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State of the City Breakfast with Mayor **John Giles**

What's your **NEXTMESA?**

Save The Date!

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February 3, 2015
7am-9am > Mesa Convention Center

2015 Falcon Field Open House

Get a close look at unique aircraft, classic cars, model railroads and more when Falcon Field Airport hosts its annual Open House Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be at Falcon Field Park, 4636 East Fighter Aces Drive (north of McKellips Road between Greenfield and Higley roads). Event admission and parking are free! Canned food donations will be accepted for the United Food Bank.



For information, call (480) 644-2450. Watch for event updates at www.falconfieldairport.com.

Cooking oil recycling offered

'Tis the season for deep frying a turkey - and trying to find a way to dispose of used fryer oil. To meet the cooking oil disposal needs of residents, the Water Resources Department, together with the Fire and Medical Department and REV Biodiesel, has established cooking oil recycling locations throughout the City.

Blue cooking oil recycling barrels are in place at the following Fire Stations for residents to use:

- Fire Station 204 at 1426 S. Extension
- Fire Station 212 at 2430 S. Ellsworth
- Fire Station 205 at 730 S. Greenfield
- Fire Station 214 at 5950 E. Virginia



The barrels will be in place year-round for residents to use. There is no cost to use the recycling barrels. Simply stop by any of the locations and place your used cooking oil in the blue barrel marked specifically for fryer oil.

As a reminder, oil and grease, no matter the type or quantity, should never be dumped down your drain or in a gutter. It may seem like the grease is going down, but it will congeal and clog sewer pipes and possibly cause raw sewage to back up into your home or in the street. Not only does this create a disgusting mess in your home or neighborhood, but raw sewage in the streets will eventually enter local waterways and pollute the water.

For more information, visit <http://mesaaz.gov/water> or contact the City of Mesa Water Resources Industrial Pretreatment Supervisor David Gonzales at (480) 644-2484 or david.gonzales@mesaaz.gov.

Avoid a \$100 Assessment!



Did you know that a permit is required to operate your burglary alarm system in the City of Mesa? If you have a burglary alarm system and get caught without a permit, it will cost you \$100. But, it's easy to avoid that fine by applying online for your permit here: <http://www.mesaaz.gov/police/Communications/AlarmApplications.aspx>. Permits must be renewed annually.

Please call the Alarm Enforcement Unit if you have any questions at (480) 644-2699.

INFORMATION
For a complete listing of City events, activities and meetings, check out Mesa's events calendar at www.mesaaz.gov or tune into Mesa Channel 11.



I Love Science Day!

Arizona Museum of Natural History presents "I Love Science Day!" on Feb. 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Need some ideas for a science fair project? We've got 'em! Already have lots of interesting science ideas that you'd like to share with like-minded citizen scientists? Then this is your event! Join us for a fun filled science celebration that has something for everyone! Observe ongoing scientific experiments, and participate in science based activities and crafts! Regular admission rates of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children apply. Members are admitted free.



Historical Fiction Writing Contest

The Mesa Historic Preservation Board is sponsoring a Historical Fiction Writing Contest for all fourth-grade, fifth-grade and sixth-grade students living in the City of Mesa.



The essay must be a fictional story with real and imaginary characters on the life and times of the Hohokam Indian Culture or Mesa Grande Park. Board members will judge the essays on historical accuracy, writing and creativity. The contest is open until Feb. 12.

For more information and to obtain an entry form, visit www.mesaaz.gov/planning/HistoricPreservation.aspx.

5K/10K Run, Walk and Roll

The sixth annual 5K/10K Run, Walk and Roll event, benefiting Arizona Disabled Sports, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10 at Riverview Park, 2100 W. Rio Salado Pkwy. Participants of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to sign up for this community event.

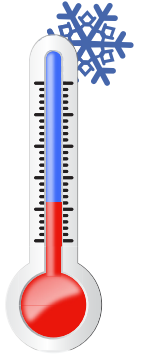
For more information and to register go to <http://www.RunWalkRollAZ.com>.



Comfort, convenience, and warmth...Made possible by the Safe Use of Energy

Cold winter months usually mean an increase in the use of both fuel burning and electric heating appliances, including portable devices. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe and warm!

- ALWAYS follow the manufacturer's instructions when using a heating appliance of any type.
- If you have a natural gas furnace or other gas appliances, make sure everyone in your household knows the sights, sounds, or smell (rotten eggs) that may indicate a leak/emergency. Also make sure everyone knows what to do if an emergency occurs.
- If you have any fuel burning heating devices or systems, be aware of the symptoms of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and install and maintain CO alarms.
- NEVER use devices not meant to heat a home such as your oven or stove top to "take the chill out".
- Space heaters need space, all objects should be kept a safe distance away.
- NEVER leave an operating space heater unattended! Turn off or unplug the unit when not in use.



For additional home safety tips, visit mesaaz.gov/energy.

Residents encouraged to treecycle

Mesa residents choosing to purchase a fresh cut Christmas tree this year are encouraged to recycle it at the end of the holiday season after removing all nails, tree stands, lights and decorations. Please remember that wreaths, snow flocked trees and artificial trees cannot be recycled and therefore are not accepted at any drop-off sites.

The following 24-hour drop-off sites will be available Dec. 26-Jan. 18:

- East Mesa Service Center, 6935 E. Decatur St.
- Solid Waste Management Department, 730 N. Mesa Drive
- Superstition Springs Police/Fire Station, 2430 S. Ellsworth Road
- Mountain View Park, 845 N. Lindsay Road (enter off of Adobe St.)
- Dobson Ranch Park, 2363 S. Dobson Road

For more information or for additional recycling options, please call (480) 644-2221 or visit mesarecycles.org.

***Holiday service reminder:** Trash and recycle barrel collection service is provided on all holidays, including Christmas and New Year's Day.



Desert Trails Park is now open!



Desert Trails Park is 35 acres and includes a series of hiking and biking trails, a pump track, a kids' skills track, two ramadas, a restroom, and a 30-spot parking lot. The trails consist of a ¾-mile perimeter trail for hiking and non-motorized bike use.

There are three progressive flow trails for downhill bike use. The flow trails are:

- Beginner Level (Green) - Runaway Train Trail
- Intermediate Level (Blue) - Squirrel Catcher Trail
- Expert Level (Black) - Double Trouble Trail

The skills track, pump track, and three flow trails are designed to introduce and progressively develop new skills for BMX-style bike riding. Park hours are from sunrise to sunset.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, Feb. 7 | 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

East Mesa Service Center, 6935 E. Decatur St.

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Remember that when you shop, every dollar spent in Mesa supports not only local businesses but your community, providing critical funding for police, fire, streets, parks and more. **SHOP MESA!**