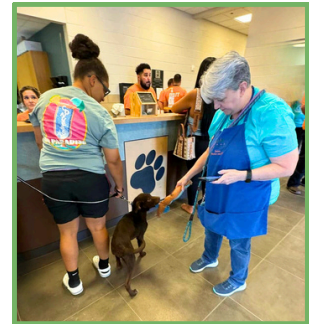
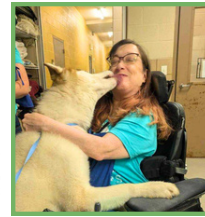


COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2025

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Front Street Station. Fresh produce, artisan goods, food vendors, live music, and more. www.DowntownMesquite.com
- 4, 18 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- 5, 12, 19, 26 **Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive. Resources and assistance for job seekers.
- 9 **Doggie Splash Day**, 9 a.m.-noon at Vanston Pool. See Pg. 3.
- 13 **HMI Volunteer Open House**, 10 a.m.-noon at Opal Lawrence Historical Park. See Pg. 2.
- 14 **Couples Game Night**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. Fun time with games and trivia. No reservations needed.
- 23 **Clear the Shelters** pet adoption event at Mesquite Animal Shelter. See cover story.



Pet adoption event set for Aug. 23

The Mesquite Animal Shelter is once again participating in the national Clear the Shelters campaign that promotes pet adoption and donations.

Clear the Shelters month runs from Aug. 1 to Sept. 1. More than 1 million pets nationwide have been adopted since 2015 because of the campaign. Last year, the Mesquite Animal Shelter placed 171 dogs and cats in new homes during Clear the Shelters month.

This year as part of the campaign, the Mesquite Animal Shelter will host a special one-day adoption event from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, waiving all fees. Pets available for adoption are sterilized, vaccinated and microchipped.

Not able to adopt a pet? Financial contributions or donations of items are welcome. Find out what to donate and see the shelter's Amazon Wish List at www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServicesDonations. To see pets available for adoption, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalsInTheShelter.

The Mesquite Animal Shelter is located at 1650 Gross Road and is closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.



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Mesquite maintains superior water rating

Every year, the City of Mesquite makes its Annual Water Quality Report available to water customers as required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City strives to provide high-quality drinking water that is safe and reliable to our customers and maintains a “superior” water system rating with the TCEQ. See the report at www.cityofmesquite.com/WaterQualityReport. For more information or to request a printed copy in English or Spanish, contact the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.



Still time to join Mayor's Reading Challenge

It's not too late to join the Mesquite Mayor 1,000-Page Reading Challenge! The challenge, for kids ages 12 and under, coincides with the Mesquite Public Library System's Summer Reading Club and runs through 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, register any time throughout the summer online at mesquitelibrary.readsquared.com or in person at the Main Library or the North Branch Library. Once registered, readers can log their pages read using READsquared, which also offers an app to track pages. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Library for details.



Learn more about volunteering with HMI

Historic Mesquite Inc. (HMI) will host a Volunteer Open House from 10 a.m. to noon on Aug. 13 at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 East Kearney. Hear from HMI staff and current volunteers about the different service areas, what training and expectations are involved, and how to sign up. Volunteer positions include **docents**, who help as tour guides; **collections assistants**, who help with taking care of the historic houses and museum's collection; special events assistants; and grounds and maintenance helpers. Come find out how you can help make history come alive. Visit www.HistoricMesquite.org for 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.

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





Epic Summer Experience

Hey Mesquite teenagers, join us for Epic Summer Experience! These free events for teens ages 12-17 will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Terry Middle School on July 22 and July 29 and at Florence Recreation Center on July 24 and July 31. Activities include music, food, games, inflatables, crafts and more. Register at the events. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens for details.



Doggie Splash Day

Calling all pups and their people to come play at the Annual Doggie Splash Day from 9 a.m.-noon on Aug. 9 at Vanston Pool. Lots of contests and fun! All dogs will be required to show proof of current vaccinations and must be accompanied by a responsible person age 16 and older. Lifeguards will be on duty. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DoggieSplashDay for details and admission prices.



After School Adventures

Registration starts July 1 for After School Adventures (ASA) this fall for kids in kindergarten through 5th grade. ASA is from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and aligns with the Mesquite ISD calendar. Managed by trained staff, we offer fun activities, arts and crafts, snacks, and dedicated homework time. The monthly cost is \$110 for residents and \$120 for non-residents. To see locations and details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA or call 972-216-6260. Space is limited.



Park & Recreation Month

July is Park and Recreation month! Celebrate by visiting our parks, pools and recreation centers. There's a wide variety of activities for all ages to enjoy throughout the month. For more information, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/July.

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 community celebrated National Trails Day with Walking for Wellness on June 7 at Valley Creek Park.



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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.

GREASE
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July 18-27, Mesquite Arts Theatre presents "Grease." Head back to high school in 1959 with the T-Birds and the Pink Ladies. Please visit www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org for tickets and showtimes.



Aug. 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pick up a free family art kits with a different theme every month. There's a limited supply of kits, so advance registration is required. www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org.

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