

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | MAY

Mayor's National Day of Prayer Breakfast,
7 a.m., Family Cathedral, 790 Windbell Circle.
To register for this free event, visit
2 www.cityofmesquite.com/Breakfast

Special Election to seek voter approval
on the sale of City-owned park land.
4 www.cityofmesquite.com/2019SpecialElection

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20 **City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall,**
757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.

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25 **Mesquite Market Place, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,**
Downtown Mesquite, 150 W. Main Street.

11 **Mesquite Recycles Day, 8 a.m. - noon, Poteet**
High School parking lot, 3300 Poteet Drive.
www.keeptmesquitebeautiful.org

21 **Cookies & Crafts for Teens, Ages 11 - 18,**
6:30 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W.
Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

25 **Kids Lego® Club, Ages 3 - 10, 4 p.m., Mesquite**
Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive,
972-216-6220.

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 Police Officer, Mesquite Firefighter and Citizen of the Year honored by Elks Lodge

Elks Lodge #2404 in Mesquite hosted its annual awards for Police Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year and Citizen of the Year.

Officer Torrey Rhone was honored as Police Officer of the Year. He is an 11-year veteran of the Mesquite Police Department (MPD). Officer Rhone commits countless hours at Crime Watch meetings, community events, recruiting tours and other events. Additionally, he is heavily involved in MPD's Explorer Post, a program for teens interested in law enforcement.

Firefighter Elliot Howard was honored as Firefighter of the Year. Firefighter Howard began his career with Mesquite Fire Department (MFD) in 2005. He took the lead in MFD's swift-water rescue program by authoring operational procedures, finding grants and assisting with training. As a self-contained breathing apparatus (SBCA) tech, Elliot commits to keeping firefighters safe by cleaning all the SCBAs after each fire.

Mesquite resident Don Douglas was honored as Citizen of the Year. He made news in the community last year for the story of his financial donations to Florence Elementary School to help pay for the lunches of students from food insecure families. The selflessness of Mr. Douglas inspired others from as far as away as Georgia to make donations to Mesquite schools and schools in their own communities.

Donations help build HOME program



Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday (HOME) is an initiative to support neighborhood revitalization and redevelopment in the Mesquite Community. HOME embraces the spirit of the highly successful Addressing

Mesquite Day on a continuous basis. Addressing Mesquite Day is one of the largest one-day volunteer events in the North Texas region in which volunteers gather to perform needed tasks for the elderly and disabled residents.

HOME is made possible through a collaborative partnership between Keep Mesquite Beautiful, the City of Mesquite and community volunteers. There are many ways to support HOME through the donation of funds to purchase materials and services, reduced rates offered by local contractors to perform specialized work and volunteer time provided by clubs and churches to work on projects.

To become involved, please contact Yolanda Wilson, Manager of Neighborhood Vitality, at 972-216-6473 or at ywilson@cityofmesquite.com.

Historic Mesquite, Inc. to host its 9th annual Mesquite Meander



Join Historic Mesquite, Inc., and members of the Mesquite Community Theater on May 17 and 18 for the 2019 Mesquite Meander. The Meander is a historical stroll through the Mesquite Cemetery, 400

Holley Park Drive, where attendees learn about early residents who helped shape the community. Each evening, docents lead 10 tours of groups with no more than 16 people along a trail to hear the stories and legends of those buried in the cemetery.

On Friday, May 17, the first tour begins at 7 p.m. with the last tour starting at 8:30 p.m. Each tour lasts about 30 minutes. On Saturday, May 18, tours start at 6:30 p.m., with the last tour beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. The event is not age-appropriate for those under seven years of age. If inclement weather is expected, the event will be held indoors near the cemetery.

Tickets may be purchased by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express), check or cash at the HMI office, 711 E. Kearney St., during regular business hours. Tickets are also sold via telephone at 972-216-6468 and mailed out. All sales are final.

Real.Texas.Roads. Update



Real. Texas. Roads. is the \$125 million dollar street bond program, approved by voters in 2015, to repair grade 4 residential streets.

The Public Works Department is moving forward with

pavement rehabilitation in the Valley View Heights area. Streets will include Oriole Street, Ervin Lane, Daffodil Drive, Lilac Lane, Rose Lane, Carnation Drive, Haddock Drive, Hoops Lane, Powell Road, Powell Circle, Powell Drive, Orchid Avenue, Magnolia Drive, Douglas Drive and Melton Lane. The rehabilitation will be comprised of a variety of methods including asphalt reclamation, seal coat treatment, localized spot repair and full reconstruction. Repairs on some streets is scheduled to begin in the spring after water and sewer replacements are completed. Repairs of other streets is anticipated to begin in early 2020.

For more information, call the Streets Maintenance Division at 972-216-6282 and sewer replacements are completed. Repairs of other streets is anticipated to begin in early 2020.

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Real.Texas.Business. News



The City of Mesquite has recently celebrated an array of business activity in the community with the help of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. The City of Mesquite

welcomed Elements International. Elements International moved their headquarters from Rockwall and consolidated their Houston and Garland warehouses into the new 487,200 square-foot facility in Mesquite. The company is bringing 80 jobs to Mesquite in their first year.

Whataburger of Mesquite, Inc. celebrated their 50th anniversary. John and Joyce Heiman acquired the franchisee rights to start Whataburger in Mesquite 50 years ago and opened the Whataburger on Motley Drive – the first in Dallas County. MobilityWorks, a national leader in the newest innovations in adaptive equipment with more than 70 showroom locations in 24 states, selected Mesquite to open their newest location. Also, family-owned Pioneer Healthcare Clinic celebrated their 6th anniversary in Mesquite with a special ribbon cutting.

Council Community Focus

Neighborhood Condition and Appearance continues to be a top goal of the City Council. In March, Neighborhood Services presented an update to City Council on the success of environmental code. The department reported a 91 percent rate of voluntary compliance by property owners to address code violations. Code enforcement staff continues to educate property owners before beginning enforce efforts.

The citizen volunteers involved in our Code Ambassador program have been a tremendous help. The volunteers have helped identify code violations in the community. Some of the top types of violations are trash, high grass and overhanging limbs.

To read a residential guide for property maintenance, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CodeViolation.

Parks and Recreation Corner

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

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Join the Hispanic Forum of Mesquite for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 4 from noon - 5 p.m. in Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. This family-friendly event will feature authentic Mexican food, a piñata break, the Lara Latin band, folklorico dancers, bounce houses and more. Entrance is free and some activities will have a small fee. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CincoDeMayo.

MOVIES IN THE PARK

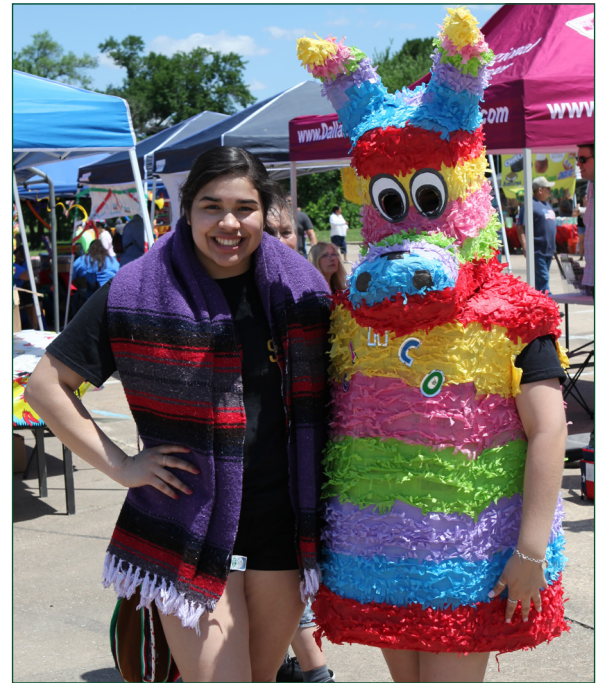
Movies in the Park will feature Spiderman "Into the Spideverse" on May 17 at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. Pre-show entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. and includes games, music, and more. Patrons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to this free event. Concessions will also be available for purchase. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/moviesinthepark.

AQUA ZUMBA WATER EXERCISE

This fun and challenging water aerobics class offers participants a full workout. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings beginning June 4. The fee is \$25 for one day a week session or \$40 for two day a week session. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Aquatics for more information. To register online, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD.

ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include crafts, exercise classes, lunch and more. There are several day trips planned: May 7 - Texas Discovery Gardens at Fair Park, May 24 - a production at the Bath House Theatre in Dallas for the performance of "Glorious." For more information and purchase tickets for the day trips, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.



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

A friendly reminder that 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 per the Texas Transportation Code, Section 701.017. To obtain a proof of payment document to remove the hold, vehicle owners must present 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: Visit www.photonotice.com and enter city code: MSQTTX. Only credit card (Visa or MasterCard) are accepted.

- In Person: Go to Redflex Traffic Systems, 1200 Commerce Street, Suite 117, Plano, TX, 75093, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Personal check, money order and credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) are 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. Only personal checks or money orders are accepted. 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



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The City held the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to thank citizen volunteers for their donation of time and talent in 2018. More than 800 volunteers donated more than 51,000 hours to various City programs and services.



2019 Neighborhood Summit

The 2019 Neighborhood Summit featured presentations to provide neighborhood leaders with the tools to conduct neighborhood meetings, recruit volunteers and network with neighbors to improve neighborhood vitality. To become more involved in your local neighborhood, call Yolanda Wilson, Manager of Neighborhood Vitality, at 972-216-6473 or email ywilson@cityofmesquite.com.



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

The Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, presented by Vision Mesquite, featured Mesquite Young Life Area Director Amanda Cunningham. To inquire about supporting this program which assists local at-risk teens with special camps and programs, call 214-864-9268.



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

For more information on any of these events, please call 972-216-8132 or visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org

The Mesquite Community Theatre presents

"100 Years of Broadway," weekends April 26 - May 12, 8-10 p.m. Visit

www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com.



Mesquite Symphony

Orchestra presents Strength and Power:

Myth or Legend on May 11,

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Visit

www.mesquitesymphony.org for tickets.

Texas Area Artists will hold a Paint In on May 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Call 214-566-8269 for more information. This event is free.



Mesquite Symphony

Orchestra will hold auditions on May 18,

12:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Rehearsal Hall. Call 972-816-9335 for more information.

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