

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | APRIL

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15 City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.

6 62nd Annual Mesquite Rodeo Parade, Downtown Mesquite, 972-216-6260, www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade.

13 I Love Our Earth Party, 4 p.m., North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. Family activities to celebrate Earth Day. 972-681-0465.

18 Easter Craft, 4 p.m., at the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Open to ages 4-10. 972-216-6220.

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



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



North Texas Municipal Water District system maintenance March 4 – April 1

As a member city of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD), the City of Mesquite receives its water supply for its water utility customers from the NTMWD. The NTMWD will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process from March 4 through April 1. The annual, routine change is necessary to maintain the regional system and year round water quality. Disinfection is a critical part of the water treatment process that keeps drinking water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses.

Disinfection involves a two-step process that first treats the water at the treatment plant and then chloramine disinfectant (chlorine + ammonia) is added to maintain water quality on its journey through the miles of pipes to homes and businesses. During the temporary change, NTMWD suspends adding ammonia and uses only free chlorine to keep water disinfected as it travels through pipes. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, this temporary conversion is a common practice for as many as 40 percent of water providers using chloramines for disinfection.

The absence of ammonia during these few weeks may make the chlorine disinfectant more noticeable. There are simple steps to minimize taste, odor or skin sensitivities. For more information on those steps and this process, visit www.NTMWD.com/Safewater.

Real.Texas.Roads. Update



Real. Texas. Roads. is the \$125 million dollar street bond program, approved by voters in 2015, to repair more than 100 miles of grade 4 residential streets.

At the time of the Mainstream's publication, localized concrete repairs continued on Crest Hill Drive, Crest Park Drive, Greenhill Drive, Larchmont Drive, Moon Drive and Viva Drive. Miscellaneous repairs and clean up were in progress on Spiceberry Lane. Surface reconstruction was happening on Morgan Drive, Pebble Creek Lane, Red Mill Lane, Rockne Lane, Royal Crest Drive, Sidney Drive, Statler Drive and Upland Drive.

For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.



Mesquite honors four City employees with Real. Texas. Service. Champion awards

During the City Council meeting on Jan. 22, the Real. Texas. Service. Champions program celebrated employees who provide exemplary customer service and achieve accomplishments that merit special recognition. The following employees were recognized: Police Officer Roye Long, Human Resources Specialist Carla McKinnon, Residential Solid Waste Crew Chief Trae Canfield, and Printing and Postal Services Supervisor Monica Thompson. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ServiceChampions for information on the employees recognized and their service to the community.



Community funding for new Mesquite Veterans Memorial continues

The City of Mesquite continues its support of the community campaign to build a Mesquite Veterans Memorial. The goal of the project is to build a new memorial for all military veterans and their families on property near City Lake Park. In November, Atmos Energy announced their title sponsorship of the project. However, the project still needs funding to complete the campaign and the costs associated with design and construction. All donations are tax-deductible, and can be sent to Mesquite Veterans Memorial, c/o Historic Mesquite, Inc., P.O. Box 850137,

Mesquite, TX 75185-0137. Donations may also be made in person at Historic Mesquite Inc. offices located at 701-711 E. Kearney St., Mesquite, TX 75149.

To schedule an appointment to make a donation in person, please call 972-216-6468. For more information, visit our website at www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org.

Real.Texas.Business. News



There was consensus from the City Council at their Feb. 4 Pre-Meeting to proceed with the design concepts for the Front Street Station project in Downtown Mesquite.

The project is part of the overall efforts to improve infrastructure in downtown. This comes on the heels of Mesquite achieving Texas Main Street Program designation and other partnerships in progress to create a vital downtown that is authentic, vibrant and a point of pride for the community.

For more information, call Beverly Abell, Downtown Manager, at 972-216-6450.

Council Community Focus

In February, Mayor Stan Pickett presented the annual City Update as a part of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Awards. The update provided details on City accomplishments from 2018 highlighted by economic development, job creation and new residential housing projects. Additionally, the update provided a preview

of the City's plans for 2019 in regards to services and programs. Mayor Pickett and the entire City Council presented special City awards: Mesquite Police Officer of the Year, Winston Bowen; Mesquite Fire Officer of the Year, Bruce Kunz; and General City Employee of the Year, Cynthia Sanchez. For more information and to watch the update, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CityUpdate.

Parks and Recreation Corner

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 972-216-6260 OR VISIT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

Breakfast with the Bunny is Saturday, April 13, 8:30 a.m. - noon at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. Panera Bread and Porch Swing Restaurant are sponsoring the breakfast with pastries, pancakes, eggs, bacon and drinks. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person, children two and under are free. The egg hunt for children age nine and younger will begin at 11 a.m. Additional activities include pictures with the bunny, train ride, petting zoo, crafts, games, face painting, bounce houses and more. Some activities will have a small fee. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/BreakfastwiththeBunny or call 972-216-6260 for more information.



SPRING CAMPOUT

The City of Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department invites you to sleep under the stars at Camp Rorie Galloway. The Campout is Saturday, April 27, at Camp Rorie Galloway, 3100 Lawson Drive. Activities will include a bonfire, zip lining, gaga ball, games, crafts and lots of fun. The cost is \$50 for a family of four. Two additional family members may be added for \$5 each. The event includes dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Registration is required and will begin March 27. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD, in person at any Mesquite Recreation Center, or at Parks and Recreation Administration, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.



ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include crafts, day trips, exercise classes, lunch and more. Upcoming trips include:

On Friday, April 12, there is a guided tour of Fossil Rim Wildlife Center. Registration is March 22 - April 5. The cost per person is \$39 and includes a picnic lunch.

On Wednesday, April 17, take the M trolley to Klyde Warren Park to have lunch and enjoy the daily park activities. The cost is \$1 per person plus the cost of lunch at a food truck of choice. Registration begins April 3.

For more information about the Adult 50+ program, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.



City offers free tools to help defend your drains

Defend your drains and pipes by properly disposing your leftover grease and food scraps. Fats, oils and grease (FOG) is the residue left over from cooked meat, butter, sauces, oil and dairy products. FOG and debris poured

down drains can cause sewer backups and expensive plumbing repairs. The City's Utilities Division is offering free funnels, scrapers, and can lids to Mesquite residents while supplies last beginning April 1 outside of the Water Billing Office, 757 N. Galloway Ave.

Community Snapshots



2019 Polar Plunge

The Mesquite community helped raise more than \$15,000 for Special Olympics Texas during the 2019 Polar Plunge on Feb. 2 at City Lake Aquatic Center.



Christina Hickey

The North Central Texas Branch of the Texas Public Works Association named Christina Hickey, Infrastructure Asset Manager in the Public Works Department, as the 2018 Member of the Year.



National Wear Red Day

City employees gathered on Feb. 1 to support #NationalWearRedDay for the Go Red for Women platform designed to increase women's heart health awareness and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women globally.



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

For more information on any of these events, please call 972-216-8132 or visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org

Artist Exhibition:

J. Vincent Scarpace Exhibition, April 1 - 26, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Gallery, free admission.

Rockin' Rhapsody presents "Live 80", April 5, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, free admission.

The Mesquite Community Theatre presents "100 Years of Broadway," April 26 - May 12, 7 p.m. To purchase tickets, visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com.



Mesquite Community Band presents a

"Spring Concert," April 6, 4 p.m., free admission

Rockin' Rhapsody presents "Rock & Roll Over," April 12, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, free admission.

Rockin' Rhapsody presents "Downtown Fever," April 19, 7 p.m., Freedom Park, free admission.

Rockin' Rhapsody presents "Back In Black," April 26, Freedom Park, free admission.



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