

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR | DEC.

City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at

**3** City Hall, 757 North Galloway Ave.  
**17** 972-216-6244.

Therapy dogs will serve as reading buddies for children, 11 a.m. – noon, at the North Branch Library,

**8** 2600 Oates Dr. 972- 681-0465.

Family Game Day, 2 – 4 p.m., at the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr.

**8** Open to all ages. 972-216-6220.

City offices and facilities closed.

No trash or recycling collected.

**24** Collection will occur on residents'  
**25** next scheduled collection day.

For details on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays).



## 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	972-216-2684
Street/Alley Repair	972-216-6282
Water Billing	972-216-6208
Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups	972-216-6278



## Addressing Mesquite Day volunteers assist 1,000<sup>th</sup> homeowner

This year marked the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Addressing Mesquite Day (AMD) and notably, the 1,000<sup>th</sup> homeowner to be assisted by the one-day event, providing exteriors home repairs for disadvantaged homeowners in Mesquite.

Throughout the day, City staff and Councilmembers worked side-by-side with clubs, businesses, civic and faith-based organizations to make repairs to 105 homes. More than 1,100 volunteers participated. The work included painting the outside of homes, significant yard work, fence construction and much more.

In addition, area businesses provided \$47,900 in monetary and in-kind donations to assist with the program. Platinum sponsors, donating \$5,000 or more, were Atmos Energy, Elliott's Hardware, and The Home Depot Foundation.

For more information on the program or to make a tax-deductible donation towards next year's event, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD).

## Real.Texas.Roads. update

At the time of the Mainstream's publication, crews are completing the second year (2017) list of streets and will continue localized concrete repair on the 2018 list of streets. Miscellaneous repairs and cleanup on Bamboo Street are complete. Miscellaneous repairs and cleanup resumed on Rockne Lane, Morgan Circle, Statler Drive and Evans Drive. Localized concrete repairs are still in progress on Mark Drive, Chappelle Drive, Embassy Drive, Greenhill Drive, Crest Hill Drive and Cascade Street. Milling and resurfacing will soon begin on the following streets: Royal Crest Drive, Upland Lane, Pebble Creek Lane, Red Mill Lane, Green Leaf Lane, Statler Drive, Shorewood Drive, Sidney Drive and Rockne Lane.



## 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 [www.cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment).

The Mesquite City Council has approved a zoning change to allow for a mixed-used development called Iron Horse Village of Mesquite, an exciting and vibrant master-planned community near the Mesquite Championship Rodeo.

The 55-acre development integrates commercial, retail, dining and residential uses in a variety of building types and styles. Located at Interstate 635 and Scyene Parkway, the Village will consist of more than 330 single-family homes including villas, bungalows, urban row homes, townhomes and senior targeted homes. The walkable urban environment will embrace the historic rodeo, while incorporating modern amenities such as trails, ponds, creeks and water features.



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

## Council Community Focus

What do we want Mesquite to look like in the 10 years, in 20 years? Where will roads be? What type of shopping will be available? How many parks will be available? The Mesquite City Council seeks public input to help answer these questions.

The City of Mesquite recently began a 14-month process to update its Comprehensive Plan. The City seeks to enhance and protect the vitality of the community, and plan for the future through the development of the Comprehensive Plan. Mesquite's Comprehensive Plan is the long-term vision to be used by the City Council and decision-makers to make informed decisions on growth, development and revitalization of the community.

The elements of the plan will focus on these key areas of Mesquite: future land use; mobility and circulation; housing and neighborhoods; community design and character; and public safety and health.

Several meetings will be held with the City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission, stakeholders, City staff and residents to gather first-hand input that will ultimately be used to identify the community vision and serve as the foundation for plan recommendations.

Learn how you can participate in planning Mesquite's future by visiting [www.cityofmesquite.com/CompPlan](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CompPlan) often for up-to-date information and to complete a survey by November 30.

# 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).

## WINTER CAMP

Send your kids for a day or week of fun during winter break. Two camps are available at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Dr., or Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Dr., from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Session I will be held December 24, and 26 – 28. Session II will be held December 31, and January 2 – 7. The fee is \$16 per day or \$75 per week. Participants must register the Thursday before or a \$10 late fee will be applied. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Register online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD), at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1515 N. Galloway Ave., or at any recreation center.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The 32nd annual Christmas in the Park will be held at Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road, on Saturday, December 1, and Sunday, December 2, from 1 to 7 p.m. This family-friendly event features many low cost or free attractions, including roasting marshmallows on the yule log, Mrs. Claus' story time and cookies, hot cocoa and holiday character pictures. Both days will conclude with the "Here Comes Christmas" parade and a fireworks finale. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark) for more information.

## ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Highlights in December include a day of laughter at the Bathhouse Cultural Center on December 7 to see "A Christmas Survival Guide," a how-to-guide for navigating the holidays. Plus, the beautiful voices of The Reflections Community Chorus at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 6, at Goodbar Recreation Center. For more information about these and other activities in the Adult 50+ program, visit [www.CityofMesquite.com/50Plus](http://www.CityofMesquite.com/50Plus).



## Mesquite Fire Department offers safety tips

December, January, February and March are peak months for home fire deaths, with heating equipment a leading cause of home fires. Keep fire safety in mind when heating your home. Test smoke alarms once a month, never use an oven to heat a home and remember the following safety tips.

### If using a portable heater:

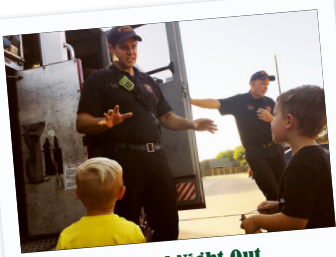
- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off in case of accidental tip overs.
- Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing and curtains at least 3 feet from the heater.
- Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets. Never use extension cords or power strips.
- Turn heaters off before going to bed or leaving a room.

### If using a wood burning fireplace:

- Use a fireplace screen to protect against flying embers.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container with a lid and store outside at least 3 feet from your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Put the fire out completely before going to bed or leaving the home.



# Community Snapshots



**National Night Out**

On October 2, the Mesquite community, in partnership with the City of Mesquite, participated in **National Night Out** by hosting a variety of activities in neighborhoods.



**Ashley Whitt Exhibition**

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December 3 – 27  
weekdays from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
in the Main and Chamber Galleries.  
This event is free.



**Walk To School Day**

On October 3, Mayor Stan Pickett and Mayor Pro Tem Dan Aleman welcomed students to school on **Walk to School Day**, which inspires communities to celebrate health and safety.



**Canvas Creations**

**Just For Kids: Canvas Creations**,  
from 10 – 11:30 a.m.,  
on December 1.  
Kids of all ages will receive a painting tutorial and take home their new masterpieces.  
This event is free.



**Graduates of BPOC 9**

On October 5, the Mesquite Police Department graduated 10 new recruits from its Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC).  
**Congratulations to the graduates of BPOC 9.**

**Black Box Series:**  
Texas country musician Cole Risner,  
from 7 – 9 p.m.,  
on December 8. Tickets are \$5.

**The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra**  
performs “The Magic of Christmas”  
from 5 and 7:30 p.m. on December 15.  
Tickets are available at  
[www.mesquitesymphony.org](http://www.mesquitesymphony.org).

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## COMING NEXT MONTH

- Alternative shopping routes: Spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy this holiday season.
- Christmas tree recycling guidelines: Start the new year off right by recycling your real Christmas tree.
- Community events in January.

-  [www.facebook.com/mesquitetexas](http://www.facebook.com/mesquitetexas)
-  [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)
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