

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2023

- 2 New Year's Day (Observed). All City offices and facilities closed with the exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport and the Mesquite Animal Shelter. Recreation Centers will be open from 1 – 6 p.m. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.
- 3, 17 City Council meetings, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 11 Kids Lego Club, 4 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive, for ages 12 and under. 972-216-6220.
- 14 STEM Program: Build a Kaleidoscope. Children will be able to build their own kaleidoscope while leaning about light and reflections. Program begins at 2 p.m. at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. 972-681-0465.
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. All City offices and facilities closed with the exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport. Recreation Centers will be open from 1 – 6 p.m. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.
- 25 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays).

### 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



## 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 vAnimal 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](http://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](http://www.ShopMesquiteTX.com).



## Front Street Station earns Best Economic Game Changer award

Front Street Station was recently awarded the coveted Best Economic Game Changer by the Texas Downtown Association. The award recognizes a project, program, or promotion that had a measurable impact on a downtown or commercial district in a striking and powerful manner.

Front Street Station was completed in 2021 and is part of the Downtown Mesquite development program, which is a multi-faceted approach to revitalizing the historic heart of Mesquite. To date, the project has provided new underground infrastructure such as drainage and sanitary sewer pipes and grease traps put in place for restaurant development. Other features include building façade improvements, additional downtown parking, a pocket park walkway, and eight public art pieces placed throughout the project area.

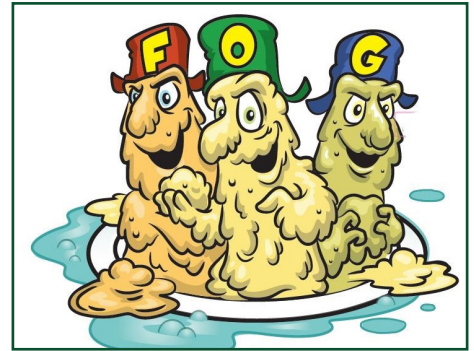


Front Street Station offers a place where the public can gather to enjoy live music, special events, art, a seasonal local farmers market, and much more. Visit [www.downtownmesquitetx.com](http://www.downtownmesquitetx.com) to learn more.

## 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 a nearby drop-off locations. Check out the Defend Your Drains website at [www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com](http://www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com). For more information about FOG and the free grease disposal bag, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FOG](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FOG).

## Call 988 for Mental Health Crises

There's no single cause for suicide. Suicide most often occurs when stressors and health issues converge to create an experience of hopelessness and despair. Depression is the most common condition associated with suicide, and it is often undiagnosed or untreated.

A new national suicide prevention line has been created directed to aid those in crisis. Call 988 anywhere at any time and you will be connected to a trained counselor. Everyone deserves a compassionate, effective mental health response in a crisis. You can also dial 988 if you are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. To learn more, visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness.



# 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)



## MARTIN LUTHER KINGS, JR. CELEBRATION

On January 14, Mesquite will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade through downtown hosted by the Mesquite NAACP. The parade is open to any business, organization, church or school that would like to participate. The celebration of Dr. King's achievements will continue at 1 p.m. with a community celebration co-hosted by the City of Mesquite, the Mesquite NAACP, and the Mesquite Independent School District at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. The event will include speeches, choir presentations, and dances.



## PLAYDAY

School is out so bring your kids for a day of fun. Playday is available on Monday, Jan. 2 and Tuesday, Jan. 3 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. There will also be a Playday on Jan. 16 at Dunford Recreation Center from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fee is \$20 per child (resident) and \$30 per child (non-resident). A \$10 late fee will be charged for registration after Dec. 29 for both sessions. Participants will need a snack, lunch, and a water bottle.



## LITTLE ROOKIES GOLF

Registration for Little Rookies Golf for children ages 5 to 6 is from Jan. 23 to Feb. 26. Sessions will begin Saturday, March 4 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 and parent participation is required.



## ADULTS 50+ - STETSON FACTORY TOUR

Join us for a tour of the Stetson hat factory to see the process of crafting their iconic American hats. The trip will cost \$1 and will be on Tuesday, Jan. 10. We will be leaving from Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street, on a bus at 9:30 a.m. Sign up begins on Dec. 27. Transportation will be provided. 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



## MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

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

The 2022 Citizens Fire Academy recently concluded. The academy is a ten-week program, held once per year in the fall, which provides Mesquite residents the opportunity to learn about the Fire Department directly from our firefighters and officers. Through both classroom education and hands-on learning with the men and women of the department, each week's class explains a different aspect of our firefighters' daily duties and responsibilities. Go to [www.cityofmesquite.com/FireAcademyApplication](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FireAcademyApplication) to apply for next year's class.



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](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).



Jan. 4 - Just for Kids:  
In-Person series at the  
Downtown Mesquite  
Farmer's Market at 4 p.m.



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](http://www.dallasarttherapy.org)  
for more information.



Jan. 28 – Just for Kids: Lion's Club  
presents a Children's Magic Show  
featuring CJ Johnson at 3 p.m. in the  
Concert Hall. Free Admission.

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972-288-7711

MAINSTREAM ESTÁ DISPONIBLE EN ESPAÑOL  
EN [WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/MAINSTREAMESPANOL](http://WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/MAINSTREAMESPANOL)

### CITY COUNCIL

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