

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | FEBRUARY

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

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

9 Be Mine at the Park, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street. 972-216-6468.

16 Neighborhood Summit, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mesquite Independent School District Professional Development Center, 2600 Motley Drive. 972-216-6473.

23 The 13th Annual Lone Star Legacy Gala, at the Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. 972-882-7513.

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	972-216-6284
Street/Alley Repair	972-216-6282
Water Billing	972-216-6208
Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups	972-216-6278



Mesquite Metro Airport soars to new heights

The Mesquite Metro Airport's recent accomplishments have it ascending to new heights as a relevant economic engine in the North Texas region. In addition, there are future flights scheduled to new destinations of success for an airport that already has a \$22.7 million total economic impact on the Mesquite community.

Mesquite Metro Airport General Manager Eric Pratt said, "We are experiencing a tremendous increase in the use of our airport. Since 2011, there has been a 278 percent increase in jobs created and the economic impact has increased by 116 percent. Our location, fuel prices, full-service terminal, on-site maintenance and FAA-control tower situate Mesquite Metro Airport as a destination of choice by pilots and schedulers."

The airport is transitioning from a recreational airport to a competitive corporate jet destination. Nearly 17 percent of all aircraft based in Mesquite are for business use. In 2017, the airport was named one of the nation's top-25 busiest general aviation airports with 216 aircraft based in 164 hangers. An additional five hangers are due to be leased by the end of 2018 and five more hangers will be available in 2019.

Also underway is a massive \$2.8 million improvement project, which is 90 percent funded by the FAA. The 6,000-foot runway, taxiway lighting system and other infrastructure enhancements, along with open land available for expansion, will help distance Mesquite Metro Airport from the perception as only a recreational airport to the reality of a thriving airport to both leisure and business aviators.

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 Morgan Circle, Rockne Lane, Statler Drive, Chappelle Drive, Evans Drive, Embassy Drive, Mark Drive, Shorewood Drive and Greenhill Drive are complete. Localized concrete repairs are still in progress on Cascade St., Crest Hill Drive and Crest Park Drive. Royal Crest Drive, Upland Lane, Pebble Creek Lane, Red Mill Lane and Green Leaf Lane are being resurfaced. Milling and resurfacing is scheduled this month for Morgan Drive, Statler Drive, Sidney Drive and Rockne Lane. For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit 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. Contact the Economic Development Division at 972-216-6293 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment for more information.

Elements International, a wholesale furniture firm, has announced the fast-growing company will consolidate its distribution centers from three Texas locations into a new 487,000 square-foot building in Mesquite. The facility, located at 2250 Skyline Drive, will also serve as the company's headquarters.

The distribution center is expected to open during the first quarter of 2019 and will bring new jobs to Mesquite. Current operations are located in Rockwall, Garland and Houston.



Mesquite City Council adopts redistricting plan

The City Council approved its six single-member Council districts and established new Council boundaries for Mesquite elections during the December 3 City Council meeting. Public input was sought prior to the adopted plan through a series of public input meetings and public hearings. The change to single member districts was approved by voters in May as part of the City Charter amendments.

For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Redistricting to view a variety of maps, documents and educational videos or call the City Secretary's Office at 972-216-6244.

Council Community Focus

Downtown Mesquite is creating new excitement, is getting new infrastructure and now, has a new logo. The new Downtown Mesquite logo was revealed in November at the City of Mesquite's annual Christmas on the Square event.

The logo is reminiscent of a downtown diner in the 1950s, one of the most active decades in Downtown Mesquite's history, yet the look is also sleek and forward-moving, signifying the progress being made in the revitalization of our downtown area.

Amidst the holiday music and visits with Santa Claus, event attendees were among the first to see the new logo. Adding to the celebration, ornaments inscribed with the new logo were presented as gifts to those in attendance following the Christmas tree lighting.

Mesquite was recently designated a Texas Main Street community, an elite group of fewer than 100 Texas communities. Texas Main Street communities receive free expert training, architectural services, business development training and more from the Texas Main Street Program, which is part of the Texas Historical Commission.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

MOTHER SON DANCE

Mothers and sons can enjoy a special night together at the Carnivale-themed Mother Son dance. The dance will be held Saturday, March 2, at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Tickets go on sale Friday, Feb. 1, and can be purchased online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD as well as all Recreation Centers or the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 North Galloway Ave. Tickets are \$15 per person, per session and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Two sessions are available and open to all ages. Session I will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. Session II will be held from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

PLAYDAY

Playday, an all-day recreation program, is available on 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 Feb. 14. Participants need to bring a lunch, snack and water bottle. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD, at any Recreation Center or the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.

ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. On Wednesday, Feb. 6, visit the Vetro Glass Blowing Studio in Grapevine followed by lunch at Esparza's restaurant. Sign up at Goodbar Recreation Center starting on Jan. 16. Then on Wednesday, Feb. 27, enjoy a day of learning at the Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History followed by lunch at Joe T. Garcia's. Sign up at Evans Recreation Center starting Feb. 13. For more information visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.

LITTLE ROOKIES TENNIS

Children ages 3 - 4 can learn the fundamentals of tennis as well as work on form and racquet handling. Registration will be held Feb. 11 - March 10. Sessions begin Saturday, March 16, at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. and run for five weeks. The fee is \$35 per participant. Parent participation is required. The fee is \$35 per participant and sessions will run for five weeks. Parent participation is required.



How to remove a Vehicle Registration Hold for a red light camera violation

Registered motor vehicle owners with outstanding red light camera violations from Mesquite, Texas that are more than 90 days past due will not be able to renew their motor vehicle registration until the outstanding violations and related fees are paid in full (Texas Transportation Code, Section 701.017). To obtain a proof of payment document to remove the hold, present your notice of violation, violation number, or license plate number along with full payment online,

in person, or by mail. Instructions for each payment option are as follows:

- Online, go to photonotice.com and enter city code: MSQTTX. Credit card (Visa or MasterCard) payments only.
- In Person, go to Redflex Traffic Systems, 1200 Commerce St., Ste 117, Plano, TX, 75093, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Personal check, money order, credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) accepted. Make check or money order payable to "Mesquite Photo Enforcement Program."

- By mail, send to Mesquite Photo Enforcement Customer Service Center, PO Box 76940, Cleveland, OH, 44101. Personal check or money order only. Make check or money order payable to "Mesquite Photo Enforcement Program."

For more information, contact the Customer Service Call Center at 972-422-7900 or call toll free at 877-245-2422, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST.

Community Snapshots



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



Christmas In The Park

On Dec. 1 and 2, the Mesquite community kicked off the holiday season with live entertainment, games, contests and more at Christmas in the Park.



Mesquite Symphony Orchestra

Rockwall Art League Exhibition
Rockwall Art League Exhibition, Feb. 4 - 26, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main and Chamber Galleries. This event is free.

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra performs *Follow Us...Into the Wild!*, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., on Feb. 9. Visit www.mesquitesymphony.org for tickets.



Winter Wonderland

On Dec. 10, Pieced Together Studio won the inaugural Downtown Mesquite TX Window Wonderland contest.

The Mesquite Community Theatre presents *Savannah Sipping Society*, weekends Feb. 15 - March 3. Visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.org for tickets.



Yuri Anshelevich

On Dec. 11, a group of students from Shands Elementary School presented Mayor Stan Pickett and members of the Mesquite Police Department with more than \$800 raised from a bake sale for the department's Santa Cop Toy Program.

Yuri Anshelevich with Gabriel Sanchez performs at 7:30 p.m., on Feb. 16. This event is free.



Santa Cop Toy Program

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- Pet registration and vaccination information.
- Spring Barn Dance and other March community events.
- Real. Texas. Roads. News.

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