

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | JANUARY

City offices and facilities closed.

No trash or recycling collected.

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21 Collection will occur on residents' next scheduled collection day.

7
22 City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.

12 Family Game Day, 2 – 4 p.m., at the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr. Open to all ages. 972-216-6220.

12 Escape Room, 2 - 5 p.m., at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr. First-come, first-served. 972-681-0465.

19 Therapy dogs will serve as reading buddies for children ages 12 and under, 11 a.m. - noon, at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr. 972-681-0465.

For details on City services impacted during holidays, please visit 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



TEXAS
MAIN
STREET

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mesquite earns Texas Main Street designation

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently designated Mesquite as a new incoming 2019 official Texas Main Street cities. Mesquite will officially enter the THC's Texas Main Street Program on Jan. 1, 2019, bringing the number of fully designated Main Street communities in Texas to 89.

City Manager Cliff Keheley said, "This is extremely exciting news. The City Council identified Downtown Mesquite as one of their top strategic goals. Through the efforts of City staff, citizen and business stakeholders, as well as the overall community, Mesquite has been able to achieve this important status." Keheley explained that the Texas Main Street designation will open up new doors of economic opportunities for Downtown Mesquite.

The Main Street Program stimulates private sector downtown reinvestment in historic downtowns. It helps retain, expand, and recruit small businesses, while also creating new jobs in Texas. Participating communities have generated more than \$4.1 billion in overall reinvestment into their historic downtowns and created more than 40,000 jobs and 9,800 small businesses. Local Main Street programs receive a wide range of resources and expertise from the THC.

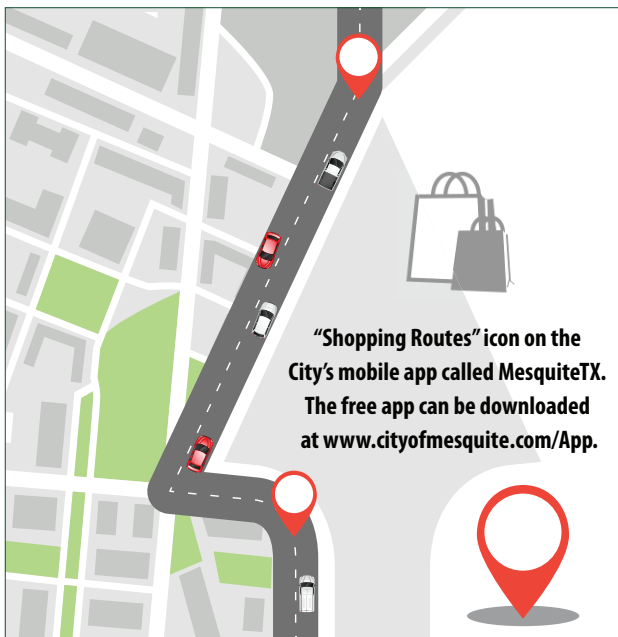
SHOP MORE



DRIVE LESS

Shop local and use alternative shopping routes this holiday season to spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy. The City of Mesquite has released maps offering alternate travel routes to local retail centers, entertainment venues and restaurants during the holiday season. Alternate routes provide motorists more options to reach their destinations and help avoid heavy traffic congestion.

View the maps at www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes or access the maps through the "Shopping Routes" icon on the City's mobile app called MesquiteTX. The free app can be downloaded at www.cityofmesquite.com/App.



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.



City seeks next class of Code Ambassadors

The Mesquite Code Ambassadors program is a volunteer-based program created to assist code enforcement officers with specific code violations. The program enlists the help of citizen volunteers called "Mesquite Code Ambassadors" to identify code violations throughout the community. The next Code Ambassador Program Orientation will be held on Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. Classes will follow, beginning Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. The orientation and all classes will be held in the Mesquite Arts Center Rehearsal Hall, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue.

Volunteers must undergo background checks and commit to six hours per month of volunteer time before participating in the program. Multiple training classes and mandatory ride-outs with code enforcement officer are also required. Once trained, Code Ambassadors survey assigned neighborhoods in City-provided vehicles for code violations viewable from the right-of-way. Volunteers are not authorized to survey neighborhoods where they reside.

For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 972-329-8704.

Council Community Focus

Each year, fireworks and the discharge of guns into the air cause severe injuries and even death. Mesquite 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 even carrying the possible penalty of up to one year of jail time.

Non-emergency calls related to fireworks and the illegal discharge of guns also overload 911 call centers, interfering with

emergency assistance. Please do not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency. Report violations by calling non-emergency police dispatch at 972-285-6336 or email fireworks@mesquitepolice.org.

Please celebrate safely this holiday season, and visit our website at www.cityofmesquite.com/CelebrateSafely for more information.

Parks and Recreation Corner

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 972-216-6260 OR VISIT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 9, for the 2019 Daddy Daughter Dance scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Tickets are \$15 per person, per session and may be purchased at all Recreation Centers, the Parks Administration Office at 1515 N. Galloway Avenue, or online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD. Three sessions, open to all ages, will be offered this year. Session One will be held from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Session Two is available from 6 – 8 p.m., while Session Three will dance from 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Advanced ticket purchase is required.



PLAYDAY

School is out so bring your kids for a day of fun with us. Playday is available on Monday, Jan. 21, and Monday, Feb. 18, from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. The fee is \$16 per child. A \$10 additional late fee will be charged for registration after Jan. 17 for the Jan. 21 session and after Feb. 14 for the Feb. 18 session. Participants will need a lunch, snack and water bottle.



ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include crafts, day trips, exercise classes, lunches and more. Highlights in January include a shopping trip to Sam Moon on Thursday, Jan. 3, and a day of bowling at Bowlarama on Mon., Jan. 14. Preregistration is required for day trips. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus for more information.

LITTLE ROOKIES GOLF

Registration for Little Rookies golf, for children ages 5 and 6, will be offered from Jan. 21 – Feb. 17. Sessions will begin Saturday, Feb. 23, at Dunford Recreation Center. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per participant and sessions will run for five weeks. Parent participation is required.



How to recycle your Christmas tree

Start the new year off right by recycling your real Christmas tree. Your tree can serve others long after it has left your living room. Real Christmas trees are biodegradable, which means they can be easily reused or recycled for mulch and other purposes. Please follow these guidelines in preparing your tree for recycling.

- All stands, lights, tinsel, and ornaments must be removed.
- Place your tree out for collection (curb or alley) starting the first Wednesday after Christmas, Dec. 26, continuing every scheduled Wednesday brush day.
- Trees may also be dropped off at the City's Convenience Center, 3550 Lawson Road.
- Leave the tree in its natural state for recycling. Do not place it in a plastic bag.

Call the Solid Waste Division at 972-216-6285 for more information.



Community Snapshots



ATMOS ENERGY

On November 5, Atmos Energy announced they would be the title sponsor of Mesquite's future Veterans Memorial, pledging \$100,000 towards the project. The announcement was made during a special ceremony at City Lake Park, the location of the new memorial.

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



Clerk of the Year Leisa Becket

On November 6, the Mesquite Municipal Court participated in Texas Municipal Court Week, Nov. 5 - 9. Mayor Stan Pickett presented a proclamation to the Mesquite Municipal Court and honored 2018 Clerk of the Year Leisa Becket.



Peeler and Rose

Susan Lee Harmon Exhibition
Jan. 7 - 31
weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
in the Main and Chamber Galleries.
This event is free.

Just For Kids: Peeler and Rose,
an interactive marionette show
Jan. 19, from 10 - 11 a.m.,
in the Black Box Theatre.
This event is free.



City Employee Veterans

On November 8, City employees who served our country through the United States Armed Forces and are now serving our community gathered for a Veterans Day group photograph.



Southpaw Preachers

Black Box Series:
Southpaw Preachers
Jan. 26,
from 7 - 9 p.m.,
Tickets are \$5 each.

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COMING NEXT MONTH

- How to remove a Vehicle Registration Hold for a red light camera violation.
- Real. Texas. Business News.
- Community Events in February.

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