



April 15, 2016

Mayor's Annual Motorcycle Ride to be held April 23

Join Mayor Stan Pickett, along with Family Cathedral and the Fellowship Riders of Mesquite, for a free motorcycle ride to support two great causes on Saturday, April 23, at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. Free registration and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. The ride begins at 8:30 a.m. Participants will travel with Mayor Pickett throughout the community to draw attention to the "Spread the Love" Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive Campaign. All peanut butter and jelly or cash donations will benefit the food pantries of Mesquite Social Services and Sharing Life Community Outreach. Participants will also help lead hundreds of runners and walkers out of Paschall Park for the annual Hero Run. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove for more details.



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Saturday, April 23
Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road
7:30 a.m. – Free Registration/Free Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – Ride

Commemorative ride pin to first 100 registered participants.

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Participants will also help lead hundreds of runners and walkers out of Paschall Park for the annual Hero Run. The participation fees paid by these runners and walkers help fund programs for Therapeutic Recreation in the Mesquite community.



For details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove.

City announces Jeff Jones as new Assistant City Manager

The City has announced the hiring of Jeff Jones as Assistant City Manager. Jones previously worked for the City of Hurst as Assistant City Manager and Assistant to the City Manager from 1998 - 2016. In Mesquite, Jones will manage the departments of Police, Fire and Human Resources as well as the Mesquite Metro Airport and the Mesquite Arts Center. His first day with the City will be April 18.

Jones has a Masters of Public Administration from Texas Tech University - Center for Public Service. He is also a graduate of the prestigious Public Executive Institute held at the University of Texas at Austin - LBJ School of Public Affairs and has earned the designation of Credentialed Manager from the International City/County Management Association.



City promotes Barry Jenkins to Health Official

The City recently announced the promotion of Barry Jenkins to Health Official. Jenkins has been with the City of Mesquite since 1999. He now leads the Health Division of Planning and Development Services, overseeing food inspection operations, mosquito control and other health related duties. Jenkins earned a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Texas A&M and continued his graduate studies with the university. He is also a 1981 graduate of North Mesquite High School.



Mesquite Baseball, Inc. celebrates opening day

Mayor Stan Pickett, Councilmember Porter and former Texas Ranger Bump Wills attended the opening day of Mesquite Baseball, Inc. (MBI) this past Saturday, April 9, at Valley Creek Park. MBI also presented Mayor Pickett with an award of appreciation for his support of Mesquite baseball. The event was filled with family fun, including bounce houses, face painting, music, vendors and, of course, the Parade of Teams.

Photo credit: Gail Thompson



Mesquite Deputy City Manager Jerry Dittman receives AMBUCS award

Deputy City Manager Jerry Dittman was recently presented the AMBUCS "Big Hat" award by club president Michael Cramer. Big Hat recipients are the backbone of AMBUCS. They provide leadership in recruiting new members and supporting the AMBUCS mission. Jerry has been extremely active in local events which raise funds for the club to help acquire Trykes that are donated to those with mobility issues. He is also the leader in the Mesquite club that builds wheel chair ramps for those in need within the community. Jerry is a true example of the City's commitment to Real. Texas. Service.



Union Pacific Railroad makes generous donation for Freedom Park

On April 13, the Union Pacific Railroad made a generous \$10,000 donation towards the construction of Mesquite Freedom Park. Freedom Park will be a testament to America's freedom and will be built in tribute to those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, during the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. A 15-foot long, 575-pound twisted beam from the ruins of the World Trade Center will be the centerpiece of the Park. Pictured are Daniel Harbeke, Director of Public Affairs for Union Pacific Railroad, and Mesquite Fire Captain Kelly Turner.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/FreedomPark for more information.



City launches Severe Weather Central webpage

Severe weather season is here. Be prepared for emergencies before they occur and know how to react when severe weather strikes. The Office of Emergency Management encourages citizens to follow the KnowWhat2Do preparedness program – Think. Prepare. Act.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SevereWeather and learn how you can help protect yourself and your family.



The Marketplace returns to Mesquite

The Marketplace in Mesquite is back. This farmer's market takes place every 2nd and 4th Saturday, April - October, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main St., Mesquite. Fresh produce, and arts and crafts are just a few of the items offered. The event supports Community Heart of Mesquite, a non-profit organization dedicated to the revitalization of downtown Mesquite.

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Mesquite, TX

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Every 2nd
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Mesquite's Historic
Downtown Square
150 W. Main St.
Mesquite, TX 75149

April - October
*Plus a Special Holiday
Market On November 12!*

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9 am - 2 pm

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Community Heart
Of Mesquite

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Style that finds value in community

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Code 3 Emergency Center Medical Center coming to Mesquite

Staff received plans for a new 12,500 square-foot Code 3 Emergency Medical Center to be built on the undeveloped land at the corner of Windsor Road and E. Cartwright Road. Code 3 Emergency Medical Center is a freestanding emergency and urgent care center. The company currently has five facilities throughout North Texas including locations in McKinney, Weatherford and Carrollton. There are three additional centers under construction in the area, with plans to expand to Houston and South Texas. The Mesquite plans have been fast-tracked and staff expects construction to begin later this month.

First Code Ambassadors class held

The first training class for Code Ambassador applicants was held on April 15. Training topics included high weeds and vegetation, and parking on unimproved surfaces. The interactive class was attended by 30 trainees.



P25 Radio System update

One of the first components of the City's new radio system was installed this week. A new radio equipment shelter was installed at the City's Service Center tower. This is one of two new stand-alone shelters that will house radio equipment for the Mesquite area.



Vendors needed for Summer Sizzle

This summer, the City will host the inaugural Summer Sizzle. This family-friendly event will be held on June 11 and will include music from regional acts as well as a fireworks display.

Retail and business vendor (non-food) applications are currently being accepted for Summer Sizzle. The submission deadline is Friday, May 13.

Registration forms can be found online at: www.CityofMesquite.com/SummerSizzle.

Contact Your City

Let us hear from you. If you have a concern or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City at (972) 288-7711 or visit the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/questions.