

# Mesquite TODAY

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## Mayor's Community Update



Well here we are early in the New Year of 2011 and things seem to be on the "upswing." Our fiscal year-end audit reflected that city-wide total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$203.8 million. Governmental revenues exceeded governmental expenses by \$355,883. More good news is that building permits for single family residences nearly doubled from the previous year from 105 to 201 and the valuation of those permits in 2010 was \$30.8 million, compared to the 2009 total of \$15.4 million.

We have had several fun activities that have filled our city since the first of the year and they included a Dutch Oven Competition, Our Smokin' in Mesquite Barbeque Contest, our Mesquite Motor Mania event combined with this year with a Chili Cook-off.

February and March look like they will be just as successful with the scheduled Utah Baseball Academy, BransonFest Out West, Park City Lacrosse, The Long Drivers of America Desert Launch, Senior Softball USA and much more.

I know Mesquite will prosper, but it will take all of us working together to grab that proverbial "gold ring."

Best Wishes,

Mayor Susan Holecheck

## Bubba Smith appointed to Council

During the City Council meeting on Feb. 8, the Mayor and Council appointed Bubba Smith to serve a five-month term for the seat. Smith had previously served on Council for two terms from 2001-09.

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## Annual Awards given at council meeting



**Citizen of the Year: Ann Rice** is a dynamic citizen with boundless energy, quietly going about giving of herself to Mesquite causes. She is a board member of the Mesa View Regional Hospital and is involved with the Sunrise Rotary, Long Drive competition, Desert Dames, Arts Council, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), hiking groups, League of Women Voters, youth education and the garden club. Ann, a former university professor who has published books in her field of study, is also not afraid of adventure. She recently visited the Amazon with a group of UNLV students.



**Volunteer of the Year: Don Karpowich** serves as a Mesquite Police Volunteer. He was born in Pennsylvania and move to Mesquite to retire. He served in the Navy and then worked in manufacturing for 39 years. Don is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He joined the Police Department as a volunteer in 2007. He works regular shifts, special events and call-outs. He serves as the MPD Volunteer Quartermaster, keeping the volunteer patrol vehicles clean and ensuring equipment is available and in good working condition.

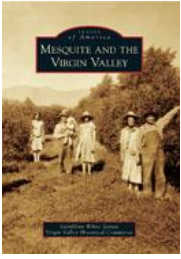


**Employee of the Year: Nick Montoya** has been an employee at the City of Mesquite since 1997 and supervisor since 2006. Nick's favorite activity is spending time with his wife of 9 years, Stephanie, and his children Brooklin (6) and Mason (3). Nick volunteers with many organizations and is the City's representative on a number of their executive boards. Nick is Chief Union Steward for Teamsters, an Executive Board Member for the Mesquite Resort Association, and Open Schools--Open Doors board member for Clark County School District. Nick is a volunteer coach at both the recreation and competitive levels.

## Pursuit of Excellence Award Recipients

Administration: Aaron Baker; Recreation/Parks & Senior Services: Nick Montoya; Public Works: Bill Tanner; Police: Christopher Rowley; and Fire & Rescue: Jayson Andrus.

## Mesquite and the History of the Virgin Valley



In her new book, fourth-generation Mesquite resident Geraldine White Zarate tells about the history of the valley through pictures and captions. Included are previously unpublished photographs documenting the struggle to settle the area. See early Mesquite families, their homes and farms, and experience their life through the lens of a camera. Books are available for purchase at the Virgin Valley

Heritage Museum and local stores. Email Geraldine to order an autographed copy at [geraldz@cascadeaccess.com](mailto:geraldz@cascadeaccess.com).

## RDA Grant Program spiffing up look of Downtown

RDA grants are available to businesses, big and small, looking to make improvements to redevelopment properties south of the Interstate (Redevelopment property is also located on the north side of I-15). The Mesquite Economic Development and Redevelopment Department coordinates these post-performance matching grants for businesses and property owners who wish to make permanent improvements to signs, facades and interior construction. Stephen's Hair, Home Plate, General Store have all participated in the RDA grant program.

## Temporary promotional sign code waived

In response to feedback from our community, the City Council approved another six months to relax some sign requirements. The relaxation is focused on directional signs, realtor open house signs, banners, flags, pennants and corrugated plastic used for commercial advertising purposes. During this period when community standards are eased, it is expected that temporary signs be maintained in good repair. Such signs are not permitted in the medians and/or right-of-ways. Comments or questions may be submitted on the city's website, or by calling (702) 346-2835, or in person at City Hall.

## Virgin River Overflow Dec. 2010



This aerial photo shows the east end of Mesquite Blvd by Hunter Park when the Virgin River overflowed its banks on Dec. 21-23. The Mayor and Staff are working with a delegation and Federal agencies such as U.S. Fish & Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Land Management for permanent solutions to flooding situations we have experienced twice in the last five years.

## Mesquite Municipal Election 2011

Positions for Mayor (four-year term), two city council seats (four-year term) and one city council seat (two-year unfulfilled term). In the City Council election the third place vote-getter will assume the two-year term of the vacated seat. The Primary Election is on April 5 and the General Election is June 7. Polling places are located at the Mesquite Campus Library on Yucca Street and at the Sun City Recreation Center.

### **Primary Election Day 7 AM-7 PM, Tuesday, April 5**

Early Voting: March 23 -25 at Sun City Recreation Bldg. and March 28 – 30 at the Mesquite Campus Library.

### **General Election Day 7 AM-7 PM, Tuesday, June 7**

Early Voting: May 25– 27 at Sun City Recreation Center and May 31 – June 2 at the Mesquite Campus Library

## Mesquite's Spring 2011 Major Events

### FEBRUARY

7-9 ..... BransonFest Out West  
10 ..... Hearts for the ARTS  
17 ..... Mesquite Heart Walk  
18-21 ..... Presidents Cup- Utah Youth Soccer Assoc. (Sports & Event Complex)  
18-19 ..... Cowboy Poetry Hootenanny (Fine Arts Gallery) 2 PM  
19-21 ..... Mountainwest Baseball Academy-Spring Training  
21 ..... President's Day Holiday  
24 ..... Macbeth presented by Utah Shakespearean Festival  
24-27 ..... Park City Lacrosse (Sports & Event Complex)  
24-26 ..... Swing into Spring College Baseball Tournament – Weber State

### MARCH

3-5 ..... Desert Launch, Long Drivers of America at Sports & Event Complex  
4-6 ..... Utah Baseball Academy  
6 ..... Mesquite Shootout – Long Drivers of America at Sports & Event Complex  
6-9 ..... Power Academy, Long Drivers of America at Sports & Event Complex  
11-12 ..... USSSA Softball Tournament  
17-19 ..... Rocky Mountain School of Baseball  
19-20 ..... Mesquite Wild West Nationals (Motocross)  
20-27 ..... Senior Softball USA  
26 ..... Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant, 4 PM

### APRIL

4-6 ..... Mesquite Senior Games Pickleball  
5 ..... Primary Municipal Election, 7 AM-7 PM  
7-9 ..... Mesquite Senior Games Tennis  
8 ..... Mesquite Senior Games Bowling and Basketball  
9 ..... Mesquite Senior Games Track and Field  
11-15 ..... World Mini Grand Prix (Motocross)  
14-16 ..... Mesquite Toes Dance Spectacular (Community Theatre), 7 PM  
16 ..... Mesquite Senior Games Archery  
22-23 ..... Rocky Mountain School of Baseball  
23 ..... Mesquite Senior Games Target Pistols

### MAY-JUNE

5-8 ..... **Mesquite Days**  
7 ..... Mesquite Days Parade  
6-7 ..... Disco Fever Music of the 70's (Community Theatre) 6 PM  
11-15 ..... Mesquite Senior Games Softball  
May 30 – June 3 ..... Mesquite Amateur (National Golf Tournament)  
June 7 ..... General Municipal Election, 7 AM-7 PM

Use the Internet for updated event information:

[www.MesquiteNV.gov](http://www.MesquiteNV.gov)

[www.MesquiteMeansBusiness.com](http://www.MesquiteMeansBusiness.com)

[www.longdrivers.com](http://www.longdrivers.com)

[www.mesquitefineartscenter.com](http://www.mesquitefineartscenter.com)