

**COMMUNITY  
CALENDAR  
APRIL 2024**

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

1, **AARP Free Tax Assistance**, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,  
8, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive.  
15 Assistance for low and moderate-income  
taxpayers to those aged 60 and older. First  
come, first served.

6 **STEM Program: Eclipse Programs** at the  
Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive,  
and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates  
Drive, at 3 p.m. Families can learn the  
science behind the solar eclipse and  
celebrate this special event. Attendees will  
be given eclipse glasses at 4 p.m.

20 **Doggy Derby Day at the Opal Lawrence  
Historical Park**, 711 E. Kearney St., from 10 a.m.  
to 1 p.m. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/HMI](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/HMI) or  
call 972-329-8529 for more information.

26, **Spring Book Sale by the Friends of the Mesquite  
Main Library**, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Open to the  
public April 26, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and April 27, 9 a.m.  
- 3 p.m. Cash or check only. 972-216-6220.

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



**Solar Rodeo Eclipse Weekend**

On the afternoon of April 8, a total solar eclipse will be visible from Mesquite. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will be celebrated by Mesquite with a full weekend of festivities and community events from April 6 to April 8.

Totality will begin in Mesquite at 1:40 p.m. and peak at 1:42 p.m. In total, Mesquite will be in totality for 4 minutes and 8 seconds - longer than any other urban city in the DFW Metroplex.

A total solar eclipse is a rare event where the moon passes between the sun and earth, completely blocking the sun from the face of the earth.

For those in the path of totality during a total solar eclipse, the sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk. Bright stars or planets may shine in the dark sky and air temperatures will suddenly drop as the sun disappears. As the moon continues to pass across the sun, the sky will appear similar to a 360 degree sunrise and the temperatures will climb again as the sun begins to shine.

Solar Rodeo's schedule of events are as follows:

**Saturday, April 6**

- Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market Season Kick-Off, Front Street Station, at 9 a.m.
- Rodeo Parade through Downtown Mesquite at 10 a.m.
- Downtown Mesquite "Music & Moonlight" Block Party at Front Street Station from 6 to 11 p.m.
- Mesquite Symphony Performance at the Mesquite Arts Center at 7 p.m.

**Sunday, April 7**

- "Eclipse Over Texas" showing in English at the Mesquite ISD Planetarium at 1 p.m. Ticket required.
- "Eclipse Over Texas" showing in Spanish at the Mesquite ISD Planetarium at 1:45 p.m. Ticket required.
- Music Festival at the Mesquite Arena at 2 p.m.

**Monday, April 8**

- Downtown Mesquite Eclipse Watch Party at Front Street Station from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Mesquite Arts Center Eclipse Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Total Eclipse Watch Party at Opal Lawrence Historical Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Solar Eclipse in the Park at Paschall Park from noon to 3 p.m.

Visit [www.thesolarrodeo.com](http://www.thesolarrodeo.com) for more information.

## New Mesquite Natatorium open to the public

The new Mesquite Natatorium opened to the public on Feb. 12. This new facility is the result of the incredible partnership between the City of Mesquite, Mesquite ISD and Dallas College - Eastfield Campus.

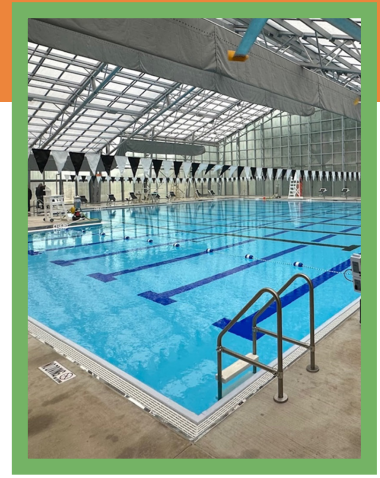
Formerly known as the aquatic center of Dallas College Eastfield Campus, the Mesquite Natatorium has been expanded and upgraded to serve the entire community.

"At a time when cities across the country are closing public pools due to a lack of funding and staffing, we are very excited to be able to provide this space," said Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr. We are truly grateful for the incredible partnerships the City has with the school district and with Dallas College at Eastfield. The Natatorium is the direct result of the spirit of our partnership."

The most innovative aspect of the 13,580-square-foot natatorium is its transparent OpenAire aluminum structure, which allows for year-round usage regardless of weather conditions. The design enables the enclosure to open during good weather, providing an outdoor pool experience.

The natatorium will be open to the community. The facility will have swim lessons, water exercise classes and lap swimming, plus open swim times to the public on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

The Natatorium is located on the Eastfield Campus, 3737 Motley Drive. Details, admission fees and hours of operation can be found at [www.cityofmesquite.com/Natatorium](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Natatorium).



## Mesquite Animal Shelter expansion project underway

Construction is in full swing on the expansion at the Mesquite Animal Shelter, 1650 Gross Road. The \$4 million project that will add more than 2,800 square feet to the Shelter began last December and is expected to be completed in the late summer of 2024.

The addition will add one-third more dog and cat adoption kennels and includes a new clinic space for veterinary services, five new outdoor play yards for large and small pets, and updates to the Shelter's lobby to create a more inviting atmosphere for potential adopters.

"We are excited to be able to expand and create a more comfortable space for the animals and for people interested in adopting," said Maria Martinez, Director of Neighborhood Services.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices) or call 972-216-6283 for more information.



## Trash Bash to be held on April 27

Come out on April 27 and join hundreds of volunteers as we work to keep Mesquite beautiful. Trash Bash is a wonderful opportunity for families, neighbors, and groups to get outside and participate in a community litter cleanup event.

Volunteers are asked to preregister to help event organizers coordinate supplies and cleanup site locations. All Trash Bash participants need to also complete a volunteer application at [www.cityofmesquite.com/KMB](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/KMB).

Supplies will be available to pick up at the Town East Mall parking lot marquee between 8 and 9 a.m. on the day of the event. Volunteers will be provided with trash grabbers, safety vests, disposable gloves, sanitizer, and trash bags while supplies last.

Contact KMB with any questions or concerns at 972-329-8331 or email [KMB@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:KMB@cityofmesquite.com).





## Rodeo Parade

Celebrate the 66th Annual Rodeo Parade winding its way through downtown Mesquite on Saturday, April 6, at 10 a.m. This long-standing tradition brings together bands, floats and more from local civic clubs, churches, community groups, sports teams, schools, and local businesses. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade) for more information and a map of the parade route.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE IN THE PARK

## Solar Eclipse in the Park

Grab your favorite picnic blanket for a once in a lifetime cosmic experience featuring yard games, music, and more on Monday, April 8 from noon to 3 p.m. at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. Solar viewing glasses will be provided while supplies last. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Eclipse](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Eclipse) for more information on this free event.



## Family Fish

Mesquite Parks and Recreation Family Fish event is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with the people you love. Arrive early for a chance to receive a free fishing rod while supplies last. Participate in our smallest or largest fish tournament for a chance to win a prize on Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at City Lake Park, 200 Parkview Street. For more information, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FamilyFish](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FamilyFish).



## Spring Fun Guide

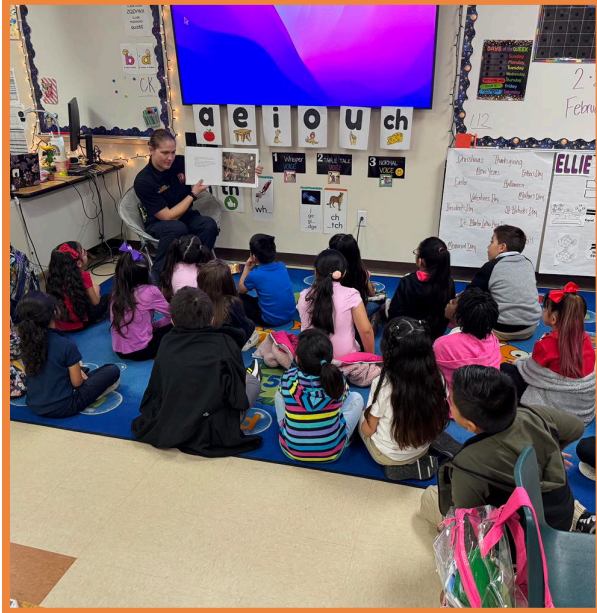
The Parks and Recreation Department has published the Spring edition of the Fun Guide for January through April. Check it out to stay up to date on all the latest recreation classes, leagues, activities, and programs. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FunGuide) for more information.

## MESQUITE PARKS & RECREATION FACILITY RENTALS

For More information on any of these programs, call 972-216-6260 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD).

# Community Snapshots:

On Feb. 12, Fire Engine 4 firefighters went to read to students at McWhorter Elementary School. The students also got to see and learn about the fire engine as well as ask questions about the duties of firefighters.



MESQUITE  
ARTS  
CENTER

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).



**April 8 Eclipse Day Crafts.** Tote-and-Go services from noon to 1 p.m. Please register at [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org). 972-216-8132.



**April 22 Earth and Arbor Day.** Tote- and-Go services from noon to 1 p.m. This service will include various Earth-themed crafts. Please register at [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org). 972-216-8132.



**April 29 Superheroes and Star Wars.** Tote-and-Go services from noon to 1 p.m. Please register at [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org). 972-216-8132.



**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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