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## Public Notices:

1/13/17 - Press Release

Mesquite Police Officers begin wearing cowboy hats.



Mesquite, TX – January 13, 2017 – National Hat Day is Sunday, January 15, and in recognition of that celebratory day the Mesquite Police Department announced today the majority of their police officers have begun to wear a cowboy hat as a part of their uniform.

Mesquite Police Chief Charles Cato said, "This cowboy hat is an alternate to the standard issued hat all police officers receive as a part of their uniform. We have 180 of 220 uniformed police officers who have chosen to wear the new cowboy hat in the field as additional protection from various weather elements. This cowboy hat is a benefit the police officers asked for, and I am grateful the City of Mesquite was able to provide it."

The Resistol, black straw hat was selected by police officers over other hat options, including a drill sergeant-style hat. Cato indicated the idea of an alternative hat was a result of his efforts to speak with every police officer in the department when he started as Police Chief last year.

The cowboy hats cost \$46 each and are a part of the department's budget this year. Wearing the cowboy hat is not mandatory. Each police officer was given the opportunity to vote on the new hat and the option to order a cowboy hat.



1/1 - News Release - Mesquite to launch new Housing Division Homelessness Program

The Mesquite City Council has approved revisions to the Housing Choice Voucher (HVC) program to create a new Homelessness Program. The revisions strengthen the current rental assistance program. They will convert 12 of the existing housing vouchers for the specific use to assist families at risk of homelessness. The HVC program is funded and governed by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

To receive the vouchers, applicants must be referred by the Mesquite Independent School District and certified as homeless by the City's Housing Division. The program becomes effective January 1, 2017. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Housing](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Housing) or call 972-216-6424.



## February

Mesquite

MESQUITE: Feb. 1-28 Diane Walker-Gladney Art Exhibit Gallery is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances. Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery. [mesquiteartscenter.org](http://mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444

MESQUITE: Feb. 17-19, 24-26 "Little Shop of Horrors" Tongue-in-cheek comedy was one of the longest-running off-Broadway shows and features many great songs. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre. [mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://mesquitecommunitytheatre.com) 972/216-8126

MESQUITE: Feb. 18 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Concert: "A Night at the Theater" Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway. [mesquitesymphony.org](http://mesquitesymphony.org) 972/216-8127

MESQUITE: Feb. 25 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours Tours of the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. [historicmesquite.org](http://historicmesquite.org) 972/216-6468

## Garland

GARLAND: Jan. 12-Feb. 4 "Tantalus" Enjoy this live drama full of intrigue and murder by Garland Civic Theatre. Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. [garlandartsboxoffice.com](http://garlandartsboxoffice.com) 972/205-2790

GARLAND: Feb. 23-Mar. 18 "The Servant's Last Serve" Garland Civic Theater presents a live dramatic performance. Granville Arts Center, 300 N. Fifth St. [garlandartsboxoffice.com](http://garlandartsboxoffice.com) 972/205-2790

## Dallas

DALLAS: Sep. 17-Feb. 12 "Clay Between Two Seas: From the Abbasid Court to Puebla de los Angeles" Exhibition features 100-plus historic works. Crow Collection of Asian Art. [crowcollection.org](http://crowcollection.org) 214/979-6430

DALLAS: Dec. 4-Mar. 19 "Art and Nature in the Middle Ages," The exhibit illustrates the evolution of representations of nature across six centuries of medieval European art. The Dallas Museum of Art. [dma.org](http://dma.org)

DALLAS: Jan. 20-Feb. 26 "Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook" Comical tale promises a good laugh ... and a great life lesson. Dallas Children's Theater, 5938 Skillman. [dct.org/subscribers](http://dct.org/subscribers)

DALLAS: Feb. 11-Sep. 4 "Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed" This exhibition brings together more than 200 authentic artifacts and immersive environments to explore the Mayan's astonishing accomplishments. Perot Museum, 2201 N. Field St. [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org)

DALLAS: Feb. 13 Cuarteto Casals and Manuel Barrueco Cuban classical guitarist Barrueco joins the Casals String Quartet from Spain for a program featuring works by Mozart, Shostakovich and Boccherini. SMU-Caruth Auditorium, 6101 Bishop Blvd. [dallaschambermusic.org](http://dallaschambermusic.org) 844/326-7844

DALLAS: Feb. 18 Doug Varone and Dancers Enjoy this live modern dance performance. Winspear Opera House, 2403 Flora St. [attpac.org/on-sale/2017/doug-varone-and-dancers](http://attpac.org/on-sale/2017/doug-varone-and-dancers) 214/880-0202

DALLAS: Feb. 24-27 NCA & NDA All-Star Cheerleading National Championships Includes top cheerleaders and dancers from across the country. Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas, 650 S. Griffin St. [nca.varsity.com](http://nca.varsity.com)

# March

## Mesquite

MESQUITE: Mar. 1-31 Paul Gray Artist Exhibit Mesquite Arts Center Main Gallery, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. [mesquiteartscenter.org](http://mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444

MESQUITE: Mar 3: The Mother Son Dance, sponsored by the Hampton Inn and Suites and Dallas Regional Medical Center, is scheduled for Friday, March 3 from 7 - 9 p.m. The dance is open to all ages and will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive.

With the continued growth of this event, tickets will no longer be sold at the door. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$15 per person and are available at any Mesquite recreation center or the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Avenue.

Returning this year is a door prize give-away sponsored by the Dallas Marshals. Holland Creations Photography will also offer portraits for \$12 per picture beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 972-216-6260 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MotherSonDance](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MotherSonDance)

MESQUITE: Mar. 3-5 "Little Shop of Horrors" Based on the Roger Corman classic film, meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant. He soon discovers that the plant has an appetite for more than just plant food. This charming tongue-in-cheek comedy was one of the longest-running off-Broadway shows and features many memorable songs, including "Suddenly Seymour." Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. [mesquitecommunitytheatre.com](http://mesquitecommunitytheatre.com) 972/216-8126

MESQUITE: Mar. 4 Mesquite Community Band Concert Dr. Stephen Shoop conducts this lively spring concert. Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. [mesquiteartscenter.org](http://mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444

MESQUITE: Mar. 17 String Theory This Dallas Celtic folk band specializes in high-energy Irish tunes and songs. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. [mesquiteartscenter.org](http://mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444

MESQUITE: Mar. 18 Hip Hop Cowboys Annual Spring Rodeo Enjoy live blues, old school and hip-hop performances. Event includes concert performances as well as traditional rodeo events like bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, tie-down roping, bareback riding, steer wrestling and relay racing. Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Dr. [hiphopcowboy.com](http://hiphopcowboy.com) 972/839-2802 or 972/285-8777

MESQUITE: Mar. 18 Just for Kids: Canvas Creations Kids of all ages get a painting tutorial. Mesquite Arts Center Black Box Theatre, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. [mesquiteartscenter.org](http://mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444

MESQUITE: Mar. 25 Opal Lawrence Historical Park Tours Tour the beautiful S.D. Lawrence home every fourth Saturday. Be sure to note the unique painted ceilings. Tours also available by appointment. Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney St. [historicmesquite.org](http://historicmesquite.org) 972/216-6468

MESQUITE: Mar. 25 Yuri Anshelevich and Gabriel Sanchez in Concert The Mesquite Arts Council presents Yuri Anshelevich, a Russian-born cello virtuoso and retired Associate Principal Cello with the Dallas Symphony, accompanied by Gabriel Sanchez on piano. Anshelevich performs pieces written for other instruments in "It Sounds Better on the Cello." Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. [mesquiteartscenter.org](http://mesquiteartscenter.org) 972/216-6444

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DALLAS: Jan. 27-Apr. 23 "Benini: Alla Geometria" Brightly colored paintings born of geometric shapes join the international collection at this prestigious museum in Turtle Creek. Museum of Geometric and Madi Art, 3109 Carlisle St. [geometricmadimuseum.org](http://geometricmadimuseum.org) 214/855-7802

DALLAS: Feb. 11-Sep. 4 "Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed" This new exhibition offers more than 200 authentic artifacts and immersive environments to explore the astonishing accomplishments of one of the most powerful indigenous Mesoamerican civilizations, which still has millions of living descendants today. Perot Museum, 2201 N. Field St. [perotmuseum.org](http://perotmuseum.org) 214/428-5555

DALLAS: Mar. 3-5 North Texas Irish Festival Annual event features many of the top Irish musicians and dancers in the world. Enjoy a variety of other cultural presentations, Irish cuisine and cooking presentations, whiskey tastings and blacksmithing demonstrations. Fair Park. [ntif.org](http://ntif.org) 214/821-4173

DALLAS: Mar. 10-12 Quilt Show Event features more than 400 quilts and garments in a judged show, live demonstrations, a quilt raffle and a live miniature quilt auction. Dallas Market Hall, 2100 N. Stemmons Fwy. [quiltersguildofdallas.org](http://quiltersguildofdallas.org) 972/866-0586

DALLAS: Mar. 25 Brahms Trio Concert Performance features violinist Filip Fenrych and horn player Yousef Assi, both of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra. They join concert pianist Zahari Metchkov for a spectacular performance of Brahms' beloved "Horn Trio." Horchow Auditorium at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St. [fineartschamberplayers.org](http://fineartschamberplayers.org) 214/520-2219

DALLAS: Feb. 25-Apr. 9 Dallas Blooms Get your groove on in the garden, featuring more than 500,000 spring blooming bulbs, florally decorated topiary VW bugs and many activities. Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, 8525 Garland Road. [dallasarboretum.org](http://dallasarboretum.org) 214/515-6612

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## Chili Cook Offs

### February to June 2017

2/4/17	DFW Airport	TX	75261	3rd Annual Statewide Remodeling CCO	2450, Esters Blvd #200	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Gift Cards will be given to the top three places in chili and show. There will be an area inside the warehouse for table top cooks. You will be required to sign a liability waiver as this is a working warehouse. Using google maps enter the following address: 2450 Esters Blvd, #200, Grapevine, TX. We are located on the North East Side of the Airport between Highway 114 and 635. From 114, Exit Freeport Parkway and head NE on Freeport Parkway, turn left on Royal turn left on Esters Blvd. The warehouse will be located on the left. There is a large RED Statewide Remodeling sign on the top of the building. From 635, Exit Royal take Royal South, turn right on Esters Blvd. The warehouse will be on your left.
2/11/17	Krugerville	TX	76227	Michele Stapleford Benefit CCO	4920 Hwy. 377, Suite D	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Benefit to help with medical cost that Michele Stapleford has incurred during her continued battle with Stage 4 Lung Cancer that has spread to her liver and spine. There will be live bands playing throughout the day with a live auction, 50/50 and raffle. Chili Cook-off will be held at Joe's Bar. For more information contact Stephanie Little at (940) 206-4392 Space will be available to cook inside should there be inclement weather.

2/17/17	Waxahachie	TX	75165	NOW Pod No Frills	2330 Hwy 287 Bypass	8:00 PM	Chili Grind	Held at the Ellis Co Expo Center Exit # 403 off I-35. This is a 3 day event of This is a 3 day event of Chili, Charity and Fun! Gates open at 9 am for the early birds! Plenty of RV parking, no hookups. Indoor cooking is available. Join us for the Cooks dinner provided by the NOW Pod. Entertainment throughout the weekend-fun for the whole family. See Trails for cookoff info on Sat and Sun.
2/18/17	Garland	TX	75040	Garland Shriners Annual CO	2121 Rowlett Rd	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Two Day cook off, hell day cook off, held at Garland Hella Shrine Temple. Beans entry fee\$5, turn-in Noon pay top 3. Full RV hookups (12) are first come first serve at \$15 per day. Depending on weather, you can cook inside down below or outside under the cover. 50/50 cash raffle and other raffle with 6 tickets for \$5. Burgers/fries for sale at lunch.
2/18/17	Waxahachie	TX	75165	Gingerbread House 16th Annual CCO	2330 Hwy 287 Bypass	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Entry fee for 50/50 beans \$10; entry fee for local chili \$16, and entry fee for Junior Chili (ages 8-17) \$10. Indoor cooking is available so don't worry about the weather. There will entertainment for the entire family. Chili cooks receive free admission to the Benefit Barn Dance on Sat night. See Trails for cookoff info on Fri AND Sun. Live auction Sat night as well as silent auction.
2/19/17	Garland	TX	75040	Garland Hella Shrine Temple	2121 Rowlett Rd	12:00 PM	Chili Grind	Day 2 cook off, hella day cook off. Full RV hookups (12) are first come first serve at \$15 per day. Depending on weather, you can cook inside down below or outside under the cover. 50/50 cash raffle and other raffle with 6 tickets for \$5. Burgers fries for sale at lunch.
2/19/17	Waxahachie	TX	75165	16th Annual Cotton Patch CCO	2330 Hwy 287 Bypass	12:00 PM	Chili Grind	Held at the Ellis Co Expo Center ( exit #403 I-35) This is the last day of a 3 day event. See Trails for Fri and Sat CCO info.
3/18/17	Garland	TX	75042	Garland Elks CCO	3825 Duck Creek	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Beans entry fee \$5, payout 20/30/50. Turn in 12 noon. Plenty of dry camping under pecan trees. 42

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3/19/17	Garland	TX	75040	DAM POD Annual CCO	3825 Duck Creek Dr.	12:00 PM	Chili Grind	Come join us for the DAM POD CCO at Garland Elks Lodge #1984. There will be a 50/50 event. Note TABC rules apply. Plenty of cooking area under the trees. RV's welcome but no hookups.
4/1/17	Canton	TX	75103	Buffalo Girls 18th Annual CCO	542 East Dallas	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Held at Buffalo Girls Hotel during 1st Monday Trade Days. Table top set up only. Free parking for chili cooks. Entertainment and activities all day. Overnight lodging available and some RV hookups. First 15 entries get t-shirt.
4/1/17	Irving	TX	75060	Knights of Columbus	2906 Rock Island Rd	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Held at Knights of Columbus Hall. Beans \$5, turn in noon. Trophies for top 3 and 1st show. Certificates for 4-10th. In case of bad weather cooks can cook inside. RV parking is available but no hookups. Large concrete parking area.
4/22/17	Dallas	TX	75233	2nd Annual Denise Landers Cancer Fund	3800 Arturo	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Held at Dallas Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE).\$5 entry for beans, bean turn in is noon. Beans pay 50/30/20. There will be a 50/50 raffle. There is plenty of room on tennis court for pop ups as well as under the trees. Please bag all trash and place in trash cans or dumpster. RV parking available. No hookups. Be aware that if it's rainy the week before, our grounds can get quite muddy and limit RV parking. Call beforehand if you have any questions. FOE 3108 214-327-9563
4/23/17	Dallas	TX	75233	DAM Pod CCO	8500 Arturo Dr	12:00 PM	Chili Grind	Grounds will be open at 8:00am. There is plenty of room on tennis court for pop ups as well as under the trees. Please bag all trash and place in trash cans or dumpster. Be aware that if it's rainy the week before, our grounds can get quite muddy and limit RV parking.
5/13/17	West Tawakoni	TX	75474	VFW West Tawakoni	100 East Highway 276	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	The Auxiliary will serve breakfast for all the chili cooks.

6/3/17	Lone Oak	TX	75453	Bull Creek CASI CCO	207 Katy ST	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Held under the Pavilion behind the stores on HWY 69. Turn right at the stop light. Beans \$5 pays top 3, turn in at noon. Some RV hookups available by the pavilion.
6/17/17	Irving	TX	75060	Knights of Columbus	2906 Rock Island Rd	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	In case of bad weather cooks can cook inside. RV parking available no hookups. Trophies for top 3 chilis and 1st shows. Beans \$5 turn in 12 pm.
6/24/17	Garland	TX	75040	Garland Elks CCO	3825 Duck Creek	1:00 PM	Chili Grind	Beans \$5 turn in 12 pm. 50/50 raffle.
6/25/17	Garland	TX	75040	DAM Pod FOC CCO	3825 Duck Creek Dr	12:00 PM	Chili Grind	There will be a 50/50 event.

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