

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH 2024

- 2 **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)** The first Saturday of the month. For teens who will work in a group to help the library plan and facilitate other teen programs. For more information, call 972-216-6220.
- 4, 18 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 9 **Spring Fling Kick-Off Party**, 2 p.m. at North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr. Join us to celebrate the start of spring break with an exciting guest, outdoor games and crafts.
- 11 **Tea & Crafts for Adults**, 6-7:30 p.m. at Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr. Relax with a cup of tea and let your crafty side come out! Free event. For more information, call 972-216-6220.
- 23 **HMI's Vintage Car Show**, 3-6 p.m. at Opal Lawrence Historical Barn, 711 E. Kearney St. Showcase your beloved classic car with the legendary Lawrence home as a backdrop. Trophies and prizes will be awarded. Visit [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org) for more information.
- 23 **HMI's Drive-in Movie**, 7-10 p.m. at Opal Lawrence Historical Barn, 711 E. Kearney St. An evening under the stars with the 1978 classic, Grease. Play for pre-movie trivia prizes. \$25 per car. Visit [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org) for more information.
- 30 **Bunny EGGstravaganza** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest St. This family-friendly celebration of the spring season is for all ages to enjoy. Free pictures with the Easter Bunny.

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



### “Driveway service” trash collection focus to start in the spring

The Mesquite City Council has approved a change for trash collection that will focus on “driveway service.” Starting on March 4, trash will be collected at the end of residents’ driveways. The change will affect about 7,700 homes.

“It’s easy to remember. Wherever your driveway is – whether that’s in the front or back, that is where your trash will be collected starting on March 4,” said Tony Carson, Director of Solid Waste. “Making this change to trash collection will save taxpayers money and improve services.”

Collection days will not change, and the City will continue to assist elderly and disabled residents who let Solid Waste know they need help putting out their trash. Residents can visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/solidwaste](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/solidwaste) to see maps of specific streets affected by the change. City officials made the change for selected areas due to the difficulty and danger of trash collection trucks negotiating older, narrow alleys.

Switching to front pickup in certain neighborhoods will make the alleys safer and cleaner, cause fewer ruts in the alleys and help trash vehicles avoid damage to fences and utilities. The change will help the City avoid spending an estimated \$50 million in alleyway pavement repairs.

The changes to collection location will not change the City’s requirements for solid waste, which includes trash being secured in trash bags within an approved container, specific times on when the trash can be set out for collection, and limits on bulky items.

## Sign up to receive emergency safety notifications

When it comes to providing fast, accurate and reliable information or instructions, emergency alert systems must deliver. Sign up for emergency and informational notifications powered by Code Red. Opt in and choose your preferences (text, phone call, or email) to receive real-time alerts about emergencies, weather, and information that pertains to your particular neighborhood to keep you safe. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteAlerts](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteAlerts) to sign up.



## Mayor challenges community to Get Fit in 2024

Mayor Daniel Alemán Jr. is challenging the community to Get Fit mentally, physically and financially in 2024. Get Fit Mesquite is a self-improvement program that encourages residents to practice health and wellness. From mental health workshops and financial tips to fitness challenges and discounts on fitness classes at recreation centers, residents will have opportunities to learn more about how to get in shape during the new year. Learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/GetFitMesquite](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/GetFitMesquite). Programming is ongoing and will continue all year long, so visit often.



## Mesquite employees support local charities

City of Mesquite employees raised more than \$51,000 for local charities through the 2023 Real. Texas. Giving. Campaign – a 28 percent increase from the previous year. Real. Texas. Giving. ran from October to November 2023. City of Mesquite employees donated through payroll deduction, raffles, participating in contests and a silent auction. In the past five years, City employees have donated more than \$300,000 through the campaign to local charitable organizations, programs and services that support the Mesquite community.





## Teen Turnout

April 13, 6-8 p.m. at Evans Recreation Center  
The City of Mesquite is hosting a series of free events for teens in 2024 called Teen Turnout. The events are designed for students ages 12-17, and activities include music, games, open gym, food, crafts and more. Teen Turnout is part of the City's Real. Texas. Teens. initiative that empowers youth with opportunities for personal growth and community engagement. Teen Turnout will be held on various Saturdays throughout the year at different locations across Mesquite. For specific information about Teen Turnout dates and locations and other programming for youth, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens).



## Bunny EGGstravaganza

March 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Evans Recreation Center  
Bunny EGGstravaganza is a family-friendly celebration of the spring season for all ages to enjoy. At the center of the event, children 9 and under are separated into age groups and gathered colorful, candy-filled eggs in a FREE egg scramble. Other activities included, face painting, arts and crafts, and FREE pictures with the Easter Bunny. With its festive atmosphere and diverse range of activities, the City of Mesquite Bunny EGGstravaganza is a great celebration for the arrival of spring.



## Spring Break Camp

Spring Break is almost here! Join in for a day or week of fun at Dunford Recreation Center (1015 Green Canyon Dr.). Camp is scheduled for Monday, March 11, through Friday, March 15, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for kindergarten through sixth grade students. Campers can enjoy crafts, activities, and fun games. The price per day, per camper for residents is \$20, \$30 for non-residents. Registration ends Thursday, March 7. For more information, please visit: [www.cityofmesquite.com/KidCare](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/KidCare).



## After School Adventures

Designed for Kindergarten through sixth graders, ASA offers engaging activities, arts and crafts, homework support, and snacks. Register for a fun-filled after school experience that aligns with the Mesquite ISD calendar. Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. \$100 per month for residents, \$110 per month for non-residents.



## Hang Time

A new after school program for teens in sixth through eighth grade to hang out with friends, play e-spots, and participate in other fun activities. Held Monday-Friday from 3:40-6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center. \$100 per month for residents, \$110 per month for non-residents.

# Community Snapshots:

Congratulations to Denny's Diner on its grand re-opening last month. The restaurant's remodeling plans for its diner in Mesquite's popular Market East area were disrupted by the pandemic. Updates were completed and the diner looks egg-cellent! Visit Denny's on West Emporium Circle.



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The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway Ave. For more information, events or facility rentals, please call 972-216-8132 or visit [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).



**March 7, Courtyard Concert Series at the MAC, 7-9 pm.,** Beyond The Pale delivers a wild musical ride outside the boundaries of convention. Delighting audiences for over 20 years, the band is grounded in the traditional roots music of Ireland, and Scotland with imaginative ventures across musical borders.



**March 11-15, Spring Break Camp** \$50 per child, open to kids ages 6 to 16. Sponsorships available at the MAC.



**Now through March 16, Kim Cadmus Owens "Place"** on display until March 16 in the Main Gallery



**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.



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