



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### October 2018

- 1, 15** City Council meetings, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 2** National Night Out. Email [crimeprevention@mesquitepolice.org](mailto:crimeprevention@mesquitepolice.org) for more details or to register your neighborhood.
- 12, 13** Historic Mesquite, Inc. Treasures Barn Sale, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street. 972-216-6468.
- 13, 27** The Marketplace in Mesquite, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite Historic Downtown Square, 150 W. Main Street. 469-275-9616.
- 26, 27** Friends of the Mesquite Public Library Fall Book Sale. Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 972-216-6220.
- 30** Town Hall Tuesday, 7 - 8 p.m., Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. Learn more about the City's efforts to update its Comprehensive Plan.  
 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).

## Independent reports validate residential road repair process



Two independent architectural and engineering consulting firms have confirmed the process used in the City of Mesquite's residential road repair process is successful and cost-effective, and the City should continue with various modifications.

Due to concerns by some residents, the City Council asked that repairs be suspended for a review of the street bond process, commonly referred to as "Real. Texas. Roads." CP&Y and The Transtec Group both affirmed the current optimized reconstruction process of combining three different methods saves the City and taxpayers about 66 percent in costs - allowing more streets to be repaired with fewer resources.

Both professional firms calculated the City's process generated a 94 percent success rate. The firms did offer recommendations for increased success rates, such as using full depth repair for streets with commercial traffic and at intersections, new procedures to allow more curing time of concrete as well as extra steps in applying the concrete and reinforcement materials.

The original Real. Texas. Roads. program includes the repair of more than 100 miles of residential streets during a 10-year period. The Council decided to accelerate the program to complete it within eight years. To date, the City has rehabbed approximately 22 miles of residential streets.

### 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

## Versión en español en [www.cityofmesquite.com/MainstreamEspanol](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MainstreamEspanol)



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

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## City Council seeks citizens to serve on boards and commissions

Volunteers are essential to the City's ability to provide quality services to the community. Serving on a board or commission is a great way to become more involved and help plan for the future of our community.

The City Council is always seeking interested citizens to apply to serve on one of our 30 boards and commissions. To learn more or apply, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/BoardsCommissions](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/BoardsCommissions) or call the City Secretary's Office at 972-216-6244.

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## Mesquite Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association earns state award

Members of the Mesquite Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association (MCPAAA) recently attended the Texas Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (TCPAAA) convention in Allen, Texas, where they received the Alumni Membership of the Year award for 2018.

In 2017, the MCPAAA's membership grew by 34 members and the organization provided more than 9,000 volunteer hours to such programs as community fingerprinting of children, Sky Watch, National Night Out and Fatal Vision, a program that teaches youth about the dangers of impaired driving.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizensPoliceAcademy](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizensPoliceAcademy) for information about the Mesquite Citizen's Police Academy.



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## Real. Texas. Roads. update

At the time of the Mainstream's publication, crews were completing the second year (2017) list of streets. Miscellaneous repairs and cleanup is underway on Bamboo Street, and Hula Drive and Bonita Vista Circle were recently completed. The 2018 list of approved streets receiving localized concrete repairs are Moon Drive, Sidney Drive, Statler Drive, Rockne Lane, Richman Drive, Morgan Drive, Morgan Circle, Sherwood Drive, Royal Crest Drive, Upland Lane, Pebble Creek Lane, Red Mill Lane, Green Leaf Lane, Evans Drive and Cascade Street. The pavement lifting process is taking place at various locations on Chapell Drive, Cascade Street and Embassy Drive.

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

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## Council Community Focus

The Office of Neighborhood Vitality has been hard at work to engage and encourage residents to become more involved in neighborhood revitalization. Since the beginning of 2018, the office has hosted its inaugural Neighborhood Summit and three Neighborhood Leadership Workshops.

The primary focus of the Neighborhood Summit was to educate and train residents on effective ways to conduct neighborhood meetings, recruit peers and resolve neighborhood issues; while the workshops provided training on the Neighborhood Toolkit created by the Manager of Neighborhood Vitality, Yolanda Wilson.

The toolkit includes tips on how homeowner's association officers, crime watch captains and neighborhood leaders can better assess how neighborhood goals can be achieved. The toolkit is also a guide on starting a neighborhood group, conducting meetings and problem solving procedures. To view the toolkit in both English and Spanish, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/NeighborhoodVitality](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/NeighborhoodVitality).

For more information on how you can become involved in these efforts, we encourage you to contact Ms. Wilson at 972-216-6473 or by email at [ywilson@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:ywilson@cityofmesquite.com).



## Remember to drive like your family lives here

Mesquite schools are back in session, which means the return of school buses, more pedestrians and children on bicycles. Please remember to stay alert. Children are often unpredictable and take risks, such as crossing the street in the middle of the road or not looking both ways before entering the roadway. Plus, the distraction of smartphones, earbuds and digital devices have become yet another hazard for those that share the road.

The City of Mesquite's Drive Like Your Family Lives Here public education program aims to help improve traffic safety in our community. The program targets motorist, cyclist and pedestrian behaviors through a variety of bilingual communications, including outdoor signage, social media, videos and other methods.

Visit [www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org](http://www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org) for more information as well as tips to help keep you and your family safe.



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# 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).



## Haunted Campout

Join us for a spooky good time at the Haunted Camp Out, October 6 - 7 at Camp Rorie-Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. Activities will include zip lining, kayaking, costume contest, tent decorating contest, haunted hike and more. The fee is \$45 for a family of four. Each additional camper is \$5. Registration fee includes a campfire dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. Registration began September 1 and can be completed online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD). Space is limited.

## PumpkinFest



The 18th annual PumpkinFest will be held on Saturday, October 20, from 12 - 6 p.m. at its new location, Valley Creek Park, 2482 Pioneer Road. The new location will allow more space for performances and activities, such as jousting demonstrations and the Sky Kings Falconry show. The event will also feature carnival games, rides, a petting zoo

and community stage performances. The event is free to enter. However, food, games and some activities will have a fee. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest) for more information.

## Adults 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Highlights in October include a trip to the Blase Family Pumpkin Patch in Rockwall on October 19 and fall festivities at an all-day camp at Camp Rorie-Galloway on October 25. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus) for more information.

## Community Snapshots



On July 31, Mesquite commemorated the life and service of Fire Captain Bradley Burney with a personalized street sign on Honorary Road throughout August. Captain Burney served the Mesquite Fire Department for 25 years and passed away in June. Burney's wife, Joanna, was presented with a shadow box created for Captain Burney along with a smaller, personal version of his street sign.



On August 15, Mesquite Police Officers met with senior community members to enjoy a free bowl of ice cream. Guests heard from members of the City Council as well as Police Chief Charles Cato.



On August 20, Republic Services donated \$1,000 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.

## 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).

Jennifer Estes Gallery Exhibition, October 1 - 24, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main and Chamber Galleries. This event is free.

Black Box Series: Steel Betty, October 6, from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$5.

The Mesquite Community Band: Fall Concert, October 13, at 4 p.m. in the Concert Hall. This event is free.



Mesquite Community Theatre presents *The Curious Savage*, weekends October 26 - November 11. Visit [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com) to purchase tickets.

Day of the Dead Festival, October 27, from 4 - 7 p.m. This event is free.



Mesquite Symphony Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. on October 27 in the Concert Hall. Visit [www.mesquitesymphony.org](http://www.mesquitesymphony.org) to purchase tickets.