



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### April 2018

- 2, 16** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 7** Enjoy the 61<sup>st</sup> annual Mesquite Rodeo Parade beginning at 10 a.m. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade) for more information..
- 10** Town Hall Tuesday will be held from 7 - 8 p.m. at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall) for more details.
- 14** 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.
- 23-30** Annual City Election early voting. Call City Secretary's Office at 972-216-6402 for more information.  
For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays).  
To learn about the different ways to stay informed on city news, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed).

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## City update and awards presented at annual Chamber of Commerce dinner

On February 8, Mesquite Mayor Stan Pickett presented the 2018 City Update at the annual Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner. Mayor Pickett's update focused on unity within Mesquite. He said, "Together, we will continue to change the narrative of Mesquite. Together, we will continue to rise and be better due to the unity of our community!"

The evening also included City employee awards. The award recipients were Mesquite Police Officer Paul Wathen, Mesquite Firefighter Samantha Criswell and Public Works Maintenance Crew Chief Keith Chilton.

In addition, the Chamber of Commerce presented business awards. The highlight of the awards was the naming of Ashley Furniture Industries as Groundbreaker of the Year. In October 2017, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for Ashley Furniture Industries South Central Distribution and Fulfillment Center, to be located at 4000 E. Scylene Road. The \$65 million, 877,250 square-foot facility will bring more than 350 new jobs to Mesquite.

To view the Mayor's presentation, learn more about the City award recipients and to watch Ashley Furniture Industries accept their award, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/2018CityUpdate](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/2018CityUpdate).



**SAMANTHA CRISWELL**  
MESQUITE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR



**KEITH CHILTON**  
2017 GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



**PAUL WATHEN**  
MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICER OF THE YEAR

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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



## Council Community Focus

Last month, the City of Mesquite recognized nearly 400 volunteers who donated more than 77,000 hours of their time to assist with City programs and services. These generous individuals were honored at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held at the Mesquite Convention Center.

The City's Volunteer Services Program is dedicated to serving residents by uniting volunteers with needed projects and services, and is built on the premise that both the volunteer and the City mutually benefit from the partnership.

Volunteers are a vital component of the City's ability to provide quality services to the Mesquite community. In return, volunteers increase their skills and knowledge, become better prepared to participate in government and influence decisions affecting their community.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities with the City of Mesquite, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/VolunteerOpportunities](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/VolunteerOpportunities) or call Volunteer Services at 972-329-8331.

### 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
Police Non-Emergency	972-285-6336
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 graduates seven new recruits

The Mesquite Police Department (MPD) has graduated seven recruits from its Basic Police Officer Course (BPOC). The seven recruits completed 25 weeks of the BPOC program. They are now participating in a 17-week field training program. Upon successful completion of the field training program the new police officers will be assigned to patrol duties. MPD has graduated 52 recruits from BPOC since the training academy began in 2013.

For more information on the Mesquite Police Department or becoming a Mesquite Police Officer, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Recruiting](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Recruiting).



## City Council approves Scyene Road reconstruction

On February 5, the Mesquite City Council approved reconstruction of Scyene Road from Clay Mathis Road to Lawson Road. The project is in support of development activities on Ashley Furniture Industries industrial site currently under construction. The road reconstruction project will reach substantial completion in three phases, with the first two phases scheduled to be completed by November 2018. The project will also include drainage, water, sanitary sewer and signal improvements.

For more information on current City construction projects, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PublicWorksProjects](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PublicWorksProjects).

## Volunteers needed for semi-annual Trash Bash

Volunteers are needed to assist with Keep Mesquite Beautiful's semi-annual Trash Bash on Saturday, April 14, from 9 a.m. - noon. The event is part of the Trinity Trash Bash and Great American Cleanup. Groups may be assigned to a location of their choosing or an area designated by Keep Mesquite Beautiful. Participants will receive a free lunch and t-shirt while supplies last. Early registration is recommended. Individuals and groups may register at [www.cityofmesquite.com/Cleanup](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Cleanup).



## Drug Take Back Initiative

On Saturday, April 28, the Mesquite Police Department will take part in a nation-wide collaborative effort to allow residents to dispose of potentially dangerous controlled substances from their medicine cabinets. This program is part of a Drug Enforcement Administration initiative to bring awareness to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The event will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the lobby of the Mesquite Police Department, 777 N. Galloway Avenue.

Residents may bring their expired, unwanted or unused medications and deposit them for destruction. This is a voluntary program and allows people to anonymously dispose of these medications safely. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter medication will be collected. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in the original container. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted due to the potential hazard posed by blood-borne pathogens. For questions or more information, please call City of Mesquite Solid Waste Division at 972-216-6285.

## Real. Texas. Roads. update



At the time of this Mainstream's publication, repairs to the second set of residential streets are underway with 17 streets reconstructed and complete. In addition, construction continues on the other 21 residential streets. Streets in the first phase of construction (localized concrete repair) include: Hula Drive, Bamboo Street and Bonita Vista Circle. Streets in the third phase of construction (surface reconstruction) include: Aloha Drive, Luau Circle, Flamingo Way, Tiki Circle, Flamingo Way and Skylark Drive. Streets in the fourth phase (final clean up) include: Mayda Drive, Lou Ann Drive, Wise Drive, Emily Drive, Margo Drive, Catalina Drive, Sandpiper Lane and Spiceberry Lane. Completed streets include: Harlan Drive, Byrd Drive, Emerald Drive, Bahamas Drive, Palm Drive, Starling Drive, Whippoorwill Drive, Cardinal Court, Blue Bird Lane, Bobwhite Boulevard, Canary Circle, Canary Court, Canary Place, Candleberry Drive, Sesame Drive, Sesame Place and Mockingbird Trail.

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



# 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).

### KidFish

In partnership with Community Heart of Mesquite, KidFish will return to City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Avenue, on Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. - noon. The free fishing tournament is for children 16 years old or younger to gain an appreciation for the sport. Prizes will be awarded.



### Pitch, Hit & Run

Children ages 7 - 14 can compete in Pitch, Hit & Run on Saturday, March 24, from 10 a.m. - noon at Valley Creek Park, 2482 Pioneer Road. Pitch, Hit & Run is a national competition sponsored by Major League Baseball (MLB) in which boys and girls in different age levels compete against each other in hitting, pitching and running. Athletes with the highest cumulative scores may get the opportunity to compete in the National Finals at the MLB All-Star game. Registration for this free event begins on March 12 and can be completed online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD) or in person at any Mesquite recreation center. Day of registration and check-in will be from 10 - 10:30 a.m. at the field.



### Little Rookies Volleyball

Registration for Little Rookies Volleyball, for children ages 5 and 6, will be held from March 5 - 30 with sessions beginning Saturday, April 7, at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per player for a five-week session. Parent participation is required.

### Adults 50+

Mesquite has three active Adults 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Senior Centers. A few highlights in April include a trip to the East Texas Oil Museum on Thursday, April 5, and a trip to see wildflowers in bloom on Tuesday, April 10. For more information and a list of all activities offered, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide](http://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](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)

**The Rockin' Rhapsody Outdoor Concert Series** will be held every Friday night in April at 7 p.m. on the North Lawn. A different band will be featured each night and all concerts are free.

- April 6** Mr. Inez Band, classic hits from the 60's, 70's, and 80's
- April 13** Downtown Fever, high-energy dance music
- April 20** Back in Black, an AC/DC tribute band
- April 27** Texas Flood, a Stevie Ray Vaughan tribute band



The **Mesquite Community Band** in concert at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, in the Concert Hall. The event is free.

The **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents *Becky's New Car* in the Black Box Theatre, weekends April 13 - 29. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com).

## 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).

Snuffer's Restaurant and Bar recently opened the doors to their newest location in Mesquite at 3726 Towne Crossing Blvd. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held, including the cutting of a 6-pound hamburger. The 6,000-square-foot restaurant is valued at \$500,000 and brings more than 100 new jobs to Mesquite.

In addition, Mesquite's new Ulta Beauty store opened its doors on January 26 at its new location at Market East Shopping Center. Market East Shopping Center also welcomed HomeGoods on February 18 and will soon welcome Michaels with further expansions to be announced as the center is set for a 175,000 square foot build-out.

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).



## Community Snapshots



On January 27, the annual Mesquite Polar Plunge was held at City Lake Aquatic Center and featured Mayor Stan Pickett and Councilmembers Greg Noschese and Tandy Boroughs taking the plunge. The event raised more than \$15,000 for Special Olympics Texas.



On February 2, City of Mesquite employees participated in the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day to help raise awareness of women's heart health.



On February 5, the Mesquite City Council presented National Junior Bull Riding Champion and Horn High School student Chris Villanueva with an honorary Mesquite street sign named in his honor.