



MAINSTREAM FEBRUARY 2021

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

March 2021

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

- 1,** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall,
- 15** 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244.

- 15 -** Take Home Spring Break Activity Kits
- 20** for Families, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive or Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, Call 972-216-6220 for more information.

- 20** Texas History Month/ Movie Night at the Barn, 6: 30 p.m., Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street, \$25 per car, Call 972-216-6468 for tickets.



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



How to register for the COVID-19 vaccine

Mesquite residents in Dallas and Kaufman counties can now begin registering for the COVID-19 vaccine. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/vaccine to register and learn more about the vaccine, distribution locations and what to expect after receiving the vaccine.

The vaccine is free and strongly recommended to all eligible people, including those who have been infected with COVID-19 in the past. The vaccine is being prioritized for residents in tiers 1A, which is front-line healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities or 1B, which includes, people 65 and older, people 16 and older with at least one chronic medical condition and frontline essential workers such as police officers and firefighters. To see if you are eligible at this time, visit the Texas Department of State Health Services webpage at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine>.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/coronavirus for additional COVID-19 support services, such as free mental health counseling, utility bill assistance and more.

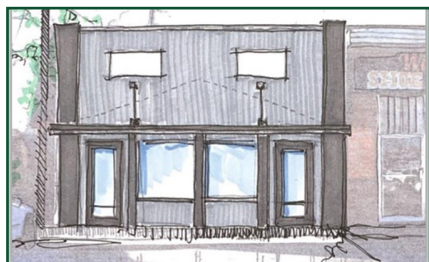
Mesquite regulates sales of smoking paraphernalia



Beginning March 1, smoking paraphernalia commonly used for consuming illegal substances may be sold only in stores located within commercial or industrial areas in Mesquite through conditional use permits approved by the City Council. The changes include requirements that any paraphernalia shop be located at least 500 feet from residential areas, schools and churches. Also, outdoor storage or display of paraphernalia products will not be allowed, as well as drive-through or walk-up windows.

City Manager Cliff Keheley said, "The very essence of every city is to preserve and enforce good government that provides a safe and secure community for its citizens. This zoning ordinance amendment gives us a tool to do that."

Mesquite approves two new Downtown Mesquite facade grants



More investments by property owners into their locations in Downtown Mesquite is on the way. The Mesquite City Council has approved two new applications for the facade improvement program. Hair Affair on Main Street will replace the entire exterior of their building as well as install new windows, doors and other aesthetic treatments. Barbers Ink, also on Main Street, will add new signage, electrical and awnings as well as a new identity with Bink Suite becoming the fresh name with the fresh look of the building.

Mesquite Downtown Manager Beverly Abell said, "Downtown Mesquite development continues to grow as we are seeing more investments by property owners as well as the addition of new businesses and expansion of existing businesses."

City makes progress on neighborhood street repairs



The Real. Texas. Roads. program to repair residential streets continues to move forward. Crews have been in the Indian Trails neighborhood, Peachtree and South Parkway areas, on Mimosa Lane, Park Avenue, Holley Street and Lakeside Drive, in Town East Estates and in the Quail Hollow neighborhood. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads to read the list of streets scheduled for repairs through 2024, get updates on current repairs and watch video updates to learn more about the repair processes being used.

Mesquite earns Employer of the Year Award



With the loss of jobs in the community due to the pandemic, the City of Mesquite stepped forward last year to help the public gain employment opportunities, skills training and hope through a series of public outreach efforts. The Mesquite Chamber of Commerce recognized this and presented the City with the 2020 Mesquite Business Retention and Expansion Employer of the Year Award.

Council Community Focus

In January, major commercial and residential building materials provider, Locke Supply Co. selected Mesquite as the location for its next expansion. The 100% employee-owned company, which serves a variety of commercial contractors with plumbing, electrical and mechanical related supplies, will be moving into a vacant building at 4414 Gus Thomasson Road that used to be a grocery store.



The revitalization of the building aligns with City Council's strategic goal of maintaining a "Vibrant Economy." Councilmember Sherry Wisdom, District 1, said, "This is an excellent investment in Mesquite by a successful company. Their reuse of this existing building will continue to generate economic development in this part of our community. The City of Mesquite has already contributed significantly in the improvement of infrastructure, transportation and quality of life amenities in this section of Gus Thomasson Road. The investment by Locke Supply Co. in the property will spur the continuation of further revitalization of Mesquite."

Parks and Recreation Corner

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ADULT VOLLEYBALL

The adult volleyball recreational leagues are great for teams wanting to enjoy competition in a fun environment. The 6 v 6 Co-ed League plays on Sunday nights and the 4 v 4 Women's League plays on Tuesday nights. Registration for both leagues is open from Feb. 15 to March 7. Games will begin on March 21. The fee is \$260 per team.



MESQUITE GOLF CLUB

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/ to book your tee time today!



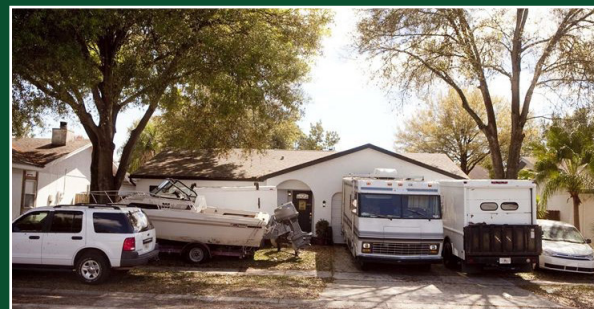
SPRING BREAK CAMP

Spring Break is almost here. Sign your kids up for a day or week of fun at Dunford Recreation Center or Camp Rorie Galloway. Camps are for kindergarten through sixth grade students and are available Monday, March 15 through Friday, March 19 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children can enjoy crafts, activities, and fun games. The fee starts at \$20 per participant, per day. Preregistration by Thursday, March 11 is required.



New animal and parking ordinances in 2021

In 2021 there are new changes to both the City of Mesquite's parking ordinance and the animal ordinance. Amendments to the parking ordinance address commercial and oversized vehicles, parking on public streets and private property as well as recreational vehicles (RV) and parking on unimproved surfaces in residential areas. Details are available at www.cityofmesquite.com/ParkingOrdinance. The revisions to the animal ordinance address outdated language and enhance definitions of a dangerous and aggressive animal as well as the new requirements for animal care and treatment. Details are available at www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalOrdinance.





City of Mesquite announces Front Street Public Art Contest results

The City of Mesquite is excited to announce the results of Downtown Mesquite's first public art contest, with the winner's art to be displayed at the new Front Street Station project in the City's historic downtown area. The winners are Lauren Armstrong with *Crosswinds*, Leonardo Castillo with *La Serenata*, Jessica Chappell with *Meet Me in Mesquite*, Susie Cortez with *Anaya Harmony*, Paige Lehmann with *When Joy Bursts Through the Cracks*, Tony Morris with *Mesquite Train Depot* and *Main Street* and Daniel Yanez with *Rare Rose*.



Mesquite recognizes four employees as Real. Texas. Service Champions

In December, four City employees were honored with Real. Texas. Service. Champion awards. The Real. Texas. Service. Champions program celebrates employees who provide exemplary customer service and achieve accomplishments that merit special recognition. The following employees were recognized: Derek Dupree - Mesquite Metro Airport, Lilliana Cindo - Parks and Recreation Department, Nicole Phillips - Mesquite Police Department and Tana Colwell - City Attorney's Office. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ServiceChampions for information on the employees honored and their service to the community.



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

These events may be impacted by COVID-19. For the most updated information, please visit the event calendar at www.mesquiteartscenter.org/.

March 1, **Tote and Go Program: Create Your Own Felt Necklaces**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Lobby, First-come, first-served

March 3, **Virtual Latin Fusion Choreography with Jennifer Gonzales**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Spring Break Services

March 15, **Tote and Go Program: Create Your Own Baby Yoda Craft**

March 16, **Tote and Go Program: Create Your Own Bobble Heads + Felt Craft Pencil Kits**

March 17, **Tote and Go Program: Create Your Own St. Patrick's Day Crafts**

March 18, **Tote and Go Program: Create Your Own Bank (Felt Piggy + Ceramics)**

March 19, **Tote and Go Program: Create Your Own Felt Flowers**

Project kits available for pick-up starting at 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Lobby, First-come, first-served

March 20, **Virtual Tie-Dye Workshop**, 8 a.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

March 29, **Tote and Go Program: Create Your Own Easter Crafts + Ceramic Rainbows**, Project kits available for pick-up starting at 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Lobby, First-come, first-served

March 31, **MAC Doodles: Women's History Month Caricatures**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel



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