



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2013

- 1, 15** **City Council Meeting**, 3 p.m., Council Chambers, 757 N. Galloway, 972-216-6244
- 20** **Irrigation Basics Free Workshop**, 10 a.m., Rutherford Community Center, 900 Rutherford Dr. Pre-register at 972-329-8300 or kfonvill@cityofmesquite.com
- 25** **“Dazzling Dave’s Science Spectacular,”** 2:30 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive (Ages 6 - 12)

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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Annual Addressing Mesquite Day set for October 5

The City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance are hosting one of the largest one-day volunteer efforts in the North Texas region on Saturday, October 5. Addressing Mesquite Day will have hundreds of volunteers from churches, civic clubs and other organizations in Mesquite performing minor home repairs and yard work for residents in need. This annual event showcases Mesquite’s community spirit.

The City is currently inviting residents who are in need of assistance with various yard chores, painting, cleaning and minor home repairs to submit an application. This is an opportunity for those residents age 60 and over, people living with a disability, or who are veterans, to get help with exterior home improvement projects.

The deadline for residents to submit a job request form is Thursday, July 25. On page four there is an application that can be completed and sent to the City for review. If residents have any questions about their eligibility or need more information about this free public service program, they are encouraged to contact the City Manager’s Office at 972-216-6409.



Assistant City Manager Jerry Dittman saws wood for new wheelchair ramp.



John Monaco
Mayor



Stan Pickett
Mayor Pro Tem
Place 3



Shirley Roberts
Deputy Mayor
Pro Tem, Place 4



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Al Forsythe
Councilmember
Place 2



Greg Noschese
Councilmember
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the 2013 Real.Texas. Festival. a huge success. We welcomed approximately 25,000 people through our gates for the two-day event. They enjoyed concerts, rodeo action, contests, exhibits and so much more. All of this success would not have been possible if it were not for the hard work of many people. The City's Parks and Recreation Department organizes the festival and is extremely dedicated to producing a safe and enjoyable event. Several organizations also partner with the City for the Real.Texas. Festival., including the Hispanic Forum of Mesquite, the Mesquite Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the Mesquite Fire Corps. In addition, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all the volunteers who helped in so many ways to assist our staff.

And finally, I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge the community for its support of the Mayor's Canned Food Drive which raised more than 2,500 pounds of food and \$1,990 for Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services. The 2013 Real.Texas.Festival. was another great success and on behalf of all our employees, the entire City Council and the residents we serve – "Thank You!"

John Monaco
John Monaco, Mayor



Luby's General Manager Jesse Toves and Luby's Area Leader William Devlin present donation to Mesquite Mayor John Monaco at Real.Texas.Festival.

Talkin' Turf with Travis

This is a frequent column by Manager of Park Services Travis E. Sales who is also serves as the Municipal Arborist and Golf Course Superintendent. For questions, contact Travis at 972-216-8121 or tsales@cityofmesquite.com. Visit Travis's webpage at www.cityofmesquite.com/travis.

The month of June is when Mother Nature really starts throwing the heat at us in North Texas. This is also the time that we really start to water our lawns and landscapes. The problem is that most of us apply much more water than is actually needed. A good rule of thumb is that our lawns and landscapes need approximately one inch of water a week to be very healthy in full sun.



The average spray head irrigation system applies water at an average precipitation rate of two inches per hour. With this information in mind, one can see that we need to only run the irrigation system for 30 minutes per station/zone per week to achieve one inch of water. The controller should be shut off anytime rain is forecasted to prevent water waste. Remember, if it rains an inch, then you can shut your system off for that week. Below is a sample irrigation controller set-up based on the average lot size with a four-zone irrigation controller. You can also have two start times about two hours apart to allow water to thoroughly soak in between operations.

Watering start time at 6 a.m.*

- Zone 1: Front of house, 20 minutes with turf grass in full sun
- Zone 2: Side of house, 5 - 7 minutes with full shade
- Zone 3: Back of house, 15 minutes with partial shade
- Zone 4: Landscape beds, 15 minutes with partial shade

*Note: Stage 3 restrictions prohibit outdoor watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Overwatering symptoms look just like under-watering symptoms because a flooded root system cannot take up water, basically making the plant suffer from a lack of water. It is the number one cause of plant death and disease issues in your landscape and lawn. Most importantly, Mesquite is under Stage 3 watering restrictions, so please adhere to all rules within those restrictions. For information on the most current outdoor watering guidelines, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities or call 972-329-8533.

School immunizations are available now

The Department of Community Services urges parents of school-aged children to stop by the Mesquite Public Health Clinic this summer to get their required immunizations for next school year. During early summer the Heath Clinic is usually at its lowest client demand, making it the perfect time to take care of the required immunizations. The clinic is located at 1616 N. Galloway Avenue and is open Monday - Wednesday from 8 - 11:00 a.m. and 1 - 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 972-329-8326.

Did You Know?

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

Did you know, as part of a new fee structure this year, the City Council approved a discount for Mesquite residents? However, guests of the three Mesquite pools must show identification to receive the discount. The \$3 discount is available for most entry fees. City Lake Aquatic Center and Vanston Pool will open May 25. Town East Pool will open June 8. For more information on pool hours and discounts, call the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260.



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:

The public is invited to City Lake Park on Friday, July 12, to Movies in the Park. This is the third event in a series lasting throughout the summer. Movies in the Park are a great opportunity for the whole family to experience movie watching in the great outdoors. The event is free and features the movie "Madagascar 3" beginning at dusk. Patrons are encouraged to bring their picnic baskets, lawn chairs and blankets. There will also be movie trivia, snow cones, face painting and more.



Girls Summer Volleyball Camp

The summer volleyball camp for girls ages 6 - 14 will provide an introduction to basic volleyball skills. The camp cost is \$50 per child and includes a camp shirt. The last day to register for the camp is July 14.

Mesquite under Stage 3 water restrictions



At the request of the North Texas Municipal Water District, the City of Mesquite has implemented Stage 3 watering restrictions. For details on the most current outdoor watering guidelines, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities or call 972-329-8533.

The restrictions for homeowners and businesses located in Mesquite are:

- Lawn watering is limited to one time each week based on address. Addresses that end in the following numbers may water on the corresponding day: 0 or 1 Monday, 2 or 3 Tuesday, 4 or 5 Wednesday, 6 or 7 Thursday, 8 or 9 Friday.
- No lawn watering is allowed between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on any day.
- Vehicle washing is only permitted with the use of a hose-end positive shut-off nozzle.
- Operation of malfunctioning irrigation equipment is not permitted at any time.

Mesquite Arts Center Activities

The following activities are funded in part by the City of Mesquite hotel-motel occupancy tax revenues.

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

For updates, check www.mesquiteartscenter.org, or call 972-216-6444.

July

- 7 **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration. 2 p.m. 214-566-8269
- 8 **"Monthly Paint-In."** 10 a.m. 214-566-8269
- 8 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting. 7 p.m. 214-771-5473
- 15 - 20 **Missoula Theatre Camp** – "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" will be presented by the Mesquite Arts Council for Grades 1-12 (all participants must be a minimum age of 6). A ticketed performance will take place on Saturday, July 20 at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.



WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

Do you or your neighbors need some extra assistance with exterior house or yard projects? Help is on the way! On Saturday, October 5, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite are hosting Addressing Mesquite Day. This event matches community volunteer groups with homeowners in need of extra assistance. Some of the projects could include:

- Painting the outside of a home
- Major yard work
- Constructing minor structures (such as a ramp, etc.)
- Tearing down structures (such as an old shed)

Addressing Mesquite Day Job Request Form

Please note, while the City would like to assist every applicant, the number of job requests that can be granted is directly dependent upon the level of volunteer participation. **Job requests will only be accepted for OWNER-OCCUPIED homes. Priority will be given to seniors, residents with disabilities or veterans.**

Owner's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Project Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mesquite Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Did you apply for Addressing Mesquite Day last year? Yes _____ No _____

JOB DESCRIPTION (EXTERIOR WORK ONLY)

Please indicate jobs to be performed and, if needed, describe specifically on an attached sheet of paper.

MAJOR YARD WORK

- Moving dirt/digging Trimming trees/hedges
 Raking leaves Weeding
 Mowing

CLEAN-UP JOBS

- Cleaning/sweeping
 Remove debris from property
 Washing windows
(# of windows)

OTHER JOBS

- Painting
(describe on separate sheet)
 Accessibility ramp
 Other _____

SUPPLIES

- I can provide all supplies needed.
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide some supplies.
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide all supplies.

Check all of the following that apply to the owner of the work site address:

- Single-parent
 Disabled
 60 and older
 Widow
 Veteran
 Owner-occupied

AUTHORIZATION

I certify that I am the owner of the job site concerning the above requested improvements. I understand this is only a request. The number of requests granted is dependent upon volunteer and resource capacity. Furthermore, I understand that the City of Mesquite staff must approve all job requests and I authorize City staff to take pictures of my property for use in evaluating applications.

Signature

Date

For Office Use Only

Job # _____

Zone # _____

Member: _____

Return the completed job request form by July 25 to:

Addressing Mesquite Day
Attn: Kim Attebery, City of Mesquite
P.O. Box 850137
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137