

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
JUNE 2025

- 2 **Summer Reading Challenge kickoff party**, 10 a.m. at Main Library. See Pg. 2.
- 2, 16 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- 2, 9, 23 **Jazz Breaks**, 7-9 p.m. at Arts Center. See Pg. 4.
- 5 **Courtyard Concert Series**, 7-9 p.m. at Arts Center. Final show! See Pg. 4.
- 6-22 **"The Wizard of Oz"** presented by Mesquite Arts Theatre. See Pg. 4.
- 7 **Walking for Wellness**, 8-10 a.m. at Valley Creek Park. See Pg. 3.
- 7 **Summer Reading Challenge kickoff party**, 10 a.m. at North Branch Library. See Pg. 2.
- 14 **Teen Turnout Pool Party**, 6-8 p.m. at Town East Pool. See Pg. 3.
- 16, 30 **Mesquite Community Band's Summertime Showcase**, 7-8 p.m. at Arts Center. See Pg. 4.
- 19 **Juneteenth holiday**, All City offices closed. Commercial and Residential trash and recycling will be collected. See complete closure information at www.cityofmesquite.com/holidays.
- 28 **Movies in the Park** "Date Night," 7-10 p.m. at Florence Recreation Center. See Pg. 3.



Lawrence home renovations unveiled

To kick off the celebration of National Preservation Month this May, Historic Mesquite has unveiled its renovation plans for the legendary Lawrence home.

The centerpiece of the 13-acre Opal Lawrence Historical Park, the Lawrence house is celebrating its 150th year. Restoration plans include repairs to siding and window casings, roof and chimney along with full exterior painting.

Opal Lawrence Historical Park gives a glimpse into the agricultural lifestyle of one of Mesquite's earliest families. Considered to be a prime example of Texas prairie vernacular styling, the Lawrence house was built in 1874 but was expanded significantly in 1882.

Learn more at www.HistoricMesquite.org.



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Join the Mayor's Summer Reading Challenge



Once again, Mayor Dan Alemán is challenging Mesquite kids ages 12 and under 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 2 to July 26. Children who read 1,000 pages or more will be invited to a party with the Mayor on July 26. Kids can read the pages independently or have the pages read to them. To participate in 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.

Feed Mesquite kids with Spread the Love



Residents are invited to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly during the annual Spread the Love collection campaign, which runs through Labor Day (Sept. 1). The City also is calling for donations of alternative butters that are safe for kids with nut allergies, such as sunflower seed butter or pumpkin seed butter. To learn more, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove.

Spread the Love donation sites:

- Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr.
- Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr.
- Mesquite Municipal Center, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.

Historical parks to participate in Blue Star Museum



Active-duty military personnel and their families will have free admission again this summer to the City's two historical parks through the Blue Star Museum national program, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Blue Star Museums program runs from Armed Forces Day (May 17) to Labor Day (Sept. 1) and provides free admittance for active military and their families to participating children's museums, art museums, history and science museums, zoos, nature centers, and more – including Mesquite's Florence Ranch Homestead and Opal Lawrence Historical Park, which are managed by Historic Mesquite Inc. For more information, call 972-216-6468 or visit www.HistoricMesquite.org. For a list of participating Blue Star Museums, visit www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Improvements coming for myMesquite app



The City is improving the myMesquite app for reporting concerns. The app is unavailable until the new version is ready. The new app will make reporting issues easier, allow residents to track progress of reports and streamline communications with City departments. Check the City's social media accounts and www.cityofmesquite.com for updates about the new myMesquite app. Before the new app is ready, residents can report issues by calling the myMesquite Call Center at 972-288-7711 or visiting www.cityofmesquite.com/mymesquite.

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





Memorial Day Service

The City of Mesquite will host a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 26, at the Mesquite Veterans Memorial, 425 S. Galloway Ave. The brief program will honor the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The service will begin at 2:55 p.m. to coincide with the National Moment of Remembrance. Please arrive no later than 2:50 p.m. to allow time to park and enter the memorial area. Guests may bring folding chairs if desired.



Walking for Wellness

Join us for Walking for Wellness to celebrate National Trails Day. Take part in this special Get Fit Mesquite event from 8-10 a.m. on June 7 at Valley Creek Park, 2482 Pioneer Road, that promotes health and enjoyment of the outdoors. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WalkingforWellness for details.



Movies in the Park

Come enjoy a special "date night" edition of Movies in the Park from 7-10 p.m. on June 28, at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way. Couples are encouraged to come watch a free showing of "Date Night" that will begin at dusk outdoors. Childcare will be available inside the recreation center. Concessions will be available for purchase. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/MoviesInThePark.



Teen Turnout Pool Party

Teens ages 12-17 are invited to dive into summer fun with the Teen Turnout Pool Party from 6-8 p.m. on June 14 at Town East Pool, 2525 John Glenn Parkway. Registration is on site. Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens.

Let's be friends!

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



THE UNSHELTERED NEED OUR HELP

Give Wisely.

The City and Non-profit partners provide assistance to help those in need. Support agencies who have the expertise so you don't have to.

www.cityofmesquite.com/homeless



Serve on the Youth Advisory Board

The leaders of tomorrow need guidance today. Apply today to be an advisor to Mesquite's new Youth Council.

Get Involved!

Learn about the City's other Boards & Commissions:
www.cityofmesquite.com/Boards



Community Snapshots

The community celebrated the arrival of spring with the annual Bunny EGGstravaganza on April 12.



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.



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June 2, 9 and 23, 7 p.m. Enjoy live music outdoors with Jazz Breaks. To see individual events, visit www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org.



June 6-22, Mesquite Arts Theatre presents "The Wizard of Oz," the beloved classic tale of Dorothy, Toto and a host of whimsical characters. Visit www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org for tickets and showtimes.



June 5, 7 p.m. Don't miss the final evening of the Courtyard Concert Series with Le Cure. For more info, visit www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org.



June 16 and 30, 7 p.m. The Mesquite Community Band presents its Summertime Showcase with two concerts. All shows are free with open seating.

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