

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 2025

- 1 **Neighborhood Summit**, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Vanguard High School, 4201 Faithon P. Lucas Sr. Blvd. See Pg. 2.
- 3, 17 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 6 **Courtyard Concert Series** begins. See Pg. 4.
- 8 **Teen Turnout**, 6-8 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon. Free food, games, music and fun for teens age 12-17. www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens
- 8 **"Sinfonia,"** presented by Mesquite Symphony Orchestra. See Pg. 4.
- 11 **Town Hall Tuesday**, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHallTuesdays
- 15 **Family Fish**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at City Lake Park, 200 Parkview St. See Pg. 3.
- 22 **Vintage Car Show** hosted by HMI, 3-5 p.m. at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. www.HistoricMesquite.org
- 29 **"Defying Expectations,"** presented by Mesquite Symphony Orchestra. See Pg. 4.



Throughout February, the City of Mesquite will host events, activities and recognitions to celebrate Black History Month.

Starting on Feb. 1, Visit Mesquite has curated a special, self-guided culinary tour spotlighting local restaurants called the **Mesquite Foodie Trail: Black-Owned Trail**. Each restaurant on the trail will be featured on the Visit Mesquite website and in a printed guide that will include the eatery's location, description and signature dish. Diners who eat at restaurants on the trail can participate in a drawing to win a suite at Mesquite Arena's Annual Hip Hop Cowboys Spring Rodeo on March 15. Learn more at www.VisitMesquiteTX.com or visit tab.so/BlackFoodieTour.

Historic Mesquite, Inc., will host a free screening of **"Cowboys of Color,"** an award-winning short documentary about the past, present and future of African American cowboys. Director and North Texas native Coy Poitier will answer questions from the audience after the film. The event will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. For information, visit www.HistoricMesquite.org.

On Saturday, Feb. 22, City Councilmember Brandon Murden will host a free **educational event** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cliff Keheley Community Room of the Dallas County Mesquite Government Center, 500 S. Galloway Ave., that will include guest speakers and a panel discussion.

The Mesquite Main Library will feature African drummer and storyteller **Baba Kwasi** at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22. Experience the rhythms of African drums and a variety of percussion instruments accompanied by captivating storytelling and songs. This all-ages event is free. Also, at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, the Main Library will host **Young at Art**, a free event for kids aged 8-12 to create projects inspired by artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. The Main Library is located at 300 W. Grubb Drive. For information, call 972-216-6220.

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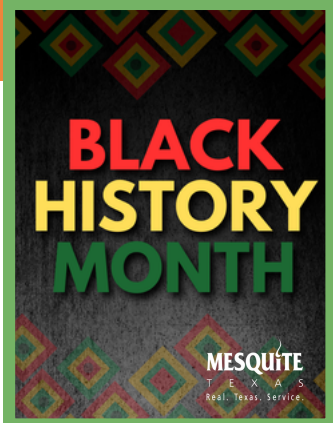
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From Pg. 1: Black History Month

The Mesquite North Branch Library will celebrate Black History Month with a program presented by **Percussion Things** at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8. Combined with rhythms and sound, Percussion Things brings to life stories about African Americans who contributed to our nation's history. The event is free and open to all ages. For information, call 972-681-0465. The North Branch Library is located at 2600 Oates Drive.

The Mesquite Arts Center's **monthly art kit** for kids in February will include Black History Month-focused projects. There is a limited supply of the free art kits, so please register in advance by visiting www.mesquiteartscenter.org.

Also during Black History Month, tributes to notable leaders will be featured on the City's social media accounts. Downtown Mesquite will spotlight Black-owned businesses in its district and Farmers Market, and both branches of the Library will feature special displays.



Neighborhood Summit on March 1

The City of Mesquite is hosting the annual Neighborhood Summit on March 1 at Vanguard High School, 4201 Faithon P. Lucas Sr. Blvd. This year's theme is "Together We Thrive," celebrating collective efforts in community engagement, public safety, health and leadership as foundations for a thriving Mesquite.

The Summit is free and open to all residents. Attendees can look forward to informative workshops, networking opportunities and meaningful discussions. A mix of expert speakers and interactive sessions will provide practical tools and resources to strengthen neighborhoods.

Registration and networking will begin at 8 a.m. The program will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Light breakfast will be provided. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/NeighborhoodSummit or call 972-216-6348 for more information.



City employees give \$53,000

City of Mesquite employees raised more than \$53,000 for local charities through the 2024 Real Texas. Giving. campaign. Real Texas. Giving. ran from October to November 2024. City of Mesquite employees donated through payroll deduction, raffles, participating in contests, and a silent auction.

The campaign will assist organizations and programs including United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday (H.O.M.E.), American Heart Association, American Red Cross, Addressing Mesquite Day, Mesquite Police Association Charities, Santa Cop, Mesquite Pipes and Drums, Sharing Life Community Outreach, Fill the Boot, Mesquite Animal Services, Mesquite Library, Mesquite Arts Center, Historic Mesquite, Inc., and Keep Mesquite Beautiful.

Many thanks to all the campaign's sponsors and partners. See a full list by visiting www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasGiving.

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/WordOnTheStreetEspañol





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, at any recreation center, or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.



Family Fish

Grab your gear and get ready to catch some fun with the City of Mesquite’s Family Fish on Saturday, March 15. The free event for all ages will be held from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at City Lake Park, 200 Parkview St. The first 100 kids (ages 17 and under) at the event will have the chance to receive a free fishing rod. Fishing bait, hooks and other materials will not be provided. Participants can also compete for a trophy awarded for the smallest and largest fish caught. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/FamilyFish for more 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/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 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

The City celebrated the life and work for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Jan. 18 with a parade and community celebration.



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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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 www.instagram.com/MesqArtsCenter/
 www.twitter.com/MesqArtsCenter/



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.



Starting March 6, enjoy live music twice a month through June with the Courtyard Concert Series. Visit www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org to see individual events.



March 3, Monthly Art Kit. 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.



March 8, 7-9 p.m. Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present "Sinfonia" by Zhou Tian.
March 29, 7-9 p.m. Mesquite Symphony Orchestra will present "Defying Expectations." For tickets, visit MesquiteSymphony.org.

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