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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 2015

- 5, 19** City Council Meetings at City Hall, 7 p.m., 757 N. Galloway Avenue. 972-216-6244
 - 10** Mesquite Marketplace, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Historic Downtown Mesquite 120 W. Main Street.
 - 29** Halloween Happenings, Ages 10 and under, 6 - 8 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb, 972-216-6220
- For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/holidays.

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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City officially opens Mesquite Heritage Trail



The City of Mesquite officially opened the Mesquite Heritage Trail on July 25.

The City's largest recreational facility consists of 4.25 miles of concrete trails and sidewalks, three trailheads, one exercise station,

one pedestrian bridge and more. As a part of the City's hike and bike trail system, the Mesquite Heritage Trail connects residents from their homes to the Mesquite Golf Club, schools, recreation centers, sports fields, shopping and other points of interest. The trail starts at Towne Centre Drive and Franklin Drive and ends along the westbound frontage road of Interstate 30, west of Greenbelt Parkway. The three trailheads are Americana Trailhead (Americana Lane and Chisolm Trail), Dunford Trailhead (N. Galloway and Green Canyon) and Palos Verdes Trailhead (on Northwest Drive, just west of Los Lomas). For a map of the trail, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/htmap.



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Stan Pickett
Mayor



Greg Noschese
Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 5



Bruce Archer
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 3



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Jeff Casper
Councilmember
Place 2



Shirley Roberts
Councilmember
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

At the August 3 City Council meeting, the Citizens' Street Bond Committee made a recommendation to the City Council that we call for a bond referendum of \$125 million to provide funds to help repair residential streets. And, at the August 17 City Council meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution calling for a special election on November 3, 2015. If passed by the voters, the City would use the funds generated by the sale of bonds to address residential streets that are in most need of repair. You will soon see public education information about a variety of aspects to this bond referendum. These include the tax implications, the proposed plan to repair the residential streets and more. As we move forward, I encourage the community to stay informed by visiting www.cityofmesquite.com/streetbond.

Stan H. Pickett

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Mayor



Mesquite Freedom Park seeks community support

The City of Mesquite is continuing its community fundraising efforts this fall to build Mesquite Freedom Park. For those who recall the events of 9/11, Mesquite Freedom Park will offer a place to both reflect and remember. For younger citizens, Mesquite Freedom Park will provide an educational walk through those historical events. Please visit www.MesquiteFreedomPark.com for more information and to make tax-deductible donations.

Mesquite Recognized as a 2015 Playful City USA Community

For the third year in a row, Mesquite is being honored with the Playful City USA designation. The national recognition program honored Mesquite and 240 other cities across the country for making cities more playable. Playful City USA is a national recognition program honoring cities that champion efforts to make play a priority through establishing policy initiatives, infrastructure investments and innovative programming.



WaterMyYard.org helps homeowners to water only as needed

Even though Mesquite water customers can now water up to two days per week, you may not need to. If you want to know how much to water this fall, sign up at www.WaterMyYard.org. The website provides weekly emails or text messages that customize lawn watering recommendations based on weather. The Water My Yard program uses data from weather stations, based throughout the North Texas Municipal Water District service area, to gather local climate conditions. With a few clicks, homeowners can get recommendations on how long (in minutes) to run their irrigation systems. For details, call the City's Water Conservation Office at 972-329-8300.

Mesquite Police Department launches a Safe Exchange Area



As the frequency of individual online sales has increased during the past few years, the Mesquite Police Department has noticed an increase in the number of cases where the seller or buyer later reported being the victim of a fraudulent transaction or theft. With this in mind, the Mesquite Police Department invites all residents to use the parking lot of the police department as a Safe Exchange Area to complete face-to-face sales transactions. The parking lot has video surveillance equipment that records the area 24 hours a day, so there will be video footage that may assist investigating officers with identifying the suspects involved in a crime. The Police Department is located at 777 N. Galloway Ave.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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



Haunted Campout:

Join us for a spooky good time on October 10 - 11 from 3 p.m. - 10 a.m. at Camp Rorie-Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. Activities include pumpkin carving, tent decorating, costume contest and more. The fee is \$30 for a family of four, \$5 for each additional camper and includes a campfire dinner and breakfast on Sunday morning.



PumpkinFest:

Plan to attend the 15th annual event on October 17 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. at City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Avenue. It will feature various activities as well as a costume contest for kids and dogs. Admission is free, with various charges for food and games.



Mesquite 50+ Dance:

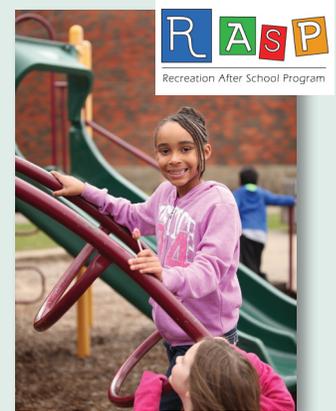
Come out October 9 for the band Tight Rope and October 23 for the band Variety Pack for live music at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest, from 7 - 9:30 p.m. Free dance lessons start at 6 p.m.

Recreation After School Program (RASP):

Parents of children in grades K – 6th grade who need after-school care are encouraged to visit www.cityofmesquite.com/rasp to get the details on this great program.

All-Day RASP:

On October 5 (Fair Day) and 26 (Teacher in-service Day) an All-Day RASP is available from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon, and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford. Payment is due the Thursday prior to each date. Participants must bring a water bottle and sack lunch. The fee is \$16 per day.



Little Rookies Baseball and Softball:

Registration for children ages 3 - 4 is September 28 - October 24. The program begins Saturday, October 24, at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. Parent participation required. The fee is \$35 per player.

Youth Basketball League:

Registration for ages 5 -14 is from October 5 - November 1. Division 1 is for pre-formed teams and Division 2 is recreational. Games will begin Saturday, December 12. The fee is \$65 per player and a birth certificate is required for registration.

The First Tee:

Youth ages 7 - 17 are encouraged to join The First Tee of Greater Dallas at the Mesquite Golf Club, 825 Interstate 30, on Saturdays, October 24 - November 21. Two sessions are available, 10 - 11:30 a.m. and noon - 1:30 p.m. To register, visit www.thefirstteedallas.org. The fee is \$40 per golfer and scholarships are available upon request.

Archery:

Learn with certified instructors the various aspects of archery. All equipment is provided. A free Introduction to Archery is available at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, on October 3 from noon - 1 p.m. for those ages 6 - 15. For a list of classes, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/archery.

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

Just For Kids will begin October 17 with a performance by Emmy-winning entertainer David Chicken. This free performance will be held at 10 a.m. in the Black Box Theater at the Mesquite Arts Center.



The Mesquite Community Theatre presents “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare” (abridged) on October 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and October 4 at 2:30 p.m. All 37 Plays in 97 Minutes! Visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com for ticket information.

The Mesquite Arts Council presents The Quibble Brothers bluegrass band on Thursday, October 8 at 7 p.m. in the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall.

Municipal Court offers new docket for persons with warrants

The City of Mesquite Municipal Court has created a new Warrant Docket so anyone with a Mesquite Class C misdemeanor warrant will have the opportunity to see a judge with no apprehension of being arrested or having the expense and hardship of posting bond. The judge will require a \$100 payment per warrant to lift the warrant, and will also grant extensions/payment plans as well as to work with people having multiple warrants. The Warrant Dockets will be held at 9 a.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month. A Spanish translator will be available in the courtroom. For details, contact Municipal Court at 972-216-6206.

Did You Know?

Did you know that the City of Mesquite has joined the social media platform called Nextdoor? Go to www.nextdoor.com and sign-up in your neighborhood area using your residential address. Registered users get City updates on events, programs and other community news. It is another way to stay informed and get connected with neighbors.

The Nextdoor logo consists of a white house icon on the left and the word "Nextdoor" in a white, sans-serif font on a green rectangular background to its right.

Community Snapshots

On August 1, there were 37 Boy Scouts and leaders from the Eastern Skies District who took part in a community service project benefiting the Heritage Square improvement project. The group removed brick planter boxes saving the City approximately \$5,000. CiCi's Pizza donated lunch for the volunteers.

