



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### September 2018

- 3** Labor Day. All City offices and facilities closed. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will occur on residents' next scheduled collection day.
  - 4, 17** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
  - 8** Sounds on the Square will be held from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main Street.
  - 8, 22** The Marketplace in Mesquite will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main Street. 469-275-9616.
  - 25** The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce's Taste and Trade will be held from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Convention and Exhibit Hall, 1750 Rodeo Drive. 972-285-0211.
- For details 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).

## Mesquite moves forward on new vision for Downtown Mesquite

Improvements are coming to Downtown Mesquite to create a new destination of shopping, restaurants and entertainment. The City Council approved the next steps in the infrastructure and design concepts for the historic area of the community at the July 16 City Council Pre-Meeting.

Developing a community-wide vision for Downtown Mesquite is a top policy priority and strategic goal for the City Council. The input of this area's stakeholders has been critical in helping the City form a new plan for this iconic location in Mesquite. The next steps in this long-term, multi-year plan are to include addressing the improvements to Front Street between Ebrite and Galloway Avenue.

The City Council gave its support for the plan endorsed by the stakeholder committee. New pedestrian-friendly elements, special event areas and additional parking are but a few of the highlighted changes coming to Downtown Mesquite. The design features of the conceptual plan could also include bike racks, wayfinding signage and enhanced lighting.



## 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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Councilmember  
Place 2



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Councilmember  
Place 3



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Councilmember  
Place 5



## Council Community Focus

Last month, Mesquite started the process of creating six new single-member districts for the City Council. The City will seek public input on the process this fall. The planning schedule includes the City Council adopting a new redistricting plan in November.

During the July 16 City Council Pre-Meeting, legal consultant Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, briefed the Council on the 2018 redistricting process. The consultant offered a proposed time line, criteria and guidelines for the redistricting plans of the City Council.

In May, Mesquite voters approved proposed amendments to the City Charter. One of the proposed amendments was the creation of six single member districts for Place 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. These new districts will go into effect for the November 2019 municipal elections.

## 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. Viva Drive is in the first phase of repairs, pavement lifting. Bamboo Street is in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction. Streets nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining include: Catalina Drive, Margo Drive, Emily Drive, Hula Drive and Bonita Vista Circle. In addition, repairs to Canary Circle, Starling Drive, Bluebird Lane, Sandpiper Lane, Spiceberry Lane, Whipporwill Drive, Cardinal Court, Bobwhite Boulevard, Sesame Drive, Sesame Place, Mockingbird Trail, Skylark Drive, Palm Drive, Flamingo Way, Aloha Drive, Tiki Circle, Bahamas Drive, Emerald Drive, Byrd Drive, Mayda Drive, Lou Ann Drive, Wise Drive, Harlan Drive and Luau Circle have been completed.

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

## Real. Texas. Business. news

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

Mesquite is proud to announce a medical specialty building is currently under construction and scheduled to open December 2018 at 3400 IH-30. Physicians Specialty Center will potentially offer a diagnostic center, laboratory and surgery center. The three-story building consists of approximately 65,890 square feet and occupies the site of a former medical office complex demolished in 2016. The facility is valued at more than \$19 million.

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



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## Conserve water and save money

The City of Mesquite empathizes with water customers' frustrations with high water rates charged by the North Texas Municipal Water District and wants to help them keep their water use as low as possible. The following indoor and outdoor conservation tips can save customers valuable dollars.

### Indoor Conservation

- Install low-flow showerheads and take shorter showers.
- Turn off the water while shaving or brushing your teeth.
- Wash only full loads of dishes and laundry.
- Do not use the toilet as a trash can.
- Replace older toilets with newer more water efficient models, or consider using a toilet water displacement device.

### Outdoor Conservation

- Check for and fix sprinkler system leaks.
- Current water restrictions prohibit watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Water lawns early in the morning or late in the evening to avoid evaporation.
- Use drip irrigation systems for plants, trees and shrubs.
- Choose water-wise native plants when landscaping.
- Condition the soil with mulch or compost before planting grass or flowerbeds so that water will soak in rather than run off.
- Fertilize lawns at least twice a year for root stimulation, but do not over fertilize. Grass with a good root system makes better use of less water and is more drought-tolerant.

For more ways to conserve water and save money, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ConservationTips](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ConservationTips) or call 972-329-8300.



# 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).

## Movies in the Park - Touch a Truck

Join us for Movies in the Park on Friday, September 14, at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road, to watch "Cars 3". Pre-show activities begins at 7 p.m. including "Touch a Truck". Children have the opportunity to see, touch and explore various City trucks. The movie will begin at dusk.



Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MoviesInThePark](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MoviesInThePark) for more details.

## Guts and Glory Fun Run

The Guts and Glory Obstacle Fun Run will be held on Saturday, September 29, at 9 a.m. at Travis Williams Athletic Complex, 1005 New Market Road. This obstacle run is a non-competitive, non-timed event where participants can make their way through a series of fun challenges. In addition to the full Fun Run, a shorter Kid Run will be available for children ages 3 - 12 years old at 8:30 a.m. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/GutsandGlory](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/GutsandGlory) for more information and registration fees.

## After-school Adventures

After-School Adventures offers supervised after-school activities, arts and crafts, snacks and homework time. The program operates in conjunction with the Mesquite Independent School District calendar and is available Monday - Friday, 3 - 6 p.m., at Achziger, Beasley, Florence, McKenzie, Rutherford, Shaw and Thompson Elementary Schools for children in grades kindergarten - sixth. The fee is \$90 per month. Registration begins August 1. Space is limited. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA) for more information.

## Adults 50+



Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Join us Thursday, September 20, for the Rocket Man concert at the Dallas Arboretum. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy this Elton John tribute band. The cost is \$30 per person and buses will

depart at 4 p.m. from Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus) for more details.

## Community Snapshots



On July 2, the Mesquite Police Association announced a \$10,000 donation to the Mesquite Veterans Memorial campaign. Visit [www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org](http://www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org) to learn about the campaign and how to make a tax-deductible donation.



On July 13, five of the Mesquite Fire Department's newest members graduated from the Paramedic Program at El Centro College. Congratulations to Firefighters Stephen Parks, William Rosen, Justin Sanders, Cory Thomas and Jonathan Wright.



On July 16, Special Olympics Silver Medalist Matthew Hernandez and Gold Medalist Herbert Ellis were honored by the Mesquite City Council. Both athletes are residents of Mesquite.

## 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)

Ed Zarate Art Exhibition, weekdays  
September 3 - 28, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main and Chamber Galleries. This event is free.

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra performs "Prelude to a New Era" at 7:30 p.m. on September 15 in the Concert Hall. Tickets available at [www.mesquitesymphony.org](http://www.mesquitesymphony.org).

Just for Kids: Hideout Theatre from 10 - 11 a.m. on September 29 in the Black Box Theatre. This event is free.



Nearly 400 jars of peanut butter and jelly were donated by shelter pet adopters in July in response to Mesquite Animal Services' Spread the Love Adoption Special which supported the food pantries at Mesquite Social Services and Sharing Life Community Outreach.