

**COMMUNITY
CALENDAR
APRIL 2023**

- 3, **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 17 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 8 **STEM Program**: Build a Paper Rocket at 2 p.m., North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. 972-681-0465.
- 18 **Craft Program**: Easter Weaving for kids at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, at 4 p.m. 972-216-6220.
- 22 **Doggy Derby Day at the Opal Lawrence Historical Park**, 711 E. Kearney Street, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/HMI or call 972-329-8529 for more information.
- 25 **Dungeons and Dragons Academy for kids at the Mesquite Main Library**, 300 W. Grubb Drive, at 4 p.m. 972-216-6220.
- 28, **Spring Book Sale by the Friends of the Mesquite Main Library**, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Open to the public April 28, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and April 29, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 972-216-6220.

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



Mesquite Business Retention and Expansion Task Force recognizes local businesses

The Mesquite Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Task Force presented seven awards on Jan. 19 at the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. The BRE Awards honored Mesquite businesses and community members. The 2022 award winners are as follows.

Ashley Furniture was awarded the Business Legacy Award as a main player in Mesquite’s furniture sector growing by 349% in the past five years, the highest growth rate of any one sector in the city.

Derrel Lyon, aka “Mild Bill,” was awarded the Downtowner of the Year Award. Derrel is a mainstay at the Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market as a community guide and liaison, as well as an active supporter on social media.

Dakota Mattocks, District Manager for Kids Empire, was honored with the Tourism Award. Their Mesquite location is one of five in the Dallas area, the first to open in Texas, and the third to open in the entire country.

Strukmyer received the Manufacturer of the Year Award. Established in 1996, Strukmyer is a medical and pharmaceutical manufacturer that handles research and development, design, engineering, manufacturing, and packaging of specialized products.

FedEx earned the Employer of the Year Award. FedEx Ground has been a staple employer for the Mesquite community for eight years. Since building their new facility at a strategic Mesquite location, the convergence of US Hwy. 80 and IH-30, the company has offered thousands of jobs to Mesquite residents.

J&R Manufacturing was presented with the Career and Technical Partner of the Year Award. Their line of smokers, broilers and rotisseries can be found in the finest commercial kitchens and restaurants throughout the U.S. and in 50 countries worldwide.

The Credit Union of Texas received the final award, the Partner of the Year Award. The Credit Union of Texas has been a frequent supporter of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce.

We wish to extend a thank you to Elements International for sponsoring the luncheon and to Mesquite Independent School District for providing the location. For more information, contact the City of Mesquite Economic Development Department at 972-216-6446.

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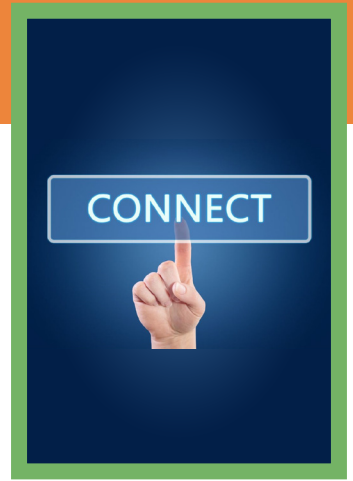
Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Employment	972-216-6218
Environmental Code Hotline	972-216-6276
Main Library	972-216-6220
Parks and Recreation	972-216-6260
Planning and Zoning	972-216-6216
Police Non-Emergency	972-285-6336
Trash Collection/Recycling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

Connect with Us

The City of Mesquite recently expanded its communication options to help citizens stay engaged and active in our community. The following are a few of the new additions.

- Call Center – The City is open 24/7. Get easy access to city information, services, questions, service requests, updates, and reports. Call 972-288-7711 for assistance in English or Spanish.
- Mesquite Alerts – Mesquite Alerts lets you know in real time about incidents in your specific neighborhood. Opt-in to receive water boil advisories, weather emergencies, chemical spills, and more. You can register to receive a recorded phone message, a text message or an email alert. Sign up at www.cityofmesquite.com/Alerts.
- La Ciudad de Mesquite, TX – The City recently launched a new Spanish language Facebook page. The new channel gives the City a way to connect directly with Hispanic residents by highlighting news and events exclusively in Spanish. Visit www.facebook.com/CiudadMesquiteTX to view the new page.

For a complete listing of communication tools including online resources, social media accounts, apps, and more, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ConnectWithUs.



Mesquite Arts Center presents “Healing Waters” art exhibition in April

The Mesquite Arts Center, in partnership with the international artist group known as Take Me to the River, will present the exhibition “Healing Waters” from April 3 - June 24. Take Me to the River is an international group of artists creating bridges across borders through art reflecting the diversities and similarities of people around the world.

An order of sequence was randomly assigned to the 23 participating artists. One artist would create a work of art and send it to the Healing Waters project manager who would then send that work of art to the next artist. No artists knew the creator of the image they were given.

Mesquite Arts Center Manager, Cohn Drennan, was the curator for the project. After the exhibition at the Mesquite Arts Center, “Healing Waters” will travel to the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Drennan has also served as curator for Take Me to the River exhibitions in Aix-en-Provence, Istanbul, and at the Wichita Falls Museum of Art where he was the Museum Director.

The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway Ave. The event is free. Visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org for more information.



Mesquite Main Library offers new study rooms

The Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, now offers four study rooms to provide a quiet place for reading, studying, or research. The three small rooms and one larger room were constructed in the existing library space and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The rooms may not be reserved.

The three smaller rooms accommodate one to two people, while the larger room accommodates small groups of two to four people to participate in tutoring or quiet discussion. For larger groups or events, the Main Library and North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, each offer a meeting room that may be reserved.

“These new additions to our library will offer a valued service to our community and were built in response to citizen input,” said Director of Library Services Virginia Mundt. “We always strive to meet our patrons’ needs and provide the best library services to the community.”

Call the Main Library at 972-216-6220, the North Branch Library at 972-681-0465, or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Library for more information.





Pond Hopper Nation's Kid Fishing Event

Mesquite Parks and Recreation is partnering with Pond Hopper Nation to provide a fun family fishing event on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Lake Park, 200 Parkview Street. This free event is designed to educate and provide a hands-on fishing experience for kids. Also included is a free fishing rod and tackle for the first 100 children that arrive. For more information, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PHNFishing.



Bunny EGGstravaganza

Join the Easter Bunny at this year's EGGstravaganza scheduled for Saturday, April 8 at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. This family-friendly event starts at 9 a.m. and includes face painting, arts and crafts, inflatables, and free pictures with the Easter Bunny. A highlight of the event includes an opportunity for kids ages 9 and under to gather candy-filled eggs in an "egg scramble." Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Bunny for more information.



Rodeo Parade

Celebrate the 65th Annual Rodeo Parade winding its way through downtown Mesquite on Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. This long-standing tradition brings together bands, floats and more from local civic clubs, churches, community groups, sports teams, schools, and local businesses. Parade entries are \$45 per group and a map of the parade route is available online at www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade.



Spring Fun Guide

The Parks and Recreation Department has published the Spring edition of the Fun Guide for February through April. Check it out to stay up to date on all the latest recreation classes, leagues, activities, and programs. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide for more information.

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 Feb. 3, City staff wore red in support of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day. Heart disease takes more lives than all cancers combined. Heart disease is not limited by age, race, or gender. Do you know the symptoms of heart attack or stroke? Visit www.goredforwomen.org for more information and helpful tips.



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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.



April 1 – Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents “Mother Earth” at 7:30 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Tickets available at www.mesquitesymphony.org.



April 6 – Courtyard Concert Series with Penny and the Flamethrowers from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Art Center's outside courtyard. This family-friendly event is free with limited bistro seating.



April 14 – Apr 30 Mesquite Arts Theatre presents “Death by Design” at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theater. Tickets available at www.mesquiteartstheatre.org.



April 15 – Mesquite Community Band performs “Made in Texas” at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall. This event is free.

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