

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### OCTOBER 2022

- 3, 17 | **City Council meetings, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.**
- 4 | **STEM: Five Little Pumpkins, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, from 4 to 5 p.m. Build a fence for five little pumpkins in this STEM activity, inspired by the book "Pete the Cat: Five Little Pumpkins". For children ages 5 to 10 years old.**
- 7, 8 | **Twelfth annual Mesquite Meander at Mesquite Cemetery, 400 Holley Park Drive. Ticket sales begin Aug. 22 for \$10 per person. Purchase by calling 972-216-6468 or email [historicmesquite@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:historicmesquite@cityofmesquite.com) for more details.**
- 10 | **Spooky Reads, share your favorite spooky novel or series from 2 to 3 p.m. at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive.**
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | **Mesquite Farmers Market, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Downtown Mesquite, 150 W. Main Street.**

**For details on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holiday](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holiday).**



## Mesquite approves five cent tax rate reduction

The City of Mesquite approved the 2022-23 Budget at its August 15 meeting which includes a tax rate of .65814. This tax rate is 5 cents below the current tax rate.

“This budget reflects the input from our citizens which includes improved public safety, street repairs and a vibrant economy. We are able to do this while setting a tax rate that is competitive with other cities in the area,” said Daniel Alemán Jr. “We are a growing city and an aging city with many needs. This budget will help us move forward in a number of areas.”

The total \$306.7 million budget includes:

- A 3% salary increase for all employees and additional funding for market adjustments for competitive pay;
- Nine additional firefighter positions for a future fire station;
- Two additional police officers including an additional School Resource Officer for Horn High School;
- A bilingual communications position; and
- Additional staffing for Economic Development, Municipal Court, Public Safety Dispatch, Solid Waste, Parks Maintenance and Code Enforcement.

The budget will also include additional funding for roadway, park, and public safety projects to accelerate the timeline for several much needed projects. More information about the budget and city finances can be found at [www.cityofmesquite.com/Budget](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Budget).

### FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Employment	972-216-6218
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

## Remember to Drive Like Your Family Lives Here



Mesquite schools are back in session beginning on Aug. 9, 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.

The City of Mesquite's Drive Like Your Family Lives Here public education program aims to help improve traffic safety in our community. The program targets motorist, cyclist and pedestrian behaviors through a variety of bilingual communications, including outdoor signage, social media, videos and other methods.

Visit [www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org](http://www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org) for more information as well as tips to help keep you and your family safe.

## New Girl Scout Badge Programs at Opal Lawrence Historical Park



New to Historic Mesquite, Inc. are Brownie (Outdoor Creator Badge) and Junior (Outdoor Art Explorer Badge) Girl Scout programs that will be available for troops August - October and March - April of the 2022/2023 school year. These programs are offered in the unique setting of the 13-acre Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. The Girl Scout Badge Program Reservation Form is located at [www.cityofmesquite.com/ScoutPrograms](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ScoutPrograms) or call 972-216-6468 or email [historicmesquite@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:historicmesquite@cityofmesquite.com) for more information.

## 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.mesquitecodev.com](http://www.mesquitecodev.com).

In August, the City of Mesquite approved a zoning change for a 235-acre retail and business development. Located on the north side of IH-20 between Lasater and Lawson Roads. The development will offer approximately 180,000 square feet of retail and ultimately 3.2 million square feet of industrial, business and logistics space.

IH 20 IP, LLC, an entity which includes the principles of 42 Real Estate and SLJ Company, anticipates breaking ground in early 2024. Sergio Izquierdo of 42 Real Estate said, "Our team is extremely excited about the opportunity to work with the City of Mesquite. We see such potential for this area as the one premier industrial/business park in Mesquite along IH-20 in Dallas County. There is great potential retail for the growing population."

The retail development and industrial sites will feature a modern design with high-quality building materials. The project is in a highly desired location which is soon to be surrounded by 3,900 new homes in Solterra, a premier master planned community featuring a fishing lake, trails, and extensive natural features.



# PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 972-216-6260 OR VISIT [WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD](http://WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD)



## MOVIES IN THE PARK

Mesquite Parks and Recreation invites you to Movies in the Park on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Camp Rorie Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to experience movie watching in the great outdoors. "Monsters Inc." will be featured and will begin at dusk. Admission is free and patrons are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and blankets. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/moviesinthepark](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/moviesinthepark) for more information.



## PUMPKINFEST

The annual PumpkinFest will be on Saturday, Oct. 15 from noon to 5 p.m. at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. Enjoy carnival games, bounce houses, and dance and musical performances. The event is free, however concessions and some activities will have a cost. Be sure to wear your costume to participate in the costume contest. For more information about the event, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest).



## AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

After-school Adventures is a program managed by trained and friendly staff designed to provide fun, healthy activities, S.T.E.M., arts and crafts, snacks, and homework time. The program operates in conjunction with the Mesquite Independent School District calendar. For more information or to register, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/AfterSchoolAdventures](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AfterSchoolAdventures) or call 972-216-6260.



## ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, 1116 Hillcrest St., Goodbar, 3000 Concord Drive, and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. Highlights in October include a trip and fall festivities. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus) for more information.



## Mesquite Parks & Recreation Facility Rentals

For more information and photos of our facilities visit:  
[www.CityofMesquite.com/Rentals](http://www.CityofMesquite.com/Rentals)

# Community Snapshots

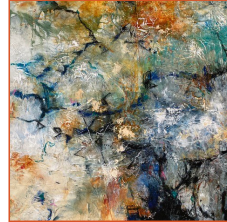


In August, the Mesquite Police Department, Mesquite Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, and the Mesquite Independent School District conducted a public safety training exercise at Florence Black Elementary for community leaders to demonstrate the City's response in the event of a school emergency. Following national best practices, Mesquite Police and Fire Departments have response times faster than the national average.



## MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

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



Oct. – Dec. 17, **Abstract Views by Laurie Huff and Doris Vasek.**  
Main Gallery, free admission.

Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24, **Tote and Go Program**, project kits will be available for pick-up starting at noon, Mesquite Arts Center lobby, first-come, first served.



Oct. 12, **Rewind Wednesdays**, Halloween Playlist on YouTube, 4 p.m.



Oct. 15, **Mesquite Community Band presents: Interstellar Adventure**, at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall. This event is free.

Oct. 29, **Dia de Los Muertos Cultural Celebration**, 4 to 7 p.m., front of Arts Center and Courtyard. This event is free.



Oct. 29, **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra: Hearts without Borders** at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall.

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