



MAINSTREAM

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 2018

- 5, 19** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
 - 10** 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.
 - 11** Daylight Saving Time begins. Set clocks forward one hour at 2 a.m.
 - 24** Perot Museum TECH Truck will offer hands-on science from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr. 972-216-6220.
- 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 completes and releases 2017 Community Survey

The City of Mesquite has released the results of its 2017 Community Survey, which are available at www.cityofmesquite.com/2017Survey.

The survey results indicated that nearly seven out of every 10 respondents rated Mesquite as an “excellent” or “good” place to live. A summary of the survey results revealed the top three issues citizens believe Mesquite will face during the next five years are public safety, street maintenance and neighborhood vitality.

In October, a seven-page survey was mailed to a random sample of 6,000 households throughout Mesquite. Selected residents had three different methods they could choose to use in responding to the survey; by mail, an online portal or by phone. The survey was implemented in a bilingual format for residents who prefer to speak or write in Spanish.

In addition to the statistically valid random sample survey, there was also an online version available to the general public to provide feedback, from October 20 - November 10. There were 349 responses to the online survey.

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
Police Non-Emergency	972-285-6336
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

2017 Community Survey Results



Versión en español en www.cityofmesquite.com/MainstreamEspanol



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



Council Community Focus

Last month, Mesquite's inaugural Unity in the Community event was held in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are tremendously proud of the number of events hosted or assisted by the City of Mesquite in recent years to help unite and engage the Mesquite community.

Such events as Unity in the Community and the Day of the Dead Festival, a family-friendly celebration of Mexican heritage, provide opportunities for members of our community to learn about and value other cultures or celebrate their own. Cultural diversity and experiencing the traditions of others leads to a richer, more fulfilling life.

We look forward to continuing these events and offering more programs and services to better meet the needs of Mesquite's citizens. As we have found with Addressing Mesquite Day, when volunteers help neighbors in need, citizen involvement is vital to a successful and prosperous community.



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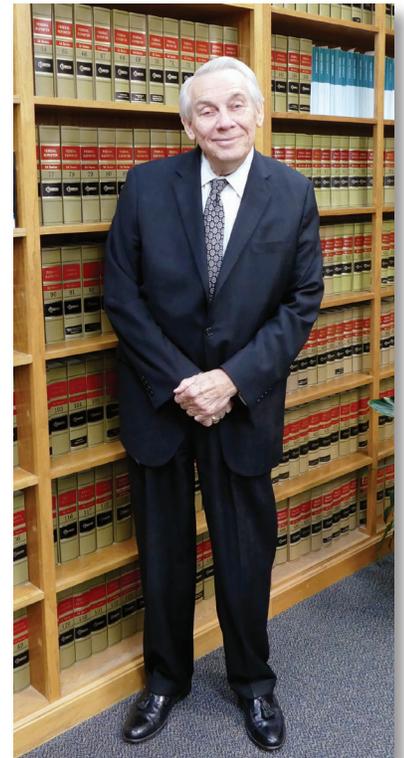
www.youtube.com/cityofmesquitetexas

Mesquite icon B.J. Smith to retire in 2018

City Attorney B.J. Smith, a living legend in the Mesquite community for more than 50 years, will retire on April 13, 2018. He is the only person in the history of Mesquite to serve the public as both the Mayor of the City of Mesquite and the President of the Mesquite Independent School Board. In 1988, he began serving the community as the City Attorney.

Mayor Stan Pickett said, "B.J. Smith has been a pillar of the Mesquite community for generations. His life as a public servant and volunteer is extraordinary. The impact of his contributions to the citizens of our community is immeasurable. He and his wife Ann have given their lives to the betterment of our community, and we will be forever grateful."

He and his wife have been distinguished for their service and contributions to the community. The Mesquite Independent School District named B.J. Smith Elementary School in his honor. The City of Mesquite named Ann Smith Park to pay tribute to her. The Mesquite Bar Association also honored B.J. Smith with a lifetime membership.



City Council approves Downtown Master Infrastructure Plan contract

The Mesquite City Council approved a Downtown Master Infrastructure Plan contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. during the Regular City Council meeting held on January 2. This contract provides for the development of an Urban Design Brand and Design Direction, which will include basic concept plans for transportation, parking and utility infrastructure. With the completion of the contract, City staff will use the Master Infrastructure Plan to establish detailed engineering plans for downtown signage and parking, Front Street reconstruction and future phases of design services and construction.

On December 12, a Town Hall Tuesday was held to discuss future plans for the downtown area. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall to view a video of the meeting and the presentation given.

Stay informed with the Mesquite Messenger

Stay informed, connected and involved with the Mesquite Messenger. This free service from the City of Mesquite provides weekly text and email alerts on City events and news. Sign up online at www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteMessenger and receive City Council updates, road construction information, economic development news, emergency alerts and more.



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: Skylark Drive, Aloha Drive, Tiki Circle, Luau Circle and Hula Drive. Streets in the third phase of repairs, surface reconstruction, include: Sandpiper Lane and Spiceberry Lane. Streets nearing completion with only miscellaneous repairs and clean up remaining include: Sesame Drive, Mockingbird Trail, Palm Drive, Bahamas Drive, Catalina Drive, Emerald Drive, Margo Drive, Emily Drive, Mayda Drive, Lou Ann Drive and Wise Drive. In addition, repairs to Canary Circle, Starling Drive, Bluebird Lane, Whippoorwill Drive, Cardinal Court, Bobwhite Boulevard, Sesame Place, Harlan Drive and Byrd Drive have been completed.

For more information or to view an Interactive Road Map, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.

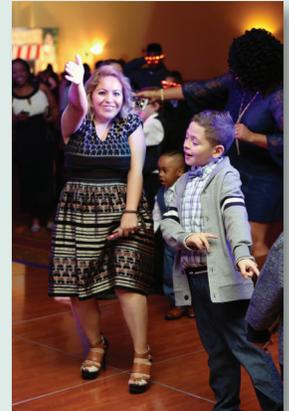


Parks and Recreation Corner

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

Mother Son Dance

The Mother Son "Adventure Under the Sea" Dance, sponsored by the Hampton Inn and Suites, will be held on Friday, March 9, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. All ages are welcome. The event will also offer a prize drawing at the end of the evening. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD as well as all Recreation Centers or the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 North Galloway Avenue. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Advanced ticket purchase is required.



Spring Break Camps

Two fun-filled Spring Break Camp options will be offered this year. Spring Break Archery Camp will be held 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday, March 12 - 16, at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. Participants will get a chance to learn archery from a certified instructor. Traditional Spring Break Camps will also be offered 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday - Friday, March 12 - 16, at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. The fee for both camps is \$16 per day or \$60 per week. A \$10 late fee will be charged for registration after March 8. Participants will need to bring a water bottle and sack lunch.

Little Rookies Tennis



Registration for Little Rookies Tennis, for children ages 3 - 4, will be offered February 19 - March 18 with sessions beginning Saturday, March 24, at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 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. A few highlights in March include a trip to a tulip farm in Pilot Point on Thursday, March 8, and a trip to the Waco Mammoth Museum on Tuesday, March 27. For details and 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

**J. Vincent Scarpace Art
Exhibition**, weekdays in March
from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Main
Gallery. This event is free.



Just for Kids: Canvas Creations
from 10 - 11:30 a.m. on March
10, in the Black Box Theatre. The
event is free. First-come, first-served.

Open Classical performs in the Black Box Theatre on
March 16, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

Cello virtuoso Yuri Anshelevich will perform in the
Concert Hall at 7:30 p.m. on March 17. This event is free.

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra performs “Space
Spectacular” at 6:30 p.m. on March 24 in the Concert
Hall. Tickets available at www.mesquitesymphony.org.

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.

On January 2, the Mesquite City Council approved a zoning
change for the 4.4-acre site at 2960 Interstate Highway 30, the
former location of Chaparral Dodge. The applicant, Precision
Auto, will invest more than \$2 million in improvements to the
property, which has remained vacant for more than 10 years.
Precision Auto is an upscale pre-owned auto dealership of
luxury and sports cars. The dealership will bring 17 new jobs
to Mesquite and is expected to be open for business summer of
2018.

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



Community Snapshots



On December 15, volunteers helped organize more than
\$40,000 in gifts purchased and donated for 830 children
through the 2017 Mesquite Police Santa Cop Toy Program,
which benefits disadvantaged families.



On December 20, Councilmember Greg Noschese, Police
Chief Charles Cato and Fire Chief Mark Kerby served as
guest readers at The Gift of Reading event held at the
Mesquite Main Library.



On January 15, Mesquite hosted its inaugural Unity in
the Community event honoring the life and legacy of Dr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. The event included a candle lighting
ceremony by Mayor Stan Pickett and Pastor Reginald
Jefferson, symbolizing Mesquite's commitment to uniting
and engaging its citizenry.