

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 2023

- 1,8, **Farmers Market**, Downtown Mesquite, 15, Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St., 22, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 29 Enjoy live music, produce and more.
- 3, **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 17 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 4 **Independence Day**. All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.
- 6 **David Slick**: Juggling at 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.
- 10 **Adult Book Club** at 2 p.m. at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-681-0465.
- 13 **Dallas Puppet Theatre**: String Variety! at 3 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

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



Mesquite's first spray pad opens at Clay Mathis Park

The City of Mesquite has officially opened its first spray pad, the Spray Zone at Clay Mathis Park, 2181 Clay Mathis Road.

A spray pad is an interactive playground with various water features such as nozzles that spray water upward from a deck and whimsical shower-style features. The Spray Zone is part of a package of improvements to Clay Mathis Park, including new shade structures, additional parking, a new restroom building and updated playground equipment.

"These improvements and additions to our beautiful parks raise the quality of life for our residents," said Mayor Daniel Aléman. "In Mesquite, we believe that parks are an essential city service. They are aesthetically pleasing and environmentally beneficial. They enhance property values. They provide a place for neighbors to gather and for families to spend quality time together."

Spray pads were one of the highest rated park features identified by residents in the City's new Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Spray Zone will operate from May 1 through Sept. 30 annually. To learn more about the City of Mesquite's parks system and community events, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/parks.

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

Susan Cluse to join the City of Mesquite as Assistant City Manager

Susan Cluse, current City Manager for the City of Balch Springs, will assume the role of Assistant City Manager with the City of Mesquite on July 1, 2023.

"I am excited to have someone of Ms. Cluse's experience on our team. She has a great background in finance, economic development, and capital program management. She is also a very energetic leader and will make an immediate impact on our community as we continue to experience rapid growth," stated City Manager Cliff Keheley.

Prior to serving as City Manager, Cluse served as Chief Financial Officer for the City of Balch Springs and was the Assistant Director of Finance for the City of Lancaster.

"I am thrilled to become a part of the City of Mesquite's team. I'm looking forward to contributing towards the continued vitality and growth of the city," said Ms. Cluse.

Cluse is filling the vacancy created by Ted Chinn, Assistant City Manager. Mr. Chinn retired from the City of Mesquite in April after 29 years of service.



Mesquite earns Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA designation

For the 33rd consecutive year, the City of Mesquite has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Mesquite has the 10th longest tenure in the Tree City USA program of any city in Texas. Started in 1976, the Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. More than 3,600 communities nationwide have earned the designation.

To be recognized as a Tree City USA community, cities must meet four requirements: maintain a tree board or department, have a tree-care ordinance, dedicate an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and host an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Mesquite has planted more than 31,000 trees throughout the community since the inception of its Urban Forestry Program in 1988.

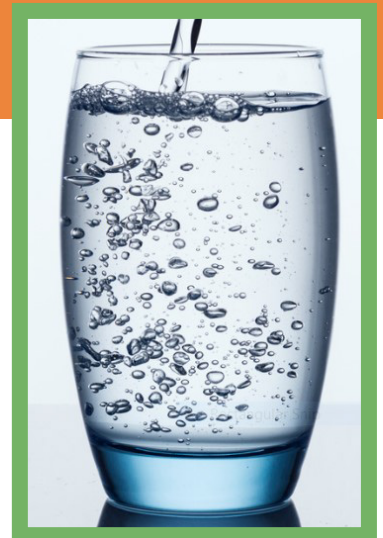
To learn more about the Tree City USA program, visit www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.



Mesquite maintains Superior Water Rating in annual water report

The City of Mesquite is required to make available to its water customers an Annual Water Quality Report as required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City of Mesquite strives to provide high quality drinking water that is safe and reliable to our customers and maintains a "superior" water system rating with the TCEQ.

The report can be viewed online at www.cityofmesquite.com/WaterQualityReport. For more information or to request a printed copy of this report, in English or Spanish, please contact the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.





Summer Camps

The City of Mesquite is offering summer camps through August 4 for children who have completed kindergarten through sixth grade. Teen Camp is also available this year for youth aged 12-15. Campers will enjoy field trips, indoor and outdoor activities, swim days, and crafts. Camps are open to both residents and non-residents of Mesquite. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To find the perfect camp for your child, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps.



Youth Volleyball Camp

This week-long camp introduces basic volleyball skills such as serving, passing, attacking, blocking, and defense for girls ages 6 - 14. The camp will be held at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way, on Monday, July 24, through Friday, July 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A second will be offered on Monday, July 31, through August 4 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$45 per participant and registration ends Sunday, July 16. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/YouthVolleyballCamp to register or for more information.



Parks and Recreation Month

Celebrate Parks and Recreation month by visiting Mesquite parks, pools, and recreation centers. Share your pictures with us by using the hashtag #MesquiteParksandRec. There is a wide variety of activities for all ages to enjoy throughout the month. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/July for more information.



Luau Pool Party

Mesquite Parks and Recreation will host a Luau Pool Party from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday, July 14, at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview St. This free event will offer swimming, fun games, and prizes. The performance of a live hula show with a fire dancer will also be featured. Event capacity is limited to 500 people due to pool restrictions. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/LuauPoolParty 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 May 19, a Movies in the Park - Touch-A-Truck interactive event for children and the young at heart was held at Paschall Park. Touch-a-Truck provides kids the opportunity to climb on, learn about, and discover their favorite big trucks and vehicles including police cars, dump trucks, tractors, and fire trucks. Vehicle operators were present to answer any questions. Afterwards, patrons enjoyed a free movie in the park with concessions.



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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.



July 6 - Courtyard Concert Series: Windy City at 7 p.m. in the Arts Center courtyard. Free event.



July 10 - August 5 - Cara Mia School of Yes! Visual Arts, Music, Dance, and Theatre. Performed in Spanish, English, and Sign Language. Ages 7 - 10 (10:30 a.m. - noon), ages 11 - 14 (12:30 - 2 p.m.) \$25 per week, per child. Scholarships available at arts@cityofmesquite.com



July 15 - Just for Kids: Printshop A Go-Go with Iron Frog Press, 10 a.m. - noon, in-person event held at the Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market, 100 W. Front Street.



July 20 - Mesquite Rocks! Naked Lunch, 7 p.m., in front of the Arts Center. Coolers and chairs are welcome. Vendors will be on-site.

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