

COMMUNITY CALENDAR | MAY 2020

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

- 4** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. 972-216-6244.
- 18**

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

- 7** Job Seeker Assistance with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas, 1:30 p.m., North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-681-0465.
- 21**

- 9** The Marketplace, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 150 W. Main Street, 972-978-7759.
- 23**

- 9** Mesquite Recycles Day, 8 a.m., Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive. 972-329-8331.

- 9** Superhero Party, 2 p.m., North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-681-0465.

- 12** Irrigation Basics Workshop, Free, City Hall Training Room, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. 972-329-8300.

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

- 25** Memorial Day, All City Offices and Facilities closed.

STAY UPDATED ON THE LATEST LOCAL MESQUITE NEWS ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AT www.cityofmesquite.com/Coronavirus.

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 Day is April 1

I Count. You Count. We All Count! The U.S. Constitution mandates a Census count must be held every 10 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.

In Mesquite, a 1% undercount may result in a loss of more than \$3 million in federal funding per year, affecting dozens of programs like Medicare and Medicaid, the Summer Food Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, Veterans housing, Special Education Grants and many other important programs.

Census 2020 is safe and easy to complete. Residents can complete the Census online in 13 different languages. The Census Bureau will also provide support in 59 different languages.

Answers are completely confidential. The Census Bureau is required by law to protect any personal information collected during the census. They cannot release any information about individuals, households or businesses, not even to law enforcement agencies. The law states that the information collected may ONLY be used for statistical purposes.

The U.S. Census Bureau has started mailing households instructions on how to complete the 2020 Census online. For questions or to learn more about the 2020 Census visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Census2020.

Project Porch Light – Creating a Safe and Engaged Community



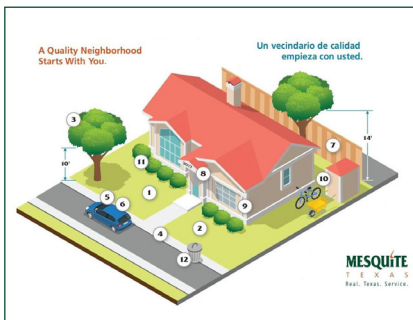
The City of Mesquite is excited to announce the launch of Project Porch Light. This effort encourages residents to engage and create a safer and more active community. Project Porch Light is a collaborative partnership between the City and its neighborhoods to get more people involved by reaching out to their neighbors and discussing safety and other neighborhood issues.

The features of the program include:

- The use of exterior lighting, such as front porch lights, to help discourage criminal activity.
- Neighbors engaging each other in conversation to build connections and a sense of community.
- Reminding neighbors to say something, if they see unusual activity, by calling the Mesquite Police Department's non-emergency phone number at 972-285-6336 or 911.
- Hosting meetings and events as a neighborhood leader with the City.

For more details about the program, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ProjectPorchLight. To get involved in Project Porch Light, residents can contact the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-216-6473 or NeighborhoodVitality@cityofmesquite.com.

Spring Code Reminder



A quality neighborhood starts with you. Here are a few code tips to look out for now that warmer temperatures are back.

- Grass must be mowed regularly and be no higher than eight inches tall.
- Yards must be well-kept, clean and free of loose trash and debris.
- Trees and vegetation must be well-maintained. All trees must be trimmed at least 10 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the street and alley and not encroaching into the right-of-way.
- Landscaping must be well-maintained and may not cover more than 75% of the structure when viewed from the street.

To learn more about Code Violations, call Neighborhood Services at 972-329-8704 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CodeViolation.

Coyote sightings in Mesquite



Mesquite Animal Services has received calls recently regarding coyote sightings. The City recommends the following precautions, which can reduce the likelihood of encountering coyotes in your neighborhood.

- Avoid placing garbage bags out at night. Wait until the next morning or place them in garbage cans.
- Do not allow your pets to run loose. They are easy prey for coyotes and allowing pets to run loose is a violation of city code.
- Keep bird feeders and pet food containers inside at night. Coyotes are opportunistic predators and will eat these items if available.

If you know of a coyote living in your neighborhood, please report it through the myMesquite platform or call Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283. For more information and tips regarding coyotes, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Coyotes.

Council Community Focus



One of the City Council's strategic goals is creating a safe community. In February of 2019, an alert citizen reported unusual activity in their neighborhood which led to a narcotics investigation by the Mesquite Police Department. They discovered a large amount of illegal narcotics being shipped to Mesquite from California. Over the past year, the investigation has resulted in the arrest of 14 individuals along with over 1,300 THC cartridges and 145 pounds of THC edible candies. Many of these products were targeted at youth in our community. Engaged residents are essential in fighting crime in our neighborhoods. If you see something, say something. Learn more about the investigation at www.cityofmesquite.com/THCinvestigation.

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.



CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION

Join the Hispanic Forum of Mesquite and the Mesquite Parks and Recreation for a Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 2 from 12 to 5 p.m. at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. This family friendly event will feature Mexican food, mariachi music, folklórico dancers, a piñata, bounce houses and more. The celebration is free. Some activities will have a small fee. For more information visit: www.cityofmesquite.com/cincomayo.



MOVIES IN THE PARK – "TOUCH A TRUCK"

Movies in the Park will feature "The Secret Life of Pets 2" on Friday, May 15 at Paschall Park located at 1001 New Market Road. Pre-show activities will start at 7 p.m. and include "Touch a Truck" where children will have the opportunity to climb on and explore a variety of city vehicles. Patrons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to this free event.

Concessions will also be available for purchase. For more information visit: www.cityofmesquite.com/moviesinthepark.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer Camp registration for children ages 5 to 15 begins May 1. For a list of camps and activity details visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps.

Registration for Swim Lessons begins May 9. Swim lessons are available for ages six months to adults. Both morning and evening classes are available. For class information visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SwimLessons.



LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department is looking for high energy and motivated candidates to join our team as Lifeguards and Recreation Leaders for Summer Camp. Applications are being accepted now. For more information visit: www.cityofmesquite.com or call 972-216-6218.



10TH Annual Mesquite Meander on May 15 and 16

Historic Mesquite, Inc., will host the 10th Annual Mesquite Meander, a living history walking tour of Mesquite Cemetery, on May 15 and 16. History comes alive through dramatic portrayals by actors telling the stories of residents long gone.

Tours will be held Friday, May 15 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Mesquite Cemetery, 400 Holley Park Drive. Tours are scheduled every 10 minutes and are limited in size. Tickets are \$10 and go on sale April 7. Visit www.historicmesquite.org to purchase tickets.

Community Snapshots



Town To Watch

Town to Watch:
Mesquite was named a “Town to Watch”, thanks to its deep western roots, in True West Magazine’s February – March 2020 Issue



Silver Fleet Award

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The City of Mesquite’s Equipment Services Division of the Public Works Department was recognized as a 2019 Silver Fleet Award Winner. The annual honor, awarded by the Dallas - Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition (DFWCC), recognizes fleets for their commitment to a cleaner environment



Sprouts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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In March, Sprouts Farmers Market opened its doors in Mesquite.

MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

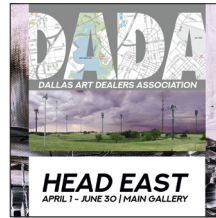
The **Mesquite Arts Center** is located at 1527 N. Galloway Avenue
For more information on any of these events, please call 972-216-8132 or visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org



March 1 – June 30, **Execute Project Exhibition: Peculiar Tie-In**, Chamber Gallery, Free Admission

Artist Reception:
May 14 from 7- 9 p.m.

The exhibition titled “**Peculiar Tie-In**” brings together paintings of Bartosz Beda and Nishiki Sugawara-Beda to explore the relationship between these two artists as well as the connection between abstract and figurative expressions.



April 6 – June 30,
Dallas Art Dealers Association Exhibition: Head East, Main Gallery, Free Admission

Artist Reception:
May 14 from 7- 9 p.m.

As a member and supporter of the Dallas Arts Dealers Association, the Mesquite Arts Center will partner with the galleries of DADA to represent the cultural range of the Dallas art scene.



Register for the artist receptions at eguajardo@cityofmesquite.com

May 9, **Paint “U” in the Horseshoe**, Downtown Marketplace at the Corner Theatre, 214 W Davis Street, 12 – 2 p.m., Free Admission

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