

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | AUGUST

5 City Council meetings, 7 p.m. at City Hall,
19 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.

10 Mesquite Market Place, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
24 Downtown Mesquite, 150 W. Main Street.

Mesquite Public Health Clinic, 1616 N. Galloway Ave., holds back to school hours for vaccines. The clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

12-23 972-329-8326.

Last day for candidates to file for City Council. For more information, call the City Secretary Office at 972-216-6244.

For details on the elections, visit

19 www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections.

Preservation Primer: Caring for Family Heirlooms, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street, \$10 per person. Call 972-216-6468 for tickets.

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



Mesquite ranks No. 21 in Best Cities for Living the American Dream

For the second year in a row, Mesquite ranks No. 21 in SmartAsset's Best Cities for Living the American Dream. The financial technology company defines the American Dream as living a full and fulfilling life, with economic opportunities to enable homeownership, and living someplace where people from all walks of life can live comfortably.

To create its 2019 list, SmartAsset applied five measurements in a study of the 257 biggest cities in America: homeownership rate, diversity rate, upward mobility rate, median home value and unemployment rate.

According to the report, Mesquite's homeownership rate increased from 57% in 2018 to 65% in 2019. Coupled with an unemployment rate of 4.10, Mesquite's economic strength is reflected in the number of individuals and families who choose to set roots here.

Mesquite is one of 13 Texas cities on the list, establishing the state as a trailblazer in providing the opportunities and stability where the American Dream is most achievable. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AmericanDream to access the full report.

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

Real.Texas.Roads. Update



Real. Texas. Roads. is the \$125 million dollar street bond program, approved by voters in 2015, to repair residential streets.

This is a summary of the

latest updates on this project at press time (June 14). For the most updated information regarding this project, call the Streets Maintenance Division at 972-216-6282 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.

Concrete spot repairs are in progress on Royal Crest Drive, Northridge Drive and Summit Street. Concrete spot repairs are complete on Cascade Street and Cresthill Drive and both roads are scheduled for milling and resurfacing on July 16. Royal Crest Drive (Kearney Street and Grubb Drive), Upland Lane, Pebble Creek Lane, Red Mill Lane, Green Leaf Drive and Viva Drive are complete in all phases. Resurfacing is in progress on Sidney Drive, Rockne Lane, Statler Drive and Morgan Drive. The next list of streets scheduled for concrete spot repairs include Alta Vista Street, Buena Vista Street, Willowbrook Drive, Lee Street, Larchmont Drive, Northview Place (cul-de-sac) and Mark Drive, (Baker Drive and Larchmont Drive).

Mesquite becomes first Texas municipality to offer Commercial Driver License testing



The City of Mesquite recently became the first and only municipality in Texas eligible to award Commercial Driver Licenses (CDL) at a non-Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) location. After extensive training, education, and testing, two of the City's public

works assistant managers earned Third Party CDL Examiner certification to test the equipment check and driving portions of the CDL exam process and award licenses. The new program has made the City of Mesquite a more attractive employer to those seeking jobs that require the license. Since April 2019, nine employees have been awarded their CDL by the City's examiners. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CDL program.

Real.Texas.Business. News



The Mesquite City Council has approved a change of zoning for a new master plan industrial business park on 80 acres near I-30 and Republic Parkway. The speculative project will include five buildings that will encompass more than 979,000 square-feet of industrial space.

Urban District 30 is a \$71 million investment by Urban Logistics Realty and is expected to generate more than 500 jobs in Mesquite. With double-digit population growth from 2010-2016 in the Dallas/Fort Worth region, Mesquite continues to be an appealing location for business growth. The expansion of e-commerce and direct-to-consumer business models has created an increased demand from retailers for industrial and logistics locations near residential growth. For more information, visit www.MesquiteEcoDev.com.

Mesquite launches Downtown Façade Grant Program



Downtown Mesquite property owners now have the opportunity to improve the outward appearance of their buildings with assistance from the Downtown Façade Improvement Program approved by the City Council on May 20. The program is a continuation of downtown revitalization as part of

their Downtown Redevelopment strategic goal. The grant, which will be in the form of a reimbursement, will be for 50% of the cost of a façade rehabilitation up to \$20,000. The total amount of grants awarded will not exceed \$80,000 in any fiscal year. The grant program can also be coupled with free design services from historic preservation architects. These services are made available to downtown business and property owners as part of the Texas Main Street Program. Applications, further grant criteria, and a map of the program area are available at www.cityofmesquite.com/Downtown.

Council Community Focus



Last month, the City of Mesquite revealed project renderings of our community's future Veterans Memorial near City Lake Park. The Mesquite Veterans Memorial is a community-based project to raise

awareness and funding for the design and construction of a new memorial to honor all military veterans and their families. Atmos Energy announced their title sponsorship of the project in November 2018 with a \$100,000 financial commitment to the memorial campaign.

The memorial renderings include a 77-foot-wide plaza with an area designated to pay tribute to military veterans from Mesquite who died in action. A nearly 6-foot-wide eagle and a 12-foot-diameter granite star are part of the many special design elements of the project. The memorial also will include an audience area for special ceremonies. Later this year, the community will have opportunities to purchase donor bricks for placement on the walkway border leading up to the memorial plaza.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation to show your support, visit www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org.

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

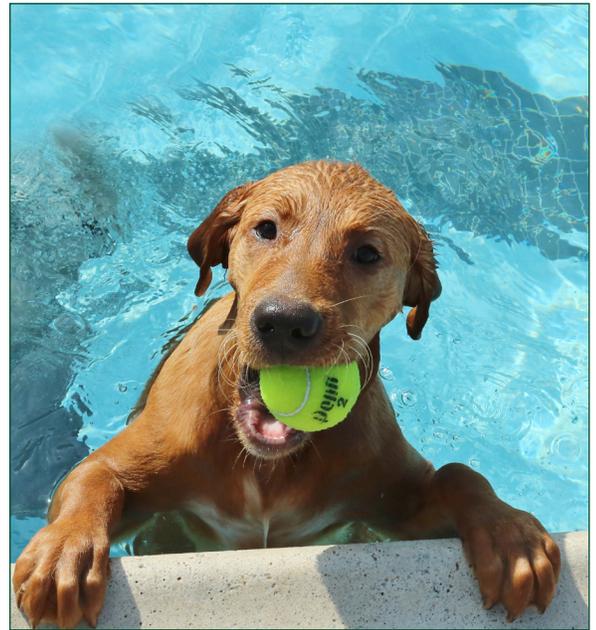
Join us for Doggie Splash Day August 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. Dogs and their owners will have a great time swimming together and participating in the doggie swimsuit contest, pet/owner look-a-like contest, dog paddle race and doggie dive contest. The cost of admission is \$5 for one owner and one pet, \$2 for each additional pet and \$1 for spectators. Proof of current vaccinations required. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DoggieSplashDay for more information.

DIVE IN MOVIE

Watch "How to Train Your Dragon 3" while swimming at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street, on Friday, August 16 for the Dive-in Movie. Admission is free. Pre-show activities begin at 7 p.m. with the movie beginning at dusk. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260.

ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adults 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar, and Rutherford Recreation Centers. On Tuesday, August 13, visit Vetro Studio and Gallery and learn about the process of turning glass into pieces of art. The fee is \$7 per person plus the cost of lunch and shopping. Registration opens on July 30 at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. On Wednesday, August 14, visit Bankhead Brewery and learn about the craft brewing process while enjoying samples and appetizers. The fee is \$1 per person plus the cost of food and tastings. Registration opens on July 31 at Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Drive. For more Adult 50+ program highlights or to register for activities, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.



Mesquite's historical park project receives preservation award



The restoration of Mesquite historic outbuildings has been honored by Preservation Dallas with the distinguished Gail Thoma Patterson Award. The restored buildings are part of the 13-acre Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701-711 E. Kearney Street. The park is operated by Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI) and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Gail Thoma Patterson Award recognizes outstanding restoration projects done to exacting standards and the individuals committed to promoting the architectural heritage of the Dallas area. The award is presented each year at the Preservation Achievement Awards celebration during National Preservation Month in May. For more information on the project and HMI, visit www.historicmesquite.org or call 972-216-6468.

Community Snapshots



**Texas First Lady
Cecilia Abbott**

On May 16, Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott helped Mesquite celebrate its official designation as a Texas Main Street community during a public ceremony in Downtown Mesquite.



KEOM Radio

On June 3, Mayor Stan Pickett talked with Kim Buttram, Assistant Director of Economic Development, on KEOM radio about the new small business workshop series to be held July 23, August 27 and October 15. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Radio to listen to the program.



Summer Sizzle Festival

On June 8, the Mesquite community kicked off the summer with Mesquite's annual Summer Sizzle festival at Paschall Park. The event featured family-friendly activities, a variety of Texas-sized yard games, music and a fireworks show.



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

Mesquite Arts Council presents art by Jeremy Hjort in the Chamber Gallery, and Winter Rusiloski in the Main Gallery, weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. through September 29.



Texas Area Artist Paint In 2 - 5 p.m., August 12, in the Rehearsal Hall. Admission is free.

Mesquite Arts Council presents the free Concert Courtyard Series: Paper Saints, 7 - 9 p.m., August 8. Sponsored by Brooklyn Brewery and Arts + Culture Texas Magazine.



Mesquite Arts Council presents "Elephant Man" with weekend performances August 9 - 25. Performance times and tickets available at www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.org.



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