

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | APRIL 2020

- 2** Job Seeker Assistance with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas, 1:30 p.m., North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-681-0465.

- 6** Free Tax Services, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Main Library 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

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

- 9** Easter Craft for Ages 5-10, 4 p.m. Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

- 11** The Marketplace, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 150 W. Main Street, 972-978-7759.

- 11** Heart of Texas Therapy Dogs, All ages, 11 a.m., Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

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

- 24** Friends of the Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

- 25** Friends of the Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

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



North Texas Municipal Water District TEMPORARY CHANGE IN WATER TREATMENT PROCESS

North Texas Municipal Water District system maintenance March 2 - March 30

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will perform its annual system maintenance this month. From March 2 through March 30, NTMWD will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process. The routine change is necessary to maintain the regional system and year-round water quality.

Disinfection involves a two-step process that first treats the water at the treatment plant, and then adds chloramine disinfectant (chlorine + ammonia) to maintain water quality on its journey through the miles of pipes to homes and businesses. During the temporary change, NTMWD suspends adding ammonia and uses only free chlorine to keep water disinfected as it travels through pipes. The absence of ammonia during this time may make the chlorine disinfectant more noticeable. There are simple steps to minimize taste, odor or skin sensitivities.

- Drinking Water
 - Run the tap for a few minutes before using
 - Refrigerate water in an open pitcher for several hours
 - Add a slice of citrus/cucumber and let it sit for several hours
 - Consider installing filters on kitchen faucets
- Bath or shower water
 - Add a crushed 100 mg Vitamin C tablet to bath water
 - Consider installing filters on bathroom faucets and shower heads

Disinfection is a critical part of the water treatment process that keeps drinking water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses. For more information and helpful tips, visit www.NTMWD.com/safewater. Email safewater@ntmwd.com or call 972-442-5405 with questions.

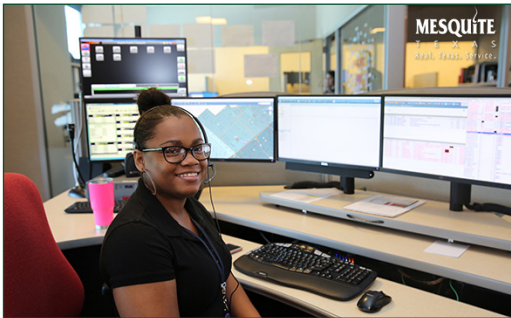
Census Day is April 1



Being counted in Census 2020 will help shape the future of Mesquite so it's important that every resident is counted. Data from Census 2020 will determine how much federal funding Mesquite will receive for programs like schools, healthcare, housing and more. In Mesquite, a 1% undercount may result in a loss of \$3,092,396 in federal funding per year. I Count, You Count, We All Count!

The Census must be held every 10 years. All Census 2020 answers are confidential and 2020 will be the first time that citizens will be able to respond online or on the phone in 12 different languages. To learn more, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Census2020.

Job Opportunities in the City of Mesquite



Looking for a job in Mesquite? The Mesquite Police Department is hiring Public Safety Dispatchers. Open positions include 911 Call Takers, Police and Fire Dispatchers. Candidates must be at least 18 with a high school diploma or GED, pass a polygraph and psychological exam and can work 10-hour shifts. No experience is required. Candidates will receive paid on-the-job training. The starting salary is \$19.40/ hour. If you have questions, contact Human Resources at careers@cityofmesquite.com. To apply, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Employment.

Mesquite honors four City employees with Real. Texas. Service. Champion awards



During the City Council meeting on Feb. 17, four City employees were honored with Real. Texas. Service. Champion awards. The Real. Texas. Service. Employee Champions Program celebrates employees who provide exemplary customer service and achieve accomplishments that merit special recognition. The following employees were recognized: Employee Service Coordinator Kerry Graham, Electrical/Energy Inspector Michael Wallander, Police Sergeant J.W. Alexander and Athletics/Aquatics Recreation Supervisor Rachael Burks. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ServiceChampions for information on the employees honored and their service to the community.

Council Community Focus



In January, Mayor Bruce Archer presented the 2020 State of the City at the annual Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Banquet. The update provided details on City accomplishments from 2019 and a preview of the City's plans for the new decade. Mayor Archer and the entire City Council presented special City awards: Mesquite Police Officer of the Year, Investigator Shawn Hanley; Mesquite Fire Officer of the Year, Lieutenant David Ivie; and General City Employee of the Year, Sydney Paige. For more information and to watch the update, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/StateoftheCity.

Parks and Recreation Corner

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



RODEO PARADE

Horses, bands and floats will wind through downtown Mesquite during the annual Rodeo Parade on Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. The parade will follow its traditional route starting on S. Bryan Belt Line Road at Newsome Street, head through downtown and end on Galloway Avenue at New Market Road. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade for more information or a float entry form.



KIDFISH

The annual KidFish event is on Saturday, April 18 at City Lake Park, 403 S. Galloway Avenue. This FREE fishing tournament, for children 16 and younger, focuses on fostering an appreciation for the sport as well as environmental awareness. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The tournament runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. with awards to follow. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/KidFish for more information.



SPRING CAMPOUT

The City of Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department invites you to sleep under the stars at Camp Rorie Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. The Campout is April 25 and 26. Activities will include a bonfire, zip-lining, gaga ball, crafts and lots of fun. The fee is \$50 for a family of four, two additional family members may be added for \$5 each. The event includes dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Families must provide their own tent. Registration is required and will open on March 23. For more information or to register visit www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD.

ADULT 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include crafts, day trips, exercise classes, lunch and more.

Join us for a safari tram ride and tour of Sharkarosa Wildlife Ranch on Thursday, April 23. The bus departs at 9 a.m. from Goodbar and Evans Recreation Centers. Pre-registration is required.

On Friday, April 24, take a trip to Caudalie Crest Winery. Tour the quaint vineyard and farm while trying a variety of wines. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at El Fenix in McKinney. The bus departs Evans Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

For more information about the Adult 50+ program, please visit: www.CityofMesquite.com/50Plus.



Free Water Conservation Workshop on April 21

Transform your lawn into a beautiful low-maintenance, water efficient landscape. On Tuesday, April 21, learn how to create beautiful plant combinations and optimize the success of your edible garden, while getting to the root of problem areas. This class will teach you how to revamp poor drainage zones, deep shade spots or heat islands with ecologically friendly combos that will save you time and money. The workshop is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Mesquite City Hall Training Room, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. To register for this course, call 972-329-8300, or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities.

Community Snapshots



Polar Plunge

On Feb. 1, the Mesquite Police Department led the charge and helped raise more than \$22,000 for Special Olympics Texas at the annual Polar Plunge.



George Boyce Drive

On Feb. 17, the City Council unanimously voted to name a new road after former Mesquite Mayor George Boyce.



David and Jane Cole Day

In February, Mayor Bruce Archer honored David and Jane Austin Cole for their family's great impact on Mesquite over the generations.

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



March 1 – June 30,
Execute Project Exhibition: Peculiar Tie-In, Chamber Gallery,
Free Admission
Artist Reception: May 14 from 7- 9 p.m.



MAC presents April Rocks: Rockin' Rhapsody
Free Admission
North Lawn, 7- 8:30 p.m.
April 3: Double Vision Foreigner
April 10: Shot of Benatar
April 17: Grand Theft Auto
April 24: PriMadonna

April 4, Mesquite Community Band,
Spring Concert:
A Festival of Texas Band Arrangers and Composers,
Concert Hall, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Free Admission



April 17 – May 3, Mesquite Arts Theatre presents **The Belle of Amherst**, Friday and Saturday 8 – 10 p.m., Sunday 2:30 – 4 p.m., Black Box Theatre, Tickets available at www.mesquitecommunitytheatre.com

April 17, MAC presents,
Just for Kids: Craft Day, Rehearsal Hall, 7- 8 p.m.,
Free Admission, Ages 8 and under, Contact:
Email eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com to register.

April 18, MAC Presents, **A Dance to Remember 12th Annual Spring Showcase "Boogie Wonderland"**,
Concert Hall and Rehearsal Hall, 6 – 9 p.m., Tickets: \$55

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