



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 2018

- 5, 19** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.
- 10** 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.
- 19** Mesquite Main Library and North Branch Library are closed for staff development.

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

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

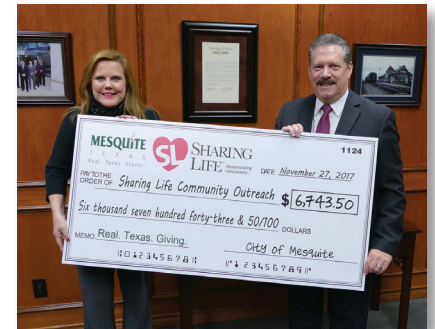
Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

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

City of Mesquite employees donate more than \$27,000 to local charities

City of Mesquite employees donated more than \$27,000 to 15 local charities during the 2017 Real. Texas. Giving. campaign. The annual campaign is organized by City employees to encourage one another to give back to the Mesquite community.

On national #GivingTuesday in November, Mayor Stan Pickett presented checks to Mesquite Social Services and Sharing Life Community Outreach in the amounts of \$8,756.50 and \$6,743.50 respectively, the amounts donated by City employees to each organization during the Real. Texas. Giving. campaign.



Spanish edition of Mainstream newsletter now available online

Beginning with the January 2018 edition of the Mainstream, the City of Mesquite will now offer a Spanish version online. The Spanish edition is available at www.cityofmesquite.com/MainstreamEspanol. This is part of the City's ongoing effort to offer more bilingual communications to the growing Spanish-speaking population in the Mesquite community. In 2017, the City began producing online newsletters, public education materials and video public service announcements in Spanish.

Versión en español en www.cityofmesquite.com/MainstreamEspanol



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



Council Community Focus

As we begin a new year, the City Council is excited about the progress occurring in the area of one of our policy issues: Neighborhood Revitalization. The Neighborhood Services Department continues to grow with new staff and programs to serve our growing community.

A few months ago, we added a Manager of Neighborhood Vitality, Yolanda Wilson. She has been actively creating new strategies to increase citizen engagement and implement neighborhood vitality programs. We encourage you to contact her about how you can become involved in these efforts. She may be reached by email at ywilson@cityofmesquite.com or by phone at 972-216-6473.

On Saturday, February 17, we will host our inaugural Neighborhood Summit from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Mesquite Independent School District Professional Development Center, 2600 Motley Drive. The primary focus of this event will be to educate and train residents on effective ways to conduct neighborhood meetings, recruit their peers and resolve neighborhood issues.

Attendees will have an opportunity to complete a summit evaluation form and will receive a variety of information on issues, such as code enforcement, crime and fire prevention, recycling, housing and more.

We are looking forward to a year of much progress in the area of neighborhood vitality and are excited about Mesquite's future.



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www.nextdoor.com



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Protect the four P's when temperatures drop

The Office of Emergency Management advises residents to take precautions when temperatures drop and remember the four P's: people, pets, pipes and plants.

- People should dress appropriately and check on elderly family members or friends to ensure they have proper heating and warm clothes.
- Pets should have a warm place to take shelter.
- Pipes should be wrapped if exposed to prevent freezing and bursting.
- Plants should be moved indoors or covered.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SevereWeather for more winter weather safety tips.



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: Skylark Drive, Aloha Drive, Tiki Circle, Luau Circle and Hula Drive. Streets in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction, include: Sandpiper Lane and Spiceberry Lane. Streets nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining include: Sesame Drive, Mockingbird Trail, Palm Drive, Bahamas Drive, Catalina Drive, Emerald Drive, Margo Drive, Emily Drive, Mayda Drive, Lou Ann Drive and Wise Drive. In addition, repairs to Canary Circle, Starling Drive, 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.



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 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.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Playday

Playday, an all-day recreation after school program, is available Monday, February 19, 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 February 15. Participants will need a water bottle, snack and lunch.



Little Rookies Tennis

Registration for Little Rookies tennis, for children ages 3 and 4, is from February 19 - March 18. Sessions will begin Saturday, March 24, at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road. 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 February include a trip to see the latest cinema attraction at Cinemark



12 Rockwall followed by lunch on February 6 at 10 a.m. Then join us for a trip to the Bingo Hall followed by lunch at Ali Baba Mediterranean Grill in Richardson on Wednesday, February 28, at 10 a.m. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide for more information and a list of all activities offered.

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

**Mesquite Independent School District Student Art
Exhibition**, February 1 - 22, weekdays from 8 a.m.
- 5 p.m. in the Main Gallery. The event is free.

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra performs at
7:30 p.m. on February 10 in the Concert Hall. Tickets
available at www.mesquitesymphony.org.

Mesquite Community Theatre
presents *Tuna Does Vegas*, weekends
February 16 - March 4. Visit
www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.org for
more information or to purchase tickets.



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.

Porch Swing, a new restaurant concept by Pizza Patron
and Wingstop founder Antonio Swab, will soon occupy
the space where Spaghetti Warehouse once stood at 3855
W. Emporium Circle in Mesquite. The restaurant will seat
about 200 people indoors and more than 100 outdoors. Porch
Swing will feature a unique wraparound porch and a full pie
bakery and store. Swab has leased the building for 10 years
and is investing more than \$1.5 million into the remodel of
the building. The restaurant will bring 15 - 20 full-time jobs
and 35 - 50 part-time jobs to Mesquite.

For more information on economic development in
Mesquite, view the new Quarterly Development Activity
Reports at www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity.



Community Snapshots



On October 18, Officer Steven Contreras appeared on
the Spanish television network Univision to promote the
Mesquite Police Department's Take. Lock. Hide. program.



On November 18, Councilmember Bruce
Archer joined other community leaders
by serving as guest readers at the grand
opening of the new Town East Mall Read
Play Talk Children's Play Area.



On December 2 and 3, the "Here Comes Christmas Parade"
ended each day's festivities at this year's Christmas in the
Park celebration at Westlake Park.