

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | OCTOBER

- 1** National Night Out. For more information or to register your neighborhood, email crimeprevention@mesquitelocal.gov.
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- 7** Last day to register to vote in 2019 elections. For details on registration visit this website, www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections.
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- 7** City Council meetings, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
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- 11** Historic Mesquite, Inc. Treasures Barn Sale, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street. 972-216-6468.
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- 17** Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum, 6 - 8 p.m., Mesquite High School, 300 E. Davis Street, 972-285-0211.
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- 21** Early voting for City Elections begins, www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections.
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- 25** Friends of the Mesquite Public Library Fall Book Sale. Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and **26** Saturday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 972-216-6220.

For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays.

To learn about the different ways to stay informed on city news, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed.

FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Environmental Code Hotline	972-216-6276
Main Library	972-216-6220
Parks and Recreation	972-216-6260
Planning and Zoning	972-216-6216
Police Non-Emergency	972-285-6336
Trash Collection/Recycling	972-216-6284
Street/Alley Repair	972-216-6282
Water Billing	972-216-6208
Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups	972-216-6278



Mesquite Animal Services achieves 24 consecutive months at a 90% save rate

In August, Mesquite Animal Services (MAS) achieved a 90% “save rate” for 24 consecutive months. This significant accomplishment was made possible through the implementation of many programs and policy changes, adoption specials, plus the invaluable support from volunteers and rescue groups. Last year, MAS accepted more than 6,000 animals regardless of condition or circumstances.

Manager of Animal Services Jeanne Saadi said, “We are proud of our dedicated shelter staff, extraordinary volunteers and amazing rescue partners who have teamed up to achieve that phenomenal save rate. We must also thank the Mesquite community for their support.”

MAS activities include a feral cat holding room and Trap-Neuter-Release program, free Barn Cat program, a veterinarian care contract providing daily health inspections of all animals in the shelter, adoption specials and various special events.

One adoption special included discounted dog adoptions of \$10 per jar of peanut butter or jelly donated at the shelter for local food pantries. The effort raised hundreds of jars for Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services for the summertime “Spread the Love” campaign.

On August 17, the Mesquite Animal Shelter hosted the 2019 Clear the Shelter event and 89 animals were adopted by new families. This included 52 dogs, 36 cats and 1 guinea pig. The event brought in more than 600 customers and was a success thanks to volunteers and rescue partners. Fifteen of the cats adopted were from the Mesquite Animal Pawtners rescue group who were at the shelter for the event.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices to learn more, make a donation, or to view animals available for adoption.

Real.Texas.Roads. Update



Real. Texas. Roads. is the \$125 million dollar street bond program, approved by voters in 2015, to repair residential streets. This is a summary of the latest updates on this project at press time (Aug. 16). Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PublicWorksProjects or call the Streets Maintenance Division at 972-216-6282 for the most updated information regarding this and other road projects.

Localized concrete spot repairs are in progress on Northridge Drive, Alta Vista Street and Larchmont Drive. Surface reconstruction is complete on Rockne Lane, Morgan Drive, Statler Drive and Sidney Drive. Utility work is underway to replace old water and sewer lines on Lilac Lane, Carnation Drive, Rose Lane and Daffodil Drive. Surface reconstruction has begun on Cascade Street, Crest Park Drive, Royal Crest Drive and Summit Street.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads, for more information or to view an Interactive Road Map.

Mesquite offers recycling bins and promotes “Know What to Throw” campaign



The City of Mesquite is committed to developing sustainability practices and encourages all residents to recycle. Green 18-gallon recycling bins are available to Mesquite residents to provide more citizens in Mesquite an opportunity to recycle. To request a green recycling bin, request one online at www.cityofmesquite.com/Recycling or call 972-216-6972. Residents may also use blue recycling bags, which can purchased at the City Cashier at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. To recycle, please place your bin(s) or blue bag next to where you normally set your trash. In addition, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/KnowWhatToThrow to watch a fun educational video on recycling, then test your knowledge by taking the Do You Know What to Throw quiz.

Remember to Drive Like Your Family Lives Here



Mesquite schools are back in session, which means the return of school buses, more pedestrians and children on bicycles. Please remember to stay alert. Children are often unpredictable and take risks, such as crossing the street in the middle of road or not looking both ways before entering the roadway. Plus, the distraction of smartphones, earbuds and digital devices have become yet another hazard for those that share the road.

Visit www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org for more information as well as tips to help keep you and your family safe.

Support our community efforts



Did you know you can make a one-time tax-deductible donation online or a monthly tax-deductible donation through your water bill to support many of the City's programs and projects? Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) and the Mesquite Veterans Memorial are two examples. Donations to KMB help fund and organize programs to make Mesquite the cleanest and most beautiful community possible to live, work, and visit. The Mesquite community is also raising funds to design and build a new Mesquite Veterans Memorial to honor all military veterans and their families. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Donations to learn about these programs and more, and make a donation today.

Council Community Focus



The Mesquite City Council passed an ordinance to establish designated voter registration sites at certain City facilities. Through Oct. 4, citizens can register to vote at the following locations: the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.; the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive; and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. Voter registration assistance will be offered by City staff certified as Dallas County Volunteer Deputy Registrars. The last day to register to vote in the 2019 elections is Oct. 7.

Registered Mesquite voters will have the opportunity to vote in the city's first single-member district City Council election on Nov. 5, 2019. Early voting begins on Oct. 27. Voters approved a City Charter amendment to create single-member districts in May 2018. Six geographical areas or districts have been created, with one City Councilmember representing each district. Only voters residing in each district will be permitted to vote for the City Councilmember representing that district. Councilmembers representing a district also have to live in that district. The Mayor represents the entire City and will be elected by all voters.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections for more information and to view district maps.

Parks and Recreation Corner

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 972-216-6260 OR VISIT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD.

HAUNTED CAMPOUT

Join us for a spooky good time at the Haunted Campout, Oct. 5 - 6 at Camp Rorie Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road, from Saturday at 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday. SPOOK-tastic activities include: zip lining, costume contest, tent decorating contest and delicious s'mores by our roaring fire. Registration is required and begins Sept. 1. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD, at any Recreation Center, or the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.



PUMPKINFEST

The 19th annual PumpkinFest will be held on Oct. 19, noon to 6 p.m., at its new location Valley Creek Park, 2482 Pioneer Road. Adults and children are encouraged to dress up in costume for the event. Activities include a live jousting show, William Tell archery show, Sky Kings Falconry, carnival games, bounce houses, food and more. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest.



ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adults 50+ programs at Evans Recreation Center, 116 Hillcrest Street; Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Drive; and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. Each center offers a variety of games, activities, fitness programs and more. For more information or to register for activities, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.

2019 FALL FUN GUIDE

Fall into our latest Fun Guide and browse classes, programs, athletics and events for all ages. The Fall 2019 Fun Guide is available online at www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide. Activities are offered Sept. through Dec. Call 972-216-6260 for more information.



Mesquite celebrates KidsQuest 2.0 with Last Play event and "Buy a Picket" program



On Aug. 5, the City Council approved the replacement and expansion of the KidsQuest playground located at DeBusk Park, 1625 Gross Road. Input from the public was an important part of designing the playground called "KidsQuest 2.0." Specific requests included ADA accessibility, swings, tall slides, room to run, climbing features, and a unique environment for creative play, plus a new parking lot and renovation of the existing picnic pavilion.

The new "Buy a Picket" program also provides an opportunity to purchase personalized fence pickets for \$25 each. Each picket will have a limit of 20 characters, including spaces. Pickets are available for purchase online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD. Pickets purchased by Sept. 30 will be installed for the grand re-opening event in November. Pickets purchased between Oct. 1 and Nov. 8, will be installed in Dec. 2019.

A Last Play event to commemorate the end of KidsQuest's memorable era was held on Aug. 10. This event was offered to provide one last opportunity to play on this historical and well-loved playground before it is transformed into KidsQuest 2.0 as the next generation playground.

For those who had a personalized fence picket installed during the construction of the original KidsQuest, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260 to arrange for pickup.

Community Snapshots



Texas Historical Commission

The Texas Historical Commission recognized City Lake Park as a significant part of Texas history by awarding it an Official Texas Historical Marker. The designation honors the site as an important and educational part of local history.



National Mutt Day

Mesquite Animal Services (MAS) celebrated National Mutt Day, July 31, with a photo contest highlighting Mesquite's best mutts. Pet owners posted pictures of their mixed-breed dogs on the City's Facebook page. The winner, Sugar Bear, was adopted from MAS in March 2018.



Mesquite Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (MCPAAA)

The Mesquite Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (MCPAAA) received the highest award for 2019 - Alumni Membership of the Year from the Texas State Citizen's Alumni Association. MCPAAA President Barbara Dunn also received the 2019 Member of the Year Award.



The **Mesquite Arts Center** is located at 1527 N. Galloway Ave. For more information on any of these events, please call 972-216-8132 or visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org



Michelle Thomas Richardson, Developing Story art exhibition, weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oct. 1 - Dec. 29, in the Main Gallery. Admission is free.

Jesus Delgado art exhibition, weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oct. 1 - Dec. 29, in the Chamber Gallery. Admission is free.



Mesquite Arts Council, presents the free Courtyard Concert Series, on Oct. 3, 7 - 9 p.m.

Mesquite Arts Council hosts Paint the U in Horseshoe adult art class, Oct. 3, 6 - 8 p.m., in the Rehearsal Hall. Admission is free.

Smartphone Photography Tips: Halloween Edition, featuring Owen Jones, Oct. 10, 6 - 7 p.m. Pre-register at eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com. Admission is free with registration.



After School Hip Hop Session, Thursdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. and 6 - 7 p.m., in the Rehearsal Hall. Pre-register at eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com. Admission is free with registration.

Mesquite Community Band presents Music of the Decades: 1920's - 1990's, Oct. 12, 4 p.m., in the Concert Hall. Visit www.mesquitecommunityband.com for more information. Admission is free

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