



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**1, 15** **February 2016**  
 City Council Meetings at City Hall,  
 7 p.m., 757 N. Galloway Avenue.  
 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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## Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday Program

The Mesquite City Council has authorized a partnership with Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. to create the Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday (HOME) program to assist Mesquite homeowners with hardships needing minor home repairs and maintenance. To help kickoff the HOME program, the Rotary Club of Mesquite presented a \$2,500 donation at the December 7 City Council meeting.

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.

Mesquite homeowners will receive aid through the HOME program based upon staff referrals from the City of Mesquite Code Enforcement Department. Overall management of the program will be the responsibility of the Housing and Community Services Department.

For more information, please call Managing Director of Community Services Valerie Bradley at 972-329-8329 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/HOME](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/HOME).



KMB Board Member Patti Hawkins and Rotary President Mike Garvey



## MAYOR'S CORNER

Holiday festivities may have ended, but we as a community still have many reasons to give thanks and celebrate. The year 2016 begins a new era of renewal for Mesquite, and I look forward to seeing much progress. I am excited to report that improvements have already started in two major areas: street repairs and home maintenance.

This month, the City Council and I will finalize the first list of residential streets to be repaired thanks to the successful bond election with road construction beginning as early as March. In addition, a new program to assist Mesquite homeowners with hardships needing minor home repairs and maintenance will also begin. Read on and learn more about this program and other community updates.

Exciting things are happening in Mesquite, and I am grateful to be part of the team.

Stan Pickett  
Mayor



## Diamond Rio to Headline Lone Star Legacy Gala

The Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) Education Foundation is excited to announce Grammy Winning and Six-Time Vocal Group of the Year Diamond Rio to headline the 10th Annual Lone Star Legacy Gala on February 27, 2016 at Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive.

Concert tickets go on sale through [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) and the Mesquite Arena Box Office on Thursday, January 14. Table Sponsorships start at \$1,000. All proceeds benefit MISD teachers and students. Visit [mesquitefoundation.org](http://mesquitefoundation.org) for more information or e-mail Randy Lewallyn at [hlewallyn@mesquiteisd.org](mailto:hlewallyn@mesquiteisd.org).



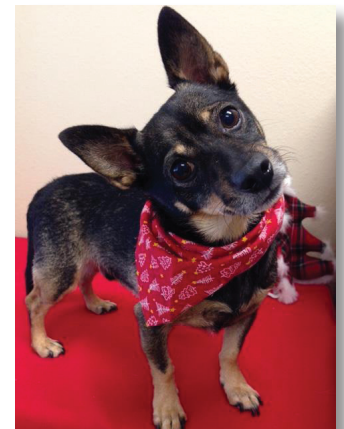
## City Council Invites Youth Groups to Lead Pledge of Allegiance

The City Council is actively seeking youth groups to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at their meetings. The meetings are the first and third Monday each month beginning at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance is at the start of each meeting, so youth groups would be finished by 7:10 pm and could exit the meeting. The Council invites organized groups such as sports teams and clubs to volunteer. Parents are encouraged to get the neighborhood kids together and sign up to do a meeting. This is a unique way to get involved in your local government. To register a youth group, please call the City Secretary's Office at 972-216-6244.

## Pet Winter Safety

Animal Services would like to remind all pet owners that they are responsible for providing adequate shelter for outdoor pets at all times. Proper shelter should consist of three sides and a weatherproof roof. It must be large enough for the pet and provide a space that is free from snow, wind and rain. Pets are also required to have water available at all times. When temperatures fall below freezing, owners must ensure that the water is not frozen.

To report concerns of animals being housed outside without sufficient water or shelter, contact animal services at 972-216-6283.





# 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).

## Daddy Daughter Dance - Enchanted Evening

Enjoy a Daddy Daughter Dance at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 1700 Rodeo Drive, on Friday, February 5. Two sessions available: 6 - 8 p.m. (ages 4 - 8) and 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. (ages 9 - 12). Presale tickets are available at any recreation center for \$15 per person, per session. Tickets purchased at the door are \$20 per person, per session.



## Little Rookies Tennis

Registration for Little Rookies Tennis for children ages 3 - 4 begins January 25. The program begins Saturday, February 20 at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. Two sessions are available; 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per player and parent participation is required.

## Girls Volleyball League

Registration for girls ages 7 - 14 volleyball is from January 25 to February 21. Practices begin Tuesday, March 15 with games beginning Monday, March 28. The fee is \$65 per player.

## The First Tee of Dallas

Registration for The First Tee of Dallas, instructional golf, begins January 25 at the Mesquite Golf Club, 825 Interstate 30. Program runs every Saturday, February 13 - March 19. Children ages 7 - 10 practice from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and teens ages 11 - 17 practice from 12 - 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$40 per golfer, scholarships are available upon request. To register go to [www.thefirstteedallas.org](http://www.thefirstteedallas.org)

## Archery Introductory Class

Children ages 6 - 15 can enjoy a FREE introduction class on Saturday, February 6 from 12 - 1 p.m. at Westlake Sports Center, 700 Gross Road.

## Tennis

Children ages 10 and under can enjoy FREE tennis instruction on Saturday, February 13 at Westlake Sports Center from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Adult Co-ed Soccer and Sand Volleyball

Adult Co-ed Soccer and Sand Volleyball registration runs February 1 - 14 at any recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Avenue. Games begin Sunday, February 28. Soccer fee is \$300 per team. Sand volleyball fee is \$130 per team. Free agents may register at [www.TeamSideLine.com/mesquite](http://www.TeamSideLine.com/mesquite).

## All Day Recreation After School Program (RASP)

An all-day RASP is available at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive, Monday, February 15 from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The fee is \$16 per child. A \$10 additional late fee will be charged for registrations after February 11. Participants will need a water bottle, snack and lunch.

## Adult 50+ Game Night

Join us at 5 p.m. for a FREE game night Monday, February 15 at Goodbar Senior Center, 3000 Concord Drive. A delicious soup dinner will be provided. Bring a dessert to share.

## Adult 50+ Dance

Swing over to Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Drive, on Friday, February 12 and February 26. Tickets are \$6 at the door. Free dance lessons begin at 6 p.m. The band begins at 7 p.m.



## 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)

**The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** presents  
*"We're on the Air"* – A concert celebrating our radio.

February 20 at 7:30 p.m.  
in the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall.

Please visit [www.mesquitesymphony.org](http://www.mesquitesymphony.org) for tickets.



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## Community Snapshots



November 24, Historic Mesquite, Inc. and the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Mustangers hosted a ribbon cutting at the newly restored Noah Range Farmhouse located at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street.



December 7, Teresa Jackson opened the City Council meeting with the invocation.

## Protect Your Credit Profile

The start of a new year is a good time to examine your credit profile. Unfortunately, credit card fraud goes hand and hand with the busy holiday shopping season. The Mesquite Police Department would like to remind everyone how to keep your credit profile safe with these suggestions from the Federal Trade Commission.

- Store a record of your credit card account numbers, expiration dates and phone numbers in a safe place in case of fraud, stolen or lost cards.
- Do not lend your credit cards to anyone — including children or roommates — and do not leave credit cards, receipts, or statements out in the open in your home or office.
- Shred expired or closed credit cards before throwing them away.
- Do not give your account number to anyone over the phone unless you have made the call to a company you know to be reputable.
- Carry your credit cards separately from your wallet, and only carry the cards you will be needing on that outing.
- Keep an eye on your credit card during all transactions.
- Never sign a blank receipt and draw a line through any blank spaces above the total.
- Save all receipts to compare with your credit card statement.
- Open bills promptly — or check them online often — and reconcile all purchases.
- Report any questionable charges to the credit card issuer.
- Notify your credit card issuer immediately if your address changes or if you will be traveling.
- Never write your account number on the outside of an envelope.

## Keepin' the GREEN in Christmas

Start the new year off right by recycling your real Christmas tree. 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, December 30, continuing every scheduled Wednesday brush day. You may also drop it off at the City's Convenience Center, 3550 Lawson Road.
- Do not place your Christmas tree inside a plastic bag. It should be left in its natural state for recycling.



Call 972-216-6285 for more information.