



MAINSTREAM SEPTEMBER 2020

COMMUNITY CALENDAR OCTOBER 2020

THESE EVENTS MAY BE IMPACTED BY COVID-19, FOR THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE EVENT CALENDAR AT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM.

October 2020

5, Virtual Monday Funday with the
12, Mesquite Public Library, FREE,
19, www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads,
26 972-216-6220

5, City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall,
19 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244

7, Virtual Family Storytime with the
14, Mesquite Public Library, FREE,
21, www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads,
28 972-216-6220

2, Virtual Teen Talks with the
9, Mesquite Public Library, FREE,
16, www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads,
23, 972-216-6220
30

1 - Jobseeker Support Initiative, Mesquite
31 Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive,
call 972-216-6220 to schedule an
appointment

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

BE SAFE

— MEET AT THE EXCHANGE ZONE —



EXCHANGE ZONE
This area is under
24 HOUR
VIDEO SURVEILLANCE
For Emergencies Call 911
For Non-Emergencies
Call (972) 285-6336

LOCATED IN FRONT
OF THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT
777 N. GALLOWAY AVE.

PROVIDES 24 - HOUR
SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS
OF ALL ACTIVITY

Mesquite Police sees increased thefts during internet sales exchanges

Don't sacrifice your safety, for the sale. That's the message from the Mesquite Police Department (MPD). The rate of internet sales exchanges resulting in thefts in Mesquite is rising towards about 20% of all robberies in the community. MPD is reminding the public not to be a victim of opportunity, but to use opportunities for safe internet exchanges. MPD offers these tips.

- **BE SAFE.** Meet in the "Exchange Zone." It is located in the front parking lot of the police department, at 777 N. Galloway Avenue. The zone is safe and provides 24-hour surveillance cameras of all activity. If you can't meet at the "Exchange Zone", meet in a public area during the day. And if the exchange must occur at night, choose a location that has good lighting.
- **BE COMFORTABLE.** If the exchange must occur at a private residence with strangers, bring a familiar face, like a friend or family member.
- **BE SMART.** Use smart technology. Text or call a friend about the exchange plans before and after – or even have them on speaker during the exchange as a witness. Set the location tracking feature on a smartphone. Use a transaction app for the sale or purchase. Bring only enough cash for the agreed upon price.
- **BE AWARE.** Listen to personal instincts and watch surroundings. Leave any situation that feels unsafe.

Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/ExchangeZone.

City offers Funding Assistance and Utility Bill assistance



As part of the Recovery Mesquite campaign, the City of Mesquite is providing funding assistance to its residents impacted by COVID-19, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Residents have access to a Spanish bilingual caseworker to aid them in submitting applications through Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD) for rental or mortgage payments, utility bills and other related expenses. Residents can email Jasmine Bueno at jbueno@ccdallas.org to schedule an appointment or for questions. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CARES for information.

The City of Mesquite is also offering longer-term payment plans to help residents who are struggling to pay their utility bills due to the coronavirus pandemic. Call the Utility Billing Office at 972-216-6208 to learn more.

City of Mesquite's Integrated Mosquito Management Plan for West Nile Virus



The City of Mesquite has an Integrated Mosquito Management Plan to help keep citizens safe. Each week, City staff with the Health Division set up 23 traps around the city to measure the mosquito population. The mosquito trap samples are then tested for West Nile Virus at the Dallas County lab or the State lab in Austin. If mosquitoes with West Nile Virus are detected, the City will spray the neighborhood. The spray uses small amounts of Permethrin, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved pesticide used in products like flea collars, and larvicide, which has also been approved by the EPA to kill mosquito larvae. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Mosquito.

Take your keys. Lock your car. Hide your things.



During these uncertain times, one thing is certain; crime happens because of opportunity. So far in 2020, approximately 58% of Burglary of Motor Vehicles in Mesquite have been from unlocked vehicles. The Mesquite Police Department would like to remind residents of three simple tips. Take your keys. Lock your vehicle and hide valuables out of sight. It only takes about 10 seconds to Take. Lock. Hide. But it takes a criminal only 20 seconds to break into a vehicle. Don't become a victim of opportunity.

MPD investigation dismantles drug trafficking narcotics operation



Several months ago, the Mesquite Police Department (MPD) Narcotics Unit began investigating a low-level local narcotics dealer who was selling small amounts of marijuana and illegal THC products in Mesquite. In August, that investigation led to the arrest of not only the local dealer but also identified numerous high-level narcotics traffickers involved in a larger-scale drug trafficking organization. This organization is suspected of transporting thousands of pounds of THC edible candies, THC vapes and psilocybin mushrooms into Texas and multiple states across the U.S. During this investigation, the MPD Narcotics Unit along with members of the Dallas Drug Enforcement Administration executed multiple search warrants at various residences and businesses resulting in numerous arrests and the seizure of 7,800 individual packages of high concentrated THC edibles and THC vape cartridges, more than 1,500 pounds of marijuana and firearms.

Parks and Recreation Corner

PROGRAMS AND CLASSES MAY BE IMPACTED BY COVID-19. FOR THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD OR CALL 972-216-6260.



AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

Need a fun and safe place for your child to go after school? After-School Adventures is a program managed by trained and friendly staff designed to provide fun activities, arts and crafts, snacks and homework time. The program operates Monday through Friday from 3 – 6 p.m. and runs in conjunction with the MISD calendar. Fees are \$100 per participant per month. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AfterSchoolAdventures or call 972-216-6260.



YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration for the Youth Basketball winter league opens on Sept. 28. The fees are \$65 per player and games begin Dec. 12. Registration is available online at www.cityofmesquite.com/Basketball or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office (1515 North Galloway Avenue).



MESQUITE DISC GOLF

Try one of Mesquite's beautiful disc golf courses located at Debusk Park, Paschall 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 for more information.



**10TH ANNUAL
MESQUITE MEANDER**

*A living history tour of Mesquite Cemetery
400 Holley Park Dr.*

SAVE THE DATE:

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 6 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 5:30 P.M. TO 7 P.M.
TICKETS \$10 EACH, ON SALE AUGUST 10

Tours scheduled every 10 minutes and are limited in size to no more than 10 people per tour.
For tickets or more information 972-216-6468
www.historicmesquite.org

HISTORIC MESQUITE T.N.C.

MESQUITE MEANDER
a tour of mesquite cemetery

New Dates for Historic Mesquite's Annual Events

The Mesquite Meander, Historic Mesquite, Inc.'s annual living history tour through Mesquite Cemetery will be held Oct. 9 and 10. It was previously scheduled to take place last spring but was postponed due to COVID-19. This will be the 10th year for the popular event that features actors who portray characters from the city's past. This is an outdoor program, tours start every ten minutes and are limited to no more than ten people per tour. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting 972-216-6468.

HMI's annual Barn Sale, which normally takes place in October, will take place during Texas History Month, March 25-27, 2021.



Mesquite announces new Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. Program Administrator

Selket Daese is the new Program Administrator for Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. and Volunteer Services. The non-profit, volunteer-based organization is funded by the City of Mesquite and leads litter prevention programs, plans special beautification programs and youth activities that improve the appearance and cleanliness of Mesquite. Visit www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org to learn more.



Mesquite Police Department graduates five new recruits

On July 17, five new Mesquite Police Officers graduated from the Mesquite Police Department's (MPD) Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC). This is the 13th graduation class to complete the internal training program. MPD has graduated 95 recruits from its BPOC since the training academy began in 2013.



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

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Oct. 5, **Tote and Go Program: Halloween Signs**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served

Oct. 7, **Virtual Workshop: Mini Pinatas**, Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel



Oct. 12, **Tote and Go Program: Frankenstein heads**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served

Oct. 15, **MAC Doodles: Día de los Muertos**, 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel



Oct. 19, **Tote and Go Program: Kids Halloween Crafts**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served

Oct. 26, **Tote and Go Program: Sugar Skull Painting**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served



Oct. 29, **MAC Doodles: Halloween**, 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

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