



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### July 2018

- 4** Independence Day. All City of Mesquite offices and facilities closed.
  - 2, 16** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.
  - 10** Brett Roberts Bubble Show, 4 p.m. at the Mesquite North Branch Library. 972-681-0465.
  - 12** Creature Teacher brings her animals to the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr., at 3 p.m. For ages 3 and up. 972-216-6220.
  - 14, 28** The Marketplace in Mesquite will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main St. 469-275-9616.
  - 26** Historic Mesquite, Inc. hosts Nibbles & Sips, 6 - 8 p.m., Noah Range House at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. 972-216-6468.
- For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays).  
 To learn about the different ways to stay informed on city news, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed).

## Fireworks prohibited within Mesquite city limits

The City of Mesquite urges residents to celebrate safely this Independence Day. Residents are reminded that it is illegal to possess or use fireworks, or discharge firearms within city limits. Punishment ranges from \$500 to \$4,000 depending on the offense, with the illegal discharge of a firearm also carrying the possible penalty of up to one year in jail.



Police and Fire staffing levels will be increased during peak violation times to allow for greater enforcement efforts. To report violations, call non-emergency police dispatch at 972-285-6336.

In addition, please do not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency and immediate help is required from police, fire or paramedics. Non-emergency calls related to fireworks and the illegal discharge of firearms have historically overloaded 911 call centers during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. This interferes with emergency assistance and response times, which could cost someone their life.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, a national average of 230 people visit the emergency room each day as a result of fireworks-related injuries during the month surrounding the Independence Day.

### Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Environmental Code Hotline	972-216-6276
Main Library	972-216-6220
Parks and Recreation	972-216-6260
Planning and Zoning	972-216-6216
Police Non-Emergency	972-285-6336
Trash Collection/Recycling	972-216-6284
Street/Alley Repair	972-216-6282
Water Billing	972-216-6208
Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups	972-216-6278

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Stan Pickett  
Mayor



Dan Aleman  
Mayor Pro Tem,  
Place 4



Tandy Boroughs  
Deputy Mayor Pro  
Tem, Place 6



Robert Miklos  
Councilmember  
Place 1



Jeff Casper  
Councilmember  
Place 2



Bruce Archer  
Councilmember  
Place 3



Greg Noschese  
Councilmember  
Place 5

## Mesquite voters amend City Charter and elect Councilmembers for Places 3, 4 and 5

On May 5, Mesquite voters approved all eight proposed City Charter amendments, including establishing single-member districts and term limits for City Councilmembers and the Mayor, through a Special Charter Amendment Election. Councilmembers were also elected for Places 3, 4 and 5 in the Annual City Election. Incumbent Councilmembers Bruce Archer, Dan Aleman, Jr., and Greg Noschese were re-elected to their respective places. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ElectionResults](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ElectionResults).

In 2017, the Mesquite City Council approved a review of the City Charter and the creation of a Charter Review Committee. The Charter is the governing document of the City of Mesquite. A series of public input meetings were held. Based on the results of the review, the City Council voted to place proposed changes to the City Charter before the voters. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/CharterElection](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CharterElection) for the specific Charter amendments approved.



## Council Community Focus

Effective July 1, a new City ordinance takes effect in Mesquite in an effort to make our community more pet friendly. The new ordinance prohibits tethering of dogs unless the owner is physically present within the outdoor area where the dog is tethered and the dog is in view of the owner at all times. Dogs must also have access to water and shelter at all times and be confined by a fence of sufficient strength, height and durability to prevent the animal's escape.

In addition, the ordinance includes housing requirements for dogs during inclement weather. Dogs may not be left outside when temperatures are below freezing; a heat advisory has been issued by the a local or state authority or jurisdiction; or a hurricane, tropical storm or tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. Any person violating these provisions is subject to be found guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and a fine not to exceed \$500 for each offense.

Prior to these ordinance changes, a citizen input meeting was held during the evening of Thursday, March 22, at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. City staff made a brief presentation of the proposed changes and took comments and questions from those in attendance.

In preparation of enforcement of this ordinance, a public education campaign is underway and Mesquite Animal Services is accepting donations of doghouses and indoor crates. All sizes are being accepted. Residents in need of assistance to contain their pet(s) or provide shelter are encourage to call Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/BePetFriendly](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/BePetFriendly) for more information.

## The 4 D's of mosquito defense

Prevention is the best defense against West Nile and other mosquito-borne viruses. Remember the four D's when enjoying the outdoors this summer.

- **Dusk/dawn** are the times of day to stay indoors when infected mosquitoes are the most active.
- **Dress** in long sleeves and pants when outside.
- **DEET** is an ingredient to look for in insect repellent. Follow label instructions and always wear repellent when outdoors.
- **Drain** outside standing water so it does not become a mosquito breeding site.

For more information on mosquito control and the City of Mesquite's Integrated Mosquito Management Plan, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MosquitoControl](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MosquitoControl) or call 972-216-8138.



## Real. Texas. Business. news

Real. Texas. Business. news is a monthly feature of the Mainstream highlighting new development activity in Mesquite. For more information, contact the Economic Development Division at 972-216-6293 or visit [cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment](http://cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment).

IDI Gazeley, one of the world's leading investors and developers of logistic warehouses, has started construction of a fourth building at Skyline Trade Center, along Skyline Drive and N. Peachtree Road. The Trade Center is an office, distribution and warehouse park.

The building under construction will encompass 29.56 acres and be more than 487,000 square-feet. The permit valuation of the new development is \$15 million.

For more information on economic development in Mesquite, view the new Quarterly Development Activity Reports at [cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentHighlights](http://cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentHighlights).



## Parks and Recreation Corner

For more information on any of these programs, please call 972-216-6260 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD).

### Parks and Recreation Month

Celebrate Parks and Recreation month by visiting Mesquite parks, pools and recreation centers.

We have activities for all ages, from Family Swim Night at 7:30 p.m. on July 5 at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street, to Urban Soul Line Dancing at 6:30 p.m. on July 18 at Florence



Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/July](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/July).

### Summer Camp

Looking for a fun experience for your kids this summer? The City of Mesquite is offering six summer camps throughout the city for children ages 6 - 14. Campers can participate in games, field trips, swim days, crafts and daily activities. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps) to find the perfect camp for your child, and for details, locations and cost. Camps are limited to 75 campers per week so sign up early.

### Free Tennis Play Days



Participate in a free instructional program that teaches the basics of tennis. The class uses small courts, shorter racquets and balls that bounce lower to help ensure more successful play. All equipment is provided.

Participants can stay for the entire two hours or drop in. Play days are held the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road.

### Adults 50+

Mesquite has three active Adults 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. A few highlights in July include a trip to the Museum of Biblical Art on July 19 and a trip to Texas Discovery Gardens on July 24. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus).



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## Community Snapshots



On April 28, Historic Mesquite, Inc. celebrated the Kentucky Derby with its own Debry Dog Day at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St.



During 2018 National Small Business Week, Mayor Stan Pickett visited five Mesquite businesses, including Reggae Wings & Tings, Dos Panchas, Mesquite BBQ, J&R Manufacturing and Aim High Bounce.



At the May 7 City Council meeting, four City employees were honored with Real. Texas. Service. Champions awards, including Blake Watts who reads 500 water meters every workday. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ServiceChampions](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ServiceChampions) for more information.

## Mesquite Arts Center Activities

The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway Ave.

For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call 972-216-6444 or visit [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)

Faith Artists Exhibition, weekdays, July 2 - 27, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main and Chamber Galleries. This event is free.

Missoula Children's Theatre Summer Camp, July 9 - 14, in the Black Box Theatre. Auditions will be held on Monday, July 9, at 1 p.m. Shows will be held on Saturday, July 14, at 3 and 5 p.m. Registration is \$75 per child.

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**CHILDREN'S**  
**THEATRE**

 **MESQUITE**  
**REAL. TEXAS. ROADS.**

## Real. Texas. Roads. update

At the time of the Mainstream's publication, repairs to the first set of residential streets were complete with 26 streets reconstructed. In addition, construction has started on the second list of residential streets. Bamboo Street is in the second phase of repairs, localized concrete repair. Hula Drive is in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction. Streets nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining include: Flamingo Way, Spiceberry Lane, Aloha Circle, Tiki Circle, Catalina Drive, Margo Drive, Mayda Drive, Lou Ann Drive, Luau Circle and Wise Drive. In addition, repairs to Canary Circle, Starling Drive, Bluebird Lane, Sandpiper Lane, Whipporwill Drive, Cardinal Court, Bobwhite Boulevard, Sesame Drive, Sesame Place, Mockingbird Trail, Skylark Drive, Palm Drive, Bahamas Drive, Emerald Drive, Byrd Drive, Emily Drive and Harlan Drive have been completed.

For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).