

COMMUNITY CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 2023

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **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.
- 4 **Labor Day.** All City offices and facilities closed with the exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport and Recreation Centers. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.
- 5, 18 **City Council meetings,** 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 7 **Kid's Book Club.** Kids can read any book in the month's theme and come to the library to discuss and participate in fun book club activities September's theme is adventure. Join us at 4 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive.
- 14 **STEM Program.** Bring your kids to make paper airplanes at 4 p.m. at the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive.
- 25 **Dino Glow Room.** Come to the Main Library for a fun Dino Program from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. There will be a dinosaur-themed glow room and fun dino crafts and activities.
- 7, 14, 21, 28 **Library Playdate.** Bring your children to the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, at 10:30 a.m. to play, socialize, and learn with fun activities.

For details on City services impacted during holidays, please visit 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



Keep Mesquite Beautiful to host 35th Anniversary Butterfly Ball

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) will celebrate its 35th Anniversary from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive, with dinner, drinks, live music, dancing, an auction, and much more. VIP reception starts at 6 p.m. general admission begins at 7 p.m. VIP tickets cost \$100 each, while general admission tickets cost \$75 each. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cityofmesquite.com/ButterflyBall.

KMB's mission is to inspire, educate, and engage the Mesquite community to recycle, reduce litter, and beautify the city. KMB's vision is to make Mesquite the cleanest, most beautiful city to live, work, and visit.

Together with its board, executive director, and volunteers, this all-volunteer non-profit community 501(c)3 organization meets its goals of litter prevention, beautification, reduction of use of resources, reuse of resources, and recycling through education and outreach opportunities in Mesquite. All projects and programs are funded solely through public donations.

Public donations are accepted year-round. To make a donation, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/donations. All donations are tax-deductible.

Susan Cluse joins the City of Mesquite as assistant city manager

Susan Cluse, previous city manager for the City of Balch Springs, assumed the role of assistant city manager with the City of Mesquite effective July 1, 2023. She will be overseeing the City's Finance Department, Mesquite Metro Airport, Human Resources Department, and Parks and Recreation Department.

"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 one of Mesquite's Assistant 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.



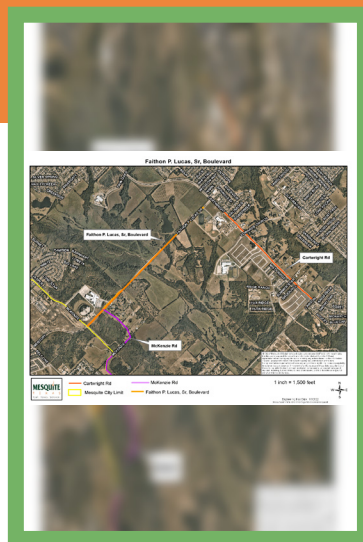
Redesign of Lucas Boulevard to improve traffic and trail system

The Mesquite City Council approved a contract with Zachry Construction Corp. to reconstruct Faithon P. Lucas Sr., Boulevard.

The roadway will be realigned and reconstructed from the existing two-lane section to a four-lane divided section from McKenzie Road to East Cartwright Road. The estimated total cost of the project is \$25 million.

The design will also include a 12-foot hike and bike trail along the north side of the roadway that connects to the City's master trail system and a roundabout connecting to the future Solterra master-planned residential development. The project also includes storm sewer, water line and sanitary sewer upgrades. In addition, a new bridge section will be constructed for eastbound lanes.

At press time, construction was set to begin in August. For more information on road construction or changes in traffic patterns, read updates or watch videos at www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreet.



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.

Mesquite will soon be home to a new plant that will manufacture solar energy equipment. Canadian Solar Inc., based in the Toronto area, recently announced that it has chosen Mesquite to establish its first U.S. facility. The company will invest \$250 million into the 91-acre industrial space located at 3000 Skyline Drive, making way for 1,500 new jobs.

Shawn Qu, founder and CEO of Canadian Solar, said that the Mesquite facility is a "key milestone" that will enable the company to better serve its U.S. customers. "We hope that this is the first of many long-term investments we expect to make in the U.S. as we think strategically about a sustainable and resilient clean energy supply chain," Dr. Qu said. "We thank the State of Texas, Dallas County, and the City of Mesquite for their critical support, and we look forward to working with them as we grow."





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. September highlights include two excursions. On Thursday, Sept. 14, experience breathtaking views from the top of the iconic Reunion Tower in Downtown Dallas followed by lunch at Cindy's New York Deli. The trip fee is \$14 per person, meal cost is separate. Registration opens on Aug. 31. Register online or at any Mesquite recreation center. On Thursday, Sept. 21, take a trip to the Dallas Zoo to see a variety of animals. The bus will depart from Evans Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. The trip fee is \$16 per person, and registration opens on Sept. 7. Register online or at any Mesquite recreation center. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.



After School Adventures

Register your child in the After School Adventures program. After School Adventures is an after-school program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade that operates in conjunction with the Mesquite ISD calendar. 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, Monday through Friday, from 3 to 6 p.m. The monthly cost of After School Adventures is \$100 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Program locations are at Achziger Elementary School, Beasley Elementary School (Dunford Recreation Center), Florence Elementary School, McKenzie Elementary School (Goodbar Recreation Center), Rutherford Elementary School, Shaw Elementary School, and Thompson Elementary School. Please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA for more information.



Guts and Gory Zombie Run

Zombies have been reported to be taking over the park at Camp Rorie Galloway requiring evacuation. Do you have what it takes to survive and escape? Experience a zombie apocalypse at the "Guts and Gory" Zombie Run and Challenge scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Camp Rorie Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. The fee to participate is \$25 per person and space is limited. For more information and registration, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/GutsAndGoryRun.



Little Rookies Baseball / Softball

Little Rookies is a five-week program designed to introduce 3 and 4-year-olds to basic baseball and softball skills such as throwing, catching, and hitting. Registration is open from Monday, Sept. 11 to Sunday, Oct. 8. The program begins on Saturday, Oct. 16 at Dunford Recreation Center. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$40 per participant. Parent participation is required. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/LittleRookiesBaseball for more information or to register.

Community Snapshots:

On July 29, Mesquite residents beat the heat and celebrated “Pop Up at the Park” at the new spray pad at Clay Mathis Park. “Pop Up at the Park” featured free popsicles, games, and more at the Spray Zone, which officially opened on May 1. A spray pad is an interactive playground with whimsical water features.



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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.



Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 Tote-and-Go Services. Free pick-up on Mondays at noon inside the Mesquite Arts Center's lobby. First-come, first-served. Providing 100 kits per week.



Sept. 16 Enjoy an evening with the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra as they perform a Short Ride in America at 7 p.m. in the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall. Tickets available for purchase at www.mesquitesymphony.org.



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