



# MAINSTREAM

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### August 2016

- 1, 15** City Council meetings at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 5** Summer Reading Club awards party, 1 - 3 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr. 972-216-6220.
- 13, 27** Mesquite Marketplace, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 150 W. Main Street.

For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/holidays).

### Frequently Called City Phone Numbers

Main Number.....	972-288-7711
Animal Services .....	972-216-6283
Building Inspection .....	972-216-6212
Environmental Code.....	972-216-6276
Main Library .....	972-216-6220
Parks and Recreation .....	972-216-6260
Planning and Zoning .....	972-216-6216
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

## Mesquite Police Department launches new online crime mapping platform



The Mesquite Police Department has launched a new online crime mapping website which provides the public with information about crimes reported within the city of Mesquite. For details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/CrimeMap](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CrimeMap).

Mesquite Police Chief Charles Cato said, "I encourage the public to visit our new crime mapping webpage. This is a great opportunity for them to be informed, be engaged, and help us keep Mesquite safe."

The new website will allow the public to explore various crime information. The public can register for email alerts and be notified when a crime is reported near an address they have selected.

Information available will include offense reports filed with the Mesquite Police Department on arson, assault, burglary, drugs/alcohol abuse, fraud, homicide, motor vehicle theft, robbery, theft/larceny, vandalism, vehicle break-in and weapons. Offenses are reported to the general area (street and block number) rather than to the exact address of the offense report. Crime data will be updated daily.

Some information will not be available, including offenses handled by the responding police officer that result in a citation or arrest. These would include disturbing the peace or driving under the influence. Also, sex offenses will not be reported in order to protect the privacy of the victims.

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## MAYOR'S CORNER

Summer is in full swing and Mesquite kicked-off the season with the city's inaugural Summer Sizzle, a family-friendly festival that featured a spectacular fireworks show, six bands performing live music, a Kids Activity Zone, a BBQ Cook-off and more. We even set the world record for the most people to dance the Watch Me (Whip/Nae Nae) song at once when 403 festival-goers joined in the attempt! The record was certified by RecordSetter.com.

If you were unable to attend the festival, there are still several opportunities to celebrate summer in Mesquite. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide) for information on all the programs being offered by the city. This summer you can also save on the cost of admission to our city pools while supporting a worthy cause. Bring a jar of peanut butter or jelly in support of the Spread the Love campaign and help stock local food pantries. Learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove).

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## 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement program

Is your sidewalk cracked, broken or uneven? By City Code, Mesquite residents are responsible for the repair of damaged sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway approaches due to safety concerns. However, the city offers a 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement program to share the cost of repairs. For example, if the total cost of repairs is \$100, the citizen would be responsible for \$50 of the cost, while the city would pay the remainder. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SidewalkReplacement](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SidewalkReplacement) for more information or call 972-216-6266.

The 50/50 Sidewalk Replacement program is only applicable if the City's contractor performs the work. If homeowners wish to hire their own contractors or do the repairs themselves, residents must apply for permits before any work is started and the work is not eligible for the cost share program.



## Real. Texas. Roads. update

Repairs to the first set of residential streets selected for the Real. Texas. Roads. program continue with many streets nearing their final phase of repairs. At the time of the Mainstream's publication, the following streets were in the first phase of repairs, pavement lifting: Diane Drive, Crest Park Drive, Royal Crest Drive, Crestridge Street, Strayhorn Drive, Demaret Drive, Antilles Drive, Sandra Lynn Drive, Sarazen Drive, Rosemont Street, Highland Street and Valley View Street. Streets in the second phase of repairs, localized concrete repair, included: Juanita Street, Richard Street, Hillcrest Street, Kiamesha Way, Nabholtz Lane, Hogan Drive, Caribbean Drive and Belmont Street. Andrew Street, Barbara Street and Northridge Drive were in the third phase of repairs, which is surface reconstruction.

More information and an Interactive Road Map providing real-time status updates of those streets being repaired are available at [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).



## Talkin' Turf with Travis

Here are landscaping tips from Travis E. Sales, the City's Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation and Municipal Arborist. If you have questions or concerns about your landscape, please feel free to contact Travis at [tsales@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:tsales@cityofmesquite.com) or check out more tips at [www.cityofmesquite.com/Travis](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Travis).

### St. Augustine lawn pests and diseases

When patches of St. Augustine grass are distressed or dying, the first and most important step for treatment is proper diagnosis. The following are the most common St. Augustine pests and diseases, and all produce similar symptoms: large areas of yellowing and brown turf in circular patterns. There are, however, ways to properly diagnosis the problem.

### St. Augustine decline (SAD)

SAD is a viral disease with no available treatment. It produces green leaves with mottled yellow spots and is prevalent in older varieties of St. Augustine grass.

### Chinch bugs

Chinch bugs are smaller than a grain of rice. Nymphs are bright orange, while adults have a black and white "x" on their backs. To look for chinch bugs, pull a handful of grass from the outer edges of the damaged areas and shake the leaves over a white sheet of paper. General insecticide in liquid form labeled for chinch bugs is an effective treatment.

### Grub worms

Grub worms are beetle larvae. To detect them, dig a 12-inch by 12-inch section approximately two to three inches deep into the soil of the damaged area. If four or more grub worms are present, treatment is needed. General insecticide in granular form labeled for grub worms is an effective treatment.

### Large patch disease

Large (or brown) patch disease is a fungal disease. To inspect for large patch disease, pull on the leaf blades. If they easily pull free from the stolons (stems which grow at the soil surface or just below ground), the lawn is likely infected with large patch disease. A rotten smell is also often present. Various fungicides labeled for large or brown patch disease are effective treatments.



## Parks and Recreation Corner

For more information on any of these programs, please call 972-216-6260 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/pard](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/pard).

### Doggie Splash Day

This year's annual Doggie Splash Day is on Saturday, August 13, from 9 a.m. - noon. The event will be held at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. There is a fee of \$5 for one owner and one pet, \$2 for each additional pet, and \$1 for all spectators. Doggie



Splash Day is a great opportunity for dogs and their owners to cool off, compete for prizes, or just play at the pool.

### Back to School Bash

Dive-in and enjoy a free movie poolside on August 19 at the Back to School Bash at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview St. The movie Norm of the North will be shown. Pre-show entertainment will begin at 7 p.m. with the movie beginning at dusk.

### Summer Camps

Summer Camps are in full swing! Sign up for a weekly camp today. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps).



### Recreation After School Program (RASP)

RASP is an after school program for children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. The program operates in conjunction with the Mesquite Independent School District calendar. RASP runs Monday - Friday, 3 - 6 p.m., and is available at Achziger, Beasley, Florence, McKenzie, Rutherford, Shaw and Thompson Elementary Schools. The fee is \$90 per month, and includes supervised activities, arts and crafts, snacks and homework time.

### Adults 50+ Activities

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ centers. Some highlights in August include: craft classes, day trips and game nights. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/50plus](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/50plus) for more information and activities.

## Mesquite Arts Center Activities

The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway.

For details on events, programs and facility reservations, call 972-216-6444 or visit [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)

**Mesquite Community Theatre** presents Schoolhouse Rock Live! Performances will be held August 5 - 7, 12 - 14, and 19 - 21 in the Black Box Theatre. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. Sunday performances begin at 2:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com).



## Mesquite Police Department recommends crosswalk safety tips

Drivers and pedestrians both share the responsibility of keeping themselves and others on the road safe. Whether you walk, bike or drive, take five seconds to follow crosswalk safety guidelines.

### Pedestrians

- Always cross at marked crosswalks.
- Obey any pedestrian signals and look left-right-left to make sure the road is clear before crossing.
- If a vehicle approaches, make eye contact with the driver to be sure he or she sees you before crossing.
- Look before walking past stopped vehicles, and do not cross just because a driver waves you on. Be sure all lanes are clear first.

### Bicyclists

- Yield to pedestrians.
- Use marked bike paths or multi-use paths when available.
- Obey vehicular traffic signals and laws on roadways.
- Use extra caution when transitioning between bike paths, roads and sidewalks.

### Drivers

- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and at intersections.
- Stay alert and be prepared to stop at all marked crosswalks. Reduce speed in areas with crosswalks.
- Come to a complete stop if pedestrians are crossing or preparing to cross, and wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane past the lane you are in before resuming travel.
- Never pass another vehicle that has stopped or is slowing down at a crosswalk.

## Community Snapshots



Mayor Stan Pickett celebrated this year's National Small Business Week with four Mesquite businesses, including Kookie Haven.



On June 11, it was game on at the Mud Volleyball Tournament at Mesquite's Summer Sizzle festival.



On June 14, Director of Neighborhood Services Raymond Rivas discussed code enforcement at Town Hall Tuesday.