



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2017

- 6, 20** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.
 - 12** Daylight Saving Time begins. Set clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m.
 - 14** Mesquite Animal Services, 1650 Gross Road, March Madness - name your price adoption special. 972-216-6283.
 - 28** Town Hall Tuesday at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. The Police Department will discuss public safety initiatives to combat speeding and other traffic concerns.
- 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.



Mesquite Police Officers begin wearing cowboy hats

The Mesquite Police Department recently announced the majority of their police officers have chosen to wear a cowboy hat as a part of their uniform.

Mesquite Police Chief Charles Cato said, "This cowboy hat is an alternate to the standard issued hat all police officers receive as a part of their uniform. We have 180 of 220 uniformed police officers who have chosen to wear the new cowboy hat in the field as additional protection from various weather elements. This cowboy hat is a benefit the police officers asked for, and I am grateful the City of Mesquite was able to provide it."

The Resistol, black straw hat was selected by police officers over other hat options, including a drill sergeant-style hat. Cato indicated the idea of an alternative hat resulted from his efforts to speak with every officer in the department when he started as Police Chief last year.

The cowboy hats cost \$66 each with a rain cover and are a part of this year's budget. Wearing the cowboy hat is not mandatory.

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



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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

February is American Heart Month, making it a great time to increase your awareness of heart health and take steps towards a healthier lifestyle.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women. Every day 2,200 Americans die of heart disease - one death every 39 seconds. You can make a difference in these tragic numbers by scheduling a visit with your doctor to talk about heart health, adding exercise to your daily routine, eating healthier and encouraging your loved ones to do the same.

Know the risk factors for cardiovascular disease as well as the early warning signs of a heart attack. Visit the American Heart Association at www.heart.org and learn more today.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

Mesquite Fire Department offers home heating safety tips

December, January, February and March are peak months for home fire deaths, with heating equipment a leading cause of home fires. Keep fire safety in mind when heating your home. Test smoke alarms once a month, never use an oven to heat a home and remember the following safety tips:

If using a portable heater:

- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off in case of accidental tip overs.
- Keep anything that can burn such as bedding, clothing and curtains at least 3 feet from the heater.
- Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets. Never use extension cords or power strips.
- Turn heaters off before going to bed or leaving a room.

If using a wood burning fireplace:

- Use a fireplace screen to protect against flying embers.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Dispose of ashes in a metal container with a lid and store outside at least 3 feet from your home.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Put the fire out completely before going to bed or leaving the home.



Real. Texas. Business. news

Real. Texas. Business. news is a monthly feature of the Mainstream highlighting new development activity in Mesquite. Contact the Economic Development Division at 972-216-6293 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment for more information.

The Vista Crossing shopping center, located at the high-profile corner of U.S. Highway 80 and N. Galloway Avenue, has a new face and new occupants. The center is now anchored by El Rio Grande Latin Market, dds Discounts, Hobby Lobby and Mardel Christian Bookstore. Mesquite is the ninth location for El Rio Grande Latin Market in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex. The niche' grocer brought approximately 150 new jobs to Mesquite as well as another dining and catering option to the area.

For more information on economic development in Mesquite, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity.





Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Mother Son Dance

The Mother Son Dance, sponsored by the Hampton Inn and Suites and Dallas Regional Medical Center, will be held on Friday, March 3 from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Tickets are expected to sell out. As a result, tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be sold at the door. Tickets may be purchased at any Mesquite recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Avenue, for \$15 per person.



Become a Recreation Leader or Lifeguard

Mesquite Parks and Recreation is seeking responsible, high-energy and motivated candidates for part-time positions in our summer camp and aquatic programs. Recreation Leaders must be 18 years of age or older and obtain a first aid and CPR certificate. Lifeguards must be 16 years of age or older and lifeguard certified. Candidates must submit an online application to be considered. Apply beginning March 1 at www.cityofmesquite.com.

Spring Break Camp

During spring break, Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17 send your kids for a day or week of fun to Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers for day camp from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Campers will go on a field trip during the week. The fee is \$16 per day or \$75 per week. Registration is due the Thursday, March 9 or a \$10 late fee will be added. Campers should bring a lunch, snacks and water bottle. Additional camps are also available. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpringBreak.



Therapeutic Recreation

Therapeutic Recreation provides an opportunity for athletes with intellectual and developmental disabilities to learn sports and to compete. Tennis will be offered at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, on Tuesdays from March 7 to April 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Track and Field will also be offered on Tuesdays from March 7 to April 11 from 6 - 7 p.m. at Potteet High School, 3300 Potteet Drive.

Social media share icons added to City website for video clips

Now you can share City of Mesquite video clips easier than ever through social media icons on the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings. The recently added icons can be accessed through the "Share" tab on the webpage and include Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and LinkedIn. Video clips can also be emailed through the same Share tab on the webpage.

The screenshot shows a webpage interface for a video clip. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Meeting Index', 'Full Agenda', and 'Share' tabs. Below this is a 'Social' section with icons for Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and LinkedIn. A 'Link' section contains the URL: <http://mesquitetx.swagit.com/play/01032017-944/9/>. An 'Embed' section provides an HTML code snippet for embedding the video player. Below the social media options is an 'Email' section with a 'To email:' field, a 'Your name:' field, and a 'Message:' field containing the text: 'Here's a video clip from the Mesquite, TX web site for you:'. A 'Send' button is located at the bottom of the email form. The video player itself shows a council meeting in progress. At the bottom of the page, the Mesquite Texas logo is visible with the tagline 'Real. Texas. Service.' and a copyright notice for Swagit Productions, LLC.

Mesquite Arts Center Activities

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

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

Paul Gray Art Exhibit, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., March 3 - 30, in the Main Art Gallery. Free admission.

Mesquite Community Band in concert at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 4. Admission is free.

Black Box Series presents **String Theory** from 7 - 9 p.m. on Friday, March 17. This Dallas Celtic folk band specializes in high energy Irish tunes. Tickets are \$15 each and available at yapsody.com.



Just for Kids presents **Canvas Creations** in the Black Box Theatre from 10 - 11 a.m. on March 18. Free admission.

Yuri Anshelevich with Gabriel Sanchez perform "It Sounds Better on the Cello" in the Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Admission is free.

AARP to provide free tax assistance at Main Library

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will provide free tax assistance for all citizens on a first-come, first-served basis during the months of February, March and April. Assistance will be provided Mondays only from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, on the following dates: February 6, 13, 20 and 27; March 6, 13, 20 and 27; April 3 and 10.

Interested individuals should bring their photo ID, Social Security Card or other documentation for taxpayer and dependents, W-2 forms, last year's tax return and any other related paperwork. Taxpayers with complex tax returns will be advised to seek professional assistance.

Real. Texas. Roads. update

Repairs to the first set of residential streets selected for the Real. Texas. Roads. program continue with the majority of 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 and Rosemont Street. Demaret Drive was in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction. Diane Drive, Strayhorn Drive, Hogan Drive, Antilles Drive, Caracus Drive, Caribbean Drive, Sandra Lynn Drive, Sarazen Drive and Belmont Street were all nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining. Fourteen streets have been completed: Barbara Street, Juanita Street, Richard Street, Andrew Street, Hillcrest Street, Royal Crest Drive, Crestridge Drive, Northridge Drive, Kiamesha Way, Tam O Shanter Drive, Nabholtz Lane, Highland Street, Valley View Street and Midway Street.

In addition, construction is scheduled to begin this month on the second list of residential streets to be repaired with bond funds. For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.

Community Snapshots



On January 11, Mayor Stan Pickett helped kick-off the Mesquite Go Red campaign to raise awareness of women's heart health at the Go Red Leadership Breakfast held at Mesquite Specialty Hospital.



On January 17, Police Chief Charles Cato opened the City Council meeting with the invocation.



On January 17, the local Special Olympics group called Team Mesquite received special recognition during the City Council meeting.