



MAINSTREAM MARCH 2022

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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APRIL 2022

- 1 - 30** Jobseeker Support Initiative. Call the Mesquite Main Library at 972-216-6220 or the North Branch Library at 972-681-0465 for more information or to schedule a 30-minute support session.

- 4, 18** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave., 972-216-6244.

- 29 - 30** Friends of the Mesquite Public Library Spring Book Sale, Friday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr.

- 30** Trash Bash, 9 a.m., Community Services Building, 1616 N. Galloway Ave., 972-329-8331.



Mesquite authorizes design contract for the reconstruction of Faithon P. Lucas, Sr., Blvd

The Mesquite City Council authorized the preliminary and final design contract of Faithon P. Lucas, Sr., Blvd. at the Feb. 7 City Council meeting. The roadway will be realigned and reconstructed from the existing two-lane section to a four-lane divided section from McKenzie Road to East Cartwright Road. The estimated total cost of the project is \$16.6 million.

The design will also include a hike and bike trail along the north side of the roadway that connects to the City’s master trail system and a roundabout connecting to the future Solterra master-planned residential development.

“The roundabout along with the alignment shifts provide design features that help control speeding on major thoroughfares,” said Director of Public Works Curt Cassidy. “Additionally, four-lane divided roadways by design increase safety while adding capacity.”

Dallas County will partner with the City of Mesquite on the project by reimbursing the City 50% of the cost of paving and drainage improvements. The estimated total reimbursement is \$6.4 million. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2022.

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



Elks Auxiliary donates \$10,000 to Historic Mesquite, Inc.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Mesquite Elks Lodge No. 2404 recently presented Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI) with a \$10,000 donation for the New Hope Church project. New Hope Church was constructed circa 1906. HMI acquired the building through donation and has stabilized the structure while funds are raised for its renovation.

HMI's fundraising goal is \$250,000, of which \$172,000 has been raised. The church will retain its historical façade but will be adapted for today's uses such as weddings, meetings, and other gatherings.

The building will seat between 100 to 125 people when renovations are complete. For more information on New Hope Church or Opal Lawrence Historical Park, email historicmesquite@cityofmesquite.com or call 972-216-6468.



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 Department at 972-216-6446 or visit www.mesquiteecodev.com.

Construction recently began on the development of a build-to-suit industrial project for Vehicle Accessories, Inc. (VAI) in Mesquite's new Alcott

Station Industrial Business District. The project is a 310,900 square-foot building on the southeast side of East Scyene Road and Clay Mathis Road. VAI is relocating its corporate headquarters to Mesquite, bringing 315 new manufacturing jobs with an annual payroll of \$13.5 million. Completion is expected by November 2022.

Urban Logistics Realty, selected by the City of Mesquite, is creating the state-of-the-art master-planned 180-acre Alcott Station Industrial Business District. Upon completion, the development will incorporate up to two million square feet of industrial space, with the centerpiece being a five-acre city park. The naming of the project pays homage to A.R. Alcott, an engineer for the Texas & Pacific Railroad, who filed the first plat for the township of Mesquite in May 1873.

City of Mesquite files lawsuit against Hillcrest Apartments

After months of attempting to obtain improved building conditions and reductions in criminal activity, the City of Mesquite has commenced legal proceedings against the owners of Hillcrest Apartments, located at 2019 Hillcrest St.

"The City expects all landlords to provide safe and sanitary conditions for all tenants," stated City Manager Cliff Keheley. "The action taken today is a necessary next step to seek improved living conditions for the residents at the Hillcrest Apartments."

For years, residents of the complex have experienced a lack of proper heating, air conditioning, hot water and other life safety issues. The City has repeatedly engaged with the owners to develop long-term solutions to these problems, but recent incidents leaving residents without heat for days and sewer line backups for weeks compelled the City to take this action.

Parks and Recreation Corner

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RODEO PARADE

Join us on Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. for the 64th annual Rodeo Parade as horses, bands and floats wind their way through Downtown Mesquite. This long-standing tradition brings our community together and would not be possible without your participation. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade for more information.



BUNNY BASH

Bunny Bash will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. The egg hunt is for children nine years old or younger and will begin at 11 a.m. Additional activities will include pictures with the bunny, train rides, arts and crafts, face painting, bounce houses and a balloon artist. A small fee will be charged for some activities. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/BunnyBash for more information.



KIDFISH

KidFish returns to City Lake Park, 200 Parkview St., on Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to noon. The free fishing tournament is for youth, ages 16 years old or younger, to gain an appreciation for the sport as well as awareness of our natural resources. Prizes will be awarded. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/KidFish for more information.



PLAY DAY

When school is out, bring your kids in for a day of fun. Participants will spend the day playing in a safe and fun environment with trained, friendly staff. Play Day is available on Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. The fee is \$20 per child, and participants will need a lunch, snack, and water bottle. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD, at any City recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.



Community Snapshots



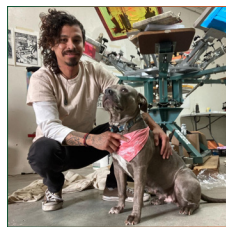
On Feb. 11, firefighters at Fire Station #2 placed a new fire engine into service with a traditional push-in ceremony. The housing ceremony is a proud tradition in the history of fire service in which firefighters push a new engine into the station for the first time.

The tradition dates back to the 1800s when firefighters used horse-drawn equipment. After returning to the station after a fire call, the horses could not easily back the equipment into the station, so they were disconnected from the fire equipment and firefighters would push the equipment back into the bay themselves.



MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

The **Mesquite Arts Center** is located at
1527 N. Galloway Avenue
Mesquite, Texas



March 25 – April 10, Mesquite Arts Theatre presents, **Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes**, 8 p.m., Black Box. Tickets available at www.mesquiteartstheatre.org

April 2, Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents, **Transitions**, 7:30 p.m., Concert Hall. Tickets available at www.mesquitesymphony.org

April 4 – June 25, **Carmen Menza: Translating Light**, Main Gallery, Free Admission.

April 4 – June 25, **Amani Sodiq Odunaiya: Dear Little One**, Chamber Gallery, Free Admission.

April 4, 11, 18, 25, **Tote and Go Program**, Every Monday project kits will be available for pick-up starting at noon., Mesquite Arts Center Lobby. First-come, first-served

April 9, Mesquite Community Band presents, **Shall We Dance?**, 7 p.m., Concert Hall, Free Admission.

April 16, **Just For Kids: Eco-Friendly Silkscreening with Viktor Ortix**, 10 a.m. – noon, Courtyard or Rehearsal Hall depending on weather. Bring your own t-shirt.

April 21, **Mesquite Rocks! PruMadonna**, 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center north lawn. Free Admission.

April 27, **MAC Doodles: Greenery with Joe Cadena**, 4 p.m. Virtual Programming. Mesquite Arts Center YouTube

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