



# MAINSTREAM

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## Meet your City Council

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### August 2017

- 7, 21** City Council meetings at 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.
- 12** Second Saturday Game Days, a monthly board gaming event for teens and adults, from 2 - 4 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr. 972-216-6220.
- 12, 26** The Marketplace in Mesquite, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main St. 469-275-9616.
- 25** Municipal Court, Water Billing and the Tax Office will close at 1 p.m. for staff development.
- 26** Family Heirloom Preservation Workshop, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. Reservations/fees required. 972-216-6468.
- 29** Town Hall Tuesday, from 7 - 8 p.m., Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. Learn how to connect with the City of Mesquite, report service issues and access information.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays) for information on City services impacted during holidays.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed) to learn about all the different ways to stay informed on city news.

The City of Mesquite held the annual Municipal Election on May 6 to elect a Mayor and Councilmembers for Places 1, 2 and 6. Re-elected Mayor Stan Pickett and Councilmember Jeff



Casper as well as newly-elected Councilmembers Robert Miklos and Tandy Boroughs were installed into office on May 17. Mesquite citizens may contact the City Council at the following phone numbers and email addresses:

- **Stan Pickett**, Mayor - 972-216-6400 (office); 972-800-6296 (cell); [spickett@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:spickett@cityofmesquite.com)
- **Jeff Casper**, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 2 - 214-577-2018; [jcasper@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:jcasper@cityofmesquite.com)
- **Dan Aleman**, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, Place 4 - 972-754-6204; [daleman@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:daleman@cityofmesquite.com)
- **Robert Miklos**, Councilmember, Place 1 - 972-989-8502; [rmiklos@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:rmiklos@cityofmesquite.com)
- **Bruce Archer**, Councilmember, Place 3 - 972-834-7099; [barcher@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:barcher@cityofmesquite.com)
- **Greg Noschese**, Councilmember, Place 5 - 214-616-8538; [gnoschese@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:gnoschese@cityofmesquite.com)
- **Tandy Boroughs**, Councilmember, Place 6 - 972-571-3500; [tboroughs@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:tboroughs@cityofmesquite.com)

There are other ways the public can stay informed on City Council actions. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. Meeting agendas and minutes are available online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda). In addition, City Council meetings can be watched live online as well as on-demand episodes of past meetings at [www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings). Mesquite news and updates are also available in the weekly e-publication The Council Connection posted online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilConnection](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilConnection).



Stan Pickett  
Mayor



Jeff Casper  
Mayor Pro Tem,  
Place 2



Dan Aleman  
Deputy Mayor Pro  
Tem, Place 4



Robert Miklos  
Councilmember  
Place 1



Bruce Archer  
Councilmember  
Place 3



Greg Noschese  
Councilmember  
Place 5



Tandy Boroughs  
Councilmember  
Place 6



## MAYOR'S CORNER

The month of July marks the mid-point of summer vacation for school-age children in Mesquite. It is also an important time to remember and support the City's Spread the Love campaign, which raises food and monetary donations to help feed food insecure children in Mesquite.

This year's campaign has already received great support. El Rio Grande Latin Market and Mesquite AMBUCS have both donated \$1,000 each to the food drive and every City department is supporting the campaign's efforts. Last month, the Finance Department alone donated 494 jars of peanut butter and jelly - enough to make almost 7,000 PB&J sandwiches.

In addition, Dallas Mavericks guard Wesley Matthews made a special appearance at Florence Elementary School in the spring to present the City with enough peanut butter and jelly to make 20,000 sandwiches courtesy of Albertsons/Tom Thumb Companies.

There is still time to donate and every donation makes a difference. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove) to find out more about the campaign, including donation locations and special events.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

## Mesquite Animal Services seeks volunteers for foster program

Mesquite Animal Services is seeking volunteers for its foster program, which helps open space in the shelter and increase the number of animals adopted. The average foster home stay is about two months and Mesquite Animal Services covers all veterinary expenses.



Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Foster](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Foster) for more information or to download the online Foster Care Application.

## 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](http://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.

## City launches The Road Report newsletter

The City of Mesquite has introduced The Road Report newsletter to improve communication with Mesquite residents about current road construction projects. The newsletter will be published monthly and can be viewed online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/RoadReport](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RoadReport). Project videos can also be viewed on the site to provide additional information and onsite visuals.



## 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment).

Fidelis Realty Partners is adding 175,000 square feet of retail space to Market East Shopping Center, located at 1515 N. Town East Boulevard near Super Target. Site preparation has begun for the new retail space. Future tenants will include HomeGoods and Michaels. Watch for store openings later this year.

For more details on economic development in Mesquite, view the new Quarterly Development Activity Reports at [www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity).

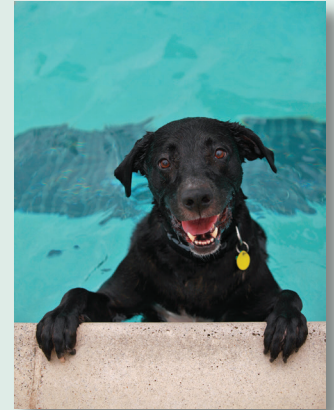


## Parks and Recreation Corner

For more information on any of these programs, please call 972-216-6260 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD).

### Doggie Splash Day

Doggie Splash Day will be held on Saturday, August 12, from 9 a.m. - noon, at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. There is a fee of \$5 for one owner and one pet, \$2 for each additional pet, and \$1 for spectators. Doggie Splash Day is a great opportunity for dogs and their owners to cool off, compete for prizes, or just play at the pool.



### Back to School Bash

Dive-in and enjoy a free movie poolside on August 18 at the Back to School Bash at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street. The movie "Moana" will be shown. Pre-movie activities begin at 7 p.m. with the movie starting at dusk.

### After School Adventures



Formerly known as RASP, After School Adventures is for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. The program operates in conjunction with the Mesquite Independent School District calendar. The program includes supervised after school activities, arts and crafts, snacks and homework time. The fee is \$90 per month, per child and space is limited.

### Special Swim Times

Three special swim times are available at Mesquite pools. Toddlers four and under with a parent are invited to City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street, on Tuesdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. for \$4 per adult. Toddlers are free. Adult Open Swim is offered at City Lake Aquatic Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$1 per adult age 18 plus. Family Swim is also offered on Thursdays at City Lake Aquatic Center and Fridays at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for a family of four.

## 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](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)

**Painting with a Twist Mesquite Art Exhibit**, August 1 - 31, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main Gallery. The event is free.

The **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents "Once Upon A Mattress" in the Black Box Theatre, weekends August 4 - 20. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com).



## Real. Texas. Roads. update

At the time of the Mainstream's publication, repairs to the first set of residential streets continued with 24 streets completed. The following streets are nearing completion with localized concrete repairs remaining: Crest Park Drive and Crestridge Drive. In addition, construction has started on the second list of residential streets. The following streets are in the second phase of repairs, localized concrete repair: Canary Circle, Bluebird Lane, Bobwhite Boulevard, Skylark Drive, Palm Drive, Bahamas Drive and Emerald Drive. Streets in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction, include: Starling Drive and Whipporwill Drive. Byrd Drive, Hula Drive and Harlan Drive were all nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining.

For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).

### Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Neighborhood Services	972-329-8704
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

## Community Snapshots



On May 17, an appreciation lunch was held inside the Town East Water Tower to honor the City's Public Works employees. In addition to the meal, Mayor Stan Pickett proclaimed May 21 - 27 National Public Works Week in Mesquite.



On May 18, a public re-dedication was held for Vanston Park after extensive renovations and improvements were completed. The celebration included free hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn and more.



On June 10, the Mesquite community kicked off summer with the City's annual Summer Sizzle festival, including Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Casper and Councilmember Greg Noschese who competed in the mud volleyball tournament.



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