



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### December 2014

1, 15

**City Council Meeting**, 7 p.m., City Hall, Council Chambers, 757 N. Galloway, 972-216-6244

### Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

Main Number . . . . .	972-288-7711
Animal Services . . . . .	972-216-6283
Building Inspection . . . . .	972-216-6212
Environmental Code . . . . .	972-216-6276
Parks and Recreation . . . . .	972-216-6260
Planning and Zoning . . . . .	972-216-6216
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



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## Christmas in the Park is scheduled for December 4 - 6

The City of Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department is proud to announce the 28th Annual Christmas in the Park. The event will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday (December 4 - 6) at Westlake Park, 600 Gross Road. Kick-off festivities take place 6 - 9 p.m. on Thursday, highlighted by the tree lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa Claus. Friday and Saturday hours are 6 - 10 p.m. The park will be filled with festive lights, holiday cheer and fun for all ages. Some of the free or low-cost events will include music and dance groups on the main stage, food vendors, a live nativity scene, hayrides, hot drinks, Mrs. Claus' cookies, letters to Santa, a Yule log and much more. There will also be costumed holiday characters greeting the crowd. And no Christmas celebration is complete without Santa Claus, who will make his appearance each evening of the event. Pictures with Santa are also available for a small fee. All activities are outside, so dress accordingly.



John Monaco  
Mayor



Al Forsythe  
Mayor Pro Tem,  
Place 2



Greg Noschese  
Deputy Mayor Pro  
Tem, Place 5



Bill Porter  
Councilmember  
Place 1



Bruce Archer  
Councilmember  
Place 3



Shirley Roberts  
Councilmember  
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley  
Councilmember  
Place 6



## Community Snapshots



On October 6, the 9U Red Raider little baseball team led the Pledge of Allegiance at the City Council Meeting.



Also on October 6, Mayor Pro Tem Al Forsythe congratulated Larriann Kelly for her service to the Keep Mesquite Beautiful Board of Directors and David Burris for his service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.



On October 8, Councilmember Greg Noschese represented the City Council at Pirrung Elementary School's "Walk to School Day" by welcoming students and their parents who chose to walk to school to strengthen the neighborhood.



On October 7, Mayor John Monaco proclaimed the month of October 2014, as International Alpha Delta Kappa Month in the City of Mesquite, and recognized the special contributions made by Alpha Delta Kappa as it promotes quality education in this city and across the state.

## 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).

### Recreation After School Program (RASP)



RASP is an after-school program for children in grades Kindergarten through sixth grade that is managed by trained and friendly staff. During school holidays a camp is provided from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers. The fee is \$60 per child, per week. Participants must bring a water bottle and lunch.

**Winter Camp Session 1**  
December 22 - 24 and 26

**Winter Camp Session 2**  
December 29 - 31 and January 2

### 50+ Dances

Adults age 50+ are invited to join us December 12 from 7 - 9:30 p.m. for dancing, friendship, refreshments and live music by Rollin' Country, at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest. The admission cost is \$6 per person.

### Preschool Pros Basketball

This program is geared for ages 3 - 4. Registration is December 8 - January 10. Games will begin Saturday, January 10. The program is hosted at the Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon. Parent/guardian participation is required. The cost is \$35 per player.



## Mesquite Arts Center Activities

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

For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call 972-216-6444 or visit [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)

**Mesquite ISD High School Art Exhibit** will be available through the month of December in the Mesquite Arts Center Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays as well as evenings and weekends during performances.

**Mesquite Community Theatre** will present "A Tuna Christmas" December 4 - 6. Performances start at 8 p.m. in the Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theater.

**Mesquite Arts Council** presents "Hot Salsa Night" with Vicho Vicencio and the New Casino Band on December 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.



**Mesquite Arts Council** will begin a series entitled "Just For Kids: Second Saturdays of the Month at Mesquite Arts Center." These free programs will be held in the Black Box Theater of the Mesquite Arts Center. Each program begins at 10 a.m. This month is "Peeler and Rose: Holly Follies Holiday Marionette Show" on December 13. A singing cat, bell-ringing cow and juggling monkey highlight



all of your favorite traditional holiday songs in this lively variety production which also features hula dancing snow girls, rag dolls that fly apart and re-assemble themselves and a visit from the Abominable Snowman himself.

**Mesquite Community Band** presents "Sounds of the Season" on December 6 at 7 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall. Tickets are \$2.

**Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** presents "Music of the Season" on December 20 with selected pieces from a Dicken's Christmas at 7 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 dollars for children.

## Did You Know?

*This is a monthly section to offer readers a brief insight into the City's operations, service and programs.*

Did you know who to contact about abandoned vehicles? If a vehicle is wrecked or abandoned and is parked on the street, who do you call? In this case you would contact the Mesquite Police Department on their non-emergency number at 972-216-6759. They have jurisdiction for vehicles on the street and also for vehicles that may be blocking the sidewalk or a mailbox. However, if a car is wrecked, inoperable or abandoned on private property, you should contact the Environmental Code Division. Environmental Code has jurisdiction on private property only. Environmental Code can also address vehicles that are parked on the grass on private property. The City Code states that vehicles should be parked on an approved sealed surface. Parking on the area next to the driveway, on the front yard or in vacant lots is illegal. For violations that are on private property, please contact Environmental Code on the complaint line at 972-216-6276 or at 972-329-8704.

## City announces Christmas trash and recycling pick-up schedule

The Public Works Department has announced the schedule for sanitation services during the Christmas holiday. Those customers scheduled for trash pick-up on December 25 will have their trash collected on Monday, December 29. Customers scheduled for recycling pick-up on December 25 will have their recycling materials collected on January 7. The Compost Site/Convenience Center will be closed on December 25 and will re-open on December 26.

## City expands COMPASS and access to DART

The City has executed an agreement with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and STAR Transit to continue the City of Mesquite Passenger Shuttle (COMPASS) through 2017 and to add midday hourly service beginning January 1, 2015. COMPASS will continue to operate weekdays between the Hanby Park and Ride Station and the Lawnview Station on the DART Green Line from 5:02 a.m. - 7:18 p.m. The \$7 daily fare remains unchanged. However, riders will notice a change in the buses and drivers as STAR Transit will now provide buses and drivers to operate the service. Additional information on the enhanced service can be found at [www.cityofmesquite.com/compass](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/compass).