

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THESE EVENTS MAY BE IMPACTED BY COVID-19, FOR THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE EVENT CALENDAR AT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM.

JANUARY 2022

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Teen Free Play – Open Gym, Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way, \$2 per MISD student, Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD.

- 3, 18** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244.

- 4, 11, 18, 25** Kid Yoga, 6 p.m., Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, \$25, Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD.

- 15** MLK Jr. Celebration, Parade in Downtown Mesquite, Celebration to follow at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue.

- 17** Marin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, City offices and facilities closed. For complete details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays.

Jobseeker Support Initiative

Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, Call 972-216-6220 to schedule a support session or North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, Call 972-681-0465 to schedule a support session

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

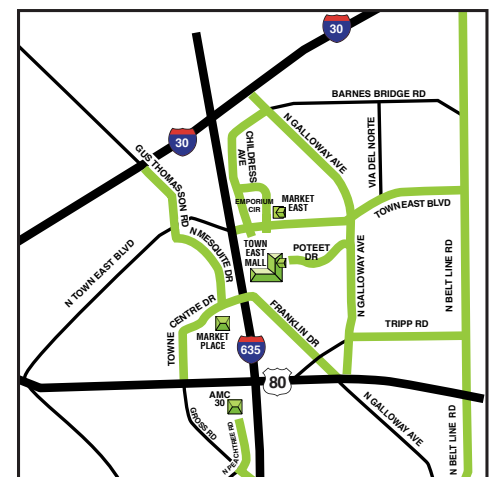


Shop Mesquite this Holiday Season

With the holiday shopping season approaching, the City of Mesquite is encouraging citizens to shop local and shop Mesquite. Shopping at businesses and eating at restaurants in Mesquite helps business owners and the local economy. As residents shop in Mesquite, their money goes to work in Mesquite. Sales tax revenue makes up more than 25% of the City's general fund. That fund provides the financial resources for most City services provided to residents and their families. The largest portion of the general fund is public safety, which includes the Mesquite Police Department, Mesquite Fire Department and 911 Dispatch. The fund also supports Mesquite Animal Services, the Parks and Recreation Department and a variety of quality-of-life programs.

Worried about traffic? The City continues to promote alternate driving directions to shoppers for key destinations in Mesquite, such as Town East Mall, with the www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes webpage. The page offers ways to shop more and drive less by using different roads to travel and avoid traffic.

This holiday season, shop local, dine local and buy local. Learn more about shopping local at www.ShopMesquiteTX.com.



Mesquite announces 2021 Municipal and Special Election results



DANIEL ALEMÁN JR.
MAYOR



KENNY GREEN
DISTRICT 2



TANDY BOROUGHS
DISTRICT 4



B.W. SMITH,
DISTRICT 5



DEBBIE ANDERSON,
DISTRICT 6

The City of Mesquite announced the results of the 2021 Municipal and Special Election. Voters elected the city's first Hispanic Mayor and approved Proposition A. The canvassing of the results took place at the Nov. 15 City Council meeting, and the following City Councilmembers took their Oath of Office: Daniel Alemán Jr., Mayor; Kenny Green, District 2; Tandy Boroughs, District 4; B.W. Smith, District 5; and Debbie Anderson, District 6. There will be a runoff election for Council Place 1 and Council Place 3 on Dec. 7, with the canvassing of the runoff election results planned for the Dec. 20 City Council meeting. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CityCouncil to learn more about the council members.

Mesquite voters also approved Proposition A, which allows for the property tax rate of .70862 to remain the same as last year. It will generate \$5.4M in additional revenue for the City because of increased property values. The additional revenue will allow the City to continue its plans for five new police officer positions for increased neighborhood patrols plus competitive pay increases for officers, 10 new fire department positions which will provide faster response times and increase public safety, increased funding repairs for roadways and alley maintenance by \$750,000, increased funding of \$260,000 to improve security from cyberattacks on City computers, a new health scan program for police officers and firefighters as a part of cancer screening and overall health assessment, a new safety program for the Peachtree entertainment and restaurant area, a School Resource Officer for the new Vanguard High School and competitive pay for City employees working in streets, solid waste, and utilities to attract and maintain staffing levels.

Southeast Alliance Community Care Team to address mental health



Balch Springs, Mesquite, Seagoville and Sunnyvale announced one of the first major collaborations by multiple cities in Dallas County to address mental health. The Southeast Alliance Community Care Team will be a new unified approach towards public mental health response needs in all four communities. The Southeast Alliance Community Care Team will focus on proactive and reactive mental health services for citizens. The program's efforts will include services to check in on residents with a history of mental health issues to ensure they are receiving the treatment and services needed. The team will also help homeless individuals who may not have access to mental health services. Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/MentalHealth.

Huffines Communities breaks ground on Solterra



A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the end of October for the newest Huffines Signature Community™, Solterra, in Mesquite. Developer Huffines Communities commemorated the project milestone with members of the Mesquite City Council and many others from the real estate and builder community, celebrating the largest development in the city's history, with 3,900 new homes and 300 townhomes on 1,530 acres upon project completion. Solterra is expected to have a tax value of more than \$1.6 billion with the first phase of development delivering 787a lots in the fourth quarter of 2022.

Parks and Recreation Corner



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DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Tickets will go on sale Wednesday, Jan. 5 for the 2022 Daddy Daughter Dance, The Greatest Dance on Earth, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 19. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD as well as at all recreation centers and the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 North Galloway Avenue. The theme for this year's dance is vintage circus. The dance will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive.. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Sessions are open to ALL ages.

Tickets: \$15 per person, per session

Session 1: 4 – 6 p.m.

Session 2: 7 – 9 p.m.



MLK JR. CELEBRATION

Join the City on Saturday, Jan. 15, to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The parade will take place in Downtown Mesquite at 10 a.m., with a reception at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue, starting at 2 p.m. The community reception will feature remarks by various church pastors and community leaders, dance performances, musical performances and monologues. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MLKCelebration.



PLAYDAY

School is out, bring your kids for a day of fun with the Parks and Recreation Department. Playday is available on Monday, Jan. 3 and Monday, Jan. 17 from 7 a.m – 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, and Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way. The fee is \$20 per child (resident) and \$30 per child (non-resident). A \$10 additional late fee will be charged for registraton after Dec. 31 for Jan. 3 session and Jan. 14 for the Jan. 17 session. Participants will need a lunch, snack and water bottle.

LITTLE ROOKIES GOLF

Registration for Little Rookies Golf for children ages 5-6 is from Jan. 24 – Feb. 27. Sessions will begin Saturday, March 5 at Dunford Recreation Center. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per participant. Sessions run for five weeks. Parent participation is required.



Code Ambassadors program scheduled for Jan. 13



The Mesquite Code Ambassadors is a volunteer-based program created to assist code enforcement officers. The program is designed to enlist the help of Mesquite citizen volunteers to identify specific types of code violations throughout the community. The next Code Ambassador Program Orientation will be held on Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. After orientation, registration for the program will open and run through Feb. 17. Registration may be done by contacting the Neighborhood Services Department in person at 1515 N. Galloway Avenue, by phone at 972-329-8704 or email at envcode@cityofmesquite.com. Classes start on Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. The orientation and all classes will be held in the Mesquite Arts Center Rehearsal Hall, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue. Volunteers must undergo background checks and commit to at

least six hours per month of volunteer time to participate in the program. The training will consist of multiple training classes and mandatory ride-outs with code enforcement officers. Once trained, Code Ambassadors survey assigned neighborhoods in City-provided vehicles for code violations viewable from the right-of-way. For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Department at 972-329-8704.

Downtown Mesquite earns state-wide honors

Downtown Mesquite earned the prominent Texas Downtown Association (TDA) Best Digital Promotion award for its Small Business Saturday digital marketing project. Plans for Downtown Mesquite's traditional Small Business Saturday promotion in November 2020 had to be adjusted and tailored to the conditions of the pandemic, which limited in-person visits and crowded gatherings. To get the word out about various downtown businesses and what they offered to shoppers, Downtown Mesquite volunteers partnered with Mesquite Independent School District videography classes to produce videos highlighting each business. The award was presented at the President's Awards Gala on Thursday, Nov. 4 during the TDA's annual downtown revitalization conference in Denton. This is the third year in a row for the Downtown Mesquite program to be honored at the President's Awards event.



Mesquite recognizes four employees at Real. Texas. Service. Champions

Four City employees were honored with Real. Texas. Service. Champion awards. The Real. Texas. Service. Champions program celebrates employees who provide exemplary customer service and achieve accomplishments that merit special recognition. The following employees were recognized: Captain Harlan Lowrance - Mesquite Fire Department, Luis Monreal - Mesquite Library System, Norma Pena - Neighborhood Services and Valarie Knowles - Mesquite Police Department. For information on the employees honored and their service to the community, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ServiceChampions.



MESQUITE
ARTS
CENTER

The **Mesquite Arts Center** is located at
1527 N. Galloway Avenue
Mesquite, Texas



Jan. 3 – March 19,
Jay Hendricks: Clear as Mud,
Main Gallery,
Free Admission

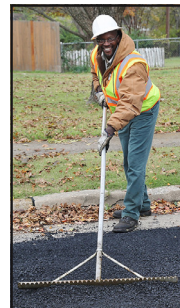


Jan. 3 – March 19,
Leah Lawless-Smith:
Color and Pattern,
Chamber Gallery,
Free Admission

Tote and Go Program,

The Mesquite Arts Center is taking a break from Tote-and-Go Services and Virtual Programming in January. MAC programming will resume in February 2022.

www.facebook.com/MesqArtsCenter/
www.instagram.com/MesqArtsCenter/
www.twitter.com/MesqArtsCenter/



Real. Texas. Roads. is the program name for the road repairs funded by the \$125 million bond sale approved by voters in November 2015. Repairs under this program are for residential, two-lane roadways. Funds were made available by the 2015 StreetBondElection, began in 2016, and are expected to continue funding street repairs through 2024. For details and to view the current construction status of streets selected for the program, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.



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972-288-7711

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WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/MAINSTREAMESPANOL

Serve on a City of Mesquite Board or Commission

The City of Mesquite is looking for new partners to serve on one of its boards or commissions. The City of Mesquite's Boards and Commissions are comprised of engaged citizens who volunteer their time, knowledge and expertise to make a difference in their community. Duties of boards and commissions may include serving in an advisory capacity to the City Council, examining in-depth plans on development, evaluating city services and projects and making decisions on various requests from citizens. By becoming a board or commission member you can have an active voice, be involved in your community and advise the City Council and staff on a wide range of services areas. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Boards to learn more.