



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### October 2016

- 3, 17** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 8, 22** Mesquite Marketplace, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 150 W. Main Street.
- 14, 15** Historic Mesquite, Inc. Treasures Barn Sale, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street. 972-216-6468.
- 22** The Amazing Technicolor 5K at 9 a.m. at the Mesquite Convention Center, benefitting Mesquite Independent School District, 972-882-7513.

For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/holidays](http://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

## September is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month and serves as a reminder to take action now to prepare for emergencies before they occur. There are many hazards that present a threat where we live, work and visit. The City of Mesquite Office of Emergency Management (OEM) encourages citizens to follow the KnowWhat2Do preparedness program – Think. Prepare. Act. Start today by taking the following actions:

- Learn the basic protective measures for all hazards.
- Make an emergency supply kit.
- Develop a family communication plan.
- Stay Informed with emergency notifications tools.

Throughout September, the OEM will have preparedness displays with free literature and children’s activity books in two locations: the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive; and the Mesquite Municipal Center, 1515 N. Galloway Avenue. Weekly drawings for prizes for Mesquite residents will also be offered at both locations. Residents may register for the drawings at the display sites.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/OEM](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/OEM) for more emergency planning information and helpful preparedness links.

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[www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com)

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Stan Pickett  
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Mayor Pro Tem  
Place 3



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Tem, Place 2



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Councilmember  
Place 4



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Councilmember  
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley  
Councilmember  
Place 6



## MAYOR'S CORNER

With school back in session, remember to slow down in school zones, remind your children to seek assistance from school crossing, and bring your vehicle to a complete stop when passing a school bus with its stop arm extended. The City of Mesquite recently partnered with the Mesquite Independent School District on the "Stop on Red. Kids Ahead" school bus safety program. This program uses high-resolution cameras attached to school buses to capture images of vehicles illegally passing when the stop arms are extended. Violations carry a civil penalty of \$300. Let us all do our part to make this a safe and productive school year.

I also want to report that progress continues in our Real. Texas. Roads. program. Currently, 28 residential roads are being repaired with many streets nearing completion. City staff is preparing the next set of proposed streets to be repaired, which will be reviewed, finalized and announced by the City Council in early fall. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads) for more information. This webpage also offers an Interactive Road Map with real-time status updates as well as contact information for project inspectors when you click on any street being repaired. If you have any questions or notice a problem with a street, please do not hesitate to contact the inspector.

Stan Pickett  
Mayor

## Mesquite Police Department warns against phone scammers

Phone scammers target millions of Americans every year and many people fall victim out of fear as they are threatened with arrest warrants. One of the most common phone scams is known as the IRS scam. These scammers claim to be a police officer or government agent, often from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). They claim you will be arrested for overdue taxes unless you send payment via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. Another variation of this scam is that you will be arrested for an overdue payday loan. Whatever the "violation," these scammers can be incredibly convincing as they often know your name and the last 4 digits of your social security number.



What to do:

- Do not be pressured into making fast decisions.
- Research the organization. Visit [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) or search for information online.
- Never provide your personal information to people you do not know.
- Never click on links from unsolicited emails or text messages.
- If you are unsure about a call or email that claims to be from your bank, utility company or other service provider, call the business using the phone number on your bill or credit card.
- Never send money by wire transfer or prepaid debit card to someone you do not know.
- Never send money for an emergency situation unless you are able to verify the emergency.

## Real. Texas. Roads. update

Repairs to the first set of residential streets selected for the Real. Texas. Roads. program continue with many streets nearing their final phase of repairs. At the time of the Mainstream's publication, the following streets were in the first phase of repairs, pavement lifting: Richard Street, Diane Drive, Royal Crest Drive, Strayhorn Drive, Demaret Drive, Caracus Drive, Sandra Lynn Drive and Rosemont Street. Streets in the second phase of repairs, localized concrete repair, included: Juanita Street, Hillcrest Street, Tam O Shanter Drive, Antilles Drive, Sarazen Drive, Belmont Street, Highland Street and Valley View Street. Crest Park Drive, Andrew Street, Crestridge Drive, Northridge Drive, Kiamesha Way, Nabholtz Lane, Hogan Drive and Caribbean Drive were in the third phase of repairs, which is surface reconstruction. Barbara Street was nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining.

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## Keep Mesquite Beautiful to host Recycling Fashion Show

Walk the runway and show your style! Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) will host its 8th annual Recycling Fashion Show on Saturday, October 15 at 2 p.m. in Dillard's Court at Town East Mall. The event is intended to educate the public about recycling in a fun and interactive way. Children of all ages, organizations and businesses are invited to show their created costumes made from recycled materials. There is a \$3 fee for each entry, and advance registration is required. For more details, call the KMB office at 972-329-8331 or visit [www.keepmesquitebeautiful.org](http://www.keepmesquitebeautiful.org).



## Shop the Friends of the Mesquite Public Library Book Sale

Come browse and find a bargain at the Friends of the Mesquite Public Library Book Sale at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. The event is open to the public October 21 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and October 22 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. A Preview Sale, open to members only, will be held on October 20 from 5 - 8 p.m. Memberships may be purchased at the door. All proceeds benefit the Mesquite Public Library system.

Friends of the Mesquite Public Library is a non-profit organization committed to supporting the Mesquite Public Library System through volunteerism and fundraising.

For more information or to become a member, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FriendsOfTheLibrary](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FriendsOfTheLibrary).

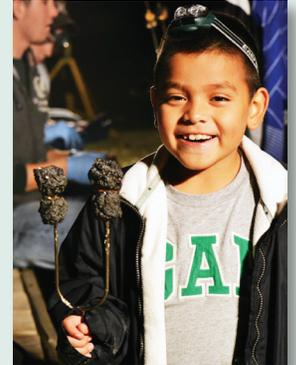


## Parks and Recreation Corner

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

### Haunted Campout

Join us for a spooky good time at the Haunted Camp Out, October 8 - 9 from 12 p.m. - 10 a.m. at Camp Rorie-Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. SPOOK-tastic activities will include ziplining, kayaking, a costume contest, haunted hike and more! The fee is \$35 for a family of four, plus \$5 for each additional camper. A campfire dinner and breakfast on Sunday morning are included.



### Youth Basketball League

Youth Basketball League registration runs from October 3 - 30. The league is for children ages 5 - 14. Two divisions are available: competitive and recreational. Games begin Saturday, December 10. The fee is \$65 per player and a birth certificate is required for registration.

### PumpkinFest

Join us for the 16th annual PumpkinFest, October 15 from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. The festival will feature costume contests for children and pets, carnival games, rides, a petting zoo and community stage performances. Admission is free. However, some activities and food will have a fee.



### All Day RASP

On October 3 and 24, an All Day Recreation After School Program (RASP) is available for students in kindergarten through sixth grade from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Payment is due the Thursday prior to each event. Participants must bring a water bottle and sack lunch. The fee is \$16 per child, per day.

### The First Tee

Registration for The First Tee of Dallas begins October 3 for the instructional golf program located at The Mesquite Golf Club, 825 Interstate 30. The program runs from October 22 - November 19 on Saturdays. Children ages 7 - 10 will practice from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Youth ages 11 - 17 will practice from 12 - 1:30 p.m. The fee is \$50 per golfer. Scholarships are available. Register at [www.thefirstteedallas.org](http://www.thefirstteedallas.org).

## 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)

**Texas Area Artists Exhibit**, October 1 - 31, in the Art Gallery. Free admission.

**Mesquite Community Theatre** presents *Count Dracula*. Performances will be held October 14 - 30 in the Black Box Theatre. For tickets and more information, visit [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com).

The **Mesquite Community Band** will host a concert on Saturday, October 15 at 4 p.m. Visit [www.mesquitecommunityband.com](http://www.mesquitecommunityband.com) for more details.

**Day of the Dead** event to be held on Saturday, October 29 from 4 - 7 p.m. Enjoy live music, food trucks, face painting and more. Free admission.

## Mesquite Public Library celebrates 2016 Summer Reading Club

The Mesquite Public Library wrapped up the 2016 Summer Reading Club with its annual Summer Reading Club Awards Party on Friday, August 5 at the Mesquite Main Library. Over 300 people were in attendance to celebrate the accomplishments of young readers enrolled in the program.

Nearly 2,000 readers participated in this year's Summer Reading Club including children, teens and adults. From June 6 - July 30, over 5,000 reading logs were turned in by Summer Reading Club participants. In addition, over 4,000 people attended the library's Summer Reading Club programs for children, featuring magicians, mad scientists, amazing animals and more!



## Community Snapshots



On July 23, the Boy Scouts from the Order of the Arrow Uktena Chapter and Eastern Skies District dismantled and removed the elevated wooden trail at Debusk Park as a service project to the community.



On August 9, over 700 books were donated by the Mesquite community to the "Back the Blue, Bring a Book" drive.



On August 11, Mesquite AMBUCS donated \$600 to the "Spread the Love" campaign benefiting Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services. More than 2,400 jars of peanut butter and jelly, enough for 20,000 sandwiches, were collected through the food drive.