

COMMUNITY CALENDAR JANUARY 2025

- 1 **New Year's Day.** All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport and Compost Facility & Convenience Center. Evans Recreation Center will be open 2-6 p.m. All other Recreation Centers closed. Trash and recycling will not be collected.
- 6, 21 **City Council meetings** 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 11 **Teen Turnout,** 6-8 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon. For students ages 12-17. Free food, games, music and fun. www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens
- 14 **Town Hall Tuesday,** 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. Topic will be streets. www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHallTuesdays
- 16 **KMB Membership Drive,** 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at On The Border on Gross Road. www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org
- 18 **MLK Parade & Community Celebration,** Parade in Downtown Mesquite at 10 a.m., community celebration at Mesquite Arts Center at 1 p.m. www.cityofmesquite.com/MLKCelebration
- 20 **MLK Jr. Day holiday.** All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport. No Residential recycling collected. Residential recycling collection will resume on next scheduled day. Commercial recycling will be collected. Commercial and Residential trash will be collected.



Enjoy a hometown holiday in Mesquite

Get in the holiday spirit with the City of Mesquite's festive family-friendly events. Celebrations include everything from historic events with Father Christmas to a straight-out-of-a-movie tree lighting on the downtown square. Experience Christmas in the Park with hot cocoa and free pictures with Santa and savor the sights and sounds of the season with holiday music and theatre. Enjoy a hometown holiday like none other in the Rodeo Capitol of Texas with Real. Texas. Holidays!

Christmas on the Square: Dec. 3 from 5-8 p.m. at Heritage Square, 111 Broad St. Get in the spirit with the sights, sounds and flavors of Christmas in the historic heart of Mesquite. Starting at 5 p.m., take photos with Santa and shop the gift market and food booths. Free hot cocoa and cookies (while supplies last). At 6 p.m., sing along to the "12 Days of Downtown Mesquite" and make memories as we light the community Christmas tree. For more information, visit www.downtownmesquitetx.com/events.

Christmas in the Park: Dec. 7-8 from 2-8 p.m. each day at Westlake Park, 600 Gross Road. Experience a holiday wonderland with lights, music and festive decorations. Admission is free and includes hot cocoa and cookies, arts and crafts, photos with Santa, community performances, special mailbox at the North Pole to write and drop off a letter to Santa and the Santa sendoff with a fireworks finale. Purchase a wristband for \$10 to have access to face painting and unlimited rides on inflatables and attractions including a 35-foot-tall tubing slide. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark.

Mesquite Arts Theatre: A Christmas Carol: Dec. 6-22 at in the Black Box Theatre at Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. In this celebrated Christmas classic, Ebenezer Scrooge is a hard-hearted miser. On Christmas Eve, he's visited by the ghost of his former business partner Jacob Marley warning him about his selfishness. Three other spirits haunt Scrooge before the night is out, attempting to help him avoid the consequences of his decisions. But is it too late for Scrooge to change his ways? For tickets and showtimes, visit www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org.

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Mesquite Community Band's "Home for the Holidays": Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall at Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. Delight your ears with this annual free holiday concert. All Mesquite Community Band concerts, including the annual holiday program, are free of charge and open to the public. Learn more at www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org.

Noche de Fiesta: Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. at West Mesquite High School, 2500 Memorial Blvd. The Mesquite Police Department will host its annual Noche de Fiesta in collaboration with Mesquite ISD and local businesses. The free, family-friendly event celebrates Latin American culture and the holiday season. Come enjoy music, ballet folklórico, matachines, hot chocolate, Hispanic pastries and more. Santa Claus will make an appearance to distribute toys to children.

Christmas at the Ranch: Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. at Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. Celebrate history and the holidays. The 1871 historic home will be decorated for the holidays inside and out. Festivities include tours of the Florence home, sweet treats, craft stations to make old-fashioned tree ornaments, and a traditional Santa Claus for photo opportunities. Learn more at www.HistoricMesquite.org.

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra's "Holiday Carols": Dec. 14 at 4:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N Galloway Ave. Experience the magic of Christmas with this annual holiday concert presented by the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra. Selections include "Sleigh Ride," "Christmastime is Here" and a sing-along. Buy tickets at MesquiteSymphony.org.

For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasHolidays.



Shop Mesquite for the holidays

The City of Mesquite is encouraging citizens to shop local for this year's holiday shopping season. Spending money in Mesquite for shopping and dining helps business owners as well as the local economy, as sales tax revenue makes up more than 20 percent of the City's general fund. The general fund provides the financial resources for most City services. At www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes, the City has provided alternate driving directions for key retail destinations in Mesquite, such as Town East Mall, Market East and MarketPlace at Towne Centre. Learn more about Mesquite's array of shopping options at www.ShopMesquiteTX.com.



Celebrate Safely to ring in 2025

Mesquite Police and Fire Departments are urging citizens to celebrate safely this New Year's. 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 fines and the possibility of up to one year in jail. Driving while intoxicated can lead up to steep fines, possible jail time and loss of a driver's license. Citizens can report fireworks violations by calling 972-285-6336 or 972-216-6759, emailing fireworks@mesquitelice.org or filling out an online report at www.cityofmesquite.com/PoliceReport. Please do not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency and immediate help is required from Police, Fire or paramedics.



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





School Holiday Play Days

When school is out, bring your kindergarten through 6th graders to Dunford Recreation Center or Rutherford Recreation Center for a day of fun featuring activities, games and snacks. The first Play Day of 2025 is available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6. The fee is \$20 per child for residents and \$30 per child for non-residents. Participants will need to bring a lunch, snack and water bottle. Play Days are offered throughout the year, operating alongside the Mesquite ISD school calendar. For details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PlayDays.



MLK Parade & Celebration

On Saturday, Jan. 18, celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Mesquite's annual MLK Jr. Parade and Celebration. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade through downtown hosted by the Mesquite NAACP. The celebration continues at 1 p.m. with a community gathering co-hosted by Mesquite ISD, the City of Mesquite and the Mesquite NAACP at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. To see more details and view the parade route, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MLK.



Adults 50+

Mesquite's Adults 50+ program offers activities and outings every month. From lunch bunch to crafts to cardio drumming and pickleball to grief-share groups, we've got something for every interest and ability. Another part of the Adults 50+ program is the daily Congregate Meal. A hot lunch is offered for a suggested donation of \$1 for qualified participants age 60+. Those age 59 and under may purchase a meal for \$5.50. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. Monday-Friday at Goodbar and Evans Recreation Centers. Advanced reservations are recommended. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Adults50 for information.



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 Drive. 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.



Let's be friends!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3xeAZE0> to follow Mesquite Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

Community Snapshots

In November, the City of Mesquite marked Arbor Day with a Keep Mesquite Beautiful event at Range Elementary; honored our military heroes with a Veterans Day Celebration at the Mesquite Veterans Memorial; and opened the Mesquite Skatepark at Westlake Sports Center, the first facility of its kind in the City.



Arbor Day event on Nov. 1



Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 9



Mesquite Skatepark opening on Nov. 9

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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.



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Through Dec. 21 "Derelict Display x J.ESC" by Juan Carlos Escobedo on display in the Main Gallery and "Second Nature" by Patricia Rodriguez in the Chamber Gallery.



Starting on Feb. 3, the Tote-and-Go program is changing to monthly. Pick up free art kits for the whole family with a different theme every month. There is a limited supply of kits, so please register in advance by visiting www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org.



Feb. 15, 6-8 p.m. Mesquite Arts Council presents Winter GLOW Fest, a wonderland of valentine fun! Enjoy workshops, art, music, vendors and more. Free, family-friendly event. Details at www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org.

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