

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2023

6, **City Council meetings:** 7 p.m. at City Hall,
20 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.

7 **STEM Program: Heart LEGO Maze.**
Children will put on their engineering hats as they design and build a Heart-shaped Lego maze. Program begins at 4 p.m. Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. 972-216-6220.

11 **STEM Program: Color Mixing Exploration.**
Children will be able to learn about chemical reactions and color theory with this hands-on sensory experiment. Program begins at 2 p.m. North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. 972-681-0465.

22 **Learn the basics of Chess:** or simply refresh your mind on the rules. For ages 12 and under. Class begins at 4 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. 972-216-6220.

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



City launches new Mesquite Pay system

The City of Mesquite now offers a more secure, convenient, and user-friendly online payment system for its customers called Mesquite Pay. The new and improved system provides many benefits to customers for fast bill pay. The new features include:

- fast bill pay;
- an improved user experience;
- a “Pay Now” feature that allows for quick payment without having to register an account;
- and registered account enhancements, including the ability to view and pay multiple accounts at once as well as view payment history and consumption information.

The enhancements are available now and include the ability to securely save your payment information, optional sign up for paperless billing with email reminders, and the opportunity to schedule automatic payments from your checking account, savings account, and credit card.

Additionally, Mesquite has implemented a new automated phone payment system allowing quick account balance review and payment with a credit card, debit card, and eCheck. Customers can pay by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, Venmo, PayPal, PayPal Credit, Amazon Pay, Google Pay, Apple Pay, and electronic checks. Also, cash payments can soon be made at more than 40 retailers.

“We are excited about these changes, and they reflect our continuing commitment to provide superior customer service,” said Director of Finance Cindy Smith. “We recognize that customers want flexibility, accessibility, convenience, and a user-friendly experience without sacrificing security. We believe these new features deliver them.”

The new Mesquite Pay system will be operational starting today. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/mesquitepay.

FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY PHONE NUMBERS

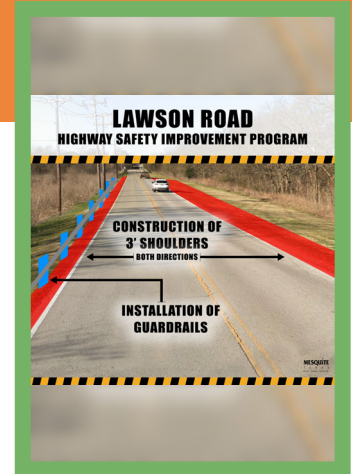
Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Employment	972-216-6218
Environmental Code Hotline	972-216-6276
Main Library	972-216-6220
Parks and Recreation	972-216-6260
Planning and Zoning	972-216-6216
Police Non-Emergency	972-285-6336
Trash Collection/Recycling	972-216-6284
Street/Alley Repair	972-216-6282
Water Billing	972-216-6208
Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups	972-216-6278

TxDOT and Mesquite to complete Lawson Road safety improvements in February

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the City of Mesquite have begun safety improvements along Lawson Road between Milam Road and Cartwright Road. Motorists will soon notice the addition of shoulders to the roadway along with new guardrails throughout the area.

Construction began in December and is expected to be completed by the end of February 2023. Motorists on Lawson Road may notice temporary lane closures during the construction period. Construction crews will make every attempt to minimize disruption to the public during construction.

For information about the project, please contact the TxDOT Project Manager at 214-320-6240.



Weather Activate Refuge for Mesquite

Weather Activated Refuge for Mesquite (WARM) is a temporary shelter for individuals known to be unsheltered or living in cars during times of extreme weather conditions based on the National Weather Service Forecast. WARM is primarily the responsibility of Sharing Life Community Outreach, a local non-profit in Mesquite that for more than 20 years has provided food and other emergency services to families in crisis.

WARM is activated when the National Weather Service expects overnight temperatures to be at freezing levels. This includes temperatures under 28 degrees or 32 degrees with a 20% chance of precipitation. Once active, our partners go out and find unsheltered neighbors in need of assistance.

To learn more about WARM or how to volunteer or donate funds or needed items, visit www.sharinglife/WARM.



Receive emergency notifications

When it comes to providing fast, accurate and reliable information or instructions, emergency alert systems must deliver. Sign up for emergency and informational notifications powered by Code Red. Opt in and choose your preferences (text, phone call, or email) to receive real-time alerts about emergencies, weather, and information that pertains to your particular neighborhood to keep you safe.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Mesquitealerts to sign up.



PARKS AND RECREATION CORNER



Playday for Kids

School is out so bring your kids for a day of fun. Playday is available on Monday, Feb. 20 and Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. The fee per child is \$20 (resident) and \$30 (non-resident). Registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 16. A \$10 late fee will be charged for registration after Feb. 16. Participants need to bring a lunch, snack, and water bottle. For more information, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PlayDays.



Daddy Daughter Dance

Tickets will go on sale Monday, Jan. 2 for the 2023 Daddy Daughter Dance. This annual event is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18. The dance will have a Masquerade theme and will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cityofmesquite.com/DaddyDaughterDance as well as all City recreation centers and the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 North Galloway Ave. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DaddyDaughterDance for more information.



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. February highlights include a tour the Stetson hat factory to see the process of crafting their iconic American hats on Feb. 10. Sign up at Evans Recreation Center starting on Jan. 27. On Thursday, Feb. 23, enjoy brunch at Bear Creek Diner. Transportation included for \$1. The group will depart from Goodbar at 11 a.m. Sign up at Goodbar Recreation Center starting Feb. 9. For more information about the Adult 50+ program, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.



Little Rookies

The Little Rookies Golf program designed for 5 and 6-year-old children uses oversized clubs, targets and balls to introduce golf in a fun and simple way. This five-week program is held on Saturdays at Dunford Recreation Center at 9 a.m. All equipment is provided. Registration is through Feb. 26, with late registration until March 1. Little Rookies Golf will begin March 4 at Dunford Recreation Center. The fee is \$35 per participant. Parent participation is required. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/LittleRookiesSports as well as all City recreation centers and the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 North Galloway Ave.

MESQUITE PARKS & RECREATION FACILITY RENTALS

For More information on any of these programs, call 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD.

Community Snapshots:

On Dec. 15, Mesquite celebrated the grand opening of two long-awaited Downtown Mesquite projects: Heritage Plaza, located at 111 S. Broad St., and Alejandro's restaurant at Front Street Station. Attendees enjoyed a come-and-go reception at Heritage Plaza, took a tour of the facility and took part in interactive activities. The first 100 to arrive received a free commemorative candle and glass.



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.



Feb. 1, 15 – Just for Kids:
In-Person series at the Downtown Mesquite Farmer's Market at 4 p.m.



Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 – 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.



Jan. 23 – March 18 Exhibition by Molly Valentine Dierks, Digital Islands (A Place Without an Ocean). Main Gallery, free admission.



Jan. 23 – March 18 Dallas Art Therapy, Behind the door: The art of art therapy in the Chamber Gallery. Visit www.dallasarttherapy.org for more information.

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