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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 2017

- 2** New Year's holiday observed. All City offices and facilities closed.
- 3, 17** City Council meetings Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 16** Martin Luther King Day. All City offices and facilities closed.
- 27** Mesquite Main and North Branch Libraries closed for staff development.
 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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Stay informed. Stay connected. Contact us.

The City of Mesquite offers several communication tools in print, online and anytime for the public to stay informed of City news and events. The City also offers many methods for the Mesquite community to select from to remain connected with service updates and programs. At www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed a new flyer has been published which shares all the communication platforms available to stay engaged with the City of Mesquite. Additionally, the flyer provides the phone numbers to contact City departments about the most commonly asked questions.

The City encourages residents to use the Contact Us form located at the top of the special webpage www.cityofmesquite.com/ContactUs. This form allows City staff to efficiently respond and track customer service responses, and provides metrics to enable the City to improve its public service delivery.



Stan Pickett
Mayor



Bruce Archer
Mayor Pro Tem
Place 3



Jeff Casper
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 2



Bill Porter
Councilmember
Place 1



Dan Aleman
Councilmember
Place 4



Greg Noschese
Councilmember
Place 5



Dennis Tarpley
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

There are always people in need, but the need is more evident during the holidays when many of us are celebrating while others struggle. The Mesquite community has long supported programs to assist others and to this purpose, the City of Mesquite recently launched the “Mesquite Cares” initiative. This initiative seeks to grow and direct resources as well as build partnerships towards enhancing the Mesquite community.

Mesquite Cares supports many established and new programs such as: Addressing Mesquite Day when volunteers help disadvantaged homeowners with minor home repairs; the Real. Texas. Giving. campaign which raises funds for local charities and nonprofits; and the Santa Cop Toy Drive that assists children and families in need during the holiday season. These are but a few of the many worthwhile programs helping make a difference in our community. I encourage you to find out more and get involved at www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteCares.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

City non-affiliated bill payment companies

The City of Mesquite has become aware of online bill payment companies not affiliated with the City, but using our logo, contact information and reputation to market “for fee” online bill payment service to our utility customers. The City is unable to control when a customer’s payment will be received from an outside bill payment company which could result in a customer receiving a late payment notice, late fees and a possible disconnection of service. For City of Mesquite supported options to pay utility bills, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/UtilityBillPaymentOptions.

Winter weather safety tips

Winter storms can bring freezing rain, ice, snow and high winds. These weather conditions can cause power outages, impact public services, make roads and walkways dangerous to use. Preparing for winter weather is your best defense to keep you and your family safe. Here are some winter weather safety tips to put into action when severe winter weather hits.

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing instead of one heavy layer. Make sure outer garments are water-repellent.
- Wear proper footwear. A pair of insulated and water resistant boots with good rubber treads is a must for walking during or after a winter storm.
- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector inside your home. Check and replace batteries in all units regularly.
- Create an Emergency Supply Kit for both your home and your car.
- Bring pets indoors during freezing or severe weather. If you cannot bring them inside, provide adequate shelter to keep them warm and make sure they have access to unfrozen water.

For more information and safety tips, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SevereWeather.

Real. Texas. Business. news

Real. Texas. Business. news is a monthly feature of the Mainstream highlighting new development activity in Mesquite. For more information, contact the Economic Development Division at 972-216-6293 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/EconomicDevelopment.

What is the newest subdivision being built in Mesquite, offering high-end finishes and “custom builder” designs? Hagan Hill by Bloomfield Homes. Bloomfield Homes has started construction on model homes for the Hagan Hill subdivision located at Interstate Highway 20 and Lawson Road. The subdivision will be built in two phases with a combined total of 125 lots. Phase 1 lots are currently available for sale. The homes are priced from the \$280’s - \$400’s with standard features such as granite countertops, oversized kitchen islands, decorative crown molding and more. For more information, visit www.bloomfieldhomes.net or call 972-877-1508.

For more information on economic development in Mesquite, view the new Quarterly Development Activity Reports at www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity.



Mesquite Police Department offers holiday safety tips

The Mesquite Police Department offers these safety tips to consider during the holiday season:

Shopping

- Shop with a friend whenever possible and park in a well-lit area if shopping at night.
- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car.
- Do not leave packages or valuables on the seat of your car. If you must leave something in the car, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.

Home

- Do not display gifts where they may be seen through a window or doorway.
- Lock all doors and windows when you go out.
- After the presents have been opened, fold up the boxes not needed for storage or put them in a trash bag where they cannot be seen.

Vacation

- If you go away, have a neighbor watch your home and pick up newspapers and mail.
- Get an automatic timer for your interior and exterior lights. Lighting is the best deterrent to nighttime crime.
- Play an all talk radio station to make it appear that someone is at home.

Real. Texas. Roads. update

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

In addition, the second list of residential streets to be repaired with bond funds has been approved. For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads. If you have any questions or notice a problem with a street, please contact the inspector.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Daddy Daughter Dance

Daddies and daughters will spin on the Mesquite Convention Center dance floor Friday, February 3 at the annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Tickets will be available in January and may be purchased at all Recreation Centers or the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.



All Day RASP

An All-Day Recreation After School Program is available on January 2 and 16 during Mesquite ISD school closures. Camps are available from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers. The fee is \$16 per day. Payment is due the Thursday before or a \$10 late fee is applied. Participants must bring a water bottle and sack lunch.

Ice Camp

If Mesquite ISD school closures are necessary this winter due to inclement weather, an Ice Camp will be held at Dunford Recreation Center for elementary school aged children 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. The fee is \$16 per day.

Adult 50+ Trips

Enjoy fun trips with friends through the Adult 50+ programs. January trips include: a guided tour of the Frontier of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field on Tuesday, January 17; a tour of the Old Red Museum on Friday, January 20; and an AT&T Stadium Tour on Tuesday, January 24. All trips have sign-up dates and admission fees. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide for more details.



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.

Cole Risner

performs at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 6 in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$15 each.



Just for Kids presents Canvas Creations, a

painting tutorial for children of all ages, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 7 in the Black Box Theatre. Free admission.

Dallas crooner **Jeremy Smith** performs at 7 p.m. on Friday, January 27 in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets are \$15 each.

Just for Kids presents Peeler and Rose, an interactive marionette show, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 28 in the Black Box Theatre. Free admission.

Talkin' Turf with Travis

Here are landscaping tips from Travis E. Sales, the City's Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation and Municipal Arborist. If you have questions or concerns about your landscape, please feel free to contact Travis at tsales@cityofmesquite.com or check out more tips at www.cityofmesquite.com/Travis.

This month, Travis offers important tips for caring for winter landscapes.

Winter Irrigation

First, make sure your automatic irrigation system is turned off to avoid an accidental water cycle when temperatures are below freezing. Manually water your turfgrass and landscape just prior to a forecasted freeze to saturate the soil and prevent the soil from freezing to protect plant roots.

Pre-Emergents

Early February is the best time of year to apply pre-emergent herbicides. These herbicides prevent dormant weed seeds in the soil from germinating as temperatures rise in the spring. There are many forms of pre-emergent herbicides with different activate ingredients. Read labels thoroughly and apply accordingly. This is especially important for St. Augustine turfgrass which can be severely damaged by certain pre-emergent herbicides.

Alternative shopping routes help ease holiday traffic

The holiday season is busy enough without being stuck sitting in traffic. Shop local and use alternative shopping routes this holiday season to spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes to view maps offering alternate travel routes to your favorite shopping, dining and entertainment destinations in Mesquite.

Community Snapshots



On November 1, Councilmember Greg Noschese read to students at Gentry Elementary School in support of Mesquite ISD's #ReadPlayTalk early reading initiative.



On November 4, City employees who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces gathered for a group picture in honor of Veterans Day.



On November 15, the Mesquite Independent School District presented Mesquite Police Department leaders with \$18,000 raised by the district's schools for the Santa Cop Toy Drive.