

Mesquite's Quasquicentennial: A year-long event to foster a pride of community, as well as develop an appreciation for Mesquite's history. A special Q125 section has been created on the City's website under City Council for more information.

MONTH	EVENT, PLACE	DESCRIPTION
Dec. 10, 2011	Kick-off celebration, Mesquite Arts Center, 7 P.M.	Mayor presence, explanation of Quasquicentennial and a short history of Mesquite at the performance of the Mesquite Symphonic Band.
March 10, 2012	Mod Pioneers: Geocaching, Selected places across the city	Sign-up for the contest will be held March 10; hunt for clues throughout the city; winners announced at the new Mesquite City Hall at noon, Aug. 18.
March 24,	Kick off, Brothers of the Brush Contest, Opal Lawrence Historical Park	Contestants will pick up entry forms for the beard growing contest between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and will need to be clean-shaven; they will have about one month to grow facial hair for one of the several categories specified on the forms.
March 31	Downtown Mesquite	Annual Mesquite Rodeo Parade, coordinated by Mesquite Exchange Club, will have a historic theme this year.
April	Arbor Day Planting	Commemorate the Quasquicentennial with the annual tree planting, sponsored by Keep Mesquite Beautiful and the City's Parks & Recreation Depart.
April 28	Brothers of the Brush, or "BOB" judging at Real. Texas. Festival.	The Brothers of the Brush contestants will be judged according to particular categories and awards given out on the Community Stage at the festival; the Mesquite Symphonic Band will perform barbershop-themed music for the event.
May 18-19	Mesquite Meander, Mesquite Cemetery	Tour of historic cemetery, with actors portraying early Mesquite citizens.
June	Public Works Convention Presentation	Presentation on the past 125 years of Mesquite, with special focus on the growth and growing pains of public works infrastructure in a small town.

June 5	Jazz Breaks on the Plaza, Mesquite Arts Center	“Happy Birthday to the City” celebration by the Mesquite Jazz Reperatory Ensemble and the Mesquite Arts Council. The big band will be directed by Curt Bradshaw; cookies and lemonade will be served.
June 25	Mesquite Symphonic Band Concert, Westlake Park	Concert honoring the Quasquicentennial.
July 14	The Bark of July, Opal Lawrence Historical Park	Families and their dogs will engage in outdoor activities and contests.
July 27	City Lake Park	The City’s Parks & Recreation Dept. will offer a new feature at its Movies in the Park event.
Sept. 21-22	Appraisals at the Park, Opal Lawrence Historical Park	Appraisals given to the public through reservations for items such as textiles, fine arts, collectibles, household goods, furniture.
October (tentative)	Mesquite Meander, Encore! (If needed), Mesquite Cemetery; Union Pacific RR	Repeat of Spring tour of historic cemetery, with actors portraying early Mesquite citizens. Possible Union Pacific train event.
December 8	Close the Quasquicentennial, Christmas in the Park	Mayoral proclamation and holiday activities.

On-going: KEOM-FM’s “A Mesquite Moment in Time” airs weekends throughout the year.