



MAINSTREAM MARCH 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.

April 2021

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

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

- 5 - 30 Take Home Career Activity Kits for Families, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive or Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, Call 972-216-6220 for more information.

- 24 Trash Bash, 8 a.m., Community Services Building – City of Mesquite, 1616 N. Galloway Avenue, Call 972-329-8331 for more information.

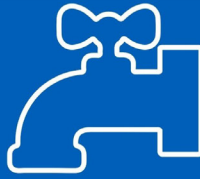
LIBRARY SERVICES

Improve your technology skills with "Book-a-Librarian", FREE 30 min. sessions, Call 972-216-6224 for more information.

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

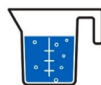


Tips to Reduce Chlorine Odor/Taste in Water

Individuals sensitive to chlorine may notice a stronger smell or taste for a few weeks in the spring during NTMWD's temporary change in water disinfectant.



Your water is safe — it meets all quality standards.



Drinking water

- Run the tap for a few minutes before using
- Refrigerate water in an open pitcher for several hours
- Add a slice of citrus/cucumber and let sit for several hours
- Consider installing filters on kitchen faucets



Bath or shower water

- Add a crushed 1000 mg Vitamin C tablet to bath water
- Consider installing filters on bathroom faucets or shower heads

For more information and helpful tips, visit NTMWD.com/safewater

North Texas Municipal Water District maintenance, March 1 - 29

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will perform its annual system maintenance this month. From March 1 through March 29, NTMWD will temporarily change the disinfectant in its water treatment process. The routine change is necessary to protect public health and maintain the regional system. Disinfection involves a two-step process that first treats the water at the plant and second adds chloramine disinfectant (chlorine + ammonia) to maintain water quality on its journey through the miles of pipes to homes and businesses. During the temporary change, NTMWD suspends the typical use of ammonia and uses only free chlorine to keep water disinfected as it travels through pipes. It's important to do this before summer because hotter temperatures can increase the potential for bacterial growth in pipes.

Disinfection is a critical part of the water treatment process that keeps drinking water free of harmful microorganisms, such as parasites and viruses. For more information and helpful tips, visit www.NTMWD.com/safewater. Email safewater@ntmwd.com or call 972-442-5405 with questions.

Mesquite moves forward to expand its animal shelter



The Mesquite City Council approved a \$227,735 contract with GSR Andrade Architects to expand the existing Mesquite Animal Shelter facility by 4,000 square feet. The expansion will include more kennels to house animals as well as a new outdoor play area. The design phase is anticipated to be completed in approximately six months with construction starting in fall 2021. The current shelter is 11,000 square feet.

Mesquite Metro Airport continues to soar to new heights



The Mesquite Metro Airport has a plane land or take-off about every six minutes. The nearly 86,000 operations in 2020 places the airport 164 out of 520 airports throughout the United States with an air traffic control tower. Eric Pratt, the Mesquite Metro Airport Manager presented the airport's strategic plan to the City Council in January, which included four initiatives. The plan features attracting new aviation business, with new marketing and branding efforts, enhanced security measures, acquiring land for future growth and developing a long-range master plan.

Mesquite Firefighters and Police Associations donate to Mesquite NAACP



In January, the Mesquite Police Association and the Mesquite Firefighters Association-Local 1518 teamed up to donate \$1,000 towards the Mesquite NAACP's Mental Health Scholarship Fund that offers funding to students in the Mesquite Independent School District who want to pursue a degree towards a mental health profession. Mesquite Mayor Bruce Archer said, "It is a blessing to provide scholarships to local students who want to someday be mental health professionals, and perhaps return to Mesquite to aid us in our efforts on this issue."



Council Community Focus

In Mesquite, there was a 9% decrease in total crimes from 2019 to 2020. These results were announced during the Mesquite Police Department's quarterly report presented to the City Council on Feb. 1. The report also showed burglaries and incidents of breaking and entering were down 52% in Dec. 2020 as compared to Dec. 2019, as was shoplifting by 26% and thefts of vehicles by 21%.

The decrease in crime aligns with the Council's strategic goal of maintaining a "Safe Community." Mayor Bruce Archer concluded, "While I am extremely proud of the hard work and results of our police officers and our growing number of citizens who are more engaged in reporting crimes and watching out for their neighborhoods, we still have much work to do to send a message that criminal behavior is not welcome in Mesquite. We will not let up in this effort!"



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.



LITTLE ROOKIES VOLLEYBALL

Little Rookies is an instructional program for kids. Children ages 3-4 will learn the fundamentals of volleyball by working on volleying, passing, serving and basic rules of the game. Registration is from March 15 – April 11. Sessions begin Saturday, April 17 at Dunford Recreation Center. Two sessions are available at 9 or 10 a.m. The fee is \$35 per participant, sessions run for five weeks. Parent participation is required.



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/Trails to find the park or trail nearest you.



WESTLAKE SPORTS CENTER

Located across from Evans Recreation Center, the Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road, is home to archery, pickleball and tennis programs. Whether you're looking for lessons, want to join a league or just play with a friend, Westlake Sports Center has a program for everybody. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WestlakeSportsCenter for more information on Spring programs.



Mesquite resident and Navy veteran receives free roof

At the beginning of February, Kay Ward, a disabled Navy veteran and Mesquite resident, received a new roof for free from a Mesquite roofing company, Texas Vets Roofing. Ms. Ward served in the U.S. Navy for six and a half years as a ship serviceman. Ward emphasized that she loved her job and loved serving in the Navy, and she would do it all over again if she could. Mayor Bruce Archer and Councilmember B.W. Smith, District 5, met with Ward at her

home as the new roof was being installed and thanked her for her service. Mayor Archer said, "It's a very easy time to feel forgotten. And in Mesquite, Texas we don't want anyone to feel forgotten, we don't want anyone to feel left behind. So for a Navy veteran, who served her country with honor and distinction to receive this kind of help when she's a little bit down, speaks volumes for our community, speaks volumes for the integrity of your [Texas Vets Roofing] business, and it says the kind of people we want to be in Mesquite."



Mesquite Fire Department presents 2021 Awards

The Mesquite Fire Department honored over 70 employees with the 2021 Meritorious Awards to firefighters for their professional achievements and service to the Mesquite community. This year, Captain/Paramedic Chad Rose received the 2021 Officer of the Year Award, Firefighter/Paramedic Keith Harrison was awarded the 2021 Paramedic of the Year Award and Driver-Engineer/Paramedic Vance Lay was awarded the 2021 Firefighter of the Year Award.



Mesquite receives Economic Excellence recognition five years in a row

For the fifth year in a row, the City of Mesquite's Economic Development Department received the Economic Excellence Recognition from the Texas Economic Development Council. In 2020, Mesquite was one of only 49 Economic Development Organization's (EDO) to earn the prestigious recognition out of 660 EDO's in the state.



City of Mesquite receives 2020 Silver Fleet Award

The City of Mesquite's Equipment Services Division of the Public Works Department was recognized as a 2020 Silver Fleet Award Winner for the second year in a row. The annual honor, awarded by the North Texas Council of Government's Clean City Commission, recognizes fleets for their commitment to a cleaner environment through their efforts to reduce emissions and improve the fuel efficiency of their fleets. Mesquite is one of only six cities in North Texas to receive the Silver Fleet Award.



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/.

April 5 – June 12, **Marshall Harris Exhibition: "Well, that's something you don't see every day!"**, Main Gallery, Free Admission

April 5 - June 12, **Artists of Front Street Exhibition**, Chamber Gallery, Free Admission

April 5, 12, 19, 26 **Tote and Go Program**, Every Monday project kits will be available for pick-up starting at 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Lobby, First-come, first-served

April 7, 14, 28, **Virtual Programming**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

April 17, **Saturday Morning Craft Day: Virtual Pocket Painting**, 8 a.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Mesquite Community Theatre presents **The Belle of Amherst**, Black Box

April 9, 16, 23:
Friday Night Performance, 8 p.m.

April 10, 17, 24:
Saturday Night Performance, 8 p.m.

April 11, 18, 25:
Sunday Matinee Performance, 2: 30 p.m.

Fridays in April - April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,
April Rocks!, Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue, 7 p.m.



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