



October 28, 2016



## **Bloomfield Homes begins home construction in Hagan Hill**

Bloomfield Homes has started construction on model homes for the Hagan Hill subdivision located at Interstate Highway 20 and Lumley Road. The subdivision will be built in two phases with a combined total of 125 lots. Phase 1 lots are currently available for sale with seven sold to date. The homes are priced from the \$280's - \$400's with standard features such as granite countertops, oversized kitchen islands, decorative crown molding and more. For more information, visit [www.bloomfieldhomes.net](http://www.bloomfieldhomes.net) or call 972-877-1508.



## **Beneful Dream Dog Park contest ends November 1**

Help Mesquite's Leash Free Zone, 2724 N. Town East Boulevard, win a prize package worth \$30,000 to be used for enhancements to the area. Seven dog parks throughout the country were chosen to compete in the Beneful Dream Dog Park contest which ends at 11:59 p.m. on November 1. The winning community will be determined by having the most votes. Go to [www.walmart.com/Beneful](http://www.walmart.com/Beneful), vote "Dallas, TX," and share your vote on Twitter and/or Instagram. Votes are only counted if shared with the hashtags #BenefulDogPark and #Dallas. You can vote once a day on each platform now through November 1.



## Mesquite Police Department offers Halloween safety tips

The Mesquite Police Department wishes everyone a happy Halloween and offers the following safety tips for trick-or-treating.

- Wear highly visible clothing which can be detectable during night time hours or use reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- A responsible adult should accompany all young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Carry flashlights with fresh batteries or glow sticks to increase visibility.
- Plan and review an acceptable route with older children if they are trick-or-treating without an adult and agree on a specific time to return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. Never cut across yards or use alleyways.
- Cross the street as a group in established crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or out of driveways.
- Do not assume motorists will stop. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters.
- Carry a cellphone for quick communication.
- Notify the Mesquite Police Department immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.



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## Third Quarter Development Activity Report available online

The Development Activity Report for the third quarter of 2016 is now available online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/DevelopmentActivity). The report summarizes development activity from July through September 2016 and includes: projects in discussion and review, building permits issued, certificates of occupancy issued, business retention and economic updates.

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## **Real. Texas. Giving. luncheon raises funds for local charities**

Recently, a City of Mesquite employee luncheon was held to raise funds for local charities and encourage employees to give back to the Mesquite community. Over \$4,000 was raised by the luncheon and its associated activities. These funds will be equally divided between Mesquite Social Services and Sharing Life Community Outreach. The luncheon was part of a new employee giving campaign called Real. Texas. Giving, which allows employees to give to one or more charities of their choice through payroll deductions or a one-time donation.

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## **50/50 Sidewalk Cost Share program suspension lifted**

The Mesquite City Council approved ordinance changes to the 50/50 Sidewalk Cost Share program on October 17. Under the Cost Share program, the City may participate in the funding of sidewalk repairs and reconstruction of an eligible property on a 50/50 basis if revenues are available. Residents are responsible for the repair of damaged sidewalks, curbs, gutters and driveway approaches by City Code. Amendments now restrict the program to only owner-occupied properties and cost estimates are based on half of the total cost rather than a fixed fee. The Streets Division is once again providing cost estimates and performing sidewalk repairs. For additional information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SidewalkReplacement](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SidewalkReplacement) or contact the Streets Division at 972-216-6282.

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## **Mayor's Bi-Monthly Prayer Breakfast to be held on November 3**

Mayor Stan Pickett's Bi-Monthly Prayer Breakfast will be held on Thursday, November 3 at 7:30 a.m. in the Rehearsal Hall of the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue. This month's guest speaker will be Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church Minister of Missions David Balyeat. Mr. Balyeat will share his story of helping to establish the beginning of the No More Violence campaign in Argentina as a missionary with the International Mission Board. The free breakfast is sponsored by Whataburger.

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## Veterans Day Memorial Service to be held in Heritage Square

A Veterans Day Memorial Service will be held on November 6 at 11 a.m. in Heritage Square, 223 W. Davis Street. The free event is hosted by American Legion Post #504 and will pay tribute to local military veterans through music, guest speakers and prayer. The public is invited to attend.

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## Mesquite to recognize public safety professionals on November 6

In an effort to recognize all of its public safety professionals, the City of Mesquite will host the "Real. Texas. Heroes." event on Sunday, November 6 at 3 p.m. in front of the Mesquite Police Department, 777 North Galloway Avenue. The free event will include remarks from leaders of the Mesquite Police Department and Mesquite Fire Department as well as leaders from the community and faith-based organizations. The program will also feature various musical performances. Proceeds from the sale of "Real. Texas. Heroes." limited edition t-shirts at the event will benefit the annual Mesquite Police Department Santa Cop Toy drive. For event details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasHeroes](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasHeroes).

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## Additional street lights installed in existing neighborhoods

Oncor Electric recently installed five additional street lights in existing neighborhoods to improve neighborhood lighting. All five light installations were requested by residents. These requests were reviewed by the City's Traffic Engineering Division and determined to meet the necessary installation criteria. All street light installation, maintenance and operation is the responsibility of Oncor Electric. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/TrafficEngineering](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/TrafficEngineering) or call 972-216-6955.

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## Soil samples to be taken at Evans and Rutherford Parks

In preparation for future construction projects, surveyors began collecting soil samples at Evans Park, 1116 Hillcrest Street, and Rutherford Park, 900 Rutherford Drive, this week. Residents may see trucks and crew members at these locations during business hours performing geotech coring. The soil samples taken will be tested for strength, density, compaction and other potential construction impacts. For any questions or concerns, please contact Bob Blankenship with the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6413.

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## Cannaday Elementary students learn about local government

On October 25, Mayor Stan Pickett spoke with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Cannaday Elementary School about local government and his duties as Mayor of Mesquite. The students are currently preparing for their class election, discussing leadership and learning about the importance of public service.

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## Watch the latest Mesquite Minute

This week, the Mesquite Minute news program was taped on location at Vanston Park, 2913 Oates Drive, where extensive renovations are underway. Watch the brief video at [www.cityofmesquite.com/Minute](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Minute) to learn more about the project as well as other Mesquite news.

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## Contact Us

Let us hear from you. If you have a concern or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City of Mesquite at 972-288-7711 or visit the City's website at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenRequest](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenRequest) for assistance.

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