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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 2018

- 6, 20** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
 - 11, 25** The Marketplace in Mesquite will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main St. 469-275-9616.
- For details 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.

Mesquite City Council amends City Code to address nuisance parties

On June 18, the Mesquite City Council took another step towards enhancing neighborhoods in Mesquite by passing an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances to provide stricter enforcement of parties, with 10 or more attendees, that create a nuisance to neighboring property owners.



City Manager Cliff Keheley said, "We want to be clear about this new ordinance. This is about asking our residents to enjoy their parties with respect and responsibility. We do not want to discourage our residents from hosting social events. Instead, we ask that they host parties with consideration and regard to their neighbors. The issue of Neighborhood Appearance and Condition is a priority issue for the City Council and this new ordinance will aid city staff in upholding the integrity of our neighborhoods."

The ordinance provides Mesquite Police Officers called to a nuisance complaint with new tools of enforcement. The responding police officers will have the ability to close down a party if there is evidence of excessive noise, streets blocked by vehicles or other actions of disorderly conduct. The City can cite a property owner or the host of the party for violating the ordinance. Each offense is a Class C Misdemeanor and carries a fine of up to \$500.

Keheley indicated this ordinance provides stability in neighborhoods by placing greater accountability on property owners and rental occupants for the social activities happening at their premises. He also stated the ordinance will protect the limited resources of the Mesquite Police Department from having to make repeated visits to a property and take subsequent actions with the property owner or tenant in regards to nuisance complaints.

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

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Stan Pickett
Mayor



Dan Aleman
Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 4



Tandy Boroughs
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 6



Robert Miklos
Councilmember
Place 1



Jeff Casper
Councilmember
Place 2



Bruce Archer
Councilmember
Place 3



Greg Noschese
Councilmember
Place 5



Council Community Focus

Recently, S&P Global Ratings and Moody’s Investors Service analyzed the City’s financial performance and credit worthiness and affirmed “AA” and “Aa2” credit ratings, respectively, for the City’s 2018 general government and water and sewer system bond issues.

Similar in the way a bank looks to FICO scores and outstanding consumer debt to determine how much interest someone might pay in interest on a consumer loan, rating agencies look at city budgetary performance, debt levels, and how well finances are managed to assign their credit ratings. These ratings determine how much interest the City will pay when it issues bonds to finance major infrastructure improvements. S&P’s AA rating is second highest on their scale, and Moody’s Aa2 rating is third highest on their scale.

Almost all cities in the United States borrow money by issuing municipal bonds to build and maintain public improvements like streets, alleys, water and sewer lines, fire stations and other facilities. Having a stronger credit rating allows the City to borrow money at lower interest rates thereby saving precious tax dollars. Both S&P and Moody’s pointed to Mesquite’s “very strong financial management, strong and conservative budgeting, and strong liquidity” as reasons for their high credit ratings.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/FinancialOutlook, for additional information on the City’s financial stability.

Save on travel costs with COMPASS

With summer activities in full swing, Mesquite residents are reminded they can save money on gas and parking costs with COMPASS (City of Mesquite Passenger Shuttle). COMPASS is also a great way for those who live in Mesquite, but work elsewhere in the region to save money and reduce the stress of driving in traffic.

COMPASS is part of the City’s transit initiative and offers nonstop weekday commuter shuttle between Hanby Stadium, 410 E. Davis Street, and the Lawnview Station on the Green Line located in East Dallas. The service operates every half hour on weekdays from 5 - 9 a.m. and 3:30 - 7 p.m., and operates hourly from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

On the DART website, COMPASS is identified as Express Bus Route 282. For only \$7 a day, Mesquite citizens get access to the shuttle and can navigate the entire DART system, including all buses and trains.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/COMPASS for more information.



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

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads for more information or to view an Interactive Road Map.



Unattended tethering of dogs prohibited by City ordinance

Effective July 1, a new city ordinance prohibits tethering of dogs unless the owner is physically present within the outdoor area where the dog is tethered and the dog is in view of the owner at all times. Dogs must also have access to water and shelter at all times and be confined by a fence of sufficient strength, height and durability to prevent the animal's escape. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/BePetFriendly for more information.

In addition, dogs may not be left outside when temperatures are below freezing; a heat advisory has been issued by a local or state authority or jurisdiction; or a hurricane, tropical storm or tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service.

Any person violating these provisions is subject to be found guilty of a Class C Misdemeanor and a fine not to exceed \$500 for each offense. Each day or portion of a day in violation constitutes as a separate offense.

Residents in need of assistance to contain their dog(s) or provide shelter are encouraged to call Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Doggie Splash Day

Join us for Doggie Splash Day from 9 a.m. - noon on August 11 at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. Dogs and their owners will have a great time swimming together and participating in the doggie swimsuit contest, dog paddle race and doggie dive contest.



Dive-In Movie

Come swim and watch the movie *Sherlock Gnomes* on August 17 at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street. Pre-movie activities begin at 7 p.m. and the movie will start at dusk. The event will also feature fun pool games, prizes and more. Admission is free starting at 7 p.m. Activities begin at 7 p.m. with the movie beginning at dusk.

Adults 50+

Mesquite has three active Adults 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Join us September 10 - 14 for a trip to New Orleans. This all-inclusive five-day, four-night trip includes transportation by motor coach, lodging and meals; plus, guided tours of Downtown New Orleans, a Louisiana plantation, the National World War II museum and Mardi Gras World. The cost is \$529 per person for double occupancy room. Call 972-204-4971 for more information or to register.



Community Snapshots



On May 17, the QuikTrip Corporation donated \$5,000 towards the community campaign to build a Veterans Memorial in Mesquite. For more project and donation information, visit www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org.



On June 9, the Mesquite community enjoyed contests, games, live music, fireworks and more at the family-friendly Summer Sizzle festival. Headlining the festival was popular disco band Le Freak.



On June 16, the Mesquite Police Department graduated three recruits from its Basic Police Officer Course class. The new officers will now begin a 17-week field training program.

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

Huhta Art Exhibition, weekdays in August from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main Gallery. This event is free.

The Mesquite Community Theatre presents *Curtains* in the Black Box Theatre, weekends August 3 - 29.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com.



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, P.O. 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.