

## RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES

The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of programs through six recreation centers and three senior centers. There are 65 parks with amenities such as pavilions, ball fields, swimming pools, etc. Call 972.216.6260 for more information.

The Mesquite Public Library was founded in 1963 with the North Branch opening in 1981. The library has a collection of over 200,000 items including books, audiocassettes, videos, DVD's, compact discs, and reels of microfilm.

The Mesquite Golf Course is a 154-acre, 18-hole public golf course owned by the City of Mesquite. At 6,280 yards and par 71, the Mesquite Golf Course offers a challenging course for beginner and intermediate golfers. Visit the Mesquite Golf Course today at 825 N. Hwy 67. 972.270.7457

## MAJOR ENTERTAINMENT ATTRACTION

Neal Gay founded Mesquite Championship Rodeo in 1958. In 1986 the rodeo moved to the new Resistol Arena, which is enclosed and air-conditioned. Now part of Camelot Sports and Entertainment, the Mesquite Championship Rodeo is a great night of Texas fun for families. Through the summer months and special events, professional rodeo action can be seen each Friday and Saturday night. For event information call 972.285.8777.

## MESQUITE CLIMATE

Average Temperature	65.5 degrees
Average Relative Humidity	64%
Average Annual Rainfall	35.94 inches
Highest Elevation	530 feet
Lowest Elevation	415 feet



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## COMMUNITY PROFILE

## **ABOUT THE CITY**

Mesquite incorporated as a City on December 3, 1887. Mesquite was the second community to incorporate (Lancaster was the first) outside of Dallas proper. In the first U.S. Census, which was taken in 1890, Mesquite had a population of 135. The 2011 population is 139,870.

“All roads lead to Mesquite” with its location at the crossroads of Interstates 20, 30 and 635, State Highway 352 and U.S. Highway 80. Only 13 miles to downtown Dallas, Mesquite is the eastern gateway to the city of Dallas. Mesquite covers 47 square miles and is surrounded by Garland to the north, Dallas to the west, Lake Ray Hubbard to the northeast, Sunnyvale to the east and Balch Springs to the south.

## **MESQUITE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Each school day, MISD welcomes more than 35,000 students through the doors of 45 campuses including 31 elementary schools, eight middle schools, five high schools and the Mesquite Academy, which offers accelerated instruction for non-traditional students.

Mesquite ISD has a record of steady, marked improvement and a continual quest for excellence. MISD is home to two nationally recognized Blue Ribbon Schools selected and honored by the U.S. Department of Education.

## **HIGHER EDUCATION**

Eastfield Community College, a member of the seven-campus Dallas County Community College District, is conveniently located at 3737 Motley Drive. Eastfield is a two-year community college offering freshmen and sophomore level academic transfer programs, technical and occupational training and a variety of non-credit personal enrichment classes.

Texas A & M University-Commerce, Mesquite Metroplex Center is located at 2600 Motley Drive. This facility offers various Graduate Degree Programs.

Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), a member of the Texas A & M University System, is located at 15515 IH-20 at Lumley. This facility offers adult occupational and technical training.

## **AWARDS**

Mesquite has received the Governor’s Community Achievement Award, Texas Urban Forestry Award, and the National League of Cities Award of Excellence. It has also been designated Tree City U.S.A. and a bird sanctuary, received a National City Livability Award and was named a finalist for the All American City Award in 1995.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Mesquite Police Department is a dynamic agency with an authorized strength of 220 sworn officers and 79 non-sworn employees. The men and women of the Mesquite Police Department are dedicated to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all those who reside in or visit our community. The Department utilizes cutting-edge technology as well as proven, traditional law enforcement techniques in providing police services to the citizens of Mesquite.

The mission of the Mesquite Fire Department is to protect our citizens and visitors by minimizing the loss of life and property resulting from fire, medical emergencies and other disasters in such a manner that will retain the public’s support and confidence in all aspects of service delivery.

## **METRO AIRPORT**

Mesquite Metro is the only corporate-grade airport serving southeast Dallas County. The airport, located at Scyene Road and Hudson Airport Blvd, provides flight-training, aircraft rental and aerial tours.

## **MESQUITE ARTS CENTER**

Renovation beginning in 1994 converted the former hospital into an open, inviting space that includes a black box theater, concert hall, two galleries and a garden courtyard. The center hosts more than 1,200 diverse events each year. For event information call 972.216.6444.