

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | FEBRUARY 2020

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

- 6** Job Seeker Assistance with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas, 1:30 p.m., North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-216-0465.

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

- 8** Chocolate Olympics Party, Ages 12 and under, 2:00 p.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-681-0465.

- 10** Tea & Crafts for Adults, Ages 18 and older, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

- 11** Cookies & Crafts for Teens, Ages 11-18, 6:30 p.m., Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

- 13** Valentine's Day Craft for Ages 5-10, 4 p.m. Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

- 17** Mesquite Main and North Branch Library Closed for Staff Development.

- 18** Young at Art for Ages 6-12, 4p.m., (Registration Required), Main Library, 200 West Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

- 22** Kids LEGO® Club Ages 3-10, 4 p.m., Main Library, 300 West Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

- 22** Estate Planning, 11:00 a.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-216-0465.

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

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



Census 2020 - Shape Your Future

The City of Mesquite is participating in the Census 2020 program and every resident needs to be counted. The U.S. Constitution mandates a Census count must be held every ten years. The data is used to allocate federal dollars which have a direct impact on planning for schools, transportation, health programs and other community needs. Census data is also used to draw districts which translates to Congressional seats. Based on current estimates, Texas could gain as many as four additional seats in Congress after Census 2020.

2020 will be the first time citizens will be able to respond online or on the phone in 12 different languages. It is safe and easy to complete. Answers are confidential.

It is critical that every Mesquite resident participates in Census 2020 and is counted and here is why:

- In Fiscal Year 2016, Texas received \$59.4 billion based on Decennial Census data, that is \$2,132 for every Texas resident.
- Texas stands to lose more federal funding from an undercount in 2020 than any other state.
- Federal funds lost by Texas due to a census undercount are redistributed to other states. For example, for each federal dollar that Texas gives up, California gets an extra 13 cents.
- Texas is the third largest recipient of federal funding allocated using Census data.
- The Census Bureau estimates that Texas had a 1% undercount in the 2010 Census. Because of that undercount, over the last decade Texas lost \$3 billion in federal reimbursements for Medicaid-related programs, alone.
- If there is a 1% undercount in 2020, that could result in at least \$1,161 for each person missed in Texas.

Being counted in Census 2020 will directly help Mesquite with federal funding of many programs for schools, healthcare, housing and more. To learn more, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Census2020.

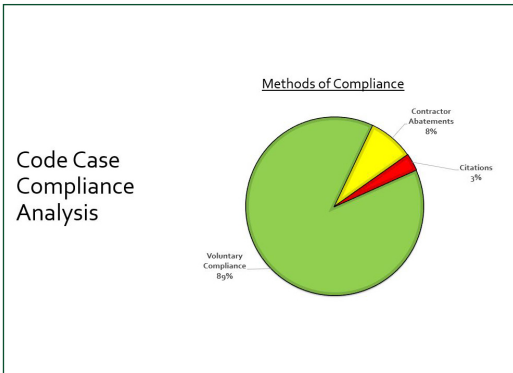
Third Annual Neighborhood Summit



The City of Mesquite's Neighborhood Vitality Division will host its third annual Neighborhood Summit on Feb. 22, 2020. This year's free event will offer an opportunity for all potential and current Crimewatch Captains, Neighborhood Leaders and Homeowners Association Officers an opportunity to network among their peers. The free summit will also feature guest speakers, city staff and more, all to promote, teach and provide helpful tips for coordinating neighborhood groups.

For the latest event information, contact Yolanda Wilson, Manager of Neighborhood Vitality, at 972-216-6473 or ywilson@cityofmesquite.com.

Mesquite environmental code program continues its success



In December, Neighborhood Services presented an update to City Council on the success of the environmental code program. The department reported an 89 percent rate of voluntary compliance by property owners to address code violations. That means, Mesquite property owners contacted by the city are positively responding to code notices and are working with staff to understand the violations and find solutions to fix those issues. Some of the top violations continue to be high grass, overhanging limbs, trash, junk or debris and landscaping maintenance.

To read a residential guide for property maintenance, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CodeViolation.

Real. Texas. Giving.



The employees for the City of Mesquite continue to give back to the community they serve as they recently raised more than \$35,000 for local charities as a part of their 2019 Real. Texas. Giving. campaign. The 2019 campaign assisted 18 different charities and causes that serve Mesquite. These include Sharing Life Community Outreach, the American Heart Association as well as the Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts of America. In the past three years, city employees have donated more than \$104,000 through the campaign to programs and services that support the Mesquite community.

To view a list of contributing campaign sponsors or to make your own tax-deductible donation to community programs, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/giving.

Council Community Focus



Mesquite's first Sprouts Farmers Market will open on March 4, 2020. The City Council's strategic goal of maintaining a 'Vibrant Economy' includes investments by new businesses. This announcement by Sprouts to choose Mesquite as their newest expansion location is an indication that our overall economy is growing and remaining relevant in our retail areas. The 28,000-square-foot store at 1220 North Town East Boulevard will help expand access to affordable, healthy choices and will bring approximately 140 full and part-time career opportunities to Mesquite.

Parks and Recreation Corner

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

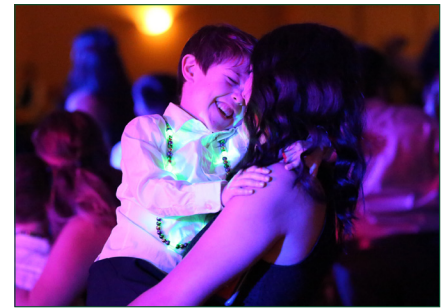


MOTHER SON DANCE

Tickets will go on sale Friday, Feb 1 for the 2020 Mother Son Dance scheduled for Saturday, March 7. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD, as well as all recreation centers and the Parks and Recreation Administration Office located at 1515 North Galloway Avenue. The dance will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive.

Tickets: \$15 per person, *per session*
 Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door.
 Advanced ticket purchase is required.

Sessions are open to ALL ages.
 Session I: 4 - 6 p.m. Session II: 7 - 9 p.m.



PLAYDAY

Parents, mark your calendars. School is out so bring your kids for a day of fun with us. Playday is available on Monday, Feb. 17 from 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive, and Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. The fee is \$16 per child (resident) or \$26 per child (non-resident). Participants will need a lunch, snack and water bottle.



LITTLE ROOKIES TENNIS

Registration for Little Rookies tennis for children ages 3-4 begins Feb. 10. Sessions will begin March 16 at Westlake Sports Center. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per participant for the five-week course. Parent participation is required.

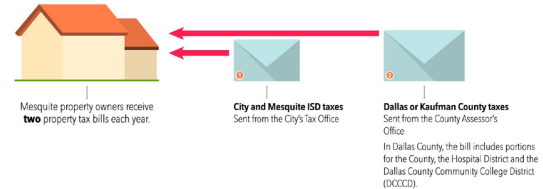
Know Your Tax Bill

Property owners in Mesquite receive two tax bills each year. One property tax bill is for the City of Mesquite and the Mesquite Independent School District. Approximately 26 percent of this bill goes to the City to pay for services such as police, fire, public works and parks and recreation. An additional 51 percent of the bill goes to Mesquite Independent School District. The second property tax bill is applied to Dallas or Kaufman County taxes. Mesquite property owners can learn more about their tax bill by clicking on the infographic or visiting www.cityofmesquite.com/propertytax.



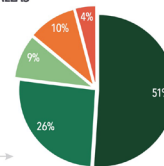
COMPONENTS OF YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

On September 16, the Mesquite City Council approved the 2019 - 2020 budget and property tax rate.



TAX RATES FOR EACH TAXING ENTITY IN DALLAS COUNTY

Mesquite ISD	\$1.4500	per \$100 valuation
City of Mesquite	\$0.7340	per \$100 valuation
Dallas County	\$0.2431	per \$100 valuation
Hospital District	\$0.2695	per \$100 valuation
DCCCD	\$0.1240	per \$100 valuation
Total:	\$2.8206	per \$100 valuation



NOTE:
 The City of Mesquite does not determine home values.
 Dallas County Appraisal District or Kaufman County Appraisal District are responsible for assessing property values.

IN MESQUITE

\$122,000 AVERAGE home value
\$3,455 AVERAGE total property tax bill
\$899 City of Mesquite's portion on the average home value



That **\$899** or about **\$2.50** a day helps fund city services.

- 24/7 Police, Fire and EMS Services
- Neighborhood Services
- Animal Services
- Building Inspection
- Economic Development
- Traffic Services
- Street Services
- Planning and Development Services
- Health Services
- General Government Services
- Parks, Recreation Centers and Swimming Pools
- and many more services

For more information on the 2019 - 2020 budget, please visit cityofmesquite.com/Transparency

Community Snapshots



MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

The **Mesquite Arts Center** is located at 1527 N. Galloway Avenue
For more information on any of these events, please call 972-216-8132 or visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org



Lifetime Achievement Awards

On Dec. 12, Police Chief Charles Cato of the Mesquite Police Department and Debbie Anderson received Lifetime Achievement Awards for 1500 and 2000 hours.



Diane Wright Day

On Dec. 7, Mayor Bruce Archer honored Diane Wright for her distinguished service to the arts and the Mesquite community.



Heart Safe Community Designation

On Dec. 2, the City of Mesquite earned a Heart Safe Community designation from the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council. Less than 20 cities have the designation, which highlights a community for its efforts to protect citizens from the effects of heart disease and sudden cardiac death.



2019 Partner of the Year

On Dec. 7, The Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) was presented the 2019 Partner of the Year award by The Hotel Association.

Jan. 6 - March 28 | **Rachel Muldez Exhibition: Hello Andromeda**
Art Exhibition | Main Gallery | Free Admission
Artist Reception Date: March 12 from 6 - 8 p.m.

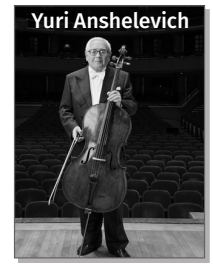
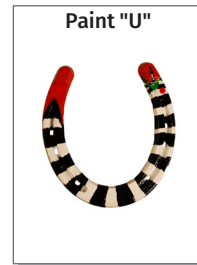
Feb. 1, Mesquite Arts Council | **Just for Kids: Pop-up Book Event with Jennifer Wester**, Rehearsal Hall
FREE Admission | 40 spaces available | 10 - 11 a.m.
Register: equajardo@cityofmesquite.com.

Feb. 8 | Mesquite Symphony Orchestra
Requiem Concert | Concert Hall | Tickets available at www.mesquitesymphony.org
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Contact: 972-216-8127.

Feb. 13 | **Paint "U" in the Horseshoe event**
Rutherford Recreation Center | 900 Rutherford Drive
FREE Admission | 1 - 3 p.m.
Register: equajardo@cityofmesquite.com

Feb. 14 - Mar. 1 | Mesquite Arts Theatre
Guess Who's Coming To Dinner? Black Box Theatre
Friday 8 - 10 p.m. | Saturday 8 - 10 p.m.
Sunday 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Seating opens 30 minutes before show.

Feb. 15 | Mesquite Arts Council
Yuri Anshelevich and Steve Harlos Spring Concert
Concert Hall | FREE Admission | 7 - 9 p.m.



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