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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 2017

- 3, 17** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.
 - 4** Independence Day. All City offices and facilities closed. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will occur on residents' next scheduled collection day.
 - 8** Second Saturday Game Days, a monthly board gaming event for teens and adults, will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr. 972-216-6220.
 - 8, 22** The Marketplace in Mesquite will be held from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main St. 469-275-9616.
 - 25** Town Hall Tuesday will be held from 7 - 8 p.m. at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. The proposed budget as well as the new services and programs planned for 2018 will be featured.
- Visit cityofmesquite.com/Holidays for information on City services impacted during holidays.
- Visit cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed to learn about all the different ways to stay informed on city news.

Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Neighborhood Services	972-329-8704
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

Mesquite Police Department launches new K-9 Unit

Two new officers were recently added to the Mesquite Police Department and presented with their badges during the City Council meeting held on May 15. Officers Kozmo and Axel, two highly-trained Dutch/German Shepherds, joined their handlers Officer Jason Crawford and Officer Jeremy Wilemon as members of the department's new K-9 Unit.

The program is funded mostly by criminal seizure and forfeiture assets from cases solved by the Police Department. The dogs were selected based on ability to interact in social situations, strong sense of smell, athletic endurance and ability to work as a team. After extensive training, Officers Kozmo and Axel became nationally certified by the National Narcotic Detector Dog Association.

"Dogs have an amazing sense of smell, which enables them to track and detect things humans cannot," said Police Sergeant Brad Meyer. "A dog's imposing presence can also be used as an enforcement tool with the potential to save the lives of officers, bystanders and even offenders."

The K-9 Unit's main responsibilities will be to search for suspects and locate narcotics.



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Stan Pickett
Mayor



Jeff Casper
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Place 2



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Councilmember
Place 1



Bruce Archer
Councilmember
Place 3



Greg Noschese
Councilmember
Place 5



Tandy Boroughs
Councilmember
Place 6



MAYOR'S CORNER

Last month, the Mesquite Fire Department joined The International Association of Fire Fighters annual Fill the Boot drive. You may recall seeing some of our local firefighters freely giving their time to collect donations at intersections throughout Mesquite.

The donations collected will help fund research for 43 different diseases, including muscular dystrophy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). A portion of the funds raised will also send thousands of children to summer camps matched to meet their needs. I want to thank those firefighters and those in the Mesquite community that donated to this important cause.

At the same time, I want to caution citizens who donate money to individuals at street intersections to look for the required permit that allows this activity. Organizations that meet the required conditions to solicit funds at intersections for a certain cause must obtain a permit from the City of Mesquite and wear it on their outer clothing.

For safety purposes, solicitors must also be at least 18 years old and stand on the median or public right-of-way other than the roadway. If you witness any questionable activity, please call the Mesquite Police Department non-emergency phone number at 972-216-6759.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

The 4 D's of mosquito defense

Prevention is the best defense against West Nile and other mosquito-borne viruses. Remember the four D's when enjoying the outdoors this summer.

- Dusk/dawn are the times of day to stay indoors when infected mosquitoes are the most active.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants when outside.
- DEET is an ingredient to look for in insect repellent. Follow label instructions and always wear repellent when outdoors.
- Drain outside standing water so it does not become a mosquito breeding site.



Visit cityofmesquite.com/MosquitoControl for more information on mosquito control and the City of Mesquite's Integrated Mosquito Management Plan.

Fireworks prohibited within Mesquite city limits



The City of Mesquite urges residents to celebrate safely this Independence Day. Residents are reminded that it is illegal to possess or use fireworks, or discharge firearms within city limits. Punishment ranges from \$500 to \$4,000 depending on the offense, with the illegal discharge of a firearm also carrying the possible penalty of up to one year in jail.

In response to last year's high-volume of service calls related to these offenses, Police and Fire staffing levels will be increased during peak violation times to allow for greater enforcement efforts. To report violations, call non-emergency police dispatch at 972-216-6759.

In addition, please do not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency and immediate help is required from police, fire or paramedics. Non-emergency calls related to fireworks and the illegal discharge of firearms have historically overloaded 911 call centers during the July 4th holiday. This interferes with emergency assistance and response times, which could cost someone their life.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, a national average of 230 people visit the emergency room each day as a result of fireworks-related injuries during the month surrounding Independence Day. Surprisingly, 19 percent of all fireworks-related injuries are caused by sparklers, which burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees.

Mesquite Arts Center Activities

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

For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call 972-216-6444 or visit mesquiteartscenter.org

Mark Nesmith Gallery Exhibit, July 3 - 28, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The event is free.

Missoula Children's Theatre Camp, offered July 17 - 22. Auditions will be held July 17 at 1 p.m. Visit mesquiteartscenter.org for more details.



Real. Texas. Roads. update



Repairs to the first set of residential streets selected for the Real. Texas. Roads. program continue with almost all streets completed. At the time of the Mainstream's publication, sections of the following streets were undergoing localized concrete repairs: Crest Park Drive and Crestridge Drive. Twenty-four streets have been completed: Barbara Street, Juanita Street, Richard Street, Diane Drive, Andrew Street, Hillcrest Street, Royal Crest Drive, Northridge Drive, Kiamesha Way, Tam O Shanter Drive, Nabholtz Lane, Strayhorn Drive, Hogan Drive, Demaret Drive, Antilles Drive, Caracus Drive, Caribbean Drive, Sandra Lynn Drive, Sarazen Drive, Highland Street, Valley View Street, Midway Street, Rosemont Street and Belmont Street.

In addition, construction has started on the second list of residential streets to be repaired with bond funds. For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park will feature "The Lego Batman Movie" on Friday, July 21 at its new location in Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. Pre-show entertainment begins at 7 p.m. Families are encouraged to bring a picnic basket or enjoy refreshments from the concession stand. The free movie will begin at dusk.



Park and Recreation Month

July is Park and Recreation Month. The City of Mesquite will be celebrating with fun activities offered throughout the community. For more details, visit cityofmesquite.com/July.

Volleyball Camp

Volleyball Camp is a weeklong clinic dedicated to improving volleyball skills for girls ages 6 - 14. The camp runs July 31 - August 4 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Register at any recreation center from July 3 - 23. The fee is \$45 per player.



Family Swim

Bring the whole family to City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street, on Thursdays and Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive, on Fridays from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. for special family swim pricing. Families of four will receive admission for \$10. Additional participants will pay the twilight fee, \$2 for residents or \$4 for non-residents. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

