



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 2018

- 1, 15** City offices and facilities closed. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will occur on residents' next scheduled collection day.
- 2, 16** City Council meetings Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.
- 13** 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.

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

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

Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Environmental Code Hotline	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 Police Department launches Take. Lock. Hide. campaign

The Mesquite Police Department is launching the Take. Lock. Hide. campaign to inform citizens about three easy steps they can take to reduce the risk of vehicle break-ins or theft: take your keys, lock your car doors and hide your valuables.

"It only takes a vehicle owner 10 seconds to prevent theft, and a criminal 20 seconds to break into the car," said Mesquite Police Investigator Autumn Soto. "If everyone in our community would use a few seconds to make sure they're taking their keys, locking their doors and hiding or removing valuables, we could easily prevent a good portion of our auto thefts and vehicle crimes. In Mesquite, 20 percent of all our crimes involve theft of or from a vehicle, with 40 percent of those vehicles being left unlocked by the operator."

According to national figures, more than 1.85 million auto thefts and vehicle break-ins occur annually. These crimes have resulted in the theft of more than \$1.2 billion in personal property.

The Mesquite Police Department is taking a leading role in this regional problem to reduce vehicle crime by meeting with various community groups and appearing at community events to hand out information and answer questions.



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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

A community-wide effort to build a new Veterans Memorial in Mesquite was launched on Veterans Day with a free Picnic in the Park in City Lake Park. The community-wide campaign to build the new memorial is being led by the City of Mesquite, local veteran groups and the Heroes of Mesquite. The Mesquite Veterans Memorial is a community-wide effort to build a new Veterans Memorial in Mesquite. The current Veterans Memorial, established in 1975, is at the flagpole in Heritage Square located in historic downtown Mesquite.

In 2010, an effort was started by a group of dedicated citizens to build a new place of reflection and education to recognize military veterans. Through the diligent efforts of the Heroes of Mesquite, many community donations have been received since 2010. Now, a new community-wide campaign is using the progress made by the Heroes of Mesquite to launch further public awareness and funding to design and build a new Veterans Memorial.

As a location in Mesquite and the design concepts are finalized, various fundraiser activities will continue. The campaign will seek donations from the general public, grant programs and corporate giving initiatives. All donations are tax-deductible. A special committee has been developed to oversee this new campaign.

For more information about the campaign, visit www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org, contact the City of Mesquite at MesquiteVeteransMemorial@cityofmesquite.com or at 972-329-8319.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

Mesquite celebrates Texas Municipal Court Week and announces Clerk of the Year

The Mesquite Municipal Court participated in Texas Municipal Courts Week, November 6 - 10, which recognizes the significant role municipal courts serve in preserving the quality of life in Texas. Mayor Stan Pickett presented a proclamation to the Mesquite Municipal Court and honored Mesquite's 2017 Court Clerk of the Year, Valerie Ramos.

The court offered public safety inspired giveaways and activities utilizing impairment goggles to demonstrate the dangers of drunk driving. Videos of accidents involving

distracted and high speed driving were also shown before all traffic-related court dockets. For information on safe driving habits, visit www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org.



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: Spiceberry Lane, Skylark Drive, Aloha Drive, Tiki Circle and Hula Drive. Streets in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction, include: Catalina Drive, Margo Drive, Emily Drive, Lou Ann Drive and Wise Drive. Streets nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining include: Sesame Drive, Mockingbird Trail, Bahamas Drive and Emerald Drive. In addition, repairs to Canary Circle, Starling Drive, Sandpiper Lane, Bluebird Lane, Whipporwill Drive, Cardinal Court, Bobwhite Boulevard, Sesame Place, Harlan Drive and Byrd Drive have been completed.

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



Shop more, drive less with alternative shopping routes

Shop local and use alternative shopping routes this holiday season to spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes to view maps offering alternate travel routes to your favorite shopping, dining and entertainment destinations in Mesquite. The maps can also be accessed through the "Shopping Routes" icon on the City of Mesquite's free mobile app named MesquiteTX which can be downloaded at www.cityofmesquite.com/App.



Christmas tree recycling guidelines

Start the new year off right by recycling your real Christmas tree.

Recycling your Christmas tree saves valuable landfill space. Plus, the tree can be converted into mulch to help prevent the growth of weeds in landscapes and retain soil moisture.

Please follow these guidelines in preparing your tree for recycling:

- Remove all stands, lights, tinsel and ornaments.
- Place your tree out for collection (curb or alley) starting the first Wednesday after Christmas, December 28, continuing every scheduled Wednesday brush day.
- Trees may also be dropped off at the City's Convenience Center, 3550 Lawson Road.
- Leave the tree in its natural state for recycling. Do not place it inside a plastic bag.

Call the Solid Waste and Recycling Division at 972-216-6285 for more information.



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

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, January 2, for the 2018 Daddy Daughter Dance to be held on Friday, February 2, at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Tickets are \$15 per person, per session and may be purchased at all Recreation Centers or the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 North Galloway Avenue. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Two sessions are available and open to all ages. Session one is available from 6 - 8 p.m. Session two will dance from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.



Playday

Playday, an all-day recreation after school program, is available on Monday, January 15, from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. The fee is \$16 per child. A \$10 late fee will be charged for registration after January 11. Participants will need a water bottle, snack and lunch.

Little Rookies Golf

Registration for Little Rookies golf, for children ages 5 - 6, is from January 15 - February 11. Sessions will begin Saturday, February 17, at Dunford Recreation Center. Two sessions are available at 9 and 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per player. Parent participation is required.

Adults 50+

Mesquite has three active Adults 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Senior Centers. A few highlights in January include a trip to the Emporium Circle and Jason's Deli on Friday, January 5, and a Latino Cultural Center tour on Tuesday, January 16. For more information and a list of all activities offered, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide.



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



Bruce Greene Exhibition, January 8 - 30, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main Gallery. The event is free.

Country music artist **Jonathan Moody** performs in the Black Box Theatre on January 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. Tickets are \$5.



Just for Kids: **The Pipdillys** from 10 - 11 a.m. on January 20 in the Black Box Theatre. Laugh, sing and dance yourself silly during the interactive show. The event is free.

Community Snapshots



On November 6, the City Council honored 17 City employees who served our country through the United States Armed Forces and are now serving our community.



On November 9, Kathy Fonville, Water Conservation and Recycling Coordinator for the City of Mesquite, was honored with the 2017 Eastfield College President's Sustainability Award for her work to promote environmental stewardship.



On November 11, the Mesquite community celebrated Veterans Day with a "Picnic in the Park" at City Lake Park and kicked off a campaign to build a new Veterans Memorial in Mesquite. Whataburger of Mesquite donated \$1,000 towards the memorial at the event.



On November 10, the Citizens' Fire Academy students graduated after 9 weeks of classes. On the final day of classes, the students fought a single-story kitchen fire, second-story bedroom fire and a car fire.