

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

December 2020

- 1** Christmas on the Square, 6 p.m., reverse parade on Front Street, www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com

- 1 - 19** Jobseeker Support Initiative, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, Call 972-216-6220 to schedule a support session.

- 2, 9, 16** Virtual Family Storytime with the Mesquite Public Library, FREE, www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads, 972-216-6220.

- 5, 6** Christmas in the Park, www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasinthePark.

- 7, 21** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244.

- 7, 14** Virtual Monday Funday with the Mesquite Public Library, FREE, www.facebook.com/MesquiteReads, 972-216-6220.

- 19** Carols and Cocoa, 6 p.m., www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com

- 24** Christmas Eve, All City offices and facilities closed, trash will be collected.

- 25** Christmas Day, All City offices and facilities closed.

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

START YOUR 9 PM ROUTINE TO SECURE YOUR VEHICLE AND YOUR HOME



9 PM
REMOVE VALUABLES FROM VEHICLE

9 PM
LOCK VEHICLE

9 PM
TURN ON OUTSIDE LIGHTS

9 PM
LOCK DOORS

SET YOUR ALARM CLOCK OR A REMINDER ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE FOR 9 PM EACH NIGHT TO LOCK IT DOWN AND LIGHT IT UP

ELIMINATE **CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY** EVERY NIGHT

Mesquite Police Department urges residents to start a 9 P.M. Routine

The Mesquite Police Department recently launched a new program called the 9 P.M. Routine. The program urges residents to use 9 p.m. as a daily reminder to secure their vehicles and their homes to avoid becoming a victim of a crime of opportunity.

Mesquite Police Chief Charles Cato shared most burglary of motor vehicles in Mesquite involve a car or truck left unlocked by the owner. Cato said, "Thieves and burglars are opportunistic but if we take steps to minimize their opportunities for theft, we are far less likely to become a victim."

Residents should set an alarm clock on their mobile device for 9 p.m. each night, as a reminder to lock it down and light it up. At 9 p.m. residents should:

- Remove valuables from their vehicle.
- Lock their vehicle.
- Turn on outside lights to discourage suspicious behaviors.
- Lock their doors.

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

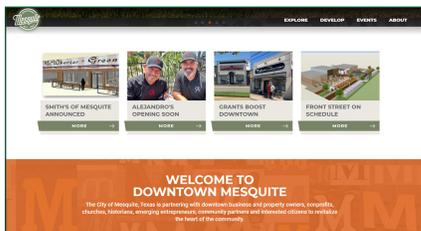
City offers water utility customers payment plan options, other resources



As a part of their ongoing Recovery Mesquite efforts, Mesquite residents have access to a Spanish bilingual caseworker to aid them in submitting applications through Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD) for COVID-19 economic assistance funds for rental or mortgage payments, utility bills and other related expenses. Residents can email Jasmine Bueno at jbueno@ccdallas.org to schedule an appointment. 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, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 972-216-6208 (press 0) to discuss your options. The City can offer a payment plan that fits your unique situation to help you begin the process of paying down the outstanding balance

Downtown Mesquite announces new website



Downtown Mesquite launched a new website at the beginning of October to feature businesses, events, history and information aimed at entrepreneurs and property owners. The site www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com allows downtown business owners to upload new information of their operations. Visitors can even create an itinerary of businesses to visit and special events to add to their calendar.

“We’re so excited about the site,” said Downtown Development Advisory Board Chairman Brad Brandt. “This is one more avenue through which we can spread the word about what’s happening, how we work as a development program, and what’s to come.”

Mesquite announces Russell Wilson as new Fire Chief



Russell “Rusty” Wilson has been chosen as the new Mesquite Fire Chief. He started on Nov. 1 and will oversee 206 firefighters and seven stations. Wilson, who has more than 30 years of experience in the fire service profession, was previously the Fire Chief for the City of Katy, TX.

City Manager Cliff Keheley said, “Chief Wilson is an extraordinary professional and person. His dedication to the fire service is matched only by his commitment to the communities he has served. The varied experiences and successes of his career, along with his passion for people, will make him a great fit for the men and women of the Mesquite Fire Department. His character will make him a great fit for our community.”

Council Community Focus



The City of Mesquite has approved more than \$5.5 million in residential street repairs as part of the ongoing Real. Texas. Roads. project. Paving improvements will take place in the Quail Hollow neighborhood and Town East Estates. The contractor for the Quail Hollow neighborhood, KIK Underground, LLC, is expected to begin repairs in November 2020 and it will take approximately six months to complete. The contractor for Town East Estates, HQS Construction, LLC, will also begin in November and the work is expected to take approximately 12 months to complete.

The City will have street inspectors out in the neighborhoods to oversee the construction and will be able to answer questions that residents may have. The repairs will include localized concrete repair for street pavement, sidewalks, curb and gutters, as well as curb ramps to rehabilitate and repair streets that were selected for repair. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads for a full list of all streets planned for repair and details on the street bond program.

Parks and Recreation Corner

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WINTER CAMP

During Winter Break, kids can have a blast playing indoor sports, making crafts and doing other holiday themed activities. Winter Camp is available at Dunford Recreation Center from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Preregistration and payment is required and must be made by Dec. 17. The fee is \$20 per child, per day.

Session 1: Dec. 21- 24

Session 2: Dec. 28 - Jan. 4 (No camp on Jan. 1).



LITTLE ROOKIES BASKETBALL

The Little Rookies Basketball program is designed for 3 and 4-year-olds, and will provide introduction to basic basketball skills like passing, dribbling and shooting. This five week program is held on Saturdays at Dunford Recreation Center. A parent/ guardian is required to be at all sessions and must participate. The registration deadline is Jan. 3. The season begins Jan. 9. The fee is \$35 per player.



MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration for the Men's Basketball league will continue through Sunday, Dec. 27. Games will begin on Sunday, Jan. 10. The fee is \$400 per team.

Register for programs online at www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD or at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office at 1515 N. Galloway Avenue.



Properly dispose of fats,
oils and grease
during the holidays



Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) is the residue left over from cooking meats, butter, lard, food scraps, sauces, dressings, dairy products and cooking oil. Don't pour your holiday cooking grease down the drain! FOG and debris can build up in pipes and cause backups in both private and the City-maintained sewer system. To avoid expensive plumbing repairs and damage to the sewer system:

- Scrape or wipe cooled grease or fat from all cookware and place in the trash.
- Pour or scrape grease into a sturdy closed-lid container and dispose in the trash.

Also, used holiday cooking oil may be recycled for free at a nearby drop-off location. Check out the Defend Your Drains website at: www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com.



Mesquite Police Department connects with public through social media

To continue its ongoing efforts to connect with the community, the Mesquite Police Department has launched four new social media platforms: Facebook [@MesquitePoliceTX](#), Twitter [@MesquitePD_TX](#), Instagram [@mesquitepd_tx](#) and LinkedIn [@Mesquite Police Department](#).

Mesquite Police Chief Charles Cato, said, "One of the six pillars of successful 21st Century Policing is the use of technology and social media. We are excited to connect with our community in new ways with these social media platforms." Cato was quick to point out the social media platforms are not monitored 24/7 and should not be used in place of 911. The department also has a new email account pio@mesquitelocal.org the public can use to contact police on non-emergency issues.



Elks Lodge #2404 annual police, fire and citizen awards

At the Oct. 5 City Council meeting, Elks Lodge #2404 presented its annual awards during a prerecorded ceremony. Congratulations to Mike Smith, Mesquite Police Officer of the Year; Chris Thomas, Mesquite Firefighter of the Year; and Linda Cox, Mesquite Citizen of the Year. Watch the presentation and learn more about the honorees at www.cityofmesquite.com/2020ElksAwards.



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

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Dec. 2, **Chanukah Candle Holder**, 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Dec. 2, **Light Bulb Advent Calendar**, 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel



Dec. 3, **MAC Doodles: Holiday Cheer!**, 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Dec. 5, **Mesquite Community Band Christmas Concert**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue, FREE



Dec. 7, **Tote and Go Program: Ornaments**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served

Dec. 12, **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra: A Christmas Festival**, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue



Dec. 14, **Tote and Go Program: Christmas Crafts**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 10 a.m., First-come, first-served

Dec. 17, **MAC Doodles: Happy New Year!**, 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

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