

**COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR  
JANUARY 2024**

- 1 **New Year's Day.** All City offices and facilities closed with the exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport, Evans Recreation Center will be open from 2-6 p.m. No commercial, residential trash or recycling collected. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.
- 2, 16 **City Council meetings,** 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 4, 17 **Kids Lego Club,** 4 p.m. on Jan. 4 at North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, and 4 p.m. on Jan. 17 at the Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive, for ages 12 and under.
- 9 **Town Hall Tuesday.** The Town Hall Tuesday program was initiated in 2016 to educate and engage citizens. Every Town Hall Tuesday features a new topic and includes activities to interact with City staff. Unless specifically stated, Town Hall Tuesdays are held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- 13 **MLK Parade & Celebration** held in partnership with the Mesquite NAACP. Parade begins at 10 a.m. and travels through Downtown Mesquite. Community celebration at 1 p.m. at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave.
- 15 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.** All City offices and facilities closed with the exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport. No recycling collected. Recycling collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day. Commercial and residential trash will be collected.
- 16-20 **Passive Craft:** Blackout Poetry. Join the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, in celebrating Edgar Allen Poe's birthday with some Blackout Poetry. Patrons of any age can take one of our copies of a book page and create their own poem by blacking out the page leaving only the words they select to be visible. 972-681-0465.

For details on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://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



**STREETS, COMMUNITY CARE  
AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Tax Rate Election 2023

**Proposition A approved by  
voters, new Councilmembers  
elected**

Voters approved the City of Mesquite's Proposition A measure that will provide funding for roadway and alley reconstruction, additional police officers, a new fire station, staffing and equipment to operate the fire station, and a new Behavioral Health Division. Voters approved the measure by 63%.

In August, the Mesquite City Council unanimously approved the City's 2023-24 budget that necessitated an increase in the tax rate of \$0.03186 per \$100 ad valorem value. State law requires voter approval of the tax rate increase due to the additional revenue exceeding the tax cap of 3.5%.

"We are grateful for the support of our residents for Proposition A, which will allow us to address many needs and be ready for growth in the community," said City Manager Cliff Keheley.

Also in the November election, Mayor Daniel Alemán, Councilmember Jeff Casper (Place 1), Councilmember Kenny Green (Place 2) and Councilmember Tandy Boroughs (Place 4) ran unopposed and were automatically re-elected. Councilmember B.W. Smith (Place 5) was re-elected.

The election also had historic results with the two newly elected Councilmembers. Brandon Murden (Place 6) is the first African American resident elected to the Council, and Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross (Place 3) will be the first Hispanic woman to serve on the Council.

## Shop local this holiday season

With the holiday shopping season approaching, the City of Mesquite is encouraging citizens to shop local in Mesquite. Shopping at businesses and eating at restaurants in Mesquite helps business owners and the local economy. As residents shop in Mesquite, their money goes to work in Mesquite. Sales tax revenue makes up more than 25% of the City's general fund. That fund provides the financial resources for most City services provided to residents and their families. The largest portion of the general fund is public safety, which includes the Mesquite Police Department, Mesquite Fire Department and 911 Dispatch. The fund also supports Mesquite Animal Services, the Parks and Recreation Department and a variety of quality-of-life programs.

Worried about traffic? The City continues to promote alternate driving directions to shoppers for key destinations in Mesquite, such as Town East Mall. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes) for more information. The page offers ways to shop more and drive less by using different roads to travel and avoid traffic.

This holiday season, shop local, dine local and buy local. Learn more about shopping local at [www.ShopMesquiteTX.com](http://www.ShopMesquiteTX.com).



**SHOP  
MESQUITE**  
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

## 2024 Neighborhood Summit to be held on Feb. 24

The City of Mesquite is hosting the seventh annual Neighborhood Summit on Feb. 24 at the Mesquite Independent School District Professional Development Center Addition, 3819 Towne Crossing Blvd. The Mesquite Neighborhood Summit is open to all residents and is free. It will feature guest speakers and more, to educate and provide helpful tips on how to get involved with the City and in your neighborhood. It also provides residents the opportunity to network with their neighbors and City staff. Registration and networking will begin at 8:15 a.m. the morning of the event, and the program will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A continental breakfast will be available for attendees. Attendees will be able to visit information tables as well as obtain neighborhood and city related information.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/NeighborhoodSummit](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/NeighborhoodSummit) or call 972-216-6348 for more information.



## Celebrate safely on New Year's Eve

The possession and use of fireworks in Mesquite is illegal, as is discharging firearms into the air. The penalties for fireworks and gunfire can be costly, with as much as a \$4,000 fine and the possibility of up to one year in jail for the illegal discharge of a firearm, City fines and court costs up to \$835 for the discharge of fireworks or \$585 for the possession of illegal fireworks. Driving while intoxicated can lead up to \$17,000 in fines, possible jail time and loss of a driver's license.

To report fireworks violations, call 972-204-4888, send an email to [fireworks@mesquitelocalpolice.org](mailto:fireworks@mesquitelocalpolice.org) or fill out an online report at [https://apps.cityofmesquite.com/police\\_web/report/](https://apps.cityofmesquite.com/police_web/report/). Please do not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency and immediate help is required from police, fire or paramedics.



**CELEBRATE SAFELY**  
**NO**  
**FIREWORKS  
GUNFIRE  
DWI**



## Daddy Daughter Dance

Get your groove on at the annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, Feb. 17. The theme this year is Disco. The dance is for all ages and includes light snacks, refreshments, live music, professional photography, and themed selfie-stations. The dance will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Tickets: \$20 per person, per session. Session 1: 4 - 6 p.m. and Session 2: 7 - 9 p.m. Ticket sales begin Wednesday, Jan. 8, and may be purchased online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/DaddyDaughterDance](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/DaddyDaughterDance), at any recreation center or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.



## Teen Turnout

Teen Turnout is a new and exciting series of free monthly events for teens ages 12-17. Each Teen Turnout event will feature a different theme and unique activities, so there's something for everyone. Join the fun every second Saturday of each month (excluding March, July, and December), for an exciting array of activities designed just for teens. Whether your teen is into gaming, music, sports, art, or just hanging out with friends, Teen Turnout is the place to be. Mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 13, the first Teen Turnout event of 2024. Teens (with a valid school I.D.) can enjoy free food, music, and fun at Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive, from 6-8 p.m. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens) for more information.



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Saturday, Jan. 13, with the City of Mesquite in partnership with the Mesquite NAACP and Mesquite ISD. A parade will take place in Downtown Mesquite starting at 10 a.m., followed by a community celebration at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave., starting at 1 p.m. The community celebration will feature remarks by church pastors and community leaders, dances, musical performances, and monologues. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MLKCelebration](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MLKCelebration) for more information.

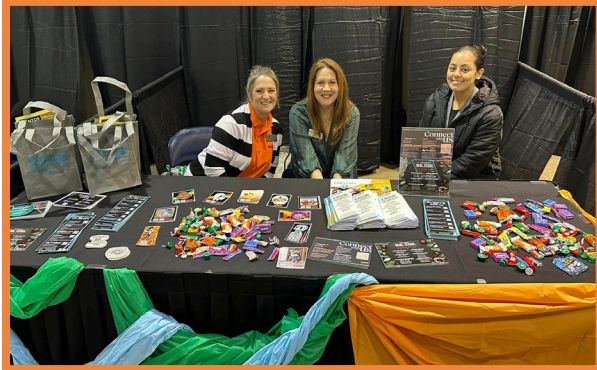


## Play Days

When school is out, bring your kindergarten through 8th graders to Dunford Recreation Center at 1015 Green Canyon Drive for a day of fun featuring activities, games, and snacks. The first Play Day of 2024 is available on Monday, Jan. 8, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. The fee is \$20 per child (residents) and \$30 per child (non-residents). A \$10 additional late fee will be charged for registration after Thursday, Jan. 4. Participants will need to bring a lunch, snack and water bottle. Play Days are offered throughout the year, operating in conjunction with the Mesquite ISD school calendar. For more information, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PlayDays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PlayDays).

# Community Snapshots:

The City of Mesquite was proud to be a co-sponsor with the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce of the very first Live-Work-Play in Mesquite, Texas Expo on Nov. 4. The free business expo and job fair highlighted the products, services and career opportunities available here in Mesquite.



MESQUITE  
ARTS  
CENTER

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](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).



**Jan. 22 - March 16 Environs: Architectural Photography in and Around Mesquite** exhibition. The Mesquite Arts Center presents the first annual installment of architectural photography that highlights the city of Mesquite and local artists. Free admission.



**Facility Rental.** The Mesquite Arts Center is the perfect location for any event you might want to host. Select the setting that works best for you including the Concert Hall, Rehearsal Hall, Black Box Theatre, Library, or Conference Room. Please contact us at [arts@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:arts@cityofmesquite.com) for more details.

Please note the Mesquite Arts Center will be taking a break from kids' events. Programs will return on Monday, Feb. 5, 2024, with Tote-and-Go Services.



@MesqArtsCenter

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Daniel Alemán Jr., Mayor

Jeff Casper, District 1  
Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross, District 3  
B.W. Smith, District 5

Kenny Green, District 2  
Tandy Boroughs, District 4  
Brandon Murden, District 6