

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER

All City offices and facilities closed with the exception of Mesquite Metro Airport. No trash or recycling collected. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.

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City Council meetings, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.

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9/11 Memorial Service, 8:30 a.m., Freedom Park, 1527 N. Galloway Ave.

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Family Game Day, open to all ages, 2 p.m., Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

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Mesquite Market Place, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Downtown Mesquite, 150 W. Main Street.

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Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Taste & Trade, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., Mesquite Convention Center and Exhibit Hall, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Call 972-285-0211 or for more information visit www.mesquitechamber.com.

For details on City services impacted during holidays, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays.



Mesquite City Council approves \$5.5 million Downtown Mesquite project

The Mesquite City Council approved a construction contract for the Downtown Mesquite infrastructure project, known as Front Street Station, during the July 15 Regular Meeting. The \$5.5 million project will improve infrastructure such as drainage and lighting, add more than 80 new parking spaces, and will create an event space, performance pavilion as well as a pocket park that will serve as a pass-through from Front Street to Main Street. Construction is scheduled to begin in August and is expected to be completed in 2020.

A vibrant downtown is a primary goal of the City Council. Since the downtown program began in 2018, several efforts have been achieved. Mesquite was designated a Teas Main Street Program Community, which brought the First Lady of Texas, Mrs. Cecilia Abbott, to visit Downtown Mesquite to celebrate the designation.

In addition, the Council approved a Façade Improvement Grant program in May to encourage Downtown Mesquite property owners to improve the outward appearance of their downtown locations. Volunteer committees and an advisory board have also been created. For more information visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Downtown.

FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY PHONE NUMBERS

Mesquite Municipal Center	972-288-7711
Animal Services	972-216-6283
Building Inspection	972-216-6212
Environmental Code Hotline	972-216-6276
Main Library	972-216-6220
Parks and Recreation	972-216-6260
Planning and Zoning	972-216-6216
Police Non-Emergency	972-285-6336
Trash Collection/Recycling	972-216-6284
Street/Alley Repair	972-216-6282
Water Billing	972-216-6208
Water Leaks/Sewer Back-ups	972-216-6278



Two workshops for the small business owner or dreamer called “Entrepreneurship to the Fourth Power” will be held August 27 and October 15. The workshops are offered by the Mesquite Business Retention and Expansion partnership in conjunction with the Small Business Administration and the Dallas Metropolitan Small Business Development Center.

On Aug. 27, learn about Marketing and Sales Strategies: social media know-how, basics for creating a website, and the 4P’s of Marketing. Then on Oct. 15, learn about Budgeting and Financials: using budgeting to achieve short-term and long-term goals, debt management and tracking.

Both workshops will be held at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave., on the second floor. Networking time will be from 4:30 to 5 p.m. followed by the workshops from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost for individual workshops is \$10 each.

For more information and registration, call 972-216-6446 or visit www.MesquiteEcoDev.com/Events.

Real.Texas.Roads. Update



Real. Texas. Roads. is the \$125 million dollar street bond program, approved by voters in 2015, to repair residential streets. This is a summary of the latest updates on this project at press time (July 16). Call the Streets Maintenance Division at 972-216-6282 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PublicWorksProjects for the most updated information regarding this and other road projects.

Localized concrete repairs are in progress on Northridge Drive and Alta Vista Street. Resurfacing has begun on Cascade Street, Crest Park Drive, Summit Street and Royal Crest Drive (between Willowbrook Drive and Longview Street). Resurfacing is complete on Rockne Lane, Morgan Drive, Statler Drive and Sidney Drive. Utility work is underway to replace old water and sewer lines on Lilac Lane, Carnation Drive, Rose Lane and Daffodil Drive.

Mesquite City Lake Park receives Texas Historical Marker



The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has recognized City Lake Park as a significant part of Texas history by awarding it an Official Texas Historical Marker. The designation honors the site as an important and educational part of local history, and increases public awareness of cultural resources. On July 17, Historic Mesquite, Inc. hosted a marker dedication ceremony with the Dallas County Historical Commission and the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Tree Board.

The 20-acre park is located at 200 Parkview Street and features a lake and fountain, 17 picnic tables, a lighted tennis court, a lighted baseball field and Lakeside Activity Center. The park is also the future location of the Mesquite Veterans Memorial, a community-based project to raise funding for the construction of a new memorial in the Mesquite community to honor all military veterans and their families.

Mesquite Animal Services offers free Barn Cat Program



Mesquite Animal Services’ new Barn Cat Program allows you to adopt a free feral cat to provide natural pest control around your property. A feral cat is an un-owned domestic cat that lives outdoors and avoids human contact, but is extremely helpful in reducing pests in the environment. In return, adopters provide daily food and water as well as appropriate shelter. All feral cats are sterilized and vaccinated before released.

“We have people all over Mesquite that really value their feral cats as natural pest control,” said Manager of Animal Services Jeanne Saadi. “Plus, by finding safe environments to home feral cats, we’re able to offer compassionate care that these animals have likely never known.”

For more information on adopting a feral cat, call Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices.

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. to host Trash Bash on September 21



On Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) will host its semi-annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash Bash. The event will kick-off at City Lake Park, 200 Parkview Street. Help us keep Mesquite clean by cleaning a spot in your neighborhood or having a community location assigned to you. Register as a group or individual and receive lunch on us!

Sign up today at www.cityofmesquite.com/cleanup or call our office at 972-329-8331 for more information.

Parks and Recreation Corner

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 972-216-6260 OR VISIT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD.

MOVIES IN THE PARK AND "TOUCH A TRUCK"

Join us for Movies in the Park on September 13 at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road to watch the movie "Incredibles 2". Pre-show activities begins at 7 p.m., including "Touch a Truck" where various city trucks will be onsite for children to explore. Bring your blankets and a picnic for the movie. The movie will begin at dusk. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MovieInThePark for more information.

AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES

After-School Adventures, which operates in conjunction with the Mesquite Independent School District calendar, provides supervised after-school play activities, arts and crafts, snacks and homework time. This program is available Monday through Friday, 3 - 6 p.m., at Achziger, Beasley, Florence, McKenzie, Rutherford, Shaw and Thompson Elementary Schools for children in grades Kindergarten through sixth. Fees are \$90 per month for residents and \$100 per month for non-residents. Register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave., or any recreation center.

ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adults 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar, and Rutherford Recreation Centers. On September 5, take a trip to the Tanger Outlet Mall in Terrell to do some early Christmas shopping, followed by lunch at Applebee's. The fee is \$2 per person plus the cost of lunch and shopping. The bus departs Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street, at 9:30 a.m. Registration opens August 22. Then on September 17, visit Eagle Farm and Ranch store in Royse City and plant your own succulent plant while getting tips from a master gardener. Enjoy lunch after at Matt's Rancho Martinez Restaurant. The fee is \$1 per person plus the cost of your plant and lunch. The bus departs Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Drive, at 10 a.m. Registration opens September 3. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus for more information or to register.



Council Community Focus



Registering to vote and voting in Dallas County just became easier. Last month, the Mesquite City Council passed an ordinance to establish designated voter registration sites at certain City facilities. The new locations were created to encourage public interest and public engagement in City government by making voter registration more convenient. These locations include the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave., the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. Through Oct. 4, these locations will be staffed by City personnel trained and certified as volunteer deputy registrars by Dallas County.

In addition, the Dallas County Elections Department is changing the way voting will take place in Dallas County. Beginning with the Nov. 5, 2019, election, voters will be utilizing Countywide Voting Centers. Voters are no longer required to vote at their precincts on Election Day. They can vote at any polling location in Dallas County during Early Voting and Election Day Voting.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections for more information on both new services.

Community Snapshots



Mesquite Championship Rodeo with Good Morning America

On July 9, the Mesquite Championship Rodeo hosted a free public rodeo to welcome Good Morning America (GMA) as they toured must-visit Texas destinations on their Big Summer Road Trip program.



Luau Pool Party City Lake Aquatic Center

On July 12, the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a free Luau Pool Party at City Lake Aquatic Center. The event featured a Royal Hawaiian Hula Show, contests, games and more.



Elements International

On July 15, Elements International presented \$2,500 to the City Council in support of the Mesquite Veterans Memorial project. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org



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



Dallas Art Dealers Association Gallery Walk, September 7, 1 - 5 p.m., Main Gallery.

For more information, visit www.dallasartdealers.org. Admission is free.

Jeremy Hjort Artists Reception, September 7, 3 - 5 p.m., Chamber Gallery. Free admission and refreshments.

Texas Area Artist Paint In, September 9, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Rehearsal Hall. Admission is free.



The **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** presents *The Power of Nature*, September 14, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Visit www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.org.

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