



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2016

- 2** Rodeo season begins, Mesquite Arena, 972-285-8777.
 - 4** Independence Day. All City offices and facilities closed.
 - 5, 18** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
 - 9, 23** Mesquite Marketplace, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 150 W. Main Street.
- 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
Main Library	972-216-6220
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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Revitalizing North Mesquite

Big changes are happening in north Mesquite. An extensive public-private partnership has been launched to inject new energy and life into the area, with a surge of infrastructure improvements leading the way to revitalization.

Specifically, the Gus Thomasson Corridor is becoming an emerging star in the marketplace thanks to Thomasson Square, a three-block area located north of Interstate 30. The city received a \$3 million North Central Texas Council of Governments grant to reconstruct Gus Thomasson Road, from Moon to Karla Drive, into Thomasson Square. The city also committed to approximately \$2 million in street lighting, landscaping, water, sewer and drainage upgrades in the area.

These investments are expected to ignite development in the area, such as the Villas at Vanston Park – a \$23 million private investment currently being constructed. A private economic

impact study conducted by Insight Research Corporation projects the direct and indirect creation of 379 jobs, plus a cumulative economic impact of \$558 million over the next twenty years.

Other area improvements include road repairs through the Real. Texas. Roads. program. These repairs are being funded by the \$125 million bond sale passed in November 2015 to repair more than 100 miles of residential roads. This program will address the worst residential streets first with streets selected in groups for efficiency. Nine streets in north Mesquite, from Kiamesha Way to Caribbean Drive, were chosen as some of the first streets to be repaired, and construction is underway.

Lastly, the city is making major improvements to Vanston Park, located at 2913 Oates Drive, just east of the Thomasson Square Corridor. Improvements include two new lighted baseball fields, a basketball court, a skate park, large picnic pavilion, and a playground as well as hike and bike trails.



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



Dan Aleman
Councilmember
Place 4



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

I am pleased to announce the city recently welcomed FedEx Ground, a Fortune 500 company, to our community in celebration of their plans to build a large distribution center in Mesquite. This new center will be built on the site of the former Big Town Mall location at the intersection of Interstate 30 and U.S. Highway 80. The center will be part of the FedEx Ground network of more than 560 facilities nationwide, and will create approximately 260 jobs initially. The 344,000-square-foot facility is expected to open in August 2017.

The State Comptroller's Office also reported a 1.6 percent increase in the city's sales tax collections for the month of May, which marks the fifth consecutive month of positive sales tax collections for the city. This indicates a strong, healthy local economy, creating more opportunities for our community.

To learn more, view the 2016 Mesquite Development Activity First Quarter Report online at www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity. Development activity reports will be published online quarterly to better share information as part of the City Council's goal of increased transparency.

Stan Pickett
Mayor

Real. Texas. Roads. update

Repairs to the first set of residential streets selected for the Real. Texas. Roads. program are well underway with repairs to two streets near completion. At the time of the Mainstream's publication, the following streets were in the first phase of repairs, pavement lifting: Juanita Street, Richard Street, Hillcrest Street, Tam O Shanter Drive, Antilles Drive, Sarazen Drive and Valley View Street. The following streets were in the second phase of repairs, localized concrete repair: Northridge Drive, Kiamesha Way, Nabholtz Lane, Hogan Drive, Caribbean Drive and Belmont Street. Andrew Street and Barbara Street were in the third phase of repairs, which is surface reconstruction.

More information as well as an Interactive Road Map providing real-time status updates of those streets being repaired and their current phase of construction is available at www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.



Annual Water Quality Report

The City of Mesquite strives to provide high quality drinking water that is safe and reliable to our customers and maintains a "superior" water system rating with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The report can be viewed on the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/waterqualityreport. For more information or to request a printed copy of this report, please call the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.

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

Texas Area Artists exhibit, July 2 - 30, in the Art Gallery. Free admission.

Missoula Children's Theater Camp, offered for youth in first through tenth grade, July 11 - 16, 1 - 5 p.m. each day in the Black Box Theatre. Learn acting, set design and directing. Plus, two performances of Rumpelstiltskin on July 16 at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per child.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

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Community Snapshots



On May 5, Police Chief Charles Cato led a prayer at the 13th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.



On May 5, Mayor Stan Pickett stopped by Magee Machine & Manufacturing to help build grills in support of local businesses during National Small Business Week.



On May 11, students from Mesquite High School's Ignite Program presented a youth engagement proposal to Mayor Stan Pickett and City Manager Cliff Keheley.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park featuring "Elf" on Friday, July 15 starting at 7 p.m. Come celebrate Christmas in July with Buddy the Elf activities at City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Ave. Pre-show entertainment will include music, dancing and games.



Volleyball Camp

Volleyball Camp is a weeklong clinic dedicated to improving volleyball skills for girls ages 6 - 14! The camp runs July 25 - 29 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Register at any recreation center July 5 - 22. The fee is \$45 per player.

Family Swim

Bring the whole family to City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview St., Thursdays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., and Fridays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Dr., for special family pricing. Cost is \$10 for a family of 4. Additional members must pay a twilight fee of \$2 for residents or \$4 for non-residents, and minors must be accompanied by an adult.



Toddler Swim

Children ages four and under are invited to City Lake Aquatic Center's zero depth entry play pool, 200 Parkview St., for a special swim time with their parents on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$4 per parent and children are free. The age limit is strictly enforced for the enjoyment and safety of the toddlers.

WE WANT TO HELP YOU!

Do you or your neighbors need some extra assistance with exterior house or yard projects? Help is on the way! On Saturday, October 8, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite are hosting Addressing Mesquite Day. This event matches community volunteer groups with homeowners in need of extra assistance. Some of the projects could include:

- Painting the outside of a home
- Major yard work
- Constructing minor structures (such as a ramp, etc.)
- Tearing down structures (such as an old shed)

Addressing Mesquite Day Job Request Form

Please note, while the City would like to assist every applicant, the number of job requests that can be granted is directly dependent upon the level of volunteer participation. **Job requests will only be accepted for OWNER-OCCUPIED homes. Priority will be given to seniors, residents with disabilities or veterans.**

Owner's Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Project Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Mesquite Zip Code: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Did you apply for Addressing Mesquite Day last year? Yes _____ No _____

JOB DESCRIPTION (EXTERIOR WORK ONLY)

Please indicate jobs to be performed and, if needed, describe specifically on an attached sheet of paper.

MAJOR YARD WORK

- Moving dirt/digging Trimming trees/hedges
 Raking leaves Weeding
 Mowing Other

CLEAN-UP JOBS

- Washing windows (___ # of windows)
 Cleaning/sweeping
 Remove debris from property
 Other _____

OTHER JOBS

- Painting (describe on separate sheet)
 Accessibility ramp
 Demo/removal of small structures (shed/fence)
 Other _____

SUPPLIES

- I can provide all supplies needed.
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide some supplies.
 I need Addressing Mesquite Day to provide all supplies.

Check all of the following that apply to the owner of the work site address:

- Single-parent
 Disabled
 60 and older
 Widow
 Veteran
 Owner-occupied
 Past Addressing Mesquite Day Assistance. Year _____

AUTHORIZATION

I certify that I am the owner of the job site concerning the above requested improvements. I understand this is only a request. The number of requests granted is dependent upon volunteer and resource capacity. Furthermore, I understand that the City of Mesquite staff must approve all job requests and I authorize City staff to take pictures of my property for use in evaluating applications.

Signature _____

Date _____

For Office Use Only
Job # _____
Zone # _____
Member: _____

Return the completed job request form by July 22 to:

Addressing Mesquite Day
Attn: Debbie Randall, City of Mesquite
P.O. Box 850137
Mesquite, TX 75185-0137