



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2017

- 2, 16** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. 972-216-6244.
- 13, 14** Historic Mesquite, Inc. Treasures Barn Sale, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street. 972-216-6468.
- 14, 28** The Marketplace in Mesquite will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main Street. 469-275-9616.
- 24** Town Hall Tuesday will be held from 7 - 8 p.m. at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The Fire Department will provide public safety tips.
- 27, 28** Friends of the Mesquite Public Library Fall Book Sale at Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Hours will be Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 972-216-6220.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays for information on City services impacted during holidays.

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

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

Mesquite Police Department backs one of its own

When 18-year-old Jaquelin Jamaica was accepted into the Mesquite Police Department's (MPD) Explorer Program two years ago, little did she know the full extent of the opportunities the program would present to her. Jaquelin's intelligence and work ethic first earned her a spot as one of only 50 explorers from around the nation chosen to take part in the Drug Enforcement Agency's Explorer Academy in Virginia. The MPD sponsored her trip, but the department's support of Jaquelin did not end there.

Soon to be the first in her family to graduate from high school, Jaquelin was at an even greater disadvantage at the prospect of attending college, but that did not stop the determined high school senior. Jaquelin approached mentor Officer Torrey Rhone and asked for help in applying to colleges.



Officer Rhone assisted Jaquelin in filling out college applications and reviewed her entry essays. In the end, Jaquelin was accepted to several universities. Officer Rhone and his wife, Stephanie Mixon-Rhone, then helped Jaquelin receive enough grant money to pay for her first full year at The University of North Texas in Dallas, Jaquelin's chosen college.

Membership to the Mesquite Explorer Program is open to Mesquite residents ages 14 - 20 years old with an interest in learning about careers in the field of law enforcement. For more information on the Mesquite Explorer Program, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ExplorerProgram.



Stan Pickett
Mayor



Jeff Casper
Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 2



Dan Aleman
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 4



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Councilmember
Place 1



Bruce Archer
Councilmember
Place 3



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Councilmember
Place 5



Tandy Boroughs
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

Mesquite schools are back in session and once again, our community banded together to make sure Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) students had the resources needed to go back to school. Mesquite Back to School Fairs were held on August 19 at three locations: Mesquite High School, Poteet High School, and Sharing Life Community Outreach.

The fairs were open to all MISD students entering kindergarten through 12th grade and offered free immunizations, sport physicals, haircuts, health screenings, and more. Grade-specific backpacks were also given to students on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies lasted.

The City of Mesquite joined in the event by providing information about City services. Staff from Fire, Police and the Parks and Recreation Departments, plus Library Services attended all three fairs. Staff provided interactive games to engage the students and Fire and Police had equipment on display. Safety information was also provided and the first 100 students to visit the Mesquite Police Department (MPD) hosted table received a free fidget spinner.

The MPD further assisted with the fair with its annual “Back the Blue, Bring a Book” campaign held in early August at the Mesquite Public Libraries. This year’s campaign produced hundreds of donated children’s books that were distributed at the fairs to support MISD’s early literacy program.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

Mesquite Animal Services raises bobcat awareness

As Dallas’ urban sprawl continues to push outwards, sightings and interactions with bobcats have increased. Bobcats typically weigh between 15 and 40 pounds and have tufted, pointed ears with large, black dots on the back. Mesquite Animal Services offers the following safety tips to prepare residents: avoid walking through dense undergrowth where bobcats may be encountered; if you see a bobcat, do not approach, but return the way you came; keep pets confined to securely fenced areas and do not leave them unattended outdoors; keep your property well landscaped and your fence in good condition to discourage wildlife. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Bobcats for more information and report wildlife activity to Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283. Call 911 if you are in immediate danger.



Trap-Neuter-Return program update

Since March 2016, Mesquite Animal Services has been supporting the practice of Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) as an effective solution to address the free-roaming cat population in Mesquite. TNR is the practice of humanely trapping free-roaming cats, sterilizing, vaccinating against rabies, ear-tipping and releasing them back into their community. By returning the sterilized cats back into the community, the population stabilizes and no new kittens can be born. Nuisance behaviors often also subside with sterilization. Over time, the feral cat population decreases on its own.

Animal Services has collaborated with Mesquite Animal Pawtners to assist in this effort. A TNR trapping class was recently conducted with 11 community members attending the course. Mesquite Animal Pawtners has also offered to



assist in trapping efforts for community members with mobility issues or time constraints that do not enable them to humanely trap feral or community cats. Mesquite Animal Services expects to complete 450 cat sterilization surgeries by March 2018 and has already experienced a steady decline in both overall cat intake and the euthanasia rate. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/TNR for more details.



Real. Texas. Roads. update

At the time of the Mainstream's publication, repairs to the first set of residential streets were complete with 26 streets reconstructed. 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, Catalina Drive, Mayda Drive, Lou Ann Drive, Wise Drive and Bonita Vista Circle. Streets nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining include: Palm Drive, Flamingo Way, Bahamas Drive and Emerald Drive. In addition, repairs to Canary Circle, Starling Drive, Bluebird Lane, Whipporwill Drive, Cardinal Court, Sesame Place and Byrd Drive have been completed.

For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.

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.

On August 7, Snuffer's Restaurant hosted a special groundbreaking ceremony for its newest restaurant to be located at 3726 Towne Crossing Boulevard in Mesquite. The 6,000-square-foot restaurant will be valued at \$500,000 and is expected to open in December. The restaurant will bring 70 new jobs to Mesquite and will be the thirteenth Snuffer's in North Texas.

For more information on economic development in Mesquite, view the new Quarterly Development Activity Reports at 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.

Haunted Camp Out

Join us for a spooky good time at the Haunted Camp Out, October 7 - 8 at Camp Rorie-Galloway, located at 3100 Lawson Road. Activities will include zip lining, kayaking, costume contest, tent decorating contest, a



haunted hike and more. Families will need to provide their own tent and sleeping materials. The cost is \$35 for a family of four. Each additional family member will cost \$5 each. Included is dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning. Registration is required by phone at 972-216-6260 or in person at any Mesquite Recreation Center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, located at 1515 N. Galloway Avenue.

Sounds in the Square

Join us in historic downtown Heritage Square, located at 223 W. Davis Street, on Saturday, October 7, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. for Sounds in the Square. The 10-piece salsa band Lara Latin will be featured, plus salsa dancing and a kid's piñata break. Refreshments may also be purchased from 5-OHH Hickory Smoked BBQ Food Truck.

PumpkinFest

The 17th annual PumpkinFest will be held on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at City Lake Park, located at 403 S. Galloway Avenue. The event will feature contests, carnival games, bounce houses, community stage performances and more.

Meals on Wheels Volunteer Training Session



Individuals interested in volunteering with VNA Meals on Wheels can attend a training session on Tuesday, October 24, at 2 p.m. at Rutherford Senior Center, located at 900 Rutherford Drive.

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

Jennifer Estes Art Exhibit, October 2 - 27, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The event is free.

Mesquite Community Band in concert at 4 p.m. on October 7. The event is free.

Mesquite Community Theatre presents *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, weekends October 13 - 29.

Visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

Day of the Dead Festival from 4 - 7 p.m. on October 28. The event is free.



Community Snapshots



On July 25, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dan Aleman participated in a budget exercise at Town Hall Tuesday.



On August 9, Mayor Stan Pickett, Councilmember Bruce Archer, Mesquite ISD Superintendent Dr. David Vroonland and members of the Mesquite Police Department personally accepted donations at the Mesquite Main Library for the "Back the Blue, Bring a Book" campaign.



On August 12, Mesquite Parks and Recreation hosted its annual Doggie Splash Day at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive.



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