

Mayor's Community Update



As we weather our economic challenges, we should remember that sometimes we are so focused on today's problems, that we put off planning for tomorrow's opportunities.

While we are cautious, we are encouraged with the recent opening of new restaurants and retail stores. There are

large construction projects on the horizon that will also bring economic growth to the region. The Toquop Energy project's 50 megawatt solar facility should be gearing up next year and the gas-fired power plant in 2012. The UNEV Pipeline will bring 100 employees in and out of Mesquite over the next nine months as they build a pipeline from Salt Lake to Las Vegas.

The council and I continue to work on various long-range projects including the reconfiguration of Exit 120, completing our police station, a remodel of the Museum, a community concert park and more traffic signals.

This past month we visited several new businesses including the Perfume Center and we were delighted to tour the newly remodeled rooms at the Virgin River. More than 700 rooms at the Virgin River now have new carpet, triple-sheet bed linens, paint and furniture. Guests will notice the pools and ice machines have been upgraded along with the addition of a poolside Laundromat. The Eureka Casino recently upgraded the Grand Canyon Room and are undertaking an remodel of the café. It's good to see our local businesses providing the best experience possible for our visitors and residents.

Best Wishes,

Mayor Susan Holecheck

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Sports & Event Complex Splash Pad



Kids, young and old, enjoy cooling off at the splash pad at the Mesquite Sports and Event Complex (at the west end of Hardy Way). Gates to the splash pad and recreation equipment (nearest to the parking lot), are open daily from dawn to dusk daily throughout most of the year.

Downtown Utility Boxes become Art



Utility boxes in front of the fine arts center are a piece of art.

Mesquite Today, the official newsletter produced by the public information office of the City of Mesquite, Nevada, is published quarterly and is available for distribution at Mesquite's City Hall, Senior Center, Recreation Center and other locations in town and online at www.MesquiteNV.gov.



Speed Dial #9 Campaign for Emergency Cell Phone Calls

The "Speed Dial #9" awareness campaign encourages cell phone users to program (702) 346-6911 into the no. 9 speed dial location to ensure prompt connection to Mesquite Emergency Dispatch. Presently, cell phone callers dialing 9-1-1 are routed to Las Vegas Dispatch and must ask to be transferred to Mesquite Emergency Dispatch. This can take time and if the caller forgets to say what City they are in, emergency crews could be dispatched to a similar address in the Las Vegas Valley. When possible, the preferred method of calling 9-1-1 is from a land line since the call goes directly to Mesquite Dispatch and the dispatcher knows the exact location of the phone should a caller be unable to complete the call.

Welcome Back BBQ and Volunteer Fair

As the snowbirds return to Mesquite, residents are invited to mix and mingle at the Welcome Back BBQ and Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, Oct. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the west Recreation Center Field.

Similar to years past, the welcome home event offers an opportunity to re-connect with friends and neighbors over a free hamburger and hotdog meal.

New to this year's event is a Volunteer Fair. Local non-profit organizations and events will be there to inform residents about service opportunities.

"The heart of every community is found in the volunteer efforts of her citizens," said Mayor Susan Holecheck. "We not only want to welcome people home, we want give them a forum to find out about ways to give of themselves and be of service to the community organization of their choosing.

Exit 120 Construction



INTERIM FIX: Legacy Construction and Development was awarded an \$80,992 contract by the City of Mesquite and Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), for the interim reconfiguration of traffic lanes on Mesquite Blvd. and Falcon Ridge Parkway near Exit 120 and Interstate 15. The construction, which will take several weeks, will provide new stacking lanes and will ease congestion and improve overall safety at the freeway ramps.

RECONSTRUCTION: A separate \$27 million reconstruction project proposed by the Regional Transportation Commission for Exit 120 is scheduled to begin in early 2011. The 12-month reconstruction project will include bridge replacements, more lanes, improved off/on-ramp and underpass traffic flow as well as a new access road to Sunset Greens and Coyote Willows.

Toquop Energy Project Speaker

Tom Johns of Sithe Global will speak about the Toquop Energy Project on Sept. 8, at the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Johns will give an update about the \$1.4 Billion project and related job creation and business opportunities in Mesquite. Sithe Global is proposing to build a 50Mw solar plant in mid-2011 and will take 12 months to complete, while the natural gas-fired power plant at Toquop is slated to begin in 2012 and take three years to build. The impact of 900 workers (200 solar project and 700 natural gas plant), will positively impact our housing, retail and restaurant markets.

World's longest drivers return to Mesquite Sports and Event Complex



Aug. 19-22



Oct. 27-Nov. 5

2009 Rebroadcast Note: Mesquite will be highlighted again on national television during a rebroadcast of the 2009 RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship. It will be shown on *ESPN2* at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 7 and on *ESPN Classic* at 8 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 22.

Mesquite's Fall 2010 Major Events

AUGUST

- 6 Virgin River PBA/Senior Doubles Bowling Championship
- 5-8Elvis Rocks Mesquite! -Tribute Artists Competition
- 19 Long Drivers of America 2010 Desert Duel
- 20-22Long Drivers of America Region 8 Qualifier

SEPTEMBER

- 3-5 Smokin' in Mesquite BBQ Championship
- 6 Labor Day
- 11 Golf for the Arts

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Mesquite Pow Wow
- 1-2 CAN/AM Softball Tournament
- 2 Oktoberfest (Rotary), Yucca St., Noon to 6 p.m.
- 6 Welcome Back BBQ and Volunteer Day
- 8-9 CAN/AM Softball Tournament
- 9-10 Festival of the Arts
- 9-10 CAN/AM Senior Softball Tournament
- 15-17 Fall Festival Championship (ISA)
- 29 Nevada Day (Observed)
- 29-31 Fall Extravaganza, Rocky Mountain School of Baseball
- 27-Nov. 5RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship (ESPN)

NOVEMBER

- Oct. 27-Nov.5RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship
- 6 Veteran's Day Parade
- 12-13 Last Chance Softball Tourney (USSSA)
- 19-21 Fall Festival Softball Championship (ISA)
- 20 Mesquite Marathon
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 26-27 Turkey Trot, Rocky Mountain School of Baseball

For more information including locations and contact information Community Calendar: www.MesquiteNV.gov click on Date (bottom right corner)