



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 2017

6, 20

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

For information on City services
impacted during holidays, please visit
www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays.

To learn about all the different ways to
stay informed on city news, visit
www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed.

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
Main Library	972-216-6220
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

Mesquite joins area cities in request for water rate relief

On December 14, the Mayors of Mesquite, Garland, Plano and Richardson announced their cities are asking the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to conduct a review of their water rates with the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD).

Currently, NTMWD member cities are required to purchase at least the same amount of water annually that they used during their single year of greatest consumption, regardless of whether or not they use the entire amount of water. As a result, the four cities have paid a total of \$178 million for water they did not use.

For Mesquite, Garland, Plano and Richardson, the greatest use took place during a time when water conservation was not anticipated. Years of drought and the successful adoption of water conservation strategies have changed the amount and way water is used. It is unlikely the cities will ever again use the minimums that were set by their greatest annual usage.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WaterRates for more information on this issue or to watch a video of the joint press conference held on December 14.

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Garland, Mesquite, Plano and Richardson have paid

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Stan Pickett
Mayor



Bruce Archer
Mayor Pro Tem
Place 3



Jeff Casper
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 2



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Dan Aleman
Councilmember
Place 4



Greg Noschese
Councilmember
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

As we begin 2017, I am more grateful than ever for the Mesquite community and the support they have demonstrated during the past year. In 2016, our annual Addressing Mesquite Day program set new records with more than 1,400 volunteers assisting 116 disadvantaged homeowners with exterior home repairs.

Similar support was given to our inaugural Spread the Love campaign, which generated enough donations for local food pantries to help make 20,000 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for children in need during the summer.

In addition, the Back the Blue, Bring a Book program produced more than 700 books to be donated to the Mesquite Independent School District's Read. Play. Talk. initiative. These are just a few examples of the many efforts underway to build an even better Mesquite. To find out how you can become involved in 2017, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteCares.

Stan Pickett
Mayor

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 over 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 www.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.

Real. Texas. Roads. update

Repairs to the first set of residential streets selected for the Real. Texas. Roads. program continue with several streets completed. At the time of the Mainstream's publication, the following streets were in the second phase of repairs, localized concrete repair: Crest Park Drive, Rosemont Street and Belmont Street. Streets in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction, include: Strayhorn Drive, Demaret Drive, Antilles Drive, Caracus Drive, Sandra Lynn Drive and Sarazan Drive. Juanita Street, Richard Street, Diane Drive, Royal Crest Drive, Crestridge Drive, Kiamesha Way, Tam O Shanter Drive, Nabholtz Lane, Hogan Drive and Caribbean Drive were all nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining. Seven streets have been completed: Barbara Street, Andrew Street, Hillcrest Street, Northridge Drive, Highland Street, Valley View Street and Midway Street.

In addition, the second list of residential streets to be repaired with bond funds has been approved. For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads. If you have any questions or notice a problem with a street, please contact the inspector.





Go Red in Mesquite on February 3

Mesquite will Go Red on Friday, February 3 as the City of Mesquite, Mesquite Independent School District, Town East Mall and numerous local businesses join together to help raise awareness of women's heart health. The day is part of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign to help end heart disease by inspiring lifestyle changes and raising funds for research. Heart disease is the number one killer of women, killing more women than all forms of cancer combined.

For more information, visit the American Heart Association's special webpage at www.goredforwomen.org.

Main Library offers computer classes for adults

The Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, offers free computer classes for adults. Classes are held on Wednesday mornings and on the first Saturday of each month from 9 - 11 a.m. Classes include: "Computer Basics" on Wednesday, February 1; "Microsoft Word" on Wednesday, February 8; "Email for Beginners" on Wednesday, February 15; and "Job & Resume Resources" on Saturday, February 4 and Wednesday, February 22. Seats are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call the Main Library at 972-216-6220.



Parks and Recreation Corner

For more information on any of these programs, please call 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD.

Daddy Daughter Dance

Dads enjoy an evening with your daughter at the Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, February 3. New this year, all ages are welcome to either session. Session one is available from 6 - 8 p.m. Session two will dance from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Avenue, and at any recreation center for \$15 per person, per session.

All Day RASP



An All Day Recreation After School Program (RASP) is available on February 20 for all students in kindergarten through sixth grade from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Payment is due the Thursday before the event. Participants must bring a water bottle and sack lunch. The fee is \$16 per day.

The First Tee

Registration begins in January for The First Tee of Dallas, an instructional golf program offered at The Mesquite Golf Club. The program is held on Saturdays from February 18 through March 18. Children, ages 7 - 10, will practice from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and teens, ages 11 - 17, will practice from 12 - 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$50 per golfer. Scholarships are available upon request. To register, go to www.thefirstteedallas.org.

Fitness Center Memberships

Start the year off right by purchasing a fitness room membership at one of the City's four recreation centers: Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive; Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street; Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way; and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. Memberships are only \$50 per year. A current valid picture identification card or driver's license and proof of residency is required to purchase a membership or day pass.



Mesquite Arts Center Activities

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

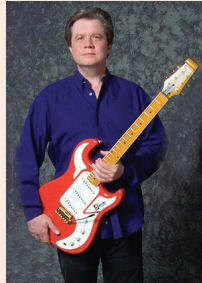
For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call 972-216-6444 or visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org.

Diane-Walker Gladney Art Exhibit, February 1 - 27, in the Art Gallery. Free admission.

Art Greenhaw and The Light Crust Doughboys perform at 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 11. Tickets are \$10 each.

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra performs "A Night at the Theatre" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 18 in the Concert Hall. Tickets available at www.mesquitesymphony.org.

Mesquite Community Theatre presents Little Shop of Horrors. Performances will be held weekends February 17 - March 5 in the Black Box Theatre. For tickets and performance times, visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com.



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 Division at 972-216-6293 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment.

Which shopping center, built in the early 1970's, is undergoing extensive renovations? The answer is Towne Crossing Shopping Center located at 2021 N. Town East Boulevard. The center is receiving substantial renovations for two new national brand tenants: Fitness Connection and Mr. Gatti's Pizza. Fitness Connection will occupy over 62,000 square feet of the center's southeast corner and will include a cardio mezzanine, kid's club, a smoothie bar and saunas. Mr. Gatti's Pizza will include Gatti Town, the popular state-of-the-art game room. Both businesses are scheduled to open in 2017. Towne Crossing Shopping Center is currently home to Guitar Center and Conn's HomePlus.



The developer is working closely with the City to upgrade remodeling plans and the center's façade in response to the City Council's efforts to revitalize older shopping centers.

For more information on economic development in Mesquite, view the new Quarterly Development Activity Reports at www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity.

Community Snapshots



On November 21, the Mesquite Fire Department Citizens' Fire Academy graduated its 2016 class with a celebratory cook-out at Fire Station No. 1.



On December 10, the Mesquite City Council (Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Archer pictured) and staff hosted a cook-out for the residents of Northridge Estates in appreciation of their support during the various phases of recent street improvements.



On December 10 and 11, Mesquite celebrated 30 years of Christmas in the Park with traditional favorites and new entertainment such as the "Here Comes Christmas" parade.