

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2020

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### November 2020

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

**2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Virtual Monday Funday with the Mesquite Public Library, FREE, [www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads](http://www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads), 972-216-6220

**2 - 30** Jobseeker Support Initiative, Mesquite Main Library, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, Call 972-216-6220 to schedule a support session.

**4, 11, 18, 25** Virtual Family Storytime with the Mesquite Public Library, FREE, [www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads](http://www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads), 972-216-6220

**6, 13, 20, 27** Virtual Teen Talks with the Mesquite Public Library, FREE, [www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads](http://www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads), 972-216-6220

**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 Fire Department completes new health and safety program**

In 2018, Mesquite began a strategic and comprehensive program to improve firefighter health and safety. During the past two years, Mesquite has invested more than \$400,000 in a focused cancer prevention initiative to improve the health and safety of its firefighters.

A key component of this program was purchasing back-up bunker gear so that every firefighter has two sets for every 24-hour shift. As of this summer, every Mesquite firefighter assigned to an operational position has been provided a second set of bunker gear that is sized specifically for them. On top of this, each of the City's seven fire stations now has a specialized industrial laundry machine (extractor), uniquely engineered to remove the cancer-causing carcinogens from bunker gear.

The City's efforts to keep firefighters safe from exposure to carcinogens does not stop with cleaning bunker gear. In 2020, Mesquite became one of three municipal fire departments in Texas to acquire a SOLO Rescue Decon Washer to clean SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) equipment for every firefighter involved in a fire incident. This machine allows for more thorough, efficient and safe cleaning of SCBAs than could be achieved through cleaning the SCBAs by hand, and it can also be used to clean additional equipment like boots, helmets and gloves. Additionally, Mesquite's fire station bays have special exhaust capture and ventilation systems for their vehicles.

New Fire Station #4, which was opened this year, was constructed on a budget of \$5.8 million and includes major innovations and enhanced safety and health amenities for the firefighters. The new facility features specially designed air-lock entry areas that prevent carcinogens from entering the living quarters from the station bay.

The City of Mesquite's three-step process of cleaning protective clothing, scrubbing the breathing equipment and reducing exposure to carcinogens in its fire station bays and living quarters has placed the Mesquite Fire Department as one the leaders in firefighter safety in Texas.

## 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) rental or mortgage payments, utility bills and other related expenses. Residents can email Jasmine Bueno at [jbueno@ccdallas.org](mailto:jbueno@ccdallas.org) to schedule an appointment or for questions. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/CARES](http://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 water utility bills due to the coronavirus pandemic. Call the Utility Billing Office at 972-216-6208 to learn more.

## Mesquite helps local NAACP secure \$5,000 for new mental health initiative



Dallas Regional Medical Center donated \$5,000 to support the new Mesquite NAACP Behavioral Health Scholarship Initiative to offer funding to minority students in the Mesquite Independent School District who want to pursue a degree in a mental health profession. The donation was presented by Dallas Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Glenda Matchett to Mesquite NAACP President Henry Brown and along with City of Mesquite Mayor Bruce Archer during a ceremony at Mesquite Municipal Center in September. The Mesquite NAACP plans to begin awarding scholarships to full-time college undergraduate students next year.

## Mesquite announces Alejandro's at Front Street Station restaurant



The City of Mesquite will welcome Alejandro's at Front Street Station to Downtown Mesquite in January 2021. The restaurant will cook up a menu that includes traditional Mexican recipes sprinkled with a pinch of Texas flavors. Alejandro's at Front Street will feature outdoor dining, a full-service bar and live music.

Downtown Mesquite Manager Beverly Abell explained, "Restaurants and entertainment venues are high on the business development priority list adopted by the Mesquite Downtown Advisory Board and is a big part of the vision for the Front Street Station project." Front Street Station is a \$5.5 million infrastructure improvement project that is set for completion in December. The project includes functional under-ground upgrades like the installation of grease traps to accommodate restaurant development. In addition, the project will feature more than 50 new parking spaces, public art, a performance pavilion, an area for small events as well as a "pocket park" that will provide pedestrian passage between Front and Main Streets.

## Council Community Focus



The City Council's strategic goal of maintaining a "Vibrant Economy" includes bringing new jobs to Mesquite. In September, the City of Mesquite announced the FNA Group is expanding to Mesquite with a new 400,000 square-foot manufacturing and distribution center located at 1371 S. Town East Boulevard. This new facility will provide an estimated 300 new jobs. Operations at the new Mesquite facility have begun with a focus on utilizing improved assembly line designs and cutting-edge robotic technology. The FNA Group, headquartered in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, is a leading manufacturer of gasoline and electric powered pressure washers, generators, pumps, high pressure hoses, accessories and the replacement parts.

# Parks and Recreation Corner

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## 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AfterSchoolAdventures) or call 972-216-6260.



## 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/DiscGolf) for more information.



## MESQUITE GOLF CLUB

Come join us for 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 today.



## WESTLAKE SPORTS CENTER

Looking for something to do to get out of the house? Check out Westlake Sports Center, offering six outdoor tennis courts, three covered tennis courts, pickleball courts and an archery range. Please make a reservation before you play by visiting [www.cityofmesquite.com/Tennis](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Tennis).



## Palos Verdes Lake Dam improvements completed



The Palos Verdes Lake Restoration Dam Project to improve the flood control structure at Palos Verdes Lake has been completed and the lake has been refilled. This project was done to replace the rusted metal overflow pipe with a new concrete overflow box structure, modify the emergency spillway and extend the large storm sewer pipe. As a part of the project, the lake's wildlife and fish were relocated with the guidance of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and with the professional assistance of certified biologists from PondMedics. Per Texas Parks and Wildlife guidelines, the City plans to restock the lake in mid-October. Learn more about the work completed at [www.cityofmesquite.com/PalosVerdesProject](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PalosVerdesProject).



## Mesquite helps Hurricane Laura evacuees

The City of Mesquite helped nearly 17,000 people who evacuated their homes because of Hurricane Laura. The City is the central reception point for North Texas and is responsible for assisting the State of Texas in disaster response. In addition to directing evacuees to hotels, the staff at the center provided food, water and gas for those traveling from hurricane damaged areas.

City Manager Cliff Keheley said, "I am very proud of our City employees who assisted in this effort. They once again proved that Mesquite can be counted on to provide a compassionate response to people in need. I am also very proud of our business community. Our hotel and restaurant partners stepped up to the challenge to aid us in our efforts with very little time to plan."



## Final phase of brick sales for new Mesquite Veterans Memorial

The City of Mesquite announced the final phase of public brick sales for the new Mesquite Veterans Memorial currently under construction at 425 S. Galloway Avenue. A limited number of bricks are available to the public and the final phase sales will end Dec. 18. Bricks may be purchased by visiting [www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org](http://www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org) to order online or to download an order form.



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

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Nov. 2, **Tote and Go Program: Día de los Muertos Craft**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served



Nov. 4, **Virtual Workshop: Thanksgiving Day Wreath**, Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Nov. 5, **MAC Doodles: National Native American Heritage Month**, 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Nov. 9 **Tote and Go Program: Wood Model Plane Kit**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served



Nov. 16, Tote and Go Program: **Thanksgiving Crafts + Cards**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served

Nov. 19, **MAC Doodles: Native American Patterns**, 12 pm., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Nov. 30, **Tote and Go Program: Create Your Own Cat Mask**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served.

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