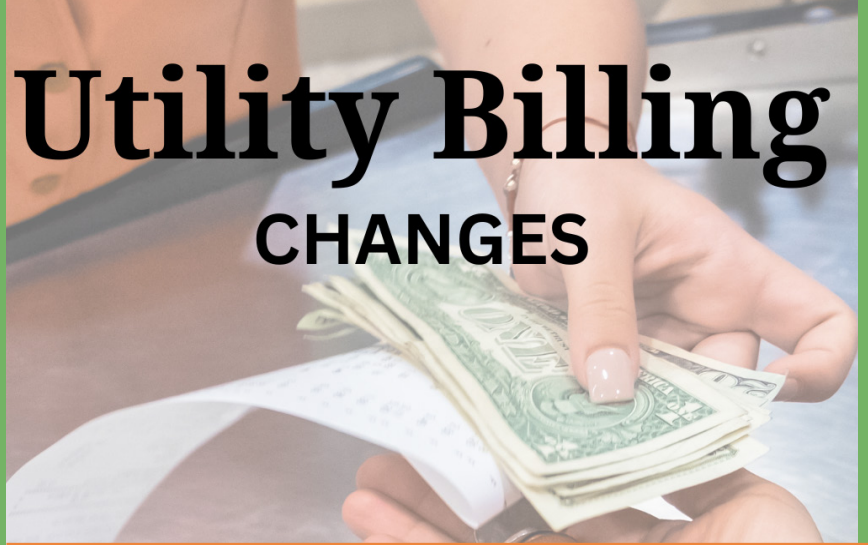


COMMUNITY CALENDAR JUNE 2024

- 1 **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**, First Saturday of the month. Looking for teens to help the library plan youth programs. For information, call 972-216-6220.
- 1 **Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Party**, 10:30 a.m., North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr.
- 1 **District 2 Picnic**, 11 a.m., Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way. Meet up with your Councilmember and neighbors while enjoying some food.
- 3, 17 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 3 **Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Party**, 10 a.m., Main Library, 300 W. Grubb St.
- 7 **Dive-In Movie**, 7-10 p.m. at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview St. Enjoy a free movie outdoors while floating or relaxing poolside. Limited to 500 attendees.
- 7-23 **"Noises Off,"** Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. Classic English farce that's a play within a play presented by Mesquite Arts Theatre. Visit www.mesquiteartstheatre.org for showtimes and tickets.
- 8 **District 6 Picnic**, 11 a.m., Rorie-Galloway Day Camp, 3100 Lawson Rd. Meet up with your Councilmember and neighbors while enjoying some food.
- 8 **District 3 Picnic**, 11 a.m., KidsQuest-Debusk Park, 1625 Gross Rd. Meet up with your Councilmember and neighbors while enjoying some food.
- 19 **Juneteenth holiday**. All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport and Compost Facility & Convenience Center. Trash will be collected; recycling will not be collected.
- 22 **NAACP Juneteenth Festival**, 2-6 p.m. at Paschall Park, 101 New Market Road. Free celebration including food, vendors, music and entertainment. Visit www.mesquitenaacp.com for info.

Utility Billing CHANGES



Utility Billing adjusts hours, cash handling policy

Utility Billing is changing its in-person hours and the way it processes cash payments.

Starting May 6, 2024, in-person hours for Utility Billing will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The change in hours will allow employees to process online requests, which include applications for new service, leak adjustment requests, and requests to disconnect service.

Another change that starts on May 6 is that the Utility Billing Office will no longer provide change in amounts less than \$1. Any additional amount of change owed to the customer will be automatically applied to the next month's bill as a credit.

Eliminating coins from the change-making process simplifies cash transactions for cashiers and makes paying in person faster for everyone. Customers paying in cash may continue to use coins when paying a utility bill in person, and customers are welcome to pay using exact change.

Besides in-person payment, utilities customers have many options to pay their bill that include:

- Pay any time 24/7 online or through the automated phone payment system.
- Set up an automatic recurring payment using MesquitePay.
- Pay by mail using check or money order.
- Drop off payment any time in the secure drop box in front of our office (please do not leave cash payments in the drop box).
- Pay using cash or a debit card at Walmart using Walmart Bill Pay (WMBP). Visit the money center or customer service desk and tell the associate that you would like to pay your City of Mesquite bill using WMBP same-day processing.
- Make a cash payment at any Fidelity Express location.

To learn more, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/UtilityBilling.

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Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge is back

Once again, Mayor Dan Alemán is challenging Mesquite kids ages 5-12 to read 1,000 or more pages this summer. This challenge coincides with the Mesquite Public Library System's Summer Reading Club and runs from June 1 to July 31. Children who read 1,000 pages or more will be invited to a party with the Mayor to be held in early August. Young readers will receive a reading club certificate and prizes for completing the challenge. Kids can read the pages independently or have the pages read to them. To be a part of the Mesquite Mayor 1,000-Page Reading Challenge, register for the Summer Reading Club in person at the Main Library or the North Branch Library, or online at mesquitelibrary.readsquared.com. Once registered, readers can log their pages read using READsquared, which also offers an app to track pages. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Library for more information.



Economic Development releases Annual Report

The City of Mesquite has released its 2023 Economic Development Annual Report, which highlights 2,800 new jobs created and nine company expansions. Two of the expansions belong to companies opening their first United-States facilities: Canadian Solar and Hexagon Purus, clean energy manufacturing companies headquartered in Canada and Norway, respectively. The annual report also includes the announcement by aerospace and defense giant General Dynamics to open a new ordnance and tactical systems facility in Mesquite. The annual report includes statistics such as the growth of the City's total valuation by Dallas Central Appraisal District from approximately \$5.5 billion in 2015 to \$13.5 billion in 2023, as well as sales tax performance, demographic data, real estate figures, new business announcements and areas of economic focus in Mesquite for the coming year. To view the full report, visit

MesquiteEcoDev.com/about-us/newsroom.



Library System earns statewide award

The Mesquite Public Library System has received the 2023 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association (TMLDA). Only 84 out of 545 Texas public library systems earned this prestigious honor for 2023. TMLDA presents this annual award to libraries that provide excellent services to underserved and special populations; enhance services; market in innovative ways; promote cultural, topical and educational programming; provide literacy support; provide summer reading clubs; pursue collaborative efforts; support workforce development; provide for digital inclusion; and comprehensively train staff. This is the eighth consecutive year Mesquite has received this award.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Library to learn about all Mesquite Library Services has to offer.





Summer Camps

Looking for a fun and memorable experience for your kids this summer? The City of Mesquite offers a variety of camps for children ages 5-15. Campers can participate in games, field trips, swim days, crafts, and themed activities. Register for one week or all summer. To see pricing and learn more, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SummerCamps. Registration is open and space is limited.



Water exercise at the Natatorium

Get a great workout in the water at the new Mesquite Natatorium, located at Dallas College - Eastfield Campus, 3737 Motley Dr. Both morning and evening sessions are available for water exercise, Aqua Zumba and lap swimming. For class prices and operation hours, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Natorium.



Dive-In Movie

Come experience the joy of a Dive-In Movie on June 7 from 7-10 p.m. at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview St. Pre-movie activities include fun pool games for all ages, prizes, and more. The movie will start at dusk. Whether you're floating on a pool noodle or lounging on a raft, a Dive-In movie is fun for the whole family. Grab your swimsuit, a towel, and join us for an unforgettable evening under the stars! Admission is free and is limited to the first 500 people. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DiveInMovie for more information.



Teen Turnout

The City of Mesquite is hosting a series of free events for teens in 2024 called Teen Turnout. The next gathering will be from 6-8 p.m. on June 8 at Town East Pool. Teen Turnout is designed for students ages 12-17, and activities include music, games, food 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. For specific information about Teen Turnout dates and locations and other programming for youth, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens.

MESQUITE PARKS & RECREATION FACILITY RENTALS

For More information on any of these programs, call 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD.

Thousands experience solar eclipse in Mesquite



Thousands of visitors came to Mesquite to view the once-in-a-lifetime total solar eclipse on April 8.

Here are a few fun facts:

- Visitors came in from 14 states and countries including Spain, England, Scotland, Germany and Nicaragua.
- During the solar eclipse, a couple got engaged and another got married at events in Mesquite.
- Mesquite was the site of the Associated Press's eclipse live stream in Texas, and more than 2.5 million people around the world watched.

Mesquite called the festivities leading up to the eclipse the Solar Rodeo. Events included the Rodeo Parade, Downtown Farmers Market opening, concerts, dance parties, arts events, and many more activities.

Many thanks to the City's Parks and Recreation Department, Downtown Mesquite, the Arts Center, Historic Mesquite Inc. and Dallas College – Eastfield campus for hosting eclipse-watching parties on April 8.

Special thanks also go to Javan Gonzalez with the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Beverly Abell with Downtown Mesquite and Kim Buttram with Economic Development for coordinating and organizing the Solar Rodeo.



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.



June 3, Jazz Breaks, 7 p.m. The Mesquite Arts Council welcomes Wives and Lovers performing an exciting blend of jazz standards, Latin tunes, pop, and even a little country. Free event. There will be a limited number of bistro tables and chairs available. Refreshments will be served.



June 20, Mesquite Rocks! concert series, 7 p.m. Jam out to the classics as well as deep cuts of legendary rock band The Who expertly performed by tribute band Who's Best. Bring your own chair and cooler. Free event.



June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Off the Rails, 7 p.m. at Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St. Every Saturday night, bring your chair and cooler to enjoy a variety of music styles from Celtic to Rockabilly. Free, family-friendly event presented by the Mesquite Arts Council, Downtown Mesquite and the City of Mesquite.



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 for more details.



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