



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### September 2017

- 4** Labor Day. All City offices and facilities closed. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will occur on residents' next scheduled collection day.
- 5, 18** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.
- 9** Second Saturday Game Days, a monthly board gaming event for teens and adults, will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr. 972-216-6220.
- 9, 23** The Marketplace in Mesquite will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main St. 469-275-9616.
- 26** The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce's Taste and Trade will be held from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Mesquite Convention and Exhibit Hall, 1750 Rodeo Dr. 972-285-0211

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

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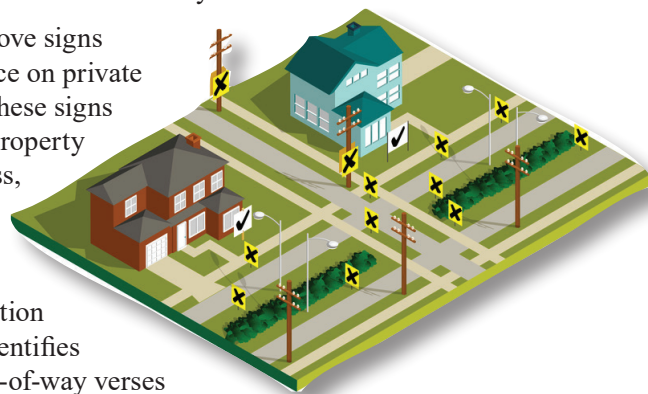
## Mesquite seeks help from residents to eliminate illegal bandit signs

The City of Mesquite is seeking help from residents to improve community appearance by eliminating bandit signs. Bandit signs are small advertisement signs illegally placed in the public right-of-way that multiply quickly, creating litter and unsightly conditions. City staff work continuously to remove bandit signs, but these efforts are quickly outpaced.

Residents can help by removing bandit signs from public right-of-way and disposing of them through residential trash collection. These signs are in street medians, in the area between the street and sidewalk, attached to utility poles, street signs or stop signs. Residents are cautioned to only remove a sign if the location can be reached safely.

Do not remove signs that are placed on private property. These signs are on the property of a business, residence, school or park.

The illustration provided identifies public right-of-way versus private property. Signs marked with an "X" are located in public right-of-way, while signs marked with a "✓" are located on private property.



If unsure about the location of a sign, please contact the City's Environmental Code Division at 972-216-6276 or submit a location online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/banditsigns](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/banditsigns).



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## MAYOR'S CORNER

As we approach the end of summer, back-to-school season is in full force. From shopping to driving, this time of the year affects us all as busy parents prepare their children for the new school year. School days mean the return of school buses, more pedestrians and children on bicycles. Sharing the road, slowing down and driving without distractions is never more important than during this hectic time.

Please remember to stay alert. Children are often unpredictable and take risks, such as crossing the street in the middle of road or not looking both ways before entering the roadway. Plus, the distraction of smartphones, earbuds and digital devices have become yet another hazard for those that share the road.

Earlier this year, the City of Mesquite launched the Drive Like Your Family Lives Here public education program to help improve traffic safety in our community. The program targets motorist, cyclist and pedestrian behaviors through a variety of bilingual communications, including outdoor signage, social media, videos and other methods.

Visit [www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org](http://www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org) for more information as well as tips to help keep you and your family safe.

Stan Pickett  
Mayor

## Historic Mesquite, Inc. to host annual Treasures Barn Sale

Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI) is accepting donations for its annual Treasures Barn Sale fundraiser. Donations will be accepted Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street, through October 6. For additional times, call the HMI office at 972-216-6468.

The Treasures Barn Sale will be held October 13 and 14 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Opal Lawrence Historical Park. Admission is free. A ticketed preview party will also be held on October 12 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. offering refreshments, auctions and a first look at sale items. Tickets are available beginning August 31 and are \$20 each. Only 100 tickets will be sold. For more information, visit [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org).



## 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).

On July 5, Mesquite's newest Walmart Neighborhood Market opened. The 42,000 square-foot store, located at 1951 Military Parkway at Peachtree Road, offers online grocery orders and pickup, a health and wellness pharmacy, and garden center. A Walmart gas station is also available onsite. The property is valued at \$2.8 million and brought 90 new jobs to Mesquite.



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

## Prohibited noises and reporting disturbances

The City of Mesquite considers noise disturbances a quality of life issue and prohibits many loud and unnecessary noises in Section 10-73 of the City's Code of Ordinances. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Noise](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Noise) for complete details on what is considered a violation. Please note that City Code states some noise levels must be present for at least 30 minutes before a citation can be issued. Noise standards are also stricter in residential areas between the hours of 10 p.m. - 7 a.m.

Mesquite residents can report a noise disturbance, such as loud music or television, a barking dog or construction; and a Mesquite Police Officer will respond when they are not handling emergencies. To report a noise complaint, please do not call 911, but call the Mesquite Police Department non-emergency phone number at 972-216-6759.



## 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 miscellaneous repairs and cleanup 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: Sandpiper Lane, Bobwhite Boulevard, Sesame Drive, Mockingbird Trail, Skylark Drive, Palm Drive, Catalina Drive, Mayda Drive, Lou Ann Drive, Wise Drive and Harlan Drive. Streets in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction, include: Flamingo Way, Bahamas Drive and Emerald Drive. Canary Circle, Starling Drive, Bluebird Lane, Whipporwill Drive, Cardinal Court, Sesame Place and Byrd 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).



## 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).

### After-School Adventures

After-School Adventures, formerly known as RASP, operates in conjunction with the Mesquite Independent School District calendar to provide supervised after-school activities, arts and crafts, snacks and homework time. This program is available Monday - Friday from 3 - 6 p.m. at Achziger, Beasley, Florence, McKenzie, Rutherford, Shaw and Thompson Elementary Schools for children in kindergarten - sixth grade. The fee is \$90 per month. Registration begins August 1. Space is limited.



### Play Day

A Play Day, formerly known as All Day RASP, is available September 4 and 25 at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive, from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. The fee is \$16 per day. Participants must register the Thursday before the Play Day or a \$10 late fee is applied. Participants need to bring a water bottle and sack lunch.

### Little Rookies

Registration for Little Rookies Baseball/Softball for children ages 3 and 4 is from September 18 - October 15. The sessions will begin Saturday, October 21 at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. Sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per player and parent participation is required.



## 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)



**Texas Area Artists Art Exhibit**, September 5 - 29, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The event is free.

**Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** performs at 7:30 p.m. on September 16 in the Concert Hall. Tickets available at [www.mesquitesymphony.org](http://www.mesquitesymphony.org).

**Black Box Series** in the Black Box Theatre on September 8 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15.

**Just for Kids: Peeler and Rose** in the Black Box Theatre from 10 - 11 a.m. on September 16. The event is free.



## Free Lawn Care Maintenance Workshop offered September 28

A free Lawn Care Maintenance Workshop will be held on Thursday, September 28, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The program will cover basic lawn maintenance practices, selecting the right turf grass to improve the health and longevity of your landscape, plus how to maintain your landscape using less water, fertilizers, and pesticides. Attendees will receive free moisture meters and rain gauges. Register for the workshop online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities) or call 972-329-8300.



## Community Snapshots



On July 3, the Mesquite Firefighters Association presented a \$38,000 check to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The funds were raised during the annual Fill the Boot campaign.



On July 12, residents of Cambridge Court Assisted Living made a large donation to the Spread the Love campaign, which helps feed children in food insecure families during the summer.



On July 13, Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Casper attended the grand reopening celebration of the Fairfield Inn & Suites, 4020 Towne Crossing Boulevard. The hotel recently completed a comprehensive \$754,000 guest room and public space renovation.

### 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