

COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2023

Oct. 23- **Early voting for Tax Rate Election Day.** Visit
Nov. 3 www.cityofmesquite.com/2023TaxElection for more information.

4 **Mesquite Recycles Day**, from 8 a.m. to noon in the front parking lot of Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive. Vehicles enter the event through the front entrance on Galloway Ave. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RecyclesDay for details.

7 **Tax Rate Election Day.** Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/2023TaxElection for more information.

4, 11, 18, 25 **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.

6, 20 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.

23 **Thanksgiving holiday.** 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.

24 **Thanksgiving Friday.** All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport, Recreation Centers, Solid Waste, the Compost Facility and Convenience Center. Trash will be collected, but recycling will not be collected. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.

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



Free electric vehicle charging offered in two locations until 2024

The City of Mesquite is offering free electric vehicle charging in two locations for the next year.

The City received a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as part of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement program. The grant covered the cost to purchase and install three dual-port Level II Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers.

The grant also will provide free charging to the public through August 2024. After that time, the City will charge a fee to residents to use the EV chargers.

“EV ownership is on the rise, but there is a need for more public charging stations,” said City Manager Cliff Keheley. “We are excited to offer this technology to our residents and provide services to a growing community of EV drivers.”

EV charging stations locations:

- Mesquite Municipal Center, 1515 N. Galloway Ave. – Two EV chargers with the capacity to charge four vehicles.
- Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. – One EV charger with the capacity to charge two vehicles.

Mesquite Animal Shelter finds homes for 107 pets during Clear the Shelters month

The Mesquite Animal Shelter placed 107 pets in homes in August, national Clear the Shelters month. Animal Services hosted a special one-day event on Aug. 26 with free adoptions and offered discounted adoption fees throughout the month when people donated jars of jelly, peanut butter or seed butter to the City's Spread the Love campaign.

"Between Spread the Love and our event, August was a great month," said Hugo Espinoza, Animal Services Manager. "More than 250 people visited on Aug. 26. There was such positive energy. It was exciting to see so many wonderful pets find forever homes."

Clear the Shelters was started in 2015 by NBCUniversal Local and is now cohosted with Telemundo. The nationwide pet adoption and donation campaign runs every August. Across the country, Clear the Shelters has helped more than 1 million pets find new homes. So far, an estimated 135,000 adoptions have been recorded for the 2023 campaign.

To see the pets currently available for adoption, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalsInTheShelter. Not able to adopt? Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices to find out how you can volunteer at the shelter and make financial contributions or donations of items.

The Mesquite Animal Shelter is located at 1650 Gross Road in Mesquite. Regular operating hours are 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The shelter is open 1-5:30 p.m. on Saturday and is closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.



Mesquite Police Department offers Halloween safety tips

The Mesquite Police Department wishes everyone a happy Halloween and offers the following safety tips for trick-or-treating.

- Wear highly visible clothing which can be detectable during nighttime hours or use reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- A responsible adult should accompany all young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Carry flashlights with fresh batteries or glow sticks to increase visibility.
- Plan and review an acceptable route with older children if they are trick-or-treating without an adult and agree on a specific time to return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. Never cut across yards or use alleyways.
- Cross the street as a group in established crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or out of driveways.
- Do not assume motorists will stop. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters.
- Carry a cellphone for quick communication.
- Notify the Mesquite Police Department immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Motorists are also reminded to stay alert and be mindful of their speed. More traffic safety tips are available at www.drivelikeyourfamilyliveshere.org.



Defend your drains

Defend your drains and pipes by properly disposing your leftover grease and food scraps. Fats, oils and grease (FOG) are residues left over from cooking meats, cooking oil, butter, shortening, lard, as well as food products such as mayonnaise, salad dressings, and sour cream. FOG and debris poured down drains can build up in pipes and cause backups in both private and the City-maintained sewer system. Here are some tips to avoid expensive plumbing repairs and damage to the sewer system:

- Scrape or wipe cooled fat or grease from all cookware and dishware and dispose in the trash.
- Pour or scrape grease into a sturdy closed-lid container, like a coffee container, and dispose in the trash.
- Recycle large amounts of cooking oil or grease at the Dallas County Household Hazardous Waste facility, 11234 Plano Road in Dallas.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Utilities or DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com for more tips and information.





Adults 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar, and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include crafts, day trips, exercise classes, and more. Highlights in November include a Thanksgiving Potluck. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal at each center. Registration opens two weeks before the events listed below.

- Wednesday, Nov. 15, at Goodbar Recreation Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 16, at Evans Recreation Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 21, at Rutherford Recreation Center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus for more information about these events and others.



Turkey Camp

Turkey Camp will be offered during the Thanksgiving break for students in kindergarten through 5th grade and teens in 6th grade through 8th grade from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Students can spend a day or the entire week playing games, creating holiday crafts, and experiencing other fun activities. Camp will be available Nov. 20 - 24 at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. The fee is \$20 per day, per resident, and \$30 per day, per non-resident. No camp will be offered on Thursday, Nov. 23. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps.



Veterans Day Celebration

Visit the Mesquite Veterans Memorial, 425 S. Galloway Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to honor and celebrate our nation's veterans with remarks from various community leaders. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/VeteransDayCelebration for more information of the celebration.

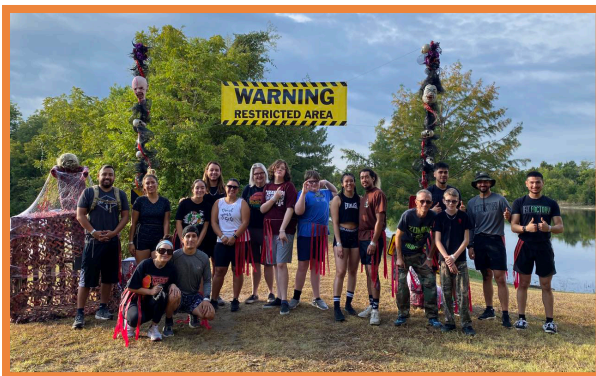


Hang Time

Register for this new after-school program for teens in 6th through 8th grade to hang out with friends, play e-sports, and participate in other fun activities. Hang Time will be held exclusively from 3:40 to 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. The fee is \$100 per month for residents and \$110 per month for non-residents. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA for more information.

Community Snapshots:

On Sept. 16, zombies were reported to be taking over the park at Camp-Rorie Galloway requiring evacuation. Mesquite residents joined in the fun zombie apocalypse at the “Guts and Gory” Zombie Experience.



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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 - Dec. 17 Playground in Terlingua exhibition The works of Winter Rusiloski and Angel Fernandez explore space and play through sculptures, paintings, photographs, and video, all generated in the context of their remote studio playground in the high desert of Big Bend. Free admission.



Nov. 4 Lumen Prints with Ashley Whitt. Learn about the lumen print process and make two small lumen prints with local artist Ashley Whitt during our Just For Kids event from 10 a.m. to noon at the Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market, 100 W. Front Street. Free event.



Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 Tote-and-Go Services. Free pick-up at noon inside the Mesquite Arts Center lobby. First-come, first-served. Providing 100 kits per week.



Nov. 29 Chinese New Year. Join the Mesquite Arts Council as they welcome Dallas illustrator Joe Cadena to instruct you on how to draw images inspired by Chinese New Year. This virtual program will be held from 4 to 4:30 p.m. and is intended for individuals 8 years old and up. Look out for this series every other month on the Mesquite Arts Center's YouTube channel.



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