

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2022

- 1** Kids Lego Club, 4 p.m. at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, for ages 12 and under. 972-681-0465.
- 5, 19** City Council meetings, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 6** STEM Program: Holiday Lava Lamp, 4 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. This event is free and for children ages 5-10. 972-216-6220.
- 13** Family Game Day, 4 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. Enjoy board games with the whole family. 972-216-6220.
- 23** Christmas Eve (observed). All City offices and facilities closed with the exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport, Mesquite Animal Shelter, Recreation Centers, and the Compost Facility and Convenience Center. Trash will be collected. Recycling will not be collected.
- 26** Christmas Day (observed). All City offices and facilities closed with the exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport and Recreation Centers. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.

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



Mesquite hosts 18th Addressing Mesquite Day

On Saturday, Oct. 1, more than 600 volunteers came together throughout Mesquite to complete 70 home projects for residents in need. Addressing Mesquite Day (AMD) happens every year and focuses on home repairs needed by senior citizens, single parents, military veterans, the disabled and other homeowners in Mesquite. Local businesses also provided \$40,000 in monetary and in-kind donations to assist with the event.

During the volunteer rally to kick off the day, Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr. said, "Today, we are proud to continue the tradition of helping those in need. Addressing Mesquite Day has changed the lives of more than a thousand homeowners and their families over 18 years. Partnerships make us stronger because we are all better together, for a better Mesquite."

A special thank you to this year's generous sponsors who assisted in making this year's event possible, especially our Platinum Level sponsors The HOME Depot Foundation and Atmos Energy.

AMD began in 2005 as a partnership between the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance, local high schools, churches, nonprofits, the corporate community, civic clubs, and the City of Mesquite, as a one-day opportunity to offer a workday for volunteers wanting to give back to the community.

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

City of Mesquite announces water rate increase

The City of Mesquite implemented a 9% increase in water rates effective Oct. 1, 2022. The rate adjustment is in response to a 13% increase in the cost of water supplied by the North Texas Municipal Water District due to significant costs in the chemicals and labor needed to treat drinking water.

“Every year the City Council evaluates the water system budget and sets the rate for customers. The Council has held the rate the same for the past two years. The City has made every attempt to absorb the increased costs from NTMWD into our current rate structure. Unfortunately, these costs will have to be passed on to our customers,” said City Manager Cliff Keheley.

The City of Mesquite recommends residents evaluate their water usage and look for opportunities to save by maintaining plumbing, checking for leaks in toilets, and other conservation measures.



Properly dispose of fats, oils and grease during the holidays

Don't ruin your holidays with a sewer backup in your home. Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) are the residue left over from cooking with food items such as meat, butter, lard, sauces, dressings, dairy products and cooking oil. FOG and debris poured down drains can build up in pipes and cause backups in both private and the City-maintained sewer system. To avoid expensive plumbing repairs and damage to the sewer system:

- scrape or wipe cooled grease or fat from all cookware and place in the trash; and
- pour or scrape grease into a sturdy closed-lid container and dispose in the trash.

Also, used holiday cooking oil may be recycled for free at nearby drop-off locations. Check out the Defend Your Drains website at www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com.



Special event permits

The City of Mesquite requires permits for most events that involve a large gathering of people on public property, as well as some events on private property. Any event that requires the closing of roads or restricts access to public property, such as a parade or run, will require a permit. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpecialPermits for more information.



PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER

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



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Join us at Christmas in the Park at Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road, on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2 to 7 p.m. This family-friendly event features carnival rides, arts and crafts, photos with Santa, bounce houses, music and dance performances, and much more. Admission is free. However, concessions and some activities will have a fee. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasinthePark.



NOCHE DE FIESTA

Unidos, in collaboration with the City of Mesquite and local businesses, will host their second annual Noche de Fiesta on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 8:30 p.m. at Vanston Park/ Vanston Middle School located at 2913 Oates Drive. Unidos is a Hispanic community outreach program coordinated by the Mesquite Police Department. Come enjoy this free event featuring music, ballet folklórico, matachines, hot chocolate, pan dulce, and more. Santa Claus will also be there to visit and distribute toys to the children.



WINTER CAMP

During Mesquite Independent School District holiday breaks, kids can come for a day or a week of fun doing holiday crafts and other fun games and activities. Camps are scheduled from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. The fee is \$20 per child, per day. Session I runs from Dec. 19 to 23 and Session II runs from Dec. 26 to 30. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle. For more information, locations or to register online, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps. You can also register in person at the Parks and Recreation Administration office at 1515 N. Galloway Ave. or at any recreation center.



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. Highlights in December include a trip to Tanger Outlet in Grand Prairie on Tuesday, Dec. 6 for holiday shopping and lunch. Plus, Grand Prairie Lights on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. Wrap yourself in the surroundings of the season and enjoy an early dinner at Rosa's Café. Register soon. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus or call 972-216-6260.



MESQUITE PARKS & RECREATION FACILITY RENTALS

For more information and photos of our facilities visit:
www.CityofMesquite.com/Rentals

Community Snapshots

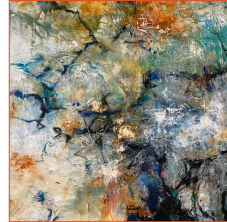


The City of Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank all the citizens and vendors that attended this year's Pumpkinfest on Saturday, Nov. 15. We would also like to give special thanks to our sponsors: Dallas Regional Medical Center, Celebration Station, Raising Cane's, Community Life, Mesquite Fire Department, Mesquite Library Services, Mesquite Symphony Orchestra, Read-Play-Talk, PetSmart, Baptist Galloway Church, Way FM, a'Plaisance, MADD Cheer, Timylie, Stage Door Dance, and St. Stephen United Methodist Church.



MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

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



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



Dec. 2 - 18 **Christmas My Way: A Sinatra Holiday Bash,**
Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.,
and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.
Tickets available at
www.mesquiteartstheatre.org.



Dec. 10 **Mesquite Community Band: Celebrate the Season**
at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall.



Dec. 17 **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra: Nutcracker Parade**
at 5 and 7:30 p.m.
in the Concert Hall. Tickets
available at
www.mesquitesymphony.org.

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