



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

7, 21

### April 2014

**City Council Meeting**, 3 p.m.,  
Council Chambers, 757 N. Galloway,  
972-216-6244

### Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

Main Number	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Environmental Code	972-216-6276
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



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## Mesquite's Real. Texas. Festival. is scheduled for April 25 - 26



The City of Mesquite will host the Real. Texas. Festival. on Friday, April 25 (5 - 11 p.m.) and Saturday, April 26 (10 a.m. - 11 p.m.) at Rodeo Center, 1818 Rodeo Drive. Award-winning country duo Big and Rich are scheduled to perform on Saturday at 9:30 p.m. The festival, in its eighth year, will also feature the Cowboys and Chrome Car Show, Taste of Mesquite Barbeque Competition,

Mesquite Championship Rodeo, the popular "Kids Korral" activity center, a carnival midway and more. Pre-sale tickets are \$15 and will be available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) March 3 - April 18. Use the special promotional code **mainstream** to redeem the pre-sale price of \$15. Tickets are \$25 at the gate. There will be a \$5 discount on all tickets purchased at the gate for attendees who donate a non-perishable food item towards the "Mayor's Canned Food Drive." All attendees age 16 and under are admitted free. Parking and shuttle service is complimentary. For more information, visit [www.realtexasfestival.com](http://www.realtexasfestival.com).



John Monaco  
Mayor



Shirley Roberts  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Place 4



Al Forsythe  
Deputy Mayor Pro  
Tem, Place 2



Bill Porter  
Councilmember  
Place 1



Stan Pickett  
Councilmember  
Place 3



Greg Noschese  
Councilmember  
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley  
Councilmember  
Place 6



## MAYOR'S CORNER

Recently, I was honored to present my annual State of the City Address to provide updates on various topics including City projects, community activities, healthcare, education and the economy here in Mesquite. During the address I was also privileged to present the following awards to our City employees: Police Officer of the Year - Police Officer Brandon Snyder; Fire Officer of the Year - Fire Captain David Shedd; and General Employee of the Year - Library Administrative Aide Karen Hipp. Additionally, Shaji and Shiney Daniel of Agape Home Healthcare were the recipients of my annual Pillar of the Community Award. To watch the address or read the presentation, I encourage you to visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/soc](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/soc).

John Monaco, Mayor



Mayor Monaco presented the Pillar of the Community Award to Shaji and Shiney Daniel of Agape Home Health Care.

## Friendly reminder about outdoor storage requirements

The City's Code Enforcement Division enforces a variety of ordinances within Mesquite. To help the City keep properties safe, clean and attractive, ordinances restrict certain types of outdoor storage. For example, only furniture designed for outdoor use can be stored outside of a home or enclosed structure. Other items prohibited from outdoor storage include: household items such as appliances, toys, clothes and plumbing fixtures; products of a commercial trade or business enterprise, whether such items are used or not; items of salvage such as scrap metal, rags, papers, bottles, cans and similar items; lumber and building materials not currently being used or held for immediate use upon the premises; and inoperable, unused or unsightly vehicles, motorized or otherwise. For more information or to report a possible outdoor storage violation, please contact the Environmental Code Division at 972-216-6276.

## Did You Know?

*This is a monthly section to give readers a brief insight into the City's operations, services and programs.*

Did you know Animal Services enforces City Ordinances that pertain to the proper care and ownership of pets, and that violations are punishable by fines up to \$500 and seizure of the animal? Use this checklist to track your progress toward making your pet safe and healthy.

### DO:

- Dogs and cats four months of age or older must be registered with Animal Services. The fee is \$5 for sterilized pets and \$15 for non-sterilized pets. Registrations are valid for one year.
- Dogs and cats four months of age or older must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Residents may have up to three adult dogs plus one litter of puppies less than four months old. Residents may also have up to three adult cats.
- Provide proper food, water and shelter. Animal neglect and animal cruelty are investigated by Mesquite Animal Services and the Mesquite Police Department.

### DON'T:

- Let animals run at-large. Keep pets on a leash or behind a fence at all times.
- Cause a nuisance. Clean up your animal's waste and don't let it bark or howl excessively.
- Keep wild, exotic or dangerous animals. If it's venomous or can't be domesticated, you can't keep it in Mesquite.

# 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).



## Volunteers Are Needed For The Real. Texas. Festival. April 25 - 26

The City of Mesquite is seeking energetic and service-oriented individuals to assist with a variety of duties during the Real.Texas.Festival. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and will receive free admission to the festival, a volunteer T-shirt and access to our on-site volunteer hospitality area. A complimentary dinner and orientation session for all registered volunteers will be held on Monday, April 21, at the Mesquite Arena. To find out what jobs are available or to register as a volunteer, contact Festival Volunteer Coordinator Crystal Cooksey at [ccooksey@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:ccooksey@cityofmesquite.com).

## Breakfast With The Bunny Saturday, April 12 Evans Recreation Center

Attend a meet-and-greet with the bunny at this year's Breakfast with the Bunny sponsored by Whataburger. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, from 8:30 - 10 a.m. There will be a pancake breakfast for \$5 and pictures with the bunny for \$3. At 10:30 a.m. there will be an egg hunt for kids (infants to 9 years of age.) All activities will be held 9 a.m. - noon.



## Rodeo Parade Saturday, April 5

The long-standing community tradition returns to downtown Mesquite. Horses, bands and floats will wind through downtown Mesquite on April 5 starting at 10 a.m. For questions or entry forms, please contact Heidi Lyon at 972-285-4145 or [hlyon@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:hlyon@cityofmesquite.com).



## SPRING CAMPOUT Saturday, April 12 - 13 Camp Rorie-Galloway

Come and sleep under the stars at Camp Rorie-Galloway. The Family Campout is \$30 per family of four and \$5 for any additional family member. Activities include a bonfire, archery, games, astronomy and lots of fun. Cost includes a hot dog dinner on Saturday night and a light breakfast on Sunday morning. Families will need to provide their own tent and sleeping materials.

## Library celebrates national library week

The Mesquite Public Library System is celebrating National Library Week with a variety of events April 13 - 19. This year's theme, "Lives change @ your library," focuses on the commitment of libraries to meet the needs of the members of their communities. In honor of this special week, the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, will host a family program on Monday, April 14, 6:30 p.m., featuring "Crittterman" who will bring some native Texas neighbors with him including a tarantula, a giant toad and an American alligator. Other programs will include "Come Build with Legos" (Main Library, April 17, 4:30 p.m. and North Branch Library, April 19, 3 p.m.) and "Easter Craft Time" (North Branch Library, April 17, 4 p.m. and Main Library, April 18, 4 p.m.). For more information, call 972-216-6220.



## Mesquite Arts Center Activities

The following activities are funded in part by the City of Mesquite hotel-motel occupancy tax revenues.

The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway.

For updates, check [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org), or call 972-216-6444.

### April

- 3/31-5/1 **Mesquite Arts Council** presents “Make It Real, Make It Rock” a solo exhibition by Karen Halsey in the Main Gallery.
- 25-5/10 **Mesquite Community Theatre** presents “Dearly Departed” by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones. In the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt, the beleaguered Turpin family proves that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious. For tickets, call 972-216-8126 or visit [mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://mesquitecommunitytheatre.com).
- 5 **Mesquite Symphonic Band** under the direction of Dale Coates will present a concert entitled “Enjoying the Classics” 7 p.m.
- 12 **Leadership Mesquite** presents the inaugural Mesquite Artisan Faire “Sip and Shop.” Kick start your spring shopping, pick up your Mother’s Day gifts or indulge yourself with a trinket. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 28-30 **Mesquite Community Theatre** will hold auditions for “Arsenic and Old Lace” by Joseph Kesselring 7 - 9 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre. 972-216-8126

## Community Snapshots



Top Left: During February, City employees showed their support of the American Heart Association’s “Go Red” campaign.

Top Right: On February 20, Mayor Monaco presented Creek Crossing Crime Watch President Sonja Canida the Citizen of the Year Award at the Elks Lodge.

Bottom Left: On February 18, the Mesquite Library celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special ceremony which included historical displays.

## Drought tolerant plant sale

Stage 3 water restrictions are still in effect, so beginning April 1, residents and businesses may only water their lawn/landscapes one time per week. To help in selecting plants which require less water and maintenance, Texas SmartScape™ and The Home Depot® will hold a Plant Sale at Home Depot, 18855 I-635 on Saturday, April 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. In addition to discounts on select native and adaptive plants, attendees can talk with specialists to get ideas for landscaping in North Texas. For more information on this event or to learn more about Stage 3 water restrictions, call 972-329-8300 or visit: [www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities).

## Talkin’ Turf with Travis

*This is a quarterly column on landscape tips offered by Manager of Park Services and Municipal Arborist Travis E. Sales. To learn more, watch video tips by Travis at [www.cityofmesquite.com/travis](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/travis).*

The month of March is one of the most important months of the year to get your landscape and turfgrass ready for the long hot summers here in Texas. Fertilizer plays an important role in any turfgrass/landscape maintenance program. The first application should be applied when your yard is starting to turn green in late March. The following are the recommended fertilization rates of slow-release nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium for this first application.

- Hybrid/Common Bermuda: 15-5-10 (6.67 pounds per 1,000 square-feet)
- St. Augustine: 20-5-10 (5.0 pounds per 1,000 square-feet)
- Shrubs/Groundcovers: 13-13-13
- Flowering Shrubs: 15-25-10

Fertilizer should be applied in March, June, July and October. Remember, do not over apply the fertilizer as this can cause turfgrass disease.

