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NEW PERSONNEL DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF MESQUITE



Mike Callahan was born, raised and educated in Southern Utah, graduating from Dixie High School, Dixie College and Southern Utah State College (Southern Utah University).

In 1972 Mike began a career in retail management with 7-Eleven Stores in Las Vegas. In 1981 he returned to College attending graduate school at Utah State University obtaining a Master's degree in Human Resources Administration in 1983. He began his human resources career as an employment supervisor at Utah State University. In 1985 Mike became the Human Resources Director for SkyWest Airlines where he was responsible for establishing the human resources function for that business. In 1993 Mike moved to the public sector when he became the Director of the office of Personnel Management for Utah County government. He has since also served as Human Resources Director for Bullhead City, Arizona; Westminster College and since 2002 for the City of Yuma, Arizona.

Mike has been actively involved in various professional organizations such as IPMA-HR the professional association for public sector human resources professionals where he has earned the designation of IPMA-CP which is the professional certification for that organization. In 2005 he also completed the Professional Public Manager program through Arizona State University receiving the CPM designation.

Mike and his wife Gini have five children and will soon have thirteen grandchildren as their youngest daughter is expecting her third child in May. Their two sons and six of their grandchildren live in St. George and they are excited to be closer to them.

Mike is pleased to be the new Personnel Director for the City of Mesquite and is committed to delivering quality services and forging positive relationships with the various employee groups, with department managers, the elected officials and the citizens of Mesquite.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9
Concert in the Grass
City Hall
6 p.m.

May 11
Law and Order Night
Elks Lodge
6 p.m.

May 15
Meet the Candidate
Eureka Hotel
6 p.m.

June 5
General Election
Mesquite Campus
Library
7 a.m.-7 p.m.



**MAYOR BILL'S
BREAKFAST
MEETING**

These meetings are held the 3rd Friday of each month, 7:30 a.m., upstairs at City Hall in the Training Room. The public is urged to attend. The intent of the meeting is to provide a regular forum to give more insight and information on important city projects, services or issues.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BILL

It's hard to believe that it's actually possible to live in a place with abundant sunshine, average annual temperature of 74 degrees, and the friendliest people anywhere around. But, it's TRUE, and the place is MESQUITE, NEVADA!

But certainly don't take MY word for it, come and see it for yourself! Mesquite is easy to find (and hard to forget!) on Interstate 15, about halfway between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City; a little over an hour north of the Las Vegas metropolitan area, and about 36 miles south of St. George, Utah. Great day-trips from Mesquite might take you to Zion National Park, the Valley of Fire State Park, Lake Mead Recreational Area, Brian Head Ski Resort, Lake Powell; or you may choose to wander into less-traveled areas on an ATV and create your own adventure!

And, closer to home, the community of Mesquite itself is a veritable year-round outdoor playground; lush green, well-manicured golf courses contrast our terra cotta desert landscape; walking/biking trails meander throughout town; sounds of cheers from the lighted (well-used) ball fields enliven the evenings, and there's a fully-equipped Recreation Center with indoor and outdoor pools, basketball court, squash/racquetball courts and fitness classes to keep you going strong – whether you're young or not as young as you used to be! You'll be able to tell at first glance that the citizens of Mesquite are very proud of their community. Mesquite Boulevard's new downtown streetscape with swaying palms and planted medians; the wide, well-kept residential boulevards; the neat, organized shopping plazas and office complexes are only a few of your first positive impressions.

Business is booming in Mesquite with several new companies entering the 650-acre Mesquite Technology and Commerce Center. Along with other new housing developments, Pulte/Del Webb is well underway with their Anthem Mesquite project – over 6,000 home sites among 2000 acres of natural desert landscape.

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CITY COUNCIL

**CITY HALL WILL
BE CLOSED
THE FOLLOWING
HOLIDAYS**

May 28
Memorial Day

4th of July

September 3
Labor Day

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MESSAGE

Area resort casinos provide 24-hour excitement and entertainment. Mesquite boasts a state-of-the-art 40-bed, 24-hour hospital, movie theaters, car dealership, art galleries, furniture stores and restaurants—and most anything else you need. Whether you're a new business looking for an excellent location in a business and tax-friendly environment; a family looking for good schools in a safe environment; adventure-seekers, golf enthusiasts, or folks retiring and retired—Mesquite is the perfect place for you!

Although all of the material advantages that our community has to offer are certainly ideal to enhance your "quality of life," these are things you can actually see about Mesquite. However, the real essence of Mesquite is what you feel. Somehow you just know it's a special place when you first arrive. The surrounding, often snow-capped mountains envelop you; the dramatic slope of the land as you approach the City encourages you to relax and breathe deeply; the incredibly clear, cerulean blue skies provide a fresh, new outlook on life; and the perpetual sun warms your very soul.

Mesquite is preparing for you to be part of its future, so come and visit us anytime. And don't just Play Mesquite, STAY Mesquite!

"Mayor Bill" Nicholes
City of Mesquite, Nevada

NEW EMPLOYEES

Bill Chernock



Bill has been hired as the Business Development Manager for the City of Mesquite. A three year resident of Mesquite, Bill previously served as the Executive Director of the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority and as Marketing Director for ARAMARK/Lake Tahoe. During that time, he served on the Board of Directors for the Tahoe Douglas Chamber of Commerce, the South Shore Transportation Management Agency, the National Forest Recreation Association and the National Alliance of Gateway Communities, among others.

Bill holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania.

Erika Mercado



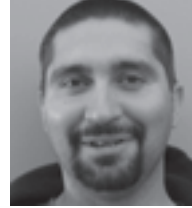
Erika has been hired as the Receptionist/Assistant for the Building Department. Erika loves to work with people, previously she was at the Tri-Properties in Golf sales and Spa for six years. She loves to spend time with her one year old boy and husband. She is very excited to be a part of the City of Mesquite.

Carrie Dobbs



Carrie comes to Mesquite with seven years experience as a public safety dispatcher with two departments in Hemet, California and Laguna Beach, California. Carrie has four daughters, two living with her (Leona 12 and Valerie 9).

Ken Sandoval



Ken has been hired as a Utility Maintenance worker in the Public Works Dept. Ken moved to Mesquite eight months ago with his wife & four children. He moved here from Salt Lake City where he worked at Frito Lay as a machine operator for 11.5 years. Ken said his family has enjoyed visiting Mesquite for many years on vacation, and they are happy to now call this home. Ken is looking forward to a long career with the City of Mesquite.

Wayne Rasmussen



Wayne has been hired as the Information Technology Specialist. He was born and raised in San Diego County, California. He graduated from San Marcos High School and attended Palomar College. Wayne is married and has a seven month old daughter, Gwendolyn. Wayne has over ten years of hands on computer experience. For the past seven years he worked for Fleetcor Technologies in Carlsbad, California as a mainframe operator and advanced to computer operations management. He was also the Systems Administrator for the Carlsbad facility.

Max W. Little



Max has been hired as the Associate Planner in the Planning and Redevelopment Department. Max has a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and a Master of Science in Community Development from Michigan State University. He has numerous years of project man-

agement in site development. Max and his wife Sharon moved from Michigan to reside in Mesquite, arriving February 21st and starting work on the 26th. Max is slowly learning his way around City Hall, and learning co-workers names.

Charlene Proper



Charlene has been hired as the Code Enforcement Clerk for the City of Mesquite. She is married and has three children. She and her family moved to Mesquite in June of 2006. Charlene was previously employed with the Clark County Building Department. Charlene

is excited to be a part of the team here at the City of Mesquite.

Beau Strickler



Beau was hired as a Utility Maintenance Worker in the Sanitation Department. Beau was born and raised in Layton, Utah. He worked for a feed & tack store for five years, then moved to Las Vegas. Beau is married and has a daughter. He moved to Mesquite in 2003.

Yvette Quinones



Yvette is the newest employee at the Mesquite Recreation Center as the front desk receptionist. Yvette moved from Los Angeles, California where she grew up and went to school. Yvette moved to Mesquite nine years ago with her son Steven who is ten, and her

mom. Prior to being employed with the city she worked at one of the casino/hotels. Yvette met her husband and they were married six years ago. They now have three more children Kate who is five, and twin boys David and Daven who are three. Yvette enjoys taking her children to the movies and to Sunday soccer games that her husband plays in here in Mesquite and Las Vegas.

NEW WEBSITE

The City of Mesquite is excited to announce that we will be unveiling our new "user friendly" website. City staff members have been working with Delphia Consulting to create a user-centered design approach for our website that will be efficient to use, easy to learn, easy to remember and subjectively pleasing. Delphia Consulting has worked with a number of cities, including Las Vegas, creating websites that are tailored to meet the needs of the user. The new site is intended to improve your ability to find the information about Mesquite you are looking for whether you are a resident of our community or a visitor from across the country.

With the unveiling of our website we will be launching our new Building Permit online service. With this service licensed contractors and owner/builders will be able to register online and apply for a permit. Builders will then be able to track the status of the permit and request inspections online. Businesses will also be able to manage their City Business Licenses online with the new Business Licensing online service. This service will also allow visitors to the site to search for licensed businesses.

We are proud of our city and we want to use our new website to let others see what a wonderful place this is to live. This is your community so help us design the new site. We need pictures that promote the quality of Mesquite. We are sponsoring a photo contest so send us your pictures! You can e-mail your photos to info@mesquitenv.gov or bring them to City Hall to the information desk. Contest details may be found on the website. Entries must be received by May 30, 2007. One entry will win a dinner for two at The View at Falcon Ridge Golf Course. Photos will be posted on the new website and may be used as part of the design.

The City of Mesquite is continuously looking for opportunities to provide the most efficient ser-

vices to the community and our visitors. We invite you to visit Mesquite online and check out our new home on the web at www.mesquitenv.gov.

CAPITAL PROJECTS, THE BACKBONE OF A COMMUNITY

With all of the new and exciting projects going on in Mesquite it's easy to overlook all of the many Capital Projects that are underway. But without them, Mesquite would face many of the growth problems that plague other jurisdictions. Proper planning and design of new areas is imperative for developing communities.

The Mesquite Technology and Commerce Center (MTCC) hosts the greatest amount of Capital Projects currently under design and construction. There are many new streets, including Pioneer Blvd. Phase 2 being constructed in the area. Listed from east to west along Pioneer Blvd., the roadways are: Willis Carrier Ave., John Deere Drive, Thomas Edison Court, Ben Franklin Way, Cyrus McCormick Ave., and Issac Newton Drive. Also being designed is the extension of Bertha Howe Ave. This roadway extension will continue north from Mesa View Hospital to tie into Hardy Way.

Also in the MTCC the Mesquite Fire Station # 3 has been designed and will soon begin construction. This 12,640 sq. ft. project boasts a 39.5 ft. high burn tower and a training facility as well as providing additional protection to the west side of Mesquite.

Another roadway that will tie in to the MTCC is the Hardy Way Extension. Under design, this project will tie Hardy Way to Ben Franklin Way, creating a roadway through the future Mesquite Regional Park.

Speaking of parks, along with continuing work on the Mesquite Regional Park, two other parks are currently being built in Mesquite. The Hafen Lane Tennis Courts have started construction and should be ready for play by mid-June, 2007. This 4-plex of courts is located adjacent to Hafen Lane Park, directly behind the Dog Park. The construction of these courts adds a needed recreation facility as the other courts in town are either designed incorrectly or are not available to local residents.

The East Mesquite Boulevard Softball Fields is the other park that will soon be underway. The three softball fields that are constructed will increase the ability to bring softball tournaments to Mesquite.

In a partnership with Pulte Homes, Mesquite is working on getting a Long Drive/Soccer Facility built in the northern area of the proposed Regional

Park. When not in use for various Long Drive Competitions to be hosted in Mesquite, the fields are designed for soccer use. One interesting aspect of this park is that it is being designed with artificial turf, a water conservation measure that also requires less maintenance time and money.

Exit 122 will soon be having a landscaping makeover. Along with the beautification of this entry into Mesquite will be the addition of a welcome sign inviting all to visit our "Oasis in the Desert". The landscaping will be similar in design to the landscaping that has already been added to Mesquite Blvd. near Exit 120.

As you can see, Capital Projects can be fun as well as functional and Mesquite is leading the way as an example of planned growth. For more information about Capital Projects in Mesquite, call or stop by City Hall where staff is available to answer any questions.

WHAT'S BUILDING UP AROUND YOU?

Mesquite has proven once again that it is an ideal place to live, work, and build. Projects around town are going strong and new buildings are popping up on almost every block.

While driving to Las Vegas you may notice a new building along the north side of I-15 in the Mesquite Technology Center. At 1640 West Pioneer Boulevard, Best Lumber Supply is currently constructing a lumber/building materials retail store. Everything from wood, tile, cabinets, doors, and other building supplies will be available to the public. This approximately 30,000 sq. ft. facility hopes to be open on June 1, 2007.

The Burns Commercial Center has began construction of the first building in the center, a 26,049 sq. ft. 6- screen movie theater complex located at 746 West Mesquite Boulevard, on the corner of Mesquite Blvd. and Desert Rose Way. To help with dinner and a movie night, two restaurants are also planned in the project.

Another commercial center under construction is the Calais Village project. Located on the corner of Falcon Ridge Parkway and Pioneer Blvd., this 211,894 sq. ft. project will consist of commercial retail stores and office space. Grading on the project

has begun and construction of the buildings should be underway beginning in April. Completion of the first buildings is expected around August, 2007.

The expansion and remodel of the Eureka Casino is going strong and walls are currently being built. This 67,165 sq. ft. expansion will add extra casino space, a new and improved buffet, an employee dining room and additional office space for administrative employees. The expansion also includes more parking for employees and guests.

For more information about these and other new developments happening in Mesquite, call or stop by City Hall and we would be happy to help or check out the website at www.mesquitenv.com.

Additional buildings are being designed for the Falcon Crossing Shopping Center. Located at 1060 West Pioneer Blvd. the center already hosts the local Walmart, but soon a Mini-Mart with fuel pumps and a Del Taco will be added to the project.

There's not enough room in this newsletter to detail all of the new residential developments coming to Mesquite, so here they are in alphabetical order: Bellasara, Bellevue Townhomes, Boulder Heights, Branding Iron, Calais Townhomes, Cambria, Conestoga Camp, Desert Ridge, Eagle Falls, Estancia, Falcon Heights, Falcon Ridge Condominiums, Koboko Hills, The Laurels, Mesquite Estates Parcels 7 & 8 (names not yet decided), The Mesquite, Montrose, Newport Vistas Condominiums, The Orleans, Overland Trail, Palm Cove, Portobello, Prairie Schooner, The Reserve, Reunion Valley, Rhapsody, Riverside Townhomes, Royal Vistas, Saddle Horn, Sandal Wood, Santa Fe Springs, Santa Theresa Estates, Sorrento, Southern Heights, Split Rail, Spyglass Hills, Stone Haven, Sunrise Meadows, Sycamore Glenn, Talon Pointe Condos, View Point, Villa Montovino Condos, The Village, Wagon Trail, and finally, Water Barrel. While only a few of these projects have begun construction, they have all been approved in the City of Mesquite.

GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Close of Registration:

May 6-15

5/6/07 - 5/12/07 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

5/13/07 - 5/15/07 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Early Voting:

May 19-June 1

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Sundays & Holidays (May 28th)

General Election Day:

June 5 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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