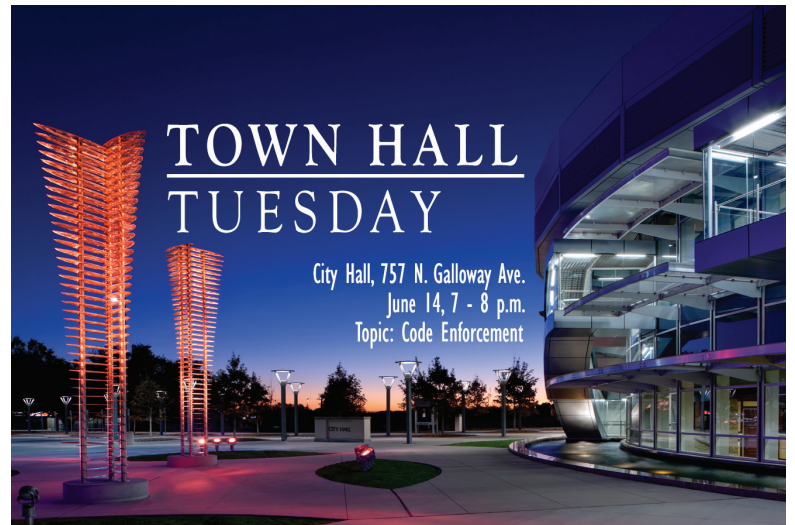
I look forward to working as a team to improve Mesquite, and I encourage all residents to find out more about these goals and priorities at www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilGoals.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

Mesquite launches new town hall program

The City of Mesquite has launched a new program called “Town Hall Tuesdays” to educate and engage citizens. Each Town Hall Tuesday will feature a new topic and include activities to interact with city staff. Town Hall Tuesdays will be held at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave., from 7 - 8 p.m. Scheduled topics include Code Enforcement on June 14, the Budget Process on July 12, Crime Watch on September 13, and the 2017 City Council Goals on November 8.



MPD Academy graduates 14 recruits

The Mesquite Police Department has announced the graduation of 14 recruits from the Mesquite Police Academy, Basic Police Officer Course (BPOC). These recruits graduated on April 1 after completing a rigorous 25-week BPOC program. They are currently continuing their education through a 17-week field training program. The new officers will be assigned to patrol duties after successful completion of the field training program.



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
Main Library	972-216-6220
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

Community Video Partnership

The Mesquite Police Department (MPD) works in partnership with citizens and businesses in our community to prevent and address criminal activity. Many properties in the city currently operate private surveillance systems. The MPD is asking these residents and businesses to register their surveillance systems to assist the department with investigations through the use of video footage in the event a crime occurs near their property. Citizens who register their surveillance systems could receive an email requesting access to their video footage should a crime occur nearby. The MPD will not have direct access to the surveillance systems.



To register, go to www.cityofmesquite.com/VideoPartnership. Please contact Officer Don Williams at dwilliam@mesquitelaplice.org or Officer Steven Contreras at scontrer@mesquitelaplice.org for more details.

Annual Water Quality Report

The City of Mesquite is required to make available to its water customers an Annual Water Quality Report by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City of Mesquite strives to provide high quality drinking water that is safe and reliable to our customers and maintains a "superior" water system rating with the TCEQ. The report can be viewed on the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/waterqualityreport. For more information or to request a printed copy of this report, please call the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.

Real. Texas. Roads. update

Construction has started on the first streets to be repaired in the Real. Texas. Roads. program. The initial phase includes pavement lifting, which entails the injection of polyurethane foam under the street to fill voids and stabilize the soil for support of the paved surface. Contractors have started work on those streets in need of pavement lifting and will continue this work throughout the project. Notices providing City contact and construction information were delivered to all residents of those streets to be repaired this year. An Interactive Road Map providing real-time status updates of those streets being repaired and their current phase of construction is available at www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads along with additional information.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Movies in the Park

Join us for Movies in the Park on June 17 in City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Ave., and watch the movie Underdog. Attendees will also be able to climb and explore city vehicles during the pre-show Touch-a-Truck. Activities begins at 7 p.m. Bring blankets and refreshments, and enjoy the show beginning at dusk.

Summer Camps

Eight summer camp options are available! Camp Rorie-Galloway, Blast Camp, Sports Camp and Archery Camp are offered this summer for children ages 6 - 12, Monday - Friday. Teen Camp and Counselor in Training are also available for teens, and two Tennis Camps are available for children up to 17 years old. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps for details, locations and costs.



Camping 101

Learn to camp on Saturday, June 18, 1 - 6:30 p.m. at Camp Rorie-Galloway. Camping 101 is designed to empower your family with the basic camping skills to enjoy an overnight adventure. Learn to pitch a tent, fish, build a campfire, geocache, and more. All equipment is provided. Registration is May 2 - June 10. The fee is \$35 for a family of four, plus \$5 for each additional family member. A snack, dinner and breakfast will be provided for those who camp overnight.

Graduates of Camping 101 will have the opportunity to put their skills to the test the following weekend, June 25 - 26, for an overnight camping experience at Cedar Hill State Park guided by our expert staff. All equipment will be provided. The fee is \$35 for family of four, plus \$5 for each additional family member.



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

**Mesquite Community Band: Music in the
Park** held every Monday in June at 7 p.m. on
the lawn of the Mesquite Arts Center.
The event is free.



**Mesquite Arts Council:
Jazz Breaks** held every
Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on
the lawn of the Mesquite
Arts Center.
The event is free.



**Mesquite Community
Theater** presents *Red,
White and Tuna*, June 10 - 26. For more information or to
purchase tickets, visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com.

Art Camp offered for children in first through fourth grade,
June 20 - 24, 9 a.m. - noon each day in the Rehearsal Hall.
Cost is \$75 per child.



Talkin' Turf with Travis

Here are landscaping tips from Travis E. Sales, the
City's Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation and
Municipal Arborist. If you have questions or concerns
about your landscape, please feel free to contact Travis
at tsales@cityofmesquite.com or check out more tips at
www.cityofmesquite.com/Travis.

Irrigation systems and watering tips

The month of May is when Mother Nature really starts throwing
the heat at us in North Texas. This is also the time we start
applying water to our lawns and landscape. The problem is most of
us apply too much water to our lawns and landscapes. A good rule
of thumb is lawns and landscapes need approximately one-inch of
water a week to thrive in full sun.

The average irrigation system applies water at an average
precipitation rate of two-inches per hour. This means the
irrigation system needs to only run for thirty minutes per station/
zone per week to achieve one-inch of water. The best way to apply
this amount of water is two times per week at 15 minutes per zone,
because watering times above 15 minutes produce runoff due to
the heavy clay soils in this region.

The controller should also be shutoff anytime rain is forecasted to
prevent water waste. If it rains an inch or more, shut the system
off for that week. If it does not rain, water the next day. Over-
watering symptoms look just like under-watering symptoms, and
overwatering is the number one cause of plant death and disease
in landscapes.

Community Snapshots



On March 26, Chief Cato and members of the Mesquite
Police Department joined hundreds in Dallas for the Race 4
Community. The event benefits Operation Blue Shield.



Congratulations to Zachary Evans for achieving the rank of
Eagle Scout, and Matthew Evans for recently completing his
Eagle Scout service project! Mesquite Fire Lieutenant Darrel
Evans is the proud father of both young men.



On April 11, Mayor Stan Pickett joined executives of Head
Start at a special ceremony in Mesquite to celebrate the
Week of the Young Child.