



April 1, 2016

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### ***Large valve replacement project***

The large valve replacement project includes the installation of new valves on some of the City's large waterlines at five locations. Properly functioning valves are critical to the operation of the City's water distribution system. The first valve was installed overnight on March 28. The installation of valves on the large waterlines is complex and requires detailed planning and coordination. The first installation was successful and is located north of IH-30 near Gus Thomasson Blvd.



## ***Real. Texas. Roads. update***

Construction started this week on the first streets to be repaired under the Real. Texas. Roads. program. The initial phase includes pavement lifting, which entails the injection of polyurethane foam under the street to fill voids and stabilize the soil for support of the paved surface. Contractors have started work on those streets in need of pavement lifting and will continue this work throughout the project. Pavement lifting on Kiamesha Way and Caribbean Dr. has already been completed. Notices providing City contact and construction information were delivered to all residents of those streets to be repaired this year. Additional information on the Real. Texas. Roads. program is available at [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).



## ***Paschall Park Butterfly Trail Cleanup & Planting***

Volunteers with Keep Mesquite Beautiful (KMB), Lowe's Heroes, Yum! Brands (Pizza Hut) employees and Moss Elementary 4th grade students will help kick-off the 2016 Great American Cleanup by cleaning and planting butterfly meadows at Paschall Park Butterfly Trail on Friday, April 8, from 9 a.m. – noon. KMB received a \$20,000 grant from Lowe's and Keep American Beautiful to assist with the project. KMB has purchased nearly 80-pounds of wildflower seeds for this planting. The majority of the remaining funds will be used to remove debris from the waterway south of New Market Rd. A trail rededication ceremony will be held Friday, April 29, at 2 p.m. The trail is a Monarch Waystation as certified by MonarchWatch.org.



## ***KMB Trash Bash to be held April 9***

Keep Mesquite Beautiful's (KMB) semi-annual Trash Bash event will be held Saturday, April 9. Volunteer groups and individuals can register at [www.cityofmesquite.com/trashbash](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/trashbash). Basecamp for the event will be held at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview St., but most groups will meet at a pre-assigned location for litter pickup. In appreciation, KMB volunteers will bring lunch to groups at their locations or volunteers may return to City Lake Aquatic Center for a picnic. Approximately 4-tons of litter is collected each year. For more information, contact Paige Swiney at 972-329-8331 or by email at [pswiney@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:pswiney@cityofmesquite.com).



## ***Mesquite Officer's daughter receives appointment to United States Naval Academy***

Congratulations to Taylor Quinn, a senior at Dr. John D. Horn High School in Mesquite, on her appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland! Taylor is the daughter of Officer Mark Quinn, a 20-year veteran of the Mesquite Police Department, and Amy Quinn, a former MISD teacher. Taylor is captain of the volleyball team, a National Honor Society officer and is graduating in the top 3% of her class.



## ***Tree plantings along Cartwright Road***

The Texas Trees Foundation, Atmos Energy and Texas 811 are currently planting 47 Little Gem Magnolia trees in medians along Cartwright Rd. as part of the "811 Call Before You Dig" campaign. Mesquite was chosen to be one of a limited number of cities to be included in the program.



## ***Mesquite Police Academy graduates 14 recruits***

The Mesquite Police Department would like to announce the Mesquite Police Academy, Basic Police Officer Course (BPOC) class #4 graduation ceremony. The ceremony was held Friday, April 1. The academy graduated 14 recruits that completed a rigorous 25-week BPOC program. The recruits will now begin a 17-week field training program. Upon successful completion of the field training program, the new officers will be assigned to patrol duties.



## ***Mesquite employee's son accepted into West Point***

Congratulations to Kaden Kinnart and his proud family, including mom, City of Mesquite Health Specialist Kellye Karpinski! Kaden was accepted into West Point Class of 2020 on March 12. Kaden is a senior at North Forney High School, captain of the football team, senior class president, and in the top 4% of his high school class. He reports to West Point on June 27.



## ***Mesquite launches new town hall program***

The City of Mesquite has launched a new program called “Town Hall Tuesdays” to educate and engage citizens. The first Town Hall Tuesday is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, from 7 - 8 p.m. at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. The presentation topic will be public safety and attendees will have the opportunity to meet new Police Chief Charles Cato.

Each Town Hall Tuesday will feature a new topic and include activities to interact with City staff. Future topics will include Code Enforcement on June 14, the Budget Process on July 12, Crime Watch on September 13 and the 2017 City Council Goals on November 8.



## **"A Starry Night" Mother Son Dance**

"A Starry Night" Mother Son Dance will be held Friday, April 8, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Mesquite Convention Center. Presale tickets are \$15 per person or \$20 per person at the door. All ages are welcome, and each boy will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for four tickets to a Mesquite Marshals Indoor Football game. Contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MotherSonDance](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MotherSonDance) for more information.

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## ***MPD participates in Race 4 Community***

Chief Cato and members of the Mesquite Police Department (MPD) joined hundreds of participants on Saturday, March 26, in Dallas for the Race 4 Community. Event proceeds benefit Operation Blue Shield, a non-profit organization that creates and funds events to help bring communities and law enforcement officials together.



## ***Mesquite Arts Center courtyard repairs***

The Parks and Recreation Department is currently repairing the courtyard surface of the Mesquite Arts Center. The pavers became unlevel due to drought conditions and tree roots beneath the courtyard. The project will be completed next week.



## ***North Mesquite graduate training for U.S. Olympic Swim Team Trials***

North Mesquite High School graduate, Jeremy Nichols, helped Texas capture its 12<sup>th</sup> NCAA swimming and diving title this past Saturday in Atlanta, Georgia. The University of Texas freshman is a former Mesquite Marlins swim team member and City of Mesquite lifeguard. He is also an Olympic hopeful and is training to compete in the U.S. Olympic Team Trials to be held in Omaha, Nebraska June 26 - July 3.



## ***Re-routing of Debusk Park trail***

The Parks and Recreation Department is in the process of eliminating the need for the wooden bridges in Debusk Park by re-routing an eight-foot wide concrete trail along South Pkwy. The project is expected to take 20 days to complete. The wooden bridge structures will be removed at a later date.



## ***City Lake Park pedestrian bridge***

The demolition of the City Lake Park pedestrian bridge will take place on Tuesday, April 5. The project is expected to be completed in one day. Park Services has fabricated railings and will install the railings on both sidewalk entrances to the bridge as soon as the bridge is removed. The railings match the current railings in the park. Park Services will begin lowering the lake level 12” to 18” beginning Monday, April 4 for the removal of structures in the water.



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### ***Contact your City***

Let us hear from you. If you have a concern or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City of Mesquite at 972-299-7711 or visit the City's website at [www.cityofmesquite.com/questions](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/questions).

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