



October 14, 2016



## Volunteers assist 115 homeowners on Addressing Mesquite Day

On Saturday, October 8, approximately 1,200 volunteers assisted 115 Mesquite homeowners with exterior home improvements and repairs. The program, called Addressing Mesquite Day (AMD), targets homeowners unable to physically or financially complete the repairs themselves. Addressing Mesquite Day would not be possible without the hard work of coordinators, volunteers and generous contributions from our sponsors. Special thanks to this year's Platinum Level Sponsors The Home Depot Foundation and Atmos Energy. For more information on AMD, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD).



## Monthly sales tax report

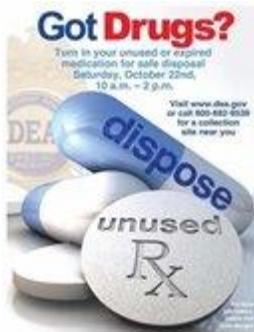
The State Comptroller's Office reported a 13.5 percent increase in the City's sales tax collections for the month of October, which marks the tenth consecutive month of positive sales tax collections for the City. In terms of the City budget, the City collected \$308,000 more this month than the same period last year. Overall, sales tax collections are up 4.9 percent for the year and is an indicator of a stable and healthy local economy. For more detailed information on how the City uses its sales tax revenue, visit the City's website at [www.cityofmesquite.com](http://www.cityofmesquite.com).



## Fire Prevention Week observed October 9 - 15

Fire Prevention Week is October 9 - 15, but the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) will work to increase fire safety awareness throughout October. This year's campaign is "Don't Wait - Check the Date!" and represents the final year of a three-year effort to educate the public about the basic elements of smoke alarm safety. The National Fire Protection Association recommends smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years and shares the following statistics.

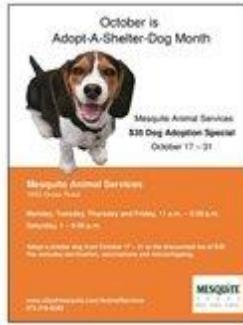
- Smoke alarms provide an early warning of a fire, giving people additional escape time. In 2009-2013, smoke alarms sounded in more than half (53%) of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments.
- Three of every five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms (38%) or no working smoke alarms (21%).
- The death rate per 100 reported home fires is more than twice as high in homes that do not have any working smoke alarms compared to the rate in homes with working smoke alarms (1.18 deaths vs. 0.53 deaths per 100 fires).
- Dead batteries cause one-quarter (24%) of smoke alarm failures.



## Mesquite participates in National Take-Back Initiative

On Saturday, October 22, the Mesquite Police Department (MPD) will take part in a nationwide effort to allow residents to dispose of potentially dangerous controlled substances from their medicine cabinets. This program is part of a Drug Enforcement Administration initiative to bring awareness to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. The program will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the MPD lobby

located at 777 N. Galloway Avenue. Residents may bring their expired, unwanted or unused medications and deposit them for destruction. This is a voluntary program and allows people to anonymously dispose of these medications safely. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/TakeBack](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/TakeBack).



## Mesquite Animal Services offers adoption special for Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month

October is Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month. The annual event was established by the American Humane Society in October 1981 to encourage people to save lives and enhance their own lives by adopting a dog from a shelter or rescue group. In recognition, Mesquite Animal Services will offer a discounted dog adoption fee of \$35 from October 17 - 31. All dogs adopted will be sterilized, vaccinated and microchipped. For more information or to view dogs currently available at the shelter, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices).

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## Mesquite receives Smoke-Free City Award

The Mesquite City Council, represented by Councilmember Dan Aleman, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Casper and Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Archer, was recently presented the Smoke-Free City Award at the annual Texas Municipal League Conference in Austin. The City Council received the award for passing a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance to protect those who live or work in Mesquite from dangerous exposure to secondhand smoke. The award was presented by Smoke-Free Texas, a broad coalition of organizations and individuals who believe all Texas employees and customers have the right to breathe clean indoor air. Members include the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, and C-Change.

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## Shop the Friends of the Mesquite Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Mesquite Library Book Sale will be held on October 21 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and October 22 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. A Preview Sale, open to members only, will be also held on October 20 from 5 - 8 p.m. Memberships may be purchased at the door. All proceeds benefit the Mesquite Public Library system. For more information or to become a member, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FriendsOfTheLibrary](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FriendsOfTheLibrary).

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## Mesquite Public Library offers online eCard

The Mesquite Public Library is now offering an online eCard to any Texas resident 14 years or older. The eCard is a virtual library card that allows access to all online library services including eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and other electronic resources. However, the eCard does not allow users to check out books or other physical items from the Mesquite Library System. A traditional library card is

required to access all library services. For more information or to apply for an eCard online, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/LibraryCards](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/LibraryCards).

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## 2016 BB&T Amazing Technicolor 5K to be held on October 22

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual BB&T Amazing Technicolor 5K will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive, on Saturday, October 22, from 7 - 10:30 a.m. Each participant

will be a blank canvas at the starting line, but will be transformed into a colorful collage by the run's end thanks to non-toxic colored cornstarch powder. All proceeds benefit the Mesquite Independent School District through the Mesquite ISD Education Foundation and Mesquite Education Association. To register or for more information, visit [www.AT5K.com](http://www.AT5K.com).

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## MISD Board recognizes Goodbar Adults 50+ reading initiative support

On October 10, participants of Goodbar Adults 50+ program were recognized by the Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) Board for their support of the district's

#ReadPlayTalk Early Reading Initiative. Active adults from Goodbar Senior Center began reading to McKenzie Elementary School kindergarten and first grade students in September and will continue throughout the school year. Dates and times of the program, called Reading with McKenzie, are available in the Fall 2016 Fun Guide at [www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide).

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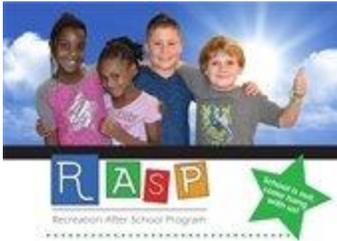


## Sounds in the Square to be held on October 22

Josh Knight will perform on Saturday, October 22, during Sounds in the Square held in Heritage Square, 120 W. Main Street, from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Sounds in the Square is a free outdoor concert series featuring a variety of musical genres. For more information, visit

[www.cityofmesquite.com/SoundsInTheSquare](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SoundsInTheSquare).

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## All Day Recreation After School Program offered October 24

An All Day Recreation After School Program (RASP) is planned for Monday, October 24, from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. at both Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers. RASP is for children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade.

Registration is available at all recreation centers as well as the Parks and Recreation Administration office located at 1515 N. Galloway Avenue. The fee is \$16 per child and the registration deadline is Thursday, October 20.

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## Haunted Camp Out sells out and hosts 75 families

The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Haunted Camp Out on October 8 and 9 at Camp Rorie-Galloway. The event sold out with 75 families, totaling 324 participants, camping under the stars and enjoying the Halloween-themed event. Activities included pumpkin decorating, a costume and scream contest, crafts, kayaking, zip lining and much more.

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## City Council to meet on October 17

The Mesquite City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 17, at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. View the meeting agenda online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda). The meeting can also be watched live at

[www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings).

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## NTMWD offering monthly newsletter

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) is now offering a monthly newsletter to improve communications with member cities, residents, elected officials, agencies and other partners. The newsletter, called News Stream, will provide District news and information on activities, projects, events and initiatives. To sign up to receive the newsletter,

visit [www.ntmwd.com/Newsletter](http://www.ntmwd.com/Newsletter).

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