

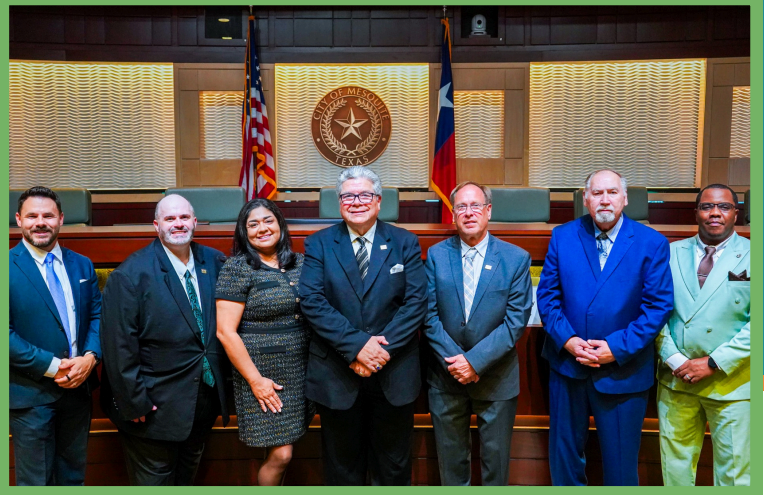
**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**JANUARY 2026**

- 1 **New Year's Day**, all City offices are closed
- 5, 20 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- 17 Parks and Rec's **Teen Turnout**, 6-8 p.m., Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive
- 19 **MLK Jr. Day**, all City offices are closed



For the complete City calendar of events, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/calendar](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/calendar).



**Mesquite Swears in New City Council, Awaits Runoff Results for District 4**

Members of the City Council took their oaths of office on Monday, November 17. Here's the new Council for 2025-2027:

- Mayor: Daniel Alemán Jr.
- District 1: Jeff Casper
- District 2: Kenny Green
- District 3: Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross
- District 4: Runoff - A. Hubacek & N. Ward
- District 5: B.W. Smith
- District 6: Brandon Murden

Councilmember Tandy Boroughs (District 4), has termed out, but will remain seated until after the runoff election. The election, scheduled for December 13, only impacts voters in that district. An additional Council meeting is set for December 22 to install the Councilmember for District 4.



**Save Time While Shopping Mesquite**

Town East Mall and other shopping venues are some of the most popular in North Texas, attracting shoppers from miles around to spend money here. If you'd like to spend more time shopping and less time sitting in traffic, [www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes) is the answer, because it displays alternate driving directions for key retail destinations here.

Shopping and dining in Mesquite helps business owners and the local economy, as sales tax revenue makes up more than 20 percent of the City's general fund. This provides financial resources for most City services, including streets, and the Mesquite Police and Fire Departments. Find more details about shopping at [www.ShopMesquiteTX.com](http://www.ShopMesquiteTX.com).

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## Mesquite Mayor's Message – Get Involved!



Mesquite Mayor Daniel Alemán Jr. spoke with area business leaders recently to share information on the State of the City. His message included highlights from this past year's successes, which have seen increases in youth involvement, volunteerism and a great number of economic development wins. The next step he said, is for everyone to step up and, "Get Involved!" The most popular youth programs set to inspire students through positive opportunities for learning and recreation. Alemán also addressed the City's exponential growth and progress—recent wins have added nearly 3,000 new jobs, and the Town East Mall redevelopment of Sears, anchored by Main Event. "Community events and programs help retain a sense of hometown unity and togetherness some cities only dream to attain," said Mayor Alemán.

## City Awarded for Boosting E-V Charging

The Charging Smart program has awarded the City of Mesquite the *Charging Smart Bronze* designation for supporting electric vehicles (EVs) and EV charging infrastructure. In July, the City added a third charging location to the two existing stations installed in August of 2023. To find locations of Mesquite's EV chargers and more details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/EVCharging](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/EVCharging)



## Transfer of Leadership at Mesquite Library



After 46 years, more than 15 of those with the City of Mesquite, the Director of Library Services, Virginia Mundt, closes the book on her lifetime of civil service. She implemented processes to help broaden and streamline services. To rubber-stamp her contribution, the Mesquite Public Library received the Texas Municipal Library Directors Award for nine years in a row. As one chapter closes, another begins, with Lorie Travi stepping in as the new Director of Library Services.

Travi was promoted from the position of Assistant Director. She came to Mesquite with nearly 20 years of experience in library services, including serving as Director of Systems and Performance Outcomes with the Kitchener Public Library in Ontario, Canada.

## City Services During the Holiday Season

Holidays throughout the year can sometimes briefly impact the availability of certain services, however the convenience of residents and businesses in the community remains a top priority for the City of Mesquite. The most notable interruption for services happens between Christmas and the New Year's Holidays. Here is a brief summary of the service impacts through the end of 2025:

December 24: All City offices closed, no residential recycling collected - resumes next scheduled collection day, commercial and residential will be trash collected, commercial recycling will also be collected.

December 25: All City offices closed. No commercial or residential trash or recycling collected. Collection resumes on next scheduled collection day.

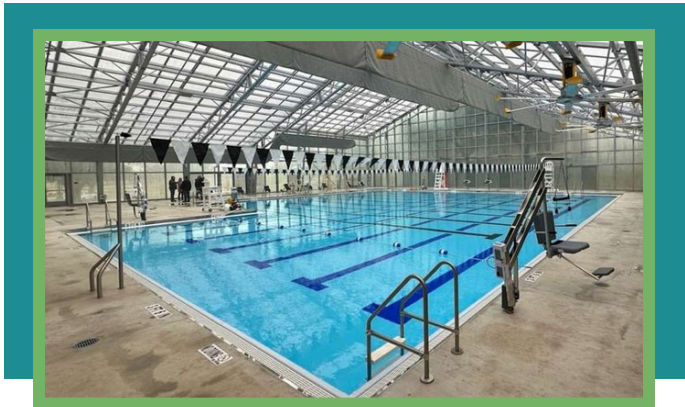
December 31: Recreation Centers close at 6 p.m. All trash and recycling on normal schedule.





## Closures and Service Impacts in the New Year

All City offices will be closed on Jan. 19 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The Mesquite Metro Airport and the Compost Facility and Convenience Center will remain open. Commercial and residential trash will be collected, as well as commercial recycling. Residential recycling will not be collected. Residential recycling collection will resume on the next scheduled collection day.



## 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. For information about activities and the hot lunch program, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Adults50](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Adults50) for information.



## School Holiday Play Days

When school is out, bring your kindergarteners through 6th graders to Dunford Recreation Center or Rutherford Recreation Center for a day of fun featuring activities, games and snacks. Play Days are 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).

**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 of Mesquite celebrated Texas Arbor Day last month with the Parks & Recreation Department and Keep Mesquite Beautiful by planting a new tree at Vanston Park. Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Tandy Boroughs presented a proclamation to Keep Mesquite Beautiful. Learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/KMB](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/KMB).



## 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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**The Mesquite Arts Theatre** has an exciting new season coming in 2026. Check out Season and Flex Ticketing options. The new Flex Pass is good for six tickets to any performance at a discounted rate. Find more info at [www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org](http://www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org).



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**The Mesquite Arts Center** has several spaces available to rent, and is the perfect location for any event you might want to host. Please contact us at [arts@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:arts@cityofmesquite.com) for more details.



**The Mesquite Arts Center** offers various sponsorship opportunities for businesses and organizations looking to engage and promote their services or products to the community. Details at [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).

## Daniel Alemán Jr., Mayor

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