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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 2017

- 4, 18** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6444.
- 12** Town Hall Tuesday from 7 - 8 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall for details.
- 13** Sounds of the Season Christmas concert by violinist Lev Kardonsky and pianist Mimi Gutm from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W Grubb Dr. 972-216-6220.
- 22, 25** City offices and facilities closed. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will occur on residents' next scheduled collection day.
 For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays.
 To learn about the different ways to stay informed on city news, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed.

Mesquite launches 20-4-7 program

The Mesquite Police Department has launched a new initiative called the 20-4-7 program to extend the benefits of National Night Out, which was held on October 3 this year. The 20-4-7 program encourages residents to spend 20 minutes a day outside in their neighborhoods, four out of seven days a week. This brief amount of time spent outdoors can help strengthen neighborhoods and deter area crime.

Mesquite Police Chief Charles Cato said, "The 20-4-7 program can be easily implemented in neighborhoods with established neighborhood watch groups. Group coordinators can organize residents to participate at various times of the day for visibility in their neighborhood. The program can also be used to revitalize neighborhood watch groups and improve overall communication."

Public safety thrives when citizens organize themselves and work together with law enforcement to keep an eye out for suspicious or unusual activity in their neighborhoods. The fall weather provides the opportune time for neighbors to walk their communities, meet their neighbors and create safer environments.

Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Environmental Code Hotline	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



Stan Pickett
Mayor



Jeff Casper
Mayor Pro Tem,
Place 2



Dan Aleman
Deputy Mayor Pro
Tem, Place 4



Robert Miklos
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 Ministerial Alliance and City of Mesquite partnered to host Addressing Mesquite Day (AMD). This year marks the 13th anniversary of the one-day event, which provides needed home repairs for senior citizens, single parents, military veterans, and disabled homeowners in Mesquite.

This year, City staff and Councilmembers teamed with clubs, businesses, civic and faith-based organizations to make exterior repairs to 98 homes. More than 1,100 volunteers participated. The work included painting the outside of homes, significant yard work, constructing minor structures such as ramps and much more.

In addition, area businesses also provided \$50,000 in monetary and in-kind donations to assist with the program. Platinum sponsors, donating \$5,000 or more, were Atmos Energy, Elliott's Hardware, The Home Depot Foundation, Fuel City and the United Parcel Service. A complete list of sponsors can be found at www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD.

Few events make me as proud of the Mesquite community as AMD. The event is the perfect example of the difference anyone can make when they donate their time and energy to help someone else. To all those who participated this year, I say thank you for caring about the Mesquite community.

Stan Pickett

Mayor

Mesquite Public Library System adopts no fine policy

Effective October 1, the Mesquite Public Library System adopted a new "no fine" policy for overdue materials. Fines will no longer be charged for items returned after the due date. Previously accrued fines will also be forgiven if the items are returned in good condition. Library users are still responsible for returning all materials checked out. If an item is not returned within ten weeks of the initial check out date, the library cardholder will be billed for the replacement cost of the item and may be charged a processing fee. The associated account will also be blocked. This new policy was adopted in an effort to improve customer relations, increase participation in library programs and services, and encourage a higher return rate of library materials. For more information, call the Mesquite Main Library at 972-216-6220.

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.

Town East Mall is adding a fifth anchor store, joining Macy's, JCPenney, Dillard's and Sears. Dick's Sporting Goods is currently under construction on the Town East Boulevard side of the mall. The national sporting goods store will occupy 50,000 square feet of new construction and is valued at \$7 million. The store is scheduled to open in May 2018 and will bring 250 jobs to Mesquite.

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



Real. Texas. Roads. update



At the time of the Mainstream's publication, repairs to the first set of residential streets were complete with 26 streets reconstructed. In addition, construction has started on the second list of residential streets. The following streets are in the second phase of repairs, localized concrete repair: Sandpiper Lane, Spiceberry Lane, Skylark Drive, Aloha Drive, Tiki Circle and Hula Drive. Streets in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction, include: Catalina Drive, Margo Drive, Emily Drive, Lou Ann Drive and Wise Drive. Streets nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining include: Sesame Drive, Mockingbird Trail, Bahamas Drive and Emerald Drive. In addition, repairs to Canary Circle, Starling Drive, Bluebird Lane, Whipporwill Drive, Cardinal Court, Bobwhite Boulevard, Sesame Place, Harlan Drive and Byrd Drive have been completed.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads for more information or to view an Interactive Road Map.

Defend your drains

Defend your drains and pipes by properly disposing leftover grease and food scraps. Fats, oils and grease (FOG) come from meat, cooking oil, butter, shortening, lard, as well as food products such as mayonnaise, salad dressings, and sour cream. FOG and debris poured down drains can build up in pipes and cause backups in both private and the City-maintained sewer system.



Here are some tips to avoid expensive plumbing repairs and damage to the sewer system:

- Scrape or wipe cooled fat or grease from all cookware and dishware and dispose in the trash.
- Pour or scrape grease into a sturdy closed-lid container, like a coffee container, and dispose in the trash.
- Recycle large amounts of cooking oil or grease at the Dallas County Household Hazardous Waste facility, 11234 Plano Road in Dallas. For hours or directions, call 214-553-1765.



Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Christmas in the Park

Come celebrate the 31st annual Christmas in the Park on Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, from 1 - 6 p.m. at Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road. Festivities will include pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus' story time and cookies, hot cocoa, a live manger, concessionaires, live entertainment and children's activities. Each evening will also conclude with the "Here Comes Christmas" parade through the park. Admission and parking are free. However, some activities will have a small fee.



Winter Camp

Send your kids to Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, or Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive, for a day or week of fun at Winter Camp. Participants must register the Thursday before or a \$10 late fee is applied. Participants will need to bring a water bottle and sack lunch each day. Program hours are 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day. Session 1 will run from December 21 - 22; Session 2 from December 26 - 29; and Session 3 from January 2 - 3.



Little Rookies Basketball

Registration for Little Rookies basketball for children ages 3 - 4 is from October 2 - December 31. Sessions will begin Saturday, January 6, at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. Three sessions are available at 9, 10 or 11 a.m. The fee is \$35 per player. Parent participation is required.

Adults 50+

Mesquite has three active Adults 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Senior Centers. Activities include crafts, day trips, celebrations and more. A few highlights in December include a trip to the Bath House Cultural Center for the show "It's a Wonderful Life Radio Play" on Thursday, December 14, and a New Year's Party on Friday, December 29. For more details and a list of all activities offered, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide.

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 www.mesquiteartscenter.org

Mesquite Independent School District Teacher Art Exhibit, December 1 - 29, weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main and Chamber Galleries. The event is free.

The Mesquite Community Band presents *A Night of Christmas*, December 2 at 4 p.m. in the Concert Hall. The event is free.

The Dallas Chamber Choir performs on December 8, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. The event is free.

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents *Believe: A Holiday Celebration*, December 16 at 5 and 7 p.m. Visit www.mesquitesymphony.org for tickets and more information.



Community Snapshots



On October 5, Mayor Stan Pickett toured Identification Plates, Inc. in celebration of National Manufacturing Day. The third generation family-owned company, located at 1555 High Point Drive, is a national supplier of blank and imprinted metal products.



On October 15, Police Sergeant Copeland and his daughter enjoyed ice cream donated by Blue Bell Creameries of Mesquite at the Real. Texas. Heroes. Celebration.



On October 17, AT&T representative Matthew Foster joined Mayor Stan Pickett in support of National Teen Driver Safety Week. Both AT&T's "It Can Wait" and the City's "Drive Like Your Family Lives Here" campaigns encourage safe driving habits.



On October 17, Governor Greg Abbott joined the Mesquite City Council at Ashley Furniture's South Central Distribution and Fulfillment Center groundbreaking at 4000 E. Scyene Road.



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