

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2020

**THESE EVENTS MAY BE IMPACTED BY COVID-19, FOR THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE EVENT CALENDAR AT [WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM).**

- 1, 8** Mesquite Championship Rodeo, 6 p.m., Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive, Buy Tickets at [mesquiterodeo.com](http://mesquiterodeo.com)

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- 1** Paper Plate Dragon Craft, Virtual Craft at [www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads](http://www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads)

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- 1** Catapults, Virtual STEM Time at [www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads](http://www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads)

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- 1** Bowling, virtual Game Time at [www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads](http://www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads)

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

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- 22** HMI Preservation Primer, 11 a.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701 E. Kearney Street, 972-216-6468

Summer Reading Club 2020, register at [www.cityofmesquite.com/Library](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Library) or on the READsquared app

**STAY UPDATED ON THE LATEST LOCAL MESQUITE NEWS ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AT [www.cityofmesquite.com/Coronavirus](http://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



## Mesquite announces reopening plans

City programs and services are beginning to reopen. The City of Mesquite's Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, has opened with continued social distancing and safety measures. The general public hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The Main Library is offering special hours, from 9 to 10 a.m., Monday through Saturday, for seniors ages 65 or older, families with children ages 13 and under and customers with underlying health issues. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Library](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Library) or call 972-216-6220.

The Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue, has reopened with a free Drive-in Concert Series every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. through Aug. 27. The free Art Gallery exhibition series and other programs are also available. Additionally, the public may begin renting the arts center facilities for private events. For details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ArtsCenter](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ArtsCenter) or call 972-216-6444.

Historic Mesquite, Inc., has reopened the City's two historical parks. Tours at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 701-711 E. Kearney Street, are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Saturday tours, which require advanced reservations, will be July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 16. Tour reservations at Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Drive, are available for Fridays and the second Saturday of each month. For details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/HMI](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/HMI) or call 972-216-6468.

Parks and Recreation has reopened multi-use courts to the public, including basketball and tennis. Summer camp registration is open. Recreation centers are closed to the general public but are open for private rentals. Swimming pools are closed to the general public but Adult 50+ Water Aerobics and Aqua Zumba classes are open for registration. For details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD) or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260.

## Shop Local. Dine Local. Buy Local.



The City of Mesquite is encouraging residents to spend their money locally at stores and restaurants to help energize businesses impacted by COVID-19. Sales tax is 25 percent of the City's general fund revenues which pays for police protection, fire response, street repair and other general government operations. Dallas may be next door, but Mesquite holds its own when it comes to shopping and eating. It's important to #ShopMesquite and support the businesses that have become cornerstones of the community.

## Downtown Mesquite honored with National Accreditation



The Mesquite Downtown Development program has earned a designation as a Nationally Accredited Main Street program. The honor was announced recently by the National Main Street Center. Downtown Mesquite is the only first-year program in Texas to receive this distinction. For more information, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/downtown](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/downtown).

Mesquite Downtown Development Advisory Board Chairman Brad Brandt said, "We are so honored to receive National Accreditation so early on in the life of our downtown revitalization program. The evaluation process for accreditation requires a great deal of effort and is a confirmation that we are on the right path."

## Voluntary compliance is the key to Code Enforcement



Neighborhood Services presented the City of Mesquite's quarterly report at the beginning of June. In the second quarter, the number of code violations decreased from the same quarter in 2019. The number of complaints increased from the same period last year due to the new myMesquite app launch in January of 2020. However, even though the number of complaints increased, voluntary compliance continues to take the lead as the number one method of compliance as 91 percent of cases were resolved voluntarily.

Nine out of every ten Mesquite property owners are eager to fix issues. Maria Martinez, Director of Neighborhood Services said, "Encouraging voluntary compliance through education of our city codes is key and that's where we want to be."

## City offers Utility Bill Assistance



The City of Mesquite is trying to help residents who are struggling to pay their utility bills due to the coronavirus pandemic. If you need help paying your utility bill the City is offering longer-term payment plans. You can learn more about this and other options by calling the Utility Billing Office at 972-216-6208.

Each month, the City of Mesquite lets residents know if their account is delinquent and if they are at risk of a cutoff if they don't pay or contact the City. Due to the pandemic, the City has temporarily paused actual cutoffs of service at this time.

## Council Community Focus



The City of Mesquite will repair an additional six miles of residential streets by July 2021 with the next Real. Texas. Roads. project. Approved by the City Council on June 15, these repairs will add to the 27 miles of neighborhood streets already improved through the program. The contractor, Estrada Concrete Company, is expected to begin repairs in July. The City will have street inspectors out in the neighborhoods educating residents about the repairs and answering questions. The repairs will include a full depth repair with new reinforced concrete on certain street and sidewalk locations that have moderate to severe pavement failure.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/PeachTreeAndSouthParkway](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads/PeachTreeAndSouthParkway) for a list of all the street segments to be repaired.

# Parks and Recreation Corner

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



## MESQUITE SUMMER CHALLENGE

To celebrate the summer, the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department has launched a social media contest called "The Mesquite Summer Challenge Series." Everyone can participate in the fun and entertaining challenges from home. Every Monday the Parks and Recreation Department will premiere the week's challenge on the City of Mesquite Facebook page, with all the details and information on how to complete the challenge. Residents can pick up a FREE supply bag at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way, every Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. Make sure to record yourself completing the challenge and submit it to be entered into a drawing for a prize.



For more information, visit [www.CityofMesquite.com/MesquiteSummerChallenge](http://www.CityofMesquite.com/MesquiteSummerChallenge) or call the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260.

## MESQUITE TRAILS

Mesquite offers 17 miles of trails that make staying active a breeze. Whether you're a bicyclist, runner or enjoy going on walks, Mesquite has a trail for you! Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Parks](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Parks) to find the park or trail nearest you.



## MESQUITE GOLF CLUB

The Mesquite Golf Club is open and it's the perfect time for you to enjoy a round of golf at one of DFW's most affordable and beautiful courses. Golfers must schedule a tee time in advance. Call 972-270-7457 or visit [www.mesquitegc.com/tee-times/](http://www.mesquitegc.com/tee-times/) to book your tee time.



## MESQUITE DISC GOLF

Try one of Mesquite's beautiful disc golf courses located at Debusk Park, Pashcall Park and Porter Park. Whether you're an avid disc golf player or just starting out, there's a course for you! Check out [www.cityofmesquite.com/DiscGolf](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/DiscGolf) for more information.

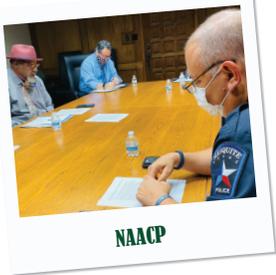


## Star Transit Survey



STAR Transit is working to improve transit. Take a brief survey to help them create their new Transit Service Development Plan and let them know how they can make service better for you! Take the survey at [startransit.org](http://startransit.org).

# Community Snapshots



NAACP

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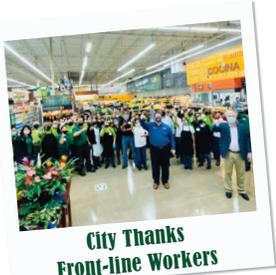
City staff met with representatives of the Mesquite TX Tri East NAACP. The goal of the meeting was to open a dialogue to help enhance racial equality in the community.



Recovery Mesquite

### Recovery Mesquite:

On May 30, the City kicked off its Recovery Mesquite campaign as the community transitions from crisis mode to recovery efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, raising 587 pounds of food and \$1,351 to be shared between Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services.



City Thanks Front-line Workers

### City thanks front-line workers:

As a part of the Recovery Mesquite efforts to help the community and businesses move forward from the COVID-19 crisis, Mayor Bruce Archer and Mayor Pro Tem Robert Miklos visited El Rio Grande Latin Market to thank front-line employees for their work.



Porky's Chicken-Fried Steak Sandwich

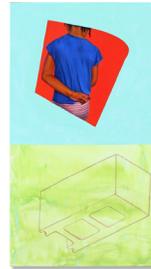
### Porky's Chicken-Fried Steak Sandwich:

Porky's Chicken-Fried Steak Sandwich is being called a "hidden gem" by the Dallas Observer. In an article they recognized Porky's sandwich as a great To Go option.

## MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

The **Mesquite Arts Center** is located at 1527 N. Galloway Avenue

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July 6 – Sept. 25,  
**Dallas Art Dealers Association:**  
**Head East**, Main Gallery,  
Free Admission  
Artist Reception: August 13, 6 – 8 p.m.



July 6 – Sept. 25,  
**Kevin Owens: Extraordinary Vertical**,  
Chamber Gallery, Free Admission

July 9 - Aug. 27,  
**Drive-In Concert Series**  
Front Lawn, Free Admission  
Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.



August 5, **Virtual Workshop:**  
**Create Your Own Pencil Bag**,  
12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center  
YouTube Channel

August 6 and 20,  
**MAC Doodles**  
12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center  
YouTube Channel



Aug. 19,  
**Virtual Workshop:**  
**Create Your Own Homecoming Mum**,  
12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center  
YouTube Channel

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