



Dear Residents,

Mesquite Sunrise Rotary Club (MSRC) is a voluntary organization of professionals who participate, organize and sponsor local projects that benefit the community. Each year MSRC chooses a project which promotes the core values of the club. I am proud to announce MSRC selected Mesquite Social Services (MSS) for a revitalization project. The club, with assistance from the City of Mesquite, is renovating the MSS building this summer. They have contacted members of the American Society of Concrete Contractors and other local contractors to take part in this project. MSRC started with the interior demolition to create a new thrift store and a new storm drain is being installed to prevent future flooding. There will also be a new drop ceiling, painting, electrical wiring, plumbing and other improvements to the building. I want to thank MSRC, the American Society of Concrete Contractors and all



the volunteers for their efforts. This project is another example of why I am so proud to be the Mayor of this wonderful city.

And speaking of the MSS, summer can be one of the hungriest times of the year for families with children who depend on their school's free or reduced-price meal programs. Once schools close for the summer, parents often struggle to provide meals their kids normally enjoy at school. MSS is looking for "kid friendly foods". These are foods that children can prepare themselves without using an oven or a stove. I encourage you to call my friend Alex Priakos, MSS Executive Director, at 972-285-3500 and ask her about how you can donate food or funds.

Sincerely,

John Monaco
Mayor

MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

A R T I V I T I E S

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.

AUGUST

- 3-30 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** will hold an exhibition, in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The galleries are open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and during performances.
- 1 **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration at 2 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall. The public is invited. 214-566-8269
- 6-21 "Close Ties" presented by the **Mesquite Community Theatre**. 972-216-8126
- 9 **Monthly Paint-In** begins at 10 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. 214-566-8269
- 8/31-29 "Handwoven Fabric: American Tradition / Contemporary Art" presented by the **Mesquite Arts Council**. Exhibit hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and during performances. 972-216-6444

SEPTEMBER

- 18 **Artist reception** for the artists exhibiting in "Handwoven Fabric: American Tradition / Contemporary Art" in the Main Gallery from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- 11 **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** Membership Gala & Concert featuring the music of *Tucker, Still, Beethoven*, with soloists and chorus of Brookhaven College and Lovers Lane United Methodist Church. Performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 Adult, \$8 Seniors & \$6 Students. 972-216-8127
- 12 **Texas Area Artists** will host their monthly meeting and artist demonstration at 2 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall. The public is invited. 214-566-8269
- 13 **Monthly Paint-In** begins at 10 a.m. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. 214-566-8269
- 13 **Mesquite Creative Arts Club** monthly meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features an artist demonstration. 972-463-6004

Downloadable eAudiobooks available at the Mesquite Public Library

The Mesquite Public Library has downloadable eAudiobooks for library patrons to use free of charge. It is a convenient way to enjoy books while exercising and it is an alternative to listening to the radio while driving. Thousands of eAudiobooks from leading publishers are compatible with virtually all MP3 players, including iPods. They are available to Mesquite Library patrons through NetLibrary. However, to download and listen to eAudiobooks, a free NetLibrary account must be created from within the library. Once the account has been created, patrons can log into the library's collection from any computer with Internet access.

NetLibrary's growing catalog includes a wide range of fiction, non-fiction, classic, academic and award-winning titles. If you already have an account with the library, you can access NetLibrary by logging onto the Mesquite Public Library's website at www.library.mesquite.tx.us and clicking on the "Download eAudiobooks" icon.

For questions about this service, contact the Mesquite Main Library at 972-216-6220.

MAINSTREAM

Mesquite's annual Addressing Mesquite Day is set for October 9



The City of Mesquite is again organizing one of the largest one-day volunteer efforts in the North Texas region. On Saturday, October 9, hundreds of volunteers from civic clubs, church groups and other organizations will fan out in Mesquite to perform minor home repair and yard work for residents in need. This annual event is truly one of the signature activities that showcases Mesquite's community spirit.

The City is currently asking residents who are in need of assistance with various yard chores, painting, cleaning, repairs to their house or other tasks to submit a job request form. This is an opportunity for those residents over the age of 60 and people living with a disability, to get help with home-improvement projects.

The deadline for residents to submit their job request forms is August 13. On the inside of this edition of Mainstream, there is a job request form 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 public service program, they are encouraged to contact the Community Services Department at 972-329-8330.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 1 Texas Area Artists monthly meeting, 2 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Rehearsal Hall, 1527 N. Galloway Ave.
- 2, 16 City Council Meeting, 3 p.m., Council Chambers, 711 N. Galloway
- 14 Doggie Spash Day, 10 a.m., Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates
- 23 Mesquite Community Theatre auditions for "Laura", 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway Ave.
- 26 Mesquite Public Library's Teen Anime Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive

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WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

Do you or your neighbors need some extra assistance with house or yard projects? Help is on the way! On Saturday, October 9, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite are hosting a citywide event called 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 landscaping tasks
- Constructing minor structures (such as a ramp, etc.)
- Tearing down structures (such as an old shed)

Do not let this wonderful opportunity pass by. The faith-based community of Mesquite stands ready to lend a hand.

Addressing Mesquite Day Job Request Card

Owner's Name: _____ Home Phone # _____

Address of Project: _____ Work Phone # _____

Mesquite Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone # _____

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

Disclaimer: Job Requests will only be accepted for OWNER-OCCUPIED homes. Priority will be given to seniors or residents with disabilities.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Please indicate job(s) to be performed and, if needed, describe specifically in an attached letter.

EXTERIOR WORK ONLY

MAJOR LANDSCAPE WORK

Moving dirt / digging Trimming trees / hedges Check all of the following that apply to the owner of the work site address:
 Raking leaves Weeding
 Mowing

Single-parent 60 and older
 Disabled Widow
 Owner-occupied

CLEAN UP JOBS

Cleaning / sweeping
 Remove debris from property
 Washing windows _____ # of windows

OTHER JOBS

Painting (include description in an attached letter)
 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.

Authorization

I certify that I am the owner of the job site concerning the above requested improvements. I understand this is only a job request, and that the City of Mesquite staff must approve all job requests.

Return the completed job request form by August 13, 2010 to: Addressing Mesquite Day, Kim Attebery, City of Mesquite, PO Box 850137, Mesquite, TX 75185-0137.

Signature _____

Date _____

For Office Use Only

Job # _____

Zone # _____

Member: _____

Mail to:

Addressing Mesquite Day
 Kim Attebery
 City of Mesquite
 PO Box 850137
 Mesquite, TX 75185-0137
 Fax: 972-216-8109
 e-mail: planning@ci.mesquite.tx.us

Mesquite's Tree City USA grows to 20 years

The National Arbor Day Foundation recently congratulated the City of Mesquite for being named a Tree City USA community. Mesquite celebrated its 20th year in the program. The City began the program in 1990 and by the year 2000 had reached its goal of planting 20,000 trees throughout Mesquite. The trees are planted in city parks, street rights-of-way and at public facilities.



The Parks and Recreation Department's Park Services Superintendent/Municipal Arborist, Travis Sales, presented Mayor John Monaco with a special plaque in recognition of the City's 20-year anniversary of being actively involved in the Tree City USA program.

Through this program the City has a tree preservation ordinance and a comprehensive landscape plan. In addition, the City has a dedicated arborist on staff to assistance Mesquite residents with their questions about proper tree care and maintenance. Residents who have questions pertaining to trees on their property can contact the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260.

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Parks and Recreation Department earns regional award

The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department was recently recognized by the Dallas/Fort Worth Metro Area Parks and Recreation Director's Association with the 2010 Innovation Award for the Camp Rorie-Galloway Community Work Day.

The department and local volunteers came together earlier this year to construct several new elements at the camp. This included a fire pit, a trail, a new canoe enclosure and several key additions to the ropes course. The work day also included extensive brush removal and general clean up of the camp facility. Funds for the renovations were donated to the City by Resource One Credit Union.



Camp Rorie-Galloway is an action packed camp for Mesquite youth. Located at 3100 Lawson Road, the camp features a variety of nature related activities, outdoor living skills, canoeing, nature crafts, archery and more! The camp provides a summer camp program with a focus on team-oriented and individual skill building sessions.

For more information about Camp Rorie-Galloway, please contact the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department at 972-285-4145.

Parks and Recreation Corner

DIVE-IN MOVIE

Come experience movie watching...poolside! It's movie madness with Mesquite Parks and Recreation at City Lake Aquatic Center on Friday, July 30.



Bring your picnic basket, lawn chairs and blankets so you can truly enjoy the movie with family and friends. Enjoy the award-winning movie "The Blind Side." The movie will begin at sunset. Admission will be charged for pool access. The fees for those ages 3 to 54 is \$4 and those who are age 55 and over are only \$2. Youth age 2 and under are free. For more information, please call 972-216-6260.

R.A.S.P

School is just around the corner and it's time for parents to start thinking about after-school care. RASP is the Recreation After School Program managed by the City. Trained and friendly staff provide supervised activities, arts and crafts, snacks and oversee homework time. The program operates in harmony with the MISD calendar. Program hours are from 2:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. during regular school days. Fees are \$80 per month or \$25 per week. Some months will be pro-rated due to MISD calendar. Please register at your RASP site for this supervised after school program that assures your child is in a fun and safe environment. For more information, please call 972-216-6260.



DOGGIE SPLASH DAY



The annual Doggie Splash Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 14, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Vanston Pool. There is a \$5 registration fee for dog owners and a \$1 admission charge for all other attendees. The event will include popular activities like the diving contest, retrieving competition and swim suit contest. For more information, please call 972-216-6260.