

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | DECEMBER

- 2** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. 972-216-6244.

- 3** Christmas on the Square Annual Tree Lighting, 6 p.m., Downtown Mesquite, 972-216-6260

- 3** Evening Storytime, 7 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. 972-216-6220.

- 5** Holiday Crafts (ages 5 - 10), 4 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. 972-216-6220.

- 7** Christmas in the Park, 1 - 7 p.m., Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road. 972-216-6260.

- 7** Family Storytime, 2 p.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. 972-681-0465.

- 10** Young at Art (ages 6-12, registration is required), 4 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. 972-216-6220

- 14** Kids LEGO® Club (ages 3 - 10), 4 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. 972-216-6220.

- 14** Ugly Sweater Cookie Party, 2 p.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. 972-681-0465.

- 17** Cookies & Crafts for Teens (ages 11 - 18), 6:30 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive. 972-216-6220.



Christmas in the Park is December 7 and 8

The traditional Christmas in the Park will be held at Westlake Park, 601 Gross Road on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 from 1 to 7 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

This family friendly event features many affordable or free attractions to kick off the holiday season. They include pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus' story time and cookies, roasting marshmallows on the yule log, holiday crafts, a petting zoo, pony rides, a variety of inflatables, and live entertainment from the community stage. To conclude each day, attendees will enjoy the lighted "Here Comes Christmas" parade at 7 p.m.

Visit: www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260, for more information.

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

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

To learn about the different ways to stay informed on city news, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/StayInformed.



Mesquite celebrates the 15th anniversary of Addressing Mesquite Day

On Saturday, October 12 more than 1,000 volunteers gathered throughout Mesquite to assist 102 homeowners with home projects such as painting, landscaping and building wheelchair ramps leading up to the front doors of the homes. This was all part of the annual one-day volunteer day called Addressing Mesquite Day. It is a day that celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2019 and has aided more than 1,000 homeowners in Mesquite since its inception. It is one of the most successful and sustaining volunteer programs of its kind in any community in north Texas. The homeowners who receive assistance include the elderly, senior citizens, the disabled, military veterans and single parents. The volunteers who help on Addressing Mesquite Day are from local high schools, churches, civic clubs, the corporate community, City of Mesquite employees and non-profit groups. The funds and materials used for the home projects are provided by sponsors and local businesses. Addressing Mesquite Day was created in 2005 by local churches, non-profits and the City of Mesquite as a one-day opportunity to offer a workday for volunteers wanting to give back to the community. The day has grown during the past 15 years to add more volunteers, sponsors and community support.



Mesquite earns Scenic City Award

In October, the City of Mesquite was awarded the 2019 Certified Scenic City award. This is the city's third consecutive certification. Mesquite ranks gold in the program, which recognizes Texas municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces. Mesquite is one of only four cities in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to hold the esteemed gold ranking, and has been certified since the program's start in 2010. "Maintaining a vibrant and attractive community has long been a strategic goal and objective of the City Council," said City Manager Cliff Keheley. "Council and City staff have worked hard over the years to make sure we have appropriate policies in place to achieve this goal. To have a third-party evaluate our standards and recognize this work is an invaluable tool to measure the success of our efforts. Recertification as a Scenic City is an honor for our entire community." Certification is for five years and is awarded based on a comprehensive assessment of existing city ordinances for landscaping, tree planting, and sign regulation. Assessment is point-based, with certification earned by cities that receive high scores. Mesquite received perfect scores for its ordinances in the following categories: protection of landscaping during construction activities, specified requirements for landscaping in parking lots; and clearly-defined design standards to create unity-of-design.



Council Community Focus

One of the City Council's strategic goals is Vibrant Economy. Recently, the City Council participated in two events to welcome projects that will bring economic growth and jobs to the Mesquite community. Iron Horse Village, a new mixed-use community from Centurion American Development Group, held a groundbreaking ceremony in September. The development will sit on 54 acres of prime real estate adjacent to Mesquite Arena. Iron Horse Village will incorporate 336 single-family homes, 130,000 square feet of retail, restaurant and entertainment space, and 4.5 acres of green space. In October, Urban Air



Adventure Park hosted the ribbon cutting to celebrate the opening of a 30,706 square-foot indoor trampoline/recreation and entertainment center where kids of all ages can play, slide, climb, jump, duck, dunk, and bounce. It is located at 3777 Childress Avenue, and will employ 90 people.

Parks and Recreation Corner

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



WINTER CAMP

Over winter break, kids ages 6-12 can spend a day or the whole week playing games, creating holiday crafts, and doing other fun activities. Two camps are available at Dunford or Rutherford Recreation Centers from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Session 1: December 23-27 *no camp 12/25

\$16 per day or \$60 per week (resident) / \$26 per day or \$75 per week (non-resident)

Session 2: December 30-January 6 *no camp 1/1

\$16 per day or \$75 per week (resident)/ \$26 per day or \$85 per week (non-resident)



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. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.



Properly dispose of fats, oils and grease during the holidays

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) is the residue left over from cooking meats, butter, lard, food scraps, sauces, dressings, dairy products and cooking oil. FOG and debris poured down drains can build up in pipes and cause backups in both private and the City-maintained sewer system. To avoid expensive plumbing repairs and damage to the sewer system:

- scrape or wipe cooled grease or fat from all cookware and place in the trash
- pour or scrape grease into a sturdy closed-lid container and dispose of in the trash



Don't pour your holiday cooking grease down the drain. Instead, recycle it for free at one of the following locations: Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center, 11234 Plano, Road, Dallas, TX 75243 or Eastfield College (only from Nov.26 - Jan.7), in the southeast corner of W2 parking lot at 3737 Motely Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150. For more information, call the Utilities Division at 972-329-8300, or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities.

Community Snapshots



National Night Out

On October 1, several Mesquite neighborhoods hosted National Night Out events and activities to build stronger residential areas and a sense of community.



Coffee with a Cop

On October 2, the Mesquite Police Department hosted Coffee with a Cop activities at local McDonald's to engage and connect with citizens on public safety issues in the community.



Heart Safe Community

Mesquite recently earned a Heart Safe Community designation from the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council. This designation recognizes a community's efforts to protect its residents from the effects of heart disease and sudden cardiac death by evaluating different aspects of the system as a whole. Multiple groups in Mesquite helped accomplish this achievement including Dallas Regional Medical Center, Mesquite ISD, and Mesquite Fire and Police Departments.

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

Mesquite Community Band presents, A Christmas Celebration
December 7, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Admission is free.

Mesquite Arts Council presents, Winter Gala: Community Celebration of the Arts.
Admission is free.

Mesquite Arts Council presents, Michelle Richardson: Developing Story - Artist Reception.
December 7, 6 - 8 p.m.
This event is free.

Mesquite Arts Council presents, After School Hip Hop Session
(Ages 12 - 15, pre-registration is required)
December 10, 6 - 7 p.m.
Admission is free.

Mesquite Arts Council presents, Smartphone Photography tips: Holiday Edition,
December 12, 6 - 7 p.m.
This event is free.

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents, Christmas Memories
December 14, 5 - 7:30 p.m.
Tickets are available at www.mesquitesymphony.org or call 972-216-8127.

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