



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### May 2015

- 4, 18** **City Council Meeting**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244
- 9** **Mesquite Recycles Day**, 8 a.m. - noon  
3300 Poteet Drive. For a list of items that will be accepted, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Mesquite-Recycles-Day](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Mesquite-Recycles-Day).

### 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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## Municipal Election is May 9

The annual Municipal Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, to elect a Mayor and Councilmembers for Places 1, 2 and 6. Early voting will be conducted in Mesquite at Lakeside Activity Center, 101 Holley Park Drive, as follows:

- Monday, April 27, through Friday, May 1, 2015, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, May 3, 1 - 6 p.m.
- Monday, May 4 and Tuesday, May 5, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held at the main early voting location at the Dallas County Records Building, 509 Main Street, Dallas, Texas, 75202, and at approximately 47 additional branch locations countywide. Qualified voters in Dallas County and the portion of Kaufman County located within the City of Mesquite may vote early at any one of these locations. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Toni Pippins-Poole, Early Voting Clerk, Dallas County Elections Department, 2377 N. Stemmons Freeway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas, 75207, and must be received by 12:00 noon or close of business, whichever is later, on Thursday, April 30.

On Election Day after 7 p.m., results can be accessed on Dallas County's website at [www.dallascountyvotes.org](http://www.dallascountyvotes.org) and on the City's website at [www.cityofmesquite.com](http://www.cityofmesquite.com).

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John Monaco  
Mayor



Al Forsythe  
Mayor Pro Tem,  
Place 2



Greg Noschese  
Deputy Mayor Pro  
Tem, Place 5



Bill Porter  
Councilmember  
Place 1



Bruce Archer  
Councilmember  
Place 3



Shirley Roberts  
Councilmember  
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley  
Councilmember  
Place 6



## MAYOR'S CORNER

In May, my friends at Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI) will host their annual Mesquite Meander on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at the Mesquite Cemetery, 400 Holley Park Drive. It is the perfect way to celebrate National Preservation Month with others who appreciate the past. HMI and the Mesquite Community Theater will present a live history lesson of Mesquite in celebration of the event's 5th anniversary. And, a special VIP actor reception ticket is being offered. This will allow patrons the opportunity to meet the actors and discuss their interest in putting on such an event. The event is divided into 10 tours each night. Docents will start the tours in 10-minute intervals, beginning at 7 p.m., Friday night, and 6:30 p.m., Saturday night. Each tour will consist of no more than 16 people. The actors will portray nine of Mesquite's early residents on seven stops. Tickets are on sale for \$10 each with upgraded VIP actor reception tickets available for \$15 each. For more details or to purchase tickets, I encourage you to contact the HMI office at 972-216-6468.

*John Monaco*  
John Monaco, Mayor

## May 9, 2015 Election Day Polling Places and Precincts:

### Dallas County Precincts Located Within Mesquite City Limits:

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCT NUMBERS
Florence Park Community Center	2501 Whitson Way	1139, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1305, 1315
Tosch Elementary School	2424 Larchmont Drive	1304, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1316
Galloway Elementary School	200 Clary Drive	1311, 1312, 1313, 1314
Dunford Recreation Center	1015 Green Canyon Drive	3300, 3301, 3302, 3303, 3304
Wilkinson Middle School	2100 Crest Park Drive	3305, 3306, 3307, 3315
Mesquite High School	300 East Davis Street	3308, 3309, 3310, 3311
Pirrung Elementary School	1500 Creek Valley Road	3312, 3316, 3318
Horn High School	3300 East Cartwright Road	3313, 3314, 3317

### Split Precincts Voting Outside Mesquite City Limits:

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCT NUMBERS
Edwin J. Kiest Elementary	2611 Healey Drive, Dallas	1062
Living Waters Church of God	11110 Shiloh Road, Dallas	1125
George Truett Elementary School	1811 Gross Road, Dallas	1303
Classical Center at Vial Elem.	126 Creekview, Garland	1721
Sunnyvale Town Hall	127 North Collins Rd., Sunnyvale	3500

### Kaufman County Precinct Partially Located in Mesquite City Limits:

POLLING PLACE	ADDRESS	PRECINCT NUMBERS
Horn High School	3300 East Cartwright Road	29

*(Precincts and polling places provided by the Dallas County Elections Department and are subject to change.)*



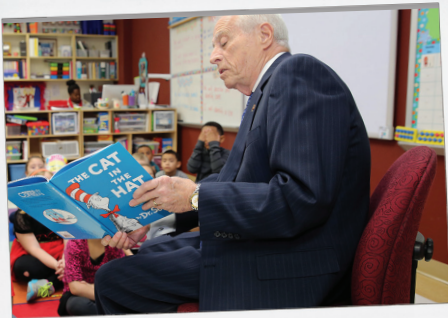
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## Safety tips from the Mesquite Fire Department

Garage fires tend to spread farther and cause more injuries and dollar loss than fires that start in all other areas of the home. Keep your home safe by following a few easy tips:

- Store oil, gasoline, paints and varnishes in a shed away from your home.
- Keep items that can burn on shelves away from appliances.
- Plug only one charging appliance into an outlet.
- Do not use an extension cord when charging an appliance.

## Community Snapshots



On March 2, Mayor John Monaco participated in Read Across America at various elementary schools in Mesquite.



On March 18, staff from the Traffic Engineering Division participated in Career Day at Shands Elementary.



On March 20, Councilmember Greg Noschese took a selfie with students during the City's annual Student Government Day activities.



## 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).

**Movies in the Park - Big Hero 6 (FREE):** Come dressed as your favorite superhero and join in our exciting pre-show activities. Some of your most loved superheroes will join us for Big Hero 6 on May 15, 7 p.m at City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Avenue. The movie will begin at sundown.

**KidFish:** Mesquite Parks and Recreation, together with Community Heart of Mesquite, present KidFish on May 9, 7 a.m. – noon at City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Avenue. City Lake will be stocked with fish for a fun and free fishing tournament for children ages 16 and under. Limited poles and bait are provided.



**Hero Run:** Come run the race dressed as your favorite superhero and help save the day. Hero Run will be at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. It benefits the Mesquite Therapeutic and Adaptive Recreation program which provides recreation and leisure opportunities for people with disabilities. The run will be May 30, with a 6:30 a.m. packet pick-up and an 8 a.m. start. The costs are: \$15 Kid Dash (1 mile), \$25 Hero Run (3 miles) and \$30 day of registration.

**Adult Co-ed Volleyball (7 games + tournament):** Registration is April 27 - May 10. Games begin Tuesday, May 26, at Thompson Elementary School, 2525 Helen Lane. The cost is \$260 per team.

**Walk at the Park:** Join us Monday and Thursday evenings April 2 - May 21 at 6 p.m. for a Walk at City Lake Park, 200 Parkview Lane. Participants who sign-in and walk four times during a month will receive a free swim pass to City Lake Aquatic Center.

**Little Rookies Basketball (ages 3-4):** This instructional program teaches the basics of basketball. Parent participation is required. Registration is May 11 - June 6. The sessions (9 a.m. or 10 a.m.) begin Saturday, June 6, at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon. The cost is \$35 per player.

**Spring Campout:** Spring is here and it's a great night to sleep under the stars. We'll keep busy with archery, the zip line, games, a bonfire and more on May 2 - 3, 3 p.m. - 10 a.m. It will be held at Camp Rorie-Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. The cost is \$30 per family of 4 and \$5 for each additional participant.

## Mesquite Arts Center Activities

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

For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call 972-216-6444 or visit [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)



### Mesquite Symphony Orchestra

MSO presents their concert, "The Music Starts Here," on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 pm in the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults \$6 for children.

### Mesquite Community Theatre

The production of "Lend Me a Tenor" is May 1-16 on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. For details, visit [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com).

### Poem of the Month

**"The Spirit of Mesquite" – By Amy Sandberg**

*The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra has a rhythm all its own.*

*Our all-volunteer orchestra, who give of their time, spirit and devotion*

*to a love of music, ranges in age from teens to retirees.*

*Love of music starts early in Mesquite.*

*All of our high schools have won UIL awards this year!*

*The spirit of music is in us – community wide.*

*The musicianship will inspire you.*

*Come take your seat, feel the beat, let your day unwind.*

## Mesquite Police Department offers vehicle theft prevention tips

It is impossible to stop all vehicle thefts, but if you follow a few simple suggestions, your chances of becoming a victim of vehicle theft or another crime are considerably reduced:

- **LOCK IT UP** - Be sure to lock your vehicle every time it is out of sight.
- **NEVER HIDE YOUR KEYS** - Thieves look for keys in cars they break into. Don't make it easy for them.
- **HIDE VALUABLES** - If you leave valuables in plain sight you make your car vulnerable to crimes of opportunity.
- **TAKE YOUR TITLE** - If the thieves have the title, the chances they can sell the vehicle to another unsuspecting victim increase.
- **BEWARE OF IDENTITY THEFT** - Personal papers left in your car can be used to steal your identity.
- **HAVE A PARKING STRATEGY** - Park in well-lit areas with lots of foot traffic and in front of surveillance cameras.
- **USE THE EMERGENCY BRAKE** - This may slow down or hinder thieves.
- **PARK TO PREVENT TOWING** - If you drive a front-wheel drive vehicle, pull into parking spots. If you drive a rear-wheel drive vehicle, back into spots.
- **USE YOUR GARAGE** - Clean it out and use it. If the thieves can't see it, they will be less likely to steal it.
- **MAKE SURE YOU KNOW YOUR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER** - If your car is taken, it is critical to report it to the police quickly and to provide a good description of the vehicle.

## Water Conservation Office offers Plant Fairs

The City's Water Conservation Office is partnering with local retailers to offer Mesquite residents two plant fairs, 8 a.m. - noon, (May 2, Ron's Organics, 1820 S. Beltline Rd. and May 16, The Home Depot, 18855 I-635) to save on select varieties of low-water use plants that can thrive in the Texas heat. Attendees will have an opportunity to talk with a plant expert or irrigation specialist and get ideas and tips for landscaping in North Texas. For details visit [www.txsmartscape.com](http://www.txsmartscape.com) or call 972-329-8300.

