

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2025

- 3, 17 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 6 **State of the Community**, doors open at 5:30 p.m. at Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave.
- 7-23 **“Harvey,”** Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. Classic comedy presented by Mesquite Arts Theatre. See Pg. 4.
- 8 **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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens)
- 8 **“On Its Way,”** presented by Mesquite Symphony Orchestra. See Pg. 4.
- 8 **Polar Plunge**, 8 a.m. at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. Hosted by Mesquite Police benefitting the Special Olympics.
- 15 **Winter GLOW Fest!**, 6-8 p.m. at Mesquite Arts Center. See Pg. 4.
- 17 **Both Library branches will be closed** for staff development.
- 22 **Daddy Daughter Dance**, 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. See Pg. 3.

# STATE OF THE COMMUNITY

A PANEL  
DISCUSSION  
with  
Community Leaders

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

FEBRUARY 6,  
2025



The City of Mesquite will host the State of the Community on Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave.

The event starts at 6 p.m. with a panel discussion that will include Mesquite Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr., Mesquite ISD Superintendent Dr. Ángel Rivera, Dallas College - Eastfield President Dr. Eddie Tealer and Mesquite Chamber of Commerce President Alexander Helgar.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the evening will end with a short reception.

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## Get Fit in 2025

Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr. is once again challenging the community to Get Fit mentally, physically and financially. Launched last year, Get Fit Mesquite is a self-improvement program that encourages residents to practice health and wellness in all areas of life.

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.

Programming is ongoing and will continue all year long. Check the City's social media accounts for updates and [www.cityofmesquite.com/GetFitMesquite](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/GetFitMesquite).



## Mesquite ranked #2 in economic development

The Dallas Business Journal has recognized the City of Mesquite as the second-leading city in North Texas for economic development in 2023. Mesquite made 14 deals in 2023 valued at \$1.11 billion, representing more than 2,800 new jobs.

Among the major economic announcements in 2023 was a \$500 million development with General Dynamics, \$280 million with Canadian Solar and \$115 million with IH-20 Business Parks.

To create the rankings, the Dallas Business Journal evaluated 27 local government agencies that promote economic development in Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties. The City of Mesquite was ranked seventh place for deals made in 2022 and third in 2021.



## Donate to the WARM program

Winter weather can be deadly. That's why the WARM program needs your help. WARM, or "Weather Activated Relief for Mesquite," provides temporary accommodations for unsheltered individuals during extreme weather conditions.

The program is sponsored by Sharing Life, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City, but more financial donations are needed. To find out more and to donate, visit [Sharing.Life/WARM](http://Sharing.Life/WARM).



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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreet) or [www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreetEspañol](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreetEspañol)





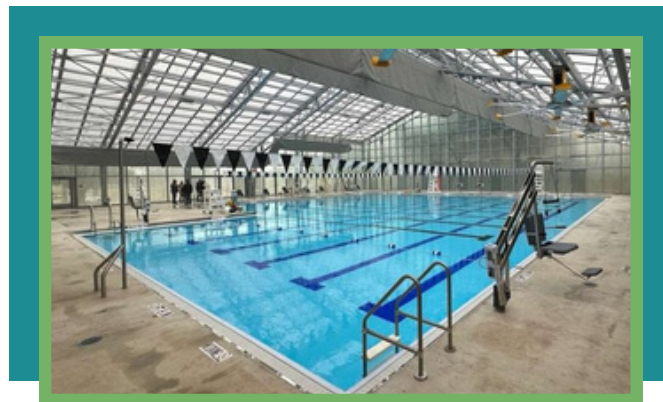
## School Holiday Play Days

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. Play Days are available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PlayDays).



## Daddy Daughter Dance

Make lasting memories at the annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Saturday, Feb. 22. Come enjoy a “denim and diamonds” themed night featuring a live DJ, light concessions, professional photography, and more. The dance will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Tickets: \$20 per person, per session. Session 1: 4-6 p.m. and Session 2: 7-9 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at [www.cityofmesquite.com/DaddyDaughterDance](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/DaddyDaughterDance), at any recreation center, or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.



## 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/Natatorium](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Natatorium).



## 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. And join us for 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Adults50) for information.



Let’s be friends!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3xeAZe0> to follow Mesquite Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

# Community Snapshots

It was a hometown holiday to remember in Mesquite! Residents and visitors enjoyed a variety of festive gatherings as part of 2024 Real. Texas. Holidays., starting with Christmas on the Square on Dec. 3.



*"12 Days of Downtown Mesquite"*



*Lighting the community Christmas tree*



*Photos with Santa Claus*

**MESQUITE  
ARTS  
CENTER**

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](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).

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**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's a limited supply of kits, so please register in advance by visiting [www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org](http://www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org).



**Feb. 7-23**, Mesquite Arts Theatre will present "Harvey," a Pulitzer-prize winning comedy about a man named Elwood Dowd and his best friend, a six-foot-tall invisible rabbit. For information and tickets, visit [www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org](http://www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org).



**Feb. 8**, 7-9 p.m. Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present "On Its Way." Program will include compositions by Sohn, Forsyth and Beethoven. For tickets, visit [MesquiteSymphony.org](http://MesquiteSymphony.org).



**Feb. 15**, 6-8 p.m. Mesquite Arts Council will present Winter GLOW Fest, a wonderland of valentine fun! Enjoy workshops, art, music, vendors and more. Free, family-friendly event. Details at [www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org](http://www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org).

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