

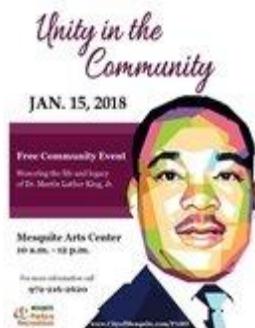


January 5, 2018



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 District Board of Trustees. In 1988, he began serving the community as the City Attorney. 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. In addition, the Mesquite Bar Association honored B.J. Smith with a lifetime membership.



Unity in the Community event to be held on January 15

A free community event honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held on January 15 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Mesquite Art Center, located at 1527 N. Galloway Avenue. Activities will include remarks by community leaders, choir performances and dance performances. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Unity or call 972-216-2620 for the most up-to-date information.



City offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Many City of Mesquite offices will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Trash and recycling will not be collected. Collection will occur on the residents' next scheduled collection day.

Please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays for a complete list of closures and service impacts.



City Council approves Downtown Master Infrastructure Plan contract

The Mesquite City Council approved the 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.



City Council approves zoning change for upscale pre-owned auto dealership

The Mesquite City Council has approved a zoning change for the vacant property 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. For more information on the business and zoning case, view the [Precision Auto public hearing](#) video.



Mesquite Polar Plunge to be held on January 27

The Special Olympics Annual Mesquite Polar Plunge will take place on Saturday, January 27, at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the plunge beginning at 10 a.m. Recruit your friends, grab a costume and take a plunge into the icy cold waters of City Lake Aquatic Center to support athletes in the Greater Dallas area. Mayor Stan Pickett has also pledged to be the first one down the slide if \$500 is raised in his name. To donate in Mayor Pickett's name, go to [Mayor Pickett's Polar Plunge page](#) and click on the "Donate Now" button. Visit [Mesquite Polar Plunge](#) for more event information or watch a brief [2018 Mesquite Polar Plunge](#) video.



City launches Spanish version of monthly newsletter online

The Mainstream, a monthly publication provided by the City of Mesquite to inform and advise residents of municipal activities, is now available online in both English and Spanish. The January 2018 is the first issue available in Spanish. This addition to the City's communication materials was made to help improve communications with Mesquite's Spanish population. The Spanish version of the Mainstream is available at www.cityofmesquite.com/MainstreamEspanol. The Mainstream in English is available at www.cityofmesquite.com/Mainstream.



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