

COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2023

- 1- **Job Seeker Support**, Monday – Saturday.
31 Schedule a 30-minute support session in person or by phone. Staff will offer help to improve job searches, job applications, resumes and practice interviews. For more information, contact the Mesquite Main Library at 972-216-6220 or the North Branch Library at 972-681-0465.
- 3 **Main Library Book Club**. Join the Book Club when it meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, in the meeting room. Enjoy sharing and discussing books with other readers ages 18 and older. August's selection is "The Flying Circus" by Susan Crandall. 972-216-6220.
- 5, **Farmers Market**, Downtown Mesquite, Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St., every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy live music, produce and more.
- 7, **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 7 **First Day of School for MISD**. Please slow down and "Drive Like Your Family Lives Here".
- 12 **Superhero Party**. Join as we celebrate superhero stories that we love at 2 p.m. at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. There will be crafts and activities available for all ages and we welcome kids to come dressed up as their favorite superhero. 972-681-0465.

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



Spread the Love to help feed children in need this summer

The City of Mesquite has launched its annual Spread the Love campaign to help feed children in need over the summer break.

Residents are invited to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly during the collection campaign which runs through Labor Day, Sept. 4, 2023.

This year, the City is also calling for donations of alternative butters that are safe for kids with nut allergies, such as sunflower seed butter or pumpkin seed butter.

Donations are being collected at four locations:

- George A. Venner, Sr. Municipal Center, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.
- Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive
- North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive

The City partners with Sharing Life Community Outreach to distribute the food collected. Sharing Life is a Mesquite-based nonprofit that runs a food pantry and provides other services including a clothes closet, job placement assistance and emergency financial support. Sharing Life accepts financial donations toward Spread the Love year-round at www.sharing.life/donate.

The Spread the Love program was developed because many kids rely on free or reduced lunches during the school year but do not have access to these programs over the summer. Spread the Love provides nutritious food kids can make at home by themselves.

Since the campaign started in 2016, Spread the Love has brought in hundreds of pounds of food as well as thousands of dollars from sponsorships. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove for more information.

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

Mayor Alemán challenges kids to read 1,000 pages this summer

Mayor Daniel Alemán invites all Mesquite children ages 5-12 to join the Mayor's 1,000-Page Reading Challenge this summer.

The challenge, which coincides with the Mesquite Public Library System's Summer Reading Club, runs from June 1 to July 31. Kids who read 1,000 pages or more will be invited to a pizza party on Aug. 5 with the Mayor to receive a certificate and prizes.

Kids can read the pages independently or have the pages read to them. To be a part of the Mesquite Mayor 1,000-Page Reading Challenge, register for the Summer Reading Club in person at the Main Library, the North Branch Library, or online at mesquitelibrary.readsquared.com.

Once registered, readers can log their pages read using READSquared, which also offers an app to track pages. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Library for more information.

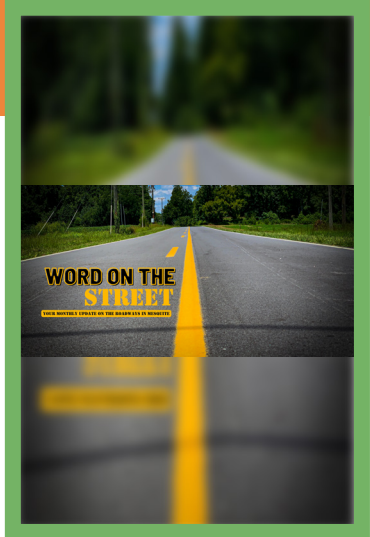


City introduces Word on the Street road report

Stay informed about current and future road work in Mesquite with Word on the Street, a new monthly road report. The June edition includes information about construction on Skyline Drive from Town East Blvd. to Peachtree Road. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreet for more information. For information and an interactive map on all current and future City of Mesquite transportation projects, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PublicWorksProjects.

Real. Texas. Roads. is the program name for the road repairs funded by the \$125 million bond sale approved by voters in November 2015. Repairs under this program are limited to residential, two-lane roadways. Learn more online at www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) manages reconstruction and repair for IH-635, IH-30, IH-20, U.S. 80, and the work on Lawson Road under the Highway Safety Improvement Program grant. For TxDOT updates, visit www.drivetexas.org.



Real. Texas. Business. news

Real. Texas. Business. news highlights new development activity in Mesquite. For more information, contact the Economic Development Department at 972-216-6446 or visit www.mesquiteecodev.com.

Officials from City of Mesquite and Urban Logistics Realty celebrated the opening of Alcott Station Park on June 14. The unique five-acre park is situated on the east side of Mesquite, at E. Glen Blvd. and E. Scyene Road, in the 100-acre Alcott Station business park that encompasses 1.5 million square feet of industrial space.

The vision for Alcott Station Park, which includes a playground for kids, a fitness area for adults, a two-mile walking trail, and a small dog park, is that it would be an oasis for the estimated 1,600 employees who will work nearby as well as the Mesquite community.

Companies already committed to moving into Alcott Station include Vehicle Accessories, Inc. and RJW Logistics. Together, these companies will bring in nearly 600 jobs to Mesquite, providing career opportunities for residents, especially in the growing Mesquite Metro Airport corridor.





Doggie Splash Day

Mesquite Parks and Recreation presents Doggie Splash Day on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon at Vanston Pool located at 2913 Oates Drive. Dogs and their owners will have the opportunity to swim together and compete in contests and races for prizes. Pre-register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/DoggieSplashDay and receive a free Pupsicle. Entry fees are \$5 for one pet and one owner, \$2 for each additional pet, and \$1 for spectators. Pet owners must bring proof of current vaccinations.



Adults 50+

The City of Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar, and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include crafts, day trips, exercise classes, lunch and more. August highlights include a tour of a museum memorializing the victims of the Holocaust followed by lunch on Aug. 10. Transportation cost is \$1 per person and meal cost is separate. The bus will depart from Evans Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. On Aug. 24, enjoy a movie at Film Alley, a dine in theater in Terrell, Texas. Transportation cost is \$7 per person and meal cost is separate. The bus will depart from Goodbar Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. Registration for each trip will open two weeks in advance. For more information and to see all Adult 50+ programs, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.



Westlake Sports

Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, offers a variety of sports classes and leagues throughout the year including Pickleball, Archery, and Tennis. Try archery for women, an introductory class for ages 17+ that runs from 11 a.m. to noon, Aug. 12 - 26. Bring the kids for a free Tennis Play Day on Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., or try a Beginner Pickleball class for ages 8+ from Aug. 9 to 30. Classes cover all the basics and require no prior knowledge or experience. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WestlakeSportsCenter for a complete list of programs.



After School Adventures

After School Adventures operates Monday through Friday, from 3 to 6 p.m. The program is managed by trained staff and offers a variety of fun and engaging activities, including arts and crafts, snacks, and dedicated homework time. It caters to children in kindergarten through 6th grade and operates in conjunction with the MISD calendar. Registration for the program begins on July 1. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA.

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:

The Creature Teacher visited the Mesquite Main Library on June 15 to teach children and let them experience nature firsthand. The program shows kids that learning can be exciting and fun. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Library to view future events.



MESQUITE
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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.



Now - Sept. 23 Exhibition by The Encaustic Center, curated by Bonny Lebowitz. Main Gallery, free admission.



Now - Sept. 23 Exhibition by Iron Frog Press, curated by Matt Bagley. Chamber Gallery, free admission.



August 5 - Just For Kids: End of Summer Camp Procession, 10 - 10:30 a.m., in Downtown Mesquite, Front Street Station, 100 W. Front Street.



August 30 - Create Your Own (Virtual Program) Caricatures with Danni Doodles at 4 p.m. with online direction at www.youtube.com/@mesquiteartscenter.



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