

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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MARCH 2022

- 7, 21** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave., 972-216-6244.
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- 7, 14, 21, 28** AARP Free Tax Assistance, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., pick up an AARP Preparation Packet with instructions for scheduling your appointment at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.
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- 9** Kids Lego Club, 4 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.
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- 12** Kids Lego Club, 2 p.m., North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-681-0465.
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- 14 - 19** Science to Go Kits available at Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220 and North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-681-0465. Call for more information.

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



City Council adopts criteria and guidelines for redistricting

After an assessment of the 2020 Census data of Mesquite at the Jan. 18 City Council meeting, the City Council adopted criteria and guidelines to proceed with redistricting councilmember districts to achieve population balance across the districts.

The Council was briefed by a representative of the law firm Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta, LLP, which reviewed the recently released 2020 Census population and demographic data of Mesquite. The Council was advised that the data showed the City's current councilmember districts have become unbalanced in population and redistricting is needed for use in the next municipal election in November of 2023.

The criteria adopted applies to the development of new districting plans and guidelines for public participation in the redistricting process. The process outlined by the law firm ensures important legal principles and protects voter rights.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings to watch the recorded briefing. A webpage on the City's website will be available soon to provide more information.



City Council holds Policy Retreat

On Jan. 8, the City Council held their annual Policy Retreat at City Hall. Topics of discussions included the Solid Waste Master Plan, current projects and Council strategic goals and visioning. An Environmental Code update was also provided.

View the agenda and watch a complete video recap of the meeting at www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings.



Book-a-Librarian

The Book-a-Librarian program offers one-on-one help with basic instructions for using computers and smart phones, plus tips on how to download eBooks and eAudiobooks, search the Internet, use social media and more. The program is available at both libraries and serves individuals age 17 or older.

To schedule a 30-minute session, please contact the Mesquite Main Library at 972-216-6220 or the North Branch Library at 972-681-0465.



Spring Fun Guide available online

The Parks and Recreation Department Spring Fun Guide can now be viewed online at www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide. The guide includes activities and programs for all ages from January through April. Stay up to date on all the latest recreation classes, leagues, activities and programs.

Real. Texas. Business. News



Real. Texas. Business. news is a monthly feature of the Mainstream highlighting new development activity in Mesquite. For more information, contact the Economic Development Department at 972-216-6446 or visit www.mesquiteecodev.com.

Mesquite city leaders and Huffines Communities broke ground recently on what the developers called their “crown jewel,” a 3,900-home project that will sit on 1,530 acres of the historic Lucas Farms.

Solterra’s amenities are planned to rival those of a resort with a pool complex, access to a 30-acre lake, bike and hiking trails, a fitness facility, a dog park, and a beer garden. The community will also feature a restaurant, an event lawn, and space for a farmers market and food truck park.

Huffines also plans to preserve the native pecan groves, orchards and pastures with 560 acres of open space. A 54-inch-wide, 150-year-old red oak tree will serve as the anchor to a custom-designed treehouse created by the makers of HGTV’s Treehouse Masters show.

Parks and Recreation Corner

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SPRING BREAK CAMP

Spring Break is almost here! Join in for a day or week of fun. Camps will be held at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, and Camp Rorie Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. Camps are for Kindergarten through sixth grade students and run Monday, March 14 through Friday, March 18 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The fee starts at \$20 per participant, per day. Preregistration is required by Friday, March 11. Participants will need a lunch, snack and water bottle. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD as well as at all Recreation Centers and the Parks and Recreation Administration Office located at 1515 North Galloway Ave.



LITTLE ROOKIES VOLLEYBALL

Children ages 5 to 6 will learn the fundamentals of volleyball. Registration is from March 21 to April 17. Sessions start Saturday, April 23 at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per participant and sessions run for five weeks. Parent participation is required. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD as well as all Recreation Centers and the Parks and Recreation Administration Office located at 1515 North Galloway Ave.



ADULT PICKLEBALL LEAGUES

Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, is offering two adult recreational leagues, Mixed Doubles Adults 18+ and Mixed Doubles Adults 50+. Leagues will be offered two nights a week, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Registration is offered through Sunday, March 6 with games starting Wednesday, March 9. Fees vary by league. Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/WestlakeSportsCenter.



ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include crafts, day trips, exercise classes, lunch and more.

On Friday, March 25, enjoy the great outdoors in Athens, TX at the Freshwater Fisheries. Treat yourself to an interactive dive show, narrated tram tour of the hatchery and the opportunity to fish for rainbow trout or channel catfish. Sign up at Goodbar Recreation Center starting March 11.

On Friday, March 11, enjoy lunch at the Olive Garden and shopping at Sam Moon for accessories, luggage, jewelry and more. Sign up at Rutherford Recreation Center starting Feb. 25.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus, for more information about the Adult 50+ program.



Community Snapshots



On Jan. 15, the City of Mesquite and the Mesquite NAACP honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a day of celebration. Festivities included a parade through Downtown Mesquite and a community event held at the Mesquite Arts Center. Shaun Rabb, award-winning journalist and Fox 4 News anchor, served as keynote speaker at the event. Performances by local church choirs and Mesquite ISD student groups were also featured.



MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

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



March 1 - 19, **Jay Hendrick: Clear as Mud**, Main Gallery, Free Admission

March 1 - 19, **Leah Lawless-Smith: Color and Pattern**, Chamber Gallery, Free Admission

March 2, **Dancing with Jennifer Gonzales**, 4 p.m., Virtual Programming, Mesquite Arts Center YouTube

March 7, 14, 21, 28, **Tote and Go Program**, Every Monday project kits will be available for pick-up starting at noon., Mesquite Arts Center Lobby, First-come, first-served

March 9, **Rewind Wednesday: Women's History Month**, 4 p.m., Virtual Programming, Mesquite Arts Center YouTube

March 17, **Mesquite Rocks! The Selkie Girls**, 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center north lawn, Free Admission

March 19, **Saturday Morning Craft** ideas, children's art education, from noon to 2 p.m., Rehearsal Hall

March 30, **MAC Doodles: Cats with Joe Cadena**, 4 p.m., Virtual Programming, Mesquite Arts Center YouTube



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