

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
OCTOBER 2024

- 1 **National Night Out**, neighborhood events promoting police-community partnerships. www.cityofmesquite.com/NationalNightOut
- 5 **Addressing Mesquite Day**, 20th annual day of service helping community members in need.
- 7, 21 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 5, 12, 19, 26 **Downtown Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St. Produce, artisan goods, food vendors and more. www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com
- 11-12 **Mesquite Meander**, living-history tour of Mesquite Cemetery, 400 Holley Park Dr. Tickets and info at www.HistoricMesquite.org. See Pg. 2.
- 11-27 **"Frankenstein,"** Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. New twist on a gothic classic presented by Mesquite Arts Theatre. See Pg. 4.
- 12 **Teen Turnout**, 6-8 p.m. at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way. For students ages 12-17. Free food, games, music and fun. www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens
- 17 **Halloween Happenings**, 6 p.m. at Main Library, 300 W. Grubb. For kids ages 12 and under. Wear your costumes and come enjoy Halloween fun.
- 19 **PumpkinFest**, 12-5 p.m., at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Rd. See Pg. 3.
- 25-26 **Fall Book Sale**, at Main Library, 300 W. Grubb. Sale will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Oct. 25 and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Oct. 26. See Pg. 2.
- 26 **"Fantastic Symphony"** by Berlioz, 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. Mesquite Symphony Orchestra joined by local high school musicians. MesquiteSymphony.org
- 26 **Día de los Muertos celebration**, 3-6 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. See Pg. 4.



Join the fiesta to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

From a health fair to cultural festivities and games to art workshops and more, the City of Mesquite will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Tributes to notable Hispanic Americans in Mesquite will be featured throughout the month on the City's social media accounts, including recognitions of City leaders.

The City's Parks and Recreation Department will host Hispanic Heritage Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 21 at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way. The free event is part of the City's Get Fit Mesquite program and will feature bilingual health-focused vendors, demonstrations including clean cooking, and crafts and activities for kids. Attendees will get a free bag and t-shirt while supplies last.

On Sept. 19 and Oct. 10, Visit Mesquite will host festive Lotería Nights from 7-9 p.m. at Taco City y Mas restaurant, 3600 Gus Thomasson Rd #122 in Mesquite. Lotería is a traditional Mexican board game of chance, similar to bingo. Instead of numbers, lotería uses colorful images on a deck of cards, each representing a different aspect of Mexican heritage. Lotería Nights will feature prizes and a DJ. Visit www.VisitMesquiteTX.com for details.

Join us for a special Hispanic Heritage edition of the Downtown Farmers Market at Front Street Station from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 28, spotlighting Hispanic vendors and including a special performance. Learn more at www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com.

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From Pg. 1: Hispanic Heritage Month

The **Mesquite Public Library System** will have events throughout Hispanic Heritage Month, including art workshops on Sept. 12 at the Main Library and Sept. 19 at the North Branch. Experience the beauty and traditions of Hispanic culture with performances by Alma y Corazón Tejano Ballet Folklórico at 6 p.m. on Sept. 30 at the Main Library and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the North Branch. Both library locations will have displays featuring books about Hispanic culture, books written by authors of Hispanic descent as well as materials in Spanish. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/library for more information.

On Oct. 7, the **Mesquite Arts Center** will open “Derelict Display x J.ESC” by Juan Carlos Escobedo in the Main Gallery and “Second Nature” by Patricia Rodriguez in the Chamber Gallery. Both exhibitions will be on display through Dec 21. Also, learn more about the Arts Center’s free Hispanic themed Tote-and-Go kits for kids and annual Dia de los Muertos celebration on Pg. 4 and by visiting www.mesquiteartscenter.org.

To see other Hispanic Heritage Month programming, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/HHM.



“Cocoon Blossom”
by Patricia Rodriguez

Tickets on sale for Mesquite Meander

Tickets are now on sale for Historic Mesquite, Inc.’s Mesquite Meander, an unforgettable outdoor, theatrical living-history tour through Mesquite Cemetery. This annual experience features local actors portraying residents from the community’s past. Tickets are \$15 per person. The Meander offers tours starting every 10 minutes that run approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Tour times on Oct. 11 start at 6 p.m. with last tour starting at 7:30 p.m. Tour times on Oct. 12 start at 5:30 p.m. with last tour starting at 7 p.m. Mesquite Cemetery is located at 400 Holley Park Dr. Attendees should note that the Mesquite Meander is an outdoor event in a historic cemetery, so there may be areas of uneven ground and gravel walkways. To purchase tickets and for more information, call HMI’s office at 972-216-6468 or visit www.historicmesquite.org.



Fall Book Sale on Oct. 25-26

The Friends of the Mesquite Public Library present the Fall Book Sale on Oct. 25-26. The twice annual sale, which benefits the Mesquite Public Library System, features gently used books and DVDs. This may include children’s books, fiction, cookbooks, textbooks, popular movies and more available for reasonable prices. Cash or check are the only payment forms accepted. The Fall Book Sale will be held at Mesquite’s Main Library, at 300 W. Grubb Dr., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26. For information, call 972-216-6220 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/library.



Find out about current and upcoming roadwork with the City’s monthly road report, **Word on the Street**. Available in English and Spanish. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreet or www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreetEspañol.



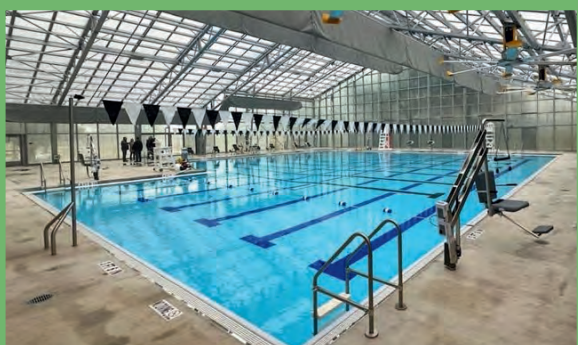
Guts & Gory Zombie Experience

Oh no! Zombies are going to attack at Rorie-Galloway Day Camp in Mesquite on Sept. 28! Or at least volunteers in zombie costumes as part of the annual Guts & Gory Zombie Experience. Run through the woods, compete in team building challenges and try to survive the zombie horde. Participate as a racer or a zombie. Find more information and register at www.cityofmesquite.com/GutsAndGory.



After School Adventures

Register today for After School Adventures, a program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade that operates in conjunction with the Mesquite ISD calendar, from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The program is managed by trained staff and offers a variety of fun and engaging activities, including arts and crafts, snacks, and dedicated homework time. The monthly cost is \$100 for residents and \$110 for non-residents. Space is limited. To see program locations and for more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA or call 972-216-6260.



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/Natatorium.



PumpkinFest

Mark your calendars for PumpkinFest, the annual family-friendly event celebrating the fall season. The event will be from 12-5 p.m. on Oct. 19 at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. Dress in your best costume and come out to enjoy the community stage with music and dance performances and a magic show. Contests with prizes include Children's Costume Contest, Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest, and a Dog Costume Contest. Admission is free. Concessions and some activities will require a \$10 wristband. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest.



Let's be friends! Mesquite Parks and Recreation has a new Facebook account. Scan the QR code or visit www.facebook.com/people/Mesquite-Parks-Recreation/61559237219839 for the latest events and happenings.

Community Snapshots:

Mesquite kids read hundreds of thousands of pages this summer, with 750+ participating in the Summer Reading Club and more than 230 reaching or exceeding the Mesquite Mayor 1,000-Page Reading Challenge. A party was held on Aug. 3 with prizes and pizza to celebrate these super readers!



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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.



Oct. 11-27 Mesquite Arts Theatre presents "Frankenstein." Nick Dear's adaptation of Mary Shelley's gothic novel retells the well-known story from the point of view of the Creature. For info and tickets, visit www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org.



Through Sept. 20 on display in the Main Gallery, "Feeling My Way" featuring the works of Marc Dominus. Also through Sept. 20 on display in the Chamber Gallery, "You Just Had to Be There..." by Assandre Jean-Baptiste.



Every Monday, Tote-and-Go services, 12 p.m. Pick up free art kits for kids with a different theme every week. There is a limited supply of kits, so please register in advance by visiting www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org.



Día de los Muertos celebration, 3-6 p.m. on Oct. 26. Free, family-friendly Day of the Dead festival will be held inside the building and on the grounds of the Arts Center and will feature cultural arts workshops, music, dancing, theatrical performances, food trucks and vendors.

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