

## Meet the Hypolites, first neighbors in Ridge Ranch

Mesquite's newest residential community, Ridge Ranch, is busy with sounds of moving trucks, construction and the buzz of new neighbors. The development was only a blueprint in March 2018, and now the 750-home community nears phase two of its completion.

Stewart and Christina Hypolite were the first to close on their home in Ridge Ranch. The Hypolites moved into their home earlier this year along with their two sons, 3-year-old Stewart, Jr., and 10-month-old Christian.

Plans for Bloomfield Homes' newest community came at a time when the Hypolites were ready for their next move. Residents of Mesquite for nearly three years, the growing family decided in 2018 that they were ready to purchase their first home. Christina recalls the moment she realized the new community was coming to Mesquite.



"I was at a stop light on Lawson and Cartwright, and there was a little sign in the field that said 'Bloomfield Homes coming soon.' At that time, we were still deciding what to do next. Everything just lined up."

Stewart and Christina maintain a 45-minute commute to their workplaces, but Christina says the decision to settle in Mesquite came easy.

"For us, it was about the quality of life Mesquite offers. The options were on the table. We considered Dallas and Plano, but this is home already."

The Hypolites came to Mesquite from Houston – for Christina, by way of Louisiana – and for Stewart, by way of the U.S. Virgin Islands. During their time in Mesquite, the family's two sons already have participated in baby and toddler story times at Mesquite Main and North Branch libraries.

"I really enjoy the story times for babies and toddlers," said Christina. "I love it because it gets them used to other babies and kids. They also have a Spanish story time, with all the numbers and letters spoken in Spanish."

Aside from the story times, their two children attend daycare at Children's Safari. The family's experience at this facility further confirmed Mesquite as the best community to raise their family and build connections.

"There are a lot of young working families here," said Stewart. "The diversity is here. It's a mix of people with common goals – We want our kids to have good schools, and we want good neighborhoods. The Dallas area still is new to us, and Mesquite has been very hospitable. It's a small town feel."

Ridge Ranch's access to schools and amenities also made the decision to buy a home in Mesquite an easy choice. Within a few miles, Ridge Ranch residents can access Achziger Elementary, Berry Middle and Horn High schools.

"This area is awesome, all around," said Christina. "The elementary school is in our backyard, there are three parks, three grocery stores, three gas stations, two pharmacies and a hospital – all within 15 minutes of our home."

Coming from apartment living, Christina and Stewart had limited access to community group-focused networking and activities. The Hypolites look forward to connecting with their current and future neighbors as home builds continue.

"I look forward to meeting other families, reaching out and having barbecues or get-togethers," says Christina. As they continue building homes, we make an effort to meet our new neighbors. As they have kids, their kids might become friends with my kids, and they all will probably go to the same school. I'd like to see us network here."



As of October 2019, Ridge Ranch is completing infrastructure preparation for phase two of its home development. For more information on this community, call [972-872-8810](tel:972-872-8810) or visit [bloomfieldhomes.com/locations/ridge-ranch](http://bloomfieldhomes.com/locations/ridge-ranch).

If you're interested in starting a neighborhood group in this area, call Yolanda Wilson, City of Mesquite's manager of Neighborhood Vitality, at [972-216-6473](tel:972-216-6473) or email [ywilson@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:ywilson@cityofmesquite.com).