



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**February 2015**

**2, 16** **City Council Meeting**, 7 p.m.,  
City Hall, 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

### New midday service to DART

The City of Mesquite's Passenger Service (COMPASS) has been expanded to include hourly midday service from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. to Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

For only \$7 a day citizens get shuttle service (provided by STAR Transit) from the COMPASS station located next to Hanby Stadium to the DART Lawnview Station. From the Lawnview station, passengers can navigate the entire DART system, including all the buses and trains. COMPASS is a great way for Mesquite residents who work elsewhere in the region to save money on gas and parking costs as well as reduce the stress of driving in traffic. COMPASS is also a fun way to connect with destination venues in the region for one-day family trips.

On the DART website, COMPASS is identified as Express Bus Route 282. For details on COMPASS service, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/compass](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/compass).



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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

On behalf of the entire City Council, I want to take a moment to acknowledge all the good deeds and donations that happened in our community during the recent holiday season.

From civic clubs to social service agencies, there were endless examples of our citizens helping those in need. One example was our Mesquite Police Department hosting their annual Santa Cop Toy Run event to provide gifts for needy children. Funds, food and charitable donations of all kinds went to many worthwhile causes.

As we begin 2015, I want to thank all of our citizens for their donations of time and talent to those in need during the past year as well as to the many service organizations that provided important services.

John Monaco, Mayor



The AMBUCS donated Trykes to those with mobility challenges during their annual Pancake Breakfast held at Evans Recreation Center.



## New City Hall and Municipal Court hours have begun

As a reminder, the City of Mesquite has new lobby hours for City Hall (757 N. Galloway Avenue) and Municipal Court (211 Municipal Way). The new lobby hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

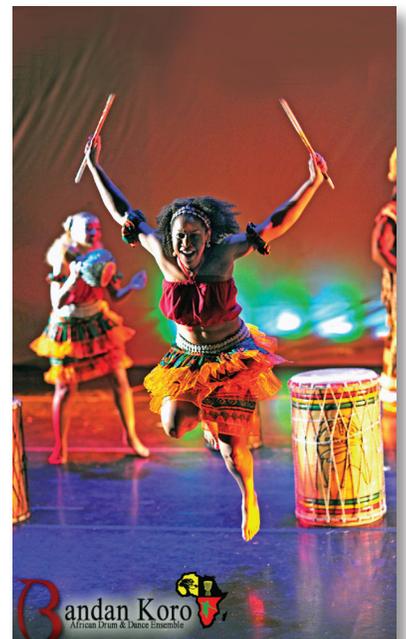
## Mesquite Police Department launches new communications tool for citizens

Mesquite Police Department has developed a partnership with Nextdoor (www.nextdoor.com), the free and private social network for neighborhoods, to build stronger, safer communities with the help of residents. With Nextdoor, Mesquite residents can create private neighborhood websites to share information, including public safety issues, community events, local services and lost pets. The Mesquite Police Department will be able to share helpful information with Nextdoor members, such as important crime alerts, safety precautions and details about crime watch meetings. Those interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address.



## Celebrate Black History Month at the Mesquite Public Library System

Join the Mesquite Main Library for a free program at 6:30 p.m. on February 24 celebrating February as Black History Month. The program, scheduled for the Main Library at 300 W. Grubb Drive, is presented by members from the Bandan Koro African Drum & Dance Ensemble. This dynamic program will be an interactive experience for the entire family. For details, call 972-216-6220.



## Did You Know?

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

Did you know Code Enforcement enforces a variety of ordinances and that one of those focuses on outside storage? In summary, the ordinance prohibits "maintenance of a premises in an unhealthy, unsanitary or grossly unsightly condition." Specific items identified in the City Code as prohibited for outside storage include: furniture (other than furniture designed for outside use); household items including appliances, toys, clothes, plumbing fixtures, furniture or products of a commercial trade or business enterprise, whether such items are used or not; 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; and inoperable, unused or unsightly vehicles, motorized or otherwise. For more information, please contact the Environmental Code Division at 972-216-6276.

## City of Mesquite offers home repair programs

The City of Mesquite has two repair programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Those programs are the Exterior Renewal Program (ERP) and the Limited Repair Program (LRP). The ERP addresses repair or replacement of items including but not limited to roofing, vinyl siding, windows, doors and other repairs to the exterior of the home up to a maximum grant amount of \$20,000. The LRP addresses repair or replacement of items including but not limited to items such as flooring, painting, cabinetry, countertops, appliances, ADA modifications, and other repairs to the interior of the home up to a maximum grant amount of \$5,000. The City also has an Emergency Repair Program for items that pose an imminent threat to the health and/or safety of the homeowner and the surrounding neighborhood. For details, contact Shawna Gaston at 972-329-8332.



For more information on any of these programs, please call 972-216-6260 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/pard](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/pard).



### Little Rookies Tennis

Ages: 3 - 4\*  
Registration: 1/6 - 2/21  
Sessions begin: 2/21  
Location: Dunford Rec. Center  
Times: 9 a.m. or 10 a.m.  
Cost: \$35 per player  
\*Parent participation required

### Girls Volleyball League

Ages: 7 - 14\*  
Division 1 - Competitive  
Division 2 - Recreational  
Registration: 1/26 - 2/22  
Practices begin: 3/16  
Games begin: 3/30  
Cost: \$65 per player  
\*Birth certificate required for registration

### Adult Co-ed Soccer

Registration: 2/2 - 2/15  
Games begin: 3/1  
Cost: \$400 per team\*  
\* Free agents for adult teams may register at: [www.TeamSideLine.com/mesquite](http://www.TeamSideLine.com/mesquite)

### Recreation After School Program (RASP) Camp for Spring Break

Dates: 3/9 - 3/13  
Locations: Dunford Rec. Center and Camp Rorie-Galloway  
Time: 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Cost: \$16 per day or \$75 per week

## Parks and Recreation Corner

### Hunger Games Archery Camp

Dates: 3/9 - 3/11  
Location: Westlake Sports Center  
Time: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Cost: \$45 per person

### Tennis Camp

Ages: 10 and under  
Dates: 3/9 - 3/12  
Location: Westlake Sports Center  
Time: 8 - 10 a.m.  
Cost: \$35 per person

### Juniors Tennis Camp

Ages: 11 - 14  
Dates: 3/9 - 3/12  
Location: Westlake Sports Center  
Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
\$35 per person

### Daddy Daughter Dance

Date: February 6  
Location: Mesquite Convention Center  
Two sessions: 6 - 8 p.m. (ages 4 - 8) and 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. (ages 9 - 12)  
Tickets: Available at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Avenue for \$15 per person/per session or for \$20 per person/per session at the door. Portraits and flowers will be available for purchase starting at 5:30 p.m.



# Mesquite Arts Center Activities

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

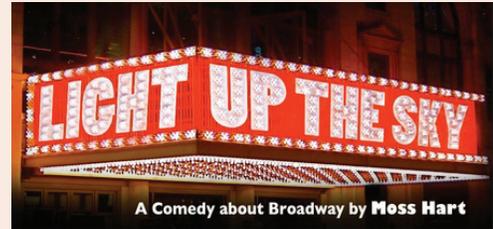
For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call 972-216-6444 or visit [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)

**Mesquite Arts Council** presents “Gospel Synthesis:

A Showcase of Gospel Music” on February 6 at the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall. Tickets are general admission and sold at the door. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.



**Mesquite Community Theater** will be performing “Light up the Sky” February 13 - 28. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com).



## Community Snapshots



On November 14, Councilmember Bruce Archer helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the annual Prayer Luncheon held at Mesquite Church of Christ.



On November 11, Mayor Pro Tem Al Forsythe presented a proclamation recognizing American Diabetes Month.



On November 20, Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau staff Judy Skowron and Carol Abbott presented the 2014 Tourism Award to Don and Sue Young of the Texas Shrine Association during the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce annual Awards Luncheon.



On December 2, the annual Heritage Square Tree Lighting event was kicked off by Texas State Representative Cindy Burkett and Councilmembers Bill Porter, Shirley Roberts and Bruce Archer.



The Parks and Recreation Department hosted the annual Christmas in the Park event at Westlake Park December 4 - 6.