

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR | NOVEMBER

- 1** Last day for registered voters to vote early in the 2019 elections. For times and locations, visit [www.dallascountyvotes.org](http://www.dallascountyvotes.org).

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

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- 18** General Election to elect the Mayor and Councilmembers for District 1 - 6. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections) or call 972-216-6244 for more information.

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- 5** Last day to buy a picket for KidsQuest 2.0. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD) or call 972-216-6260 for more information.

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- 8** Mesquite Recycles Day, 8 a.m. - noon, at Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive. Proof of residency required. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RecyclesDay](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RecyclesDay).

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

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- 9** Veterans Day Memorial Service, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Ave., 972-216-6260.

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- 28** Thanksgiving holiday. 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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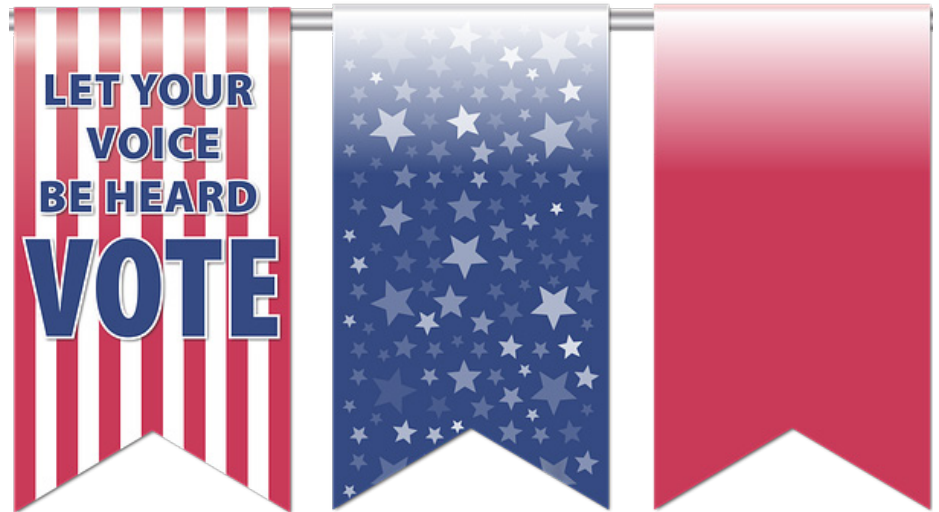
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For information on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays).

To learn about the different ways to stay informed on city news, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed).

### 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



## Mesquite to hold General Election on November 5

On Nov. 5, 2019, registered Mesquite voters will have the opportunity to vote in the City's General Election to elect the positions of Mayor and Councilmembers representing Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Voters approved a City Charter amendment to create single-member districts in May 2018.

As a result, six geographical areas or districts have been created, with one City Councilmember representing each district. Only district residents will be permitted to vote for the candidates seeking to represent that district. Candidates must also reside in the district in which they are seeking election. The Mayor will be elected by all voters, because the office represents the entire City.

In addition, voters may now use 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.

The 2019 City Council candidates are listed on the next page in the order as they will appear on the ballot. This order was determined by a random drawing for ballot position.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections) for more information and to view district maps.

# 2019 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Listed in the order as they will appear on the Nov. 5, 2019, General Election ballot.



## Mayor

Bruce Archer  
\*Stan Pickett

## City Council, Place 1

Sherry Wisdom  
Jenny Martinez  
David Burris

## City Council, Place 2

Kenny Green  
Dorothy Patterson

## City Council, Place 3

\*Robert Miklos  
Noe Villarreal  
Jennifer Vidler

## City Council, Place 4

\*Tandy Boroughs  
Bryan Odom

## City Council, Place 5

B. W. Smith  
Henry Brown  
Sergio Garcia

## City Council, Place 6

\*Dan Aleman  
Christina Sowells

\*Incumbent

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## Use the City's online Crime Map tool for reliable information.



There can be information about criminal activity in Mesquite which is posted on social media or shared by neighbors that can sometimes be misleading or unreliable. This information can be from a variety of sources, including the active call sheet on the City's web site. This program will post calls as they are cleared and will make a correction on errors. However, earlier calls previously posted on the active call sheet that are later determined to be incorrect, will remain on the list of all the calls made. The best and most accurate source of crime information for Mesquite is the crime map tool on the City's website. It offers access to an interactive map that allows the user to get detailed information on the crimes. The webpage also provides a list of frequently asked questions for a better understanding of the tool. Visit the web page at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CrimeMap](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CrimeMap) to get reliable information. Or, you may call the Mesquite Police Department Non-Emergency phone number at 972-285-6336 if you have a question.

## Water bill information and conservation tips



August and September water bills are generally the highest for our water utility customers. These months are the hottest and customers typically water their lawns and landscapes more frequently. The City of Mesquite uses a tiered water rate structure which charges a higher rate as more water is used. The higher consumption amounts in the summer months may place a customer into a higher tier rate category for the additional consumption.

For more information on how the City calculates monthly water bills as well as conservation tips to help lower your bill, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/WaterBills](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WaterBills) or call the Water Billing Office at 972-216-6208.



## Council Community Focus

Two recent studies place Mesquite high on lists for home sales and education. According to a study performed by the company SmartAsset, Mesquite is one of the easiest places to sell a home based on the number of days houses are on the market before selling.

Mesquite homes sit on the market an average of 42.7 days before selling. The rankings are part of SmartAsset's overall study to identify the country's healthiest housing markets. In addition, Mesquite schools received high grades in the Texas Education Agency's first official grades for individual school campuses released in August. The Mesquite Independent School District earned an overall grade of B, with four campuses receiving the grade of A.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Rankings](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Rankings) for more information on both reports.

# Parks and Recreation Corner

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS, PLEASE CALL 972-216-6260 OR VISIT [WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD](http://WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD).



## TURKEY CAMP

Over Thanksgiving break, kids ages 6 - 12 can spend a day or the whole week playing games, creating holiday crafts, and experiencing other fun activities. Two camps are available at Dunford or Rutherford Recreation Centers from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 25 - 29 (no camp on Nov. 28). The fee is \$16 per day or \$60 per week (per resident) and \$26 per day or \$70 per week (per non-resident) Register online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ASA).



## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

Come to City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Ave., on November 9, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for a celebration to honor all veterans. Activities include guest speakers, a complimentary picnic provided by the Mesquite Fire Corps, and a military style musical presentation by the Dallas Heritage Brass Band. There will also be a special ground breaking ceremony for the new Mesquite Veterans Memorial. Visit [www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org](http://www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org) for more information or to make a donation to the project.



## TENNIS FREE PLAY DAYS

Free Tennis Play Days will be held for children ages 10 and under on Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road. This free instructional class teaches the basics of tennis with smaller courts, shorter racquets, and balls that bounce lower so kids have more success when they play. All equipment is provided. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/WestlakeSportsCenter](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WestlakeSportsCenter).



## ADULTS 50+

On Nov. 1, take a trip to First Monday in Canton, Texas, for early Christmas shopping and enjoy lunch at the pavilion food court. The fee is \$5 per person plus the cost of lunch and shopping. The bus departs Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street, at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 18 is the deadline for registration. On Nov. 12, visit the Heard Museum in McKinney, Texas, and have lunch at Razoo's. This natural science museum has twelve galleries and an outdoor sculpture garden. The fee is \$16 per person plus the cost of lunch and shopping. The bus departs Evans Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. Registration opens Oct. 29. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus) for more information.

## Mesquite Police Department offers Halloween safety tips

The Mesquite Police Department wishes everyone a happy Halloween and offers the following safety tips for trick-or-treating.



- Wear highly visible clothing which can be detectable during night time hours or use reflective tape for costumes and trick-or-treat bags.
- A responsible adult should accompany all young children on their neighborhood rounds.
- Carry flashlights with fresh batteries or glow sticks to increase visibility.
- Plan and review an acceptable route with older children if they are trick-or-treating without an adult and agree on a specific time to return home.
- Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat.
- Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk. Never cut across yards or use alleyways.
- Cross the street as a group in established crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars or out of driveways.
- Do not assume motorists will stop. Motorists may have trouble seeing trick-or-treaters.
- Carry a cellphone for quick communication.
- Notify the Mesquite Police Department immediately of any suspicious or unlawful activity.

Motorists are also reminded to stay alert and be mindful of their speed. More traffic safety tips are available at [www.drivelikeyourfamilyliveshere.org](http://www.drivelikeyourfamilyliveshere.org).

# Community Snapshots



Mesquite Animal Shelter (MAS)

On Aug. 17, the Mesquite Animal Shelter (MAS) hosted the 2019 Clear the Shelter event and 89 animals were adopted by new families. The annual event waives all adoption fees for one day. MAS also recently celebrated 24 consecutive months of a more than 90 percent save rate for all its animals.



Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)

The Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) received five awards at the recent Texas Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau's Annual Conference for excellence in destination marketing. The awards included the People's Choice Awards for its budget size in the categories of Advertising, Website, Mobile Site and Video.



Freedom Park Remembrance

On Sept. 11, the City of Mesquite held a memorial at Freedom Park in remembrance of those that lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001, as a result of a terrorist attack.



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)



**Michelle Thomas Richardson**, Developing Story art exhibition, weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oct. 1 - Dec. 29, in the Main Gallery. Admission is free.



**Just for Kids: Thanksgiving Centerpiece**, Nov. 9, 10 - 11 a.m., in the Rehearsal Hall. Pre-register at [eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com) or call 972-216-8132. Space is limited. This event is free.



**Smartphone Photography Tips: Thanksgiving Edition**, Nov. 14, 6 - 7 p.m. Pre-register at [eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com). Admission is free.

**Just for Kids: DIY Silkscreen Class**, Nov. 16, 2 - 4 p.m. Participants must bring their own t-shirt. Pre-register at [eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com) or call 972-216-8132. Admission is free.



**Mesquite Community Theatre** presents Fruitcakes with weekend performances Nov. 22 - Dec. 15. Visit [www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.org](http://www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.org) to purchase tickets.

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