

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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### June 2021

- 1 - 30** Jobseeker Support Initiative, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, Call 972-216-6220 to schedule a support session.

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- 3** Summer Reading Club Kickoff Party, 10 a.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, 972-216-6220.

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- 7** Summer Reading Club Kickoff Party, 10 a.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, 972-681-0465.

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

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- 14 - 18** Father's Day Activity Kits, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive or Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, Call 972-216-6220 for more information.



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### 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 announces Clean City Initiative

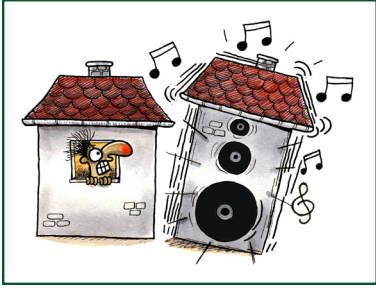
The City of Mesquite announced its new Clean City Initiative in early April, which is a program that combines the efforts of several City departments and programs, like Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Mesquite Parks and Recreation, Environmental Code and Solid Waste to promote litter prevention, beautification projects and improved regulations, with the overall goal to improve the appearance of our community.

City Manager Cliff Keheley said, “We will educate, enforce and engage our community with the Clean City Initiative. It has new strategies and tools for a collaborative effort to address litter in public areas and community appearance. This will be the first step in a series, of long-range plans to elevate our partnerships with residents, businesses and community groups to change the culture and approach to help keep Mesquite looking good.”

Mayor Bruce Archer stated, “We know that a cleaner city as well as a more attractive city is not only good for fighting crime and a safer city, but it is also a city that has more opportunities for economic development and for a better quality of life for our citizens.”

The plan is focused on an array of enhanced efforts including more public education, regularly scheduled litter programs, stronger enforcement tools and new beautification projects. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/CleanCity](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CleanCity) to get involved in one of the Clean City Initiative’s programs, like Adopt a Spot, Neighborhood Clean up or the Park Ambassador Program.

## Mesquite City Council approves new noise ordinance



In March, the Mesquite City Council approved updates to the City Code to create new nuisance disturbance standards that will aid City of Mesquite staff in responding to noise complaints.

The amended ordinance includes:

- Allowing city staff to address complaints of noises that are plainly audible under certain circumstances and locations, for example at a property line or from the street, which will allow for a more common-sense approach and eliminating the need for a decibel meter or witness to enforce.
- Establishing new noise zones of residential, commercial, manufacturing and entertainment properties making it more effective for the city to investigate a complaint and enforce the ordinance.
- Updating the daytime and nighttime maximum permissible sound levels to correspond with other metroplex cities.

If a resident feels that a noise disturbance has been met, the first step, if possible, should always be to communicate the disturbance to the property owner and ask them to address the noise concern. If there is no progress or if a resident doesn't feel comfortable discussing with the property owner the next step would be to determine who is the proper city contact. For general noise disturbance call the Police non-emergency number at 972-285-6336. For animal noise disturbances, call Animal Services at 972-216-6283. Learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/Noise](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Noise).

## Mesquite introduces Interim Police Chief David Faaborg



At the end of March, the City of Mesquite introduced David Faaborg as Interim Police Chief. He has served as the Assistant Police Chief since 2015. Mesquite City Manager Cliff Keheley said, "David has demonstrated extreme loyalty to the Mesquite Police Department and the community it protects. During his career in Mesquite that has spanned nearly 25 years, David has always stepped up to serve. His role as Interim Police Chief is another example of his unwavering commitment to Mesquite."

## Council Community Focus

Quality recreation is one of the City Council's 2020 strategic goals. In April, City Lake Park was designated a Lone Star Legacy Park by the Texas Recreation and Parks Society. City Lake Park was one of only eight Texas parks honored in 2021 with the prestigious award.

Mayor Bruce Archer said, "This really is a proud moment for our community. A lot of us grew up swimming, playing basketball and baseball, and fishing at City Lake Park. It is the centerpiece of our parks system and part of the historic fabric of our community. We are so grateful for the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department to achieve this wonderful recognition." The Parks and Recreation Department Director, Elizabeth Harrell, presented the award to Mayor Bruce Archer at the April 5 City Council Meeting.



# Parks and Recreation Corner

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## SUMMER CAMP

Looking for a fun and memorable experience for your kids this summer? The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of different summer camps for children ages 6 to 12. The first week of camp begins June 1. Campers can participate in games, swim days, crafts and daily activities. To find the perfect camp for your child, go to [www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps). Camps are limited to a certain number of campers per week. Pre-registration is required and closes the Thursday before each week of camp.



## ADULT WATER EXERCISE

Adult water exercise is a fun and challenging aerobics class that takes place in the pool. Both beginner and intermediate classes will be offered and the first summer session starts June 2. The fee is \$35 per person or \$30 per Adult 50+. For more details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Aquatics](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Aquatics).



## LITTLE ROOKIES

The Little Rookies Soccer program, designed for kids ages 3 and 4, will provide an introduction to basic soccer skills such as dribbling, passing and shooting. Registration is from June 21 – July 18. Sessions begin Saturday, July 24 at Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. 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. For more information or to register, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/LittleRookiesSoccer](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/LittleRookiesSoccer).

## YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMP

Youth Basketball Camp is for boys and girls ages 6 – 14. Camp will introduce kids to basic basketball skills such as passing, dribbling and shooting. The camp will be held in the evenings at Thompson Elementary School, 2525 Helen Lane (Session 1) or Shaw Elementary School, 707 Purple Sage Trail (Session 2). The fee is \$45 per participant. The sessions run from Aug. 2 - 6. Pre-registration is required and ends Sunday, July 25. For more information or to register, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/BasketballCamp](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/BasketballCamp).



## Mesquite expands access to library services



The City of Mesquite's Public Library System cardholders now have the option to pick-up and drop-off library materials at specific Parks and Recreation facilities, including Evans Recreation Center, Rutherford Recreation Center and Goodbar Senior Center. Cardholders can pick up and drop off printed books, audiobooks and movies. The public may call the Mesquite Public Library at 972-216-6220 for more details.



## Mesquite AMBUCS donates to Spread the Love campaign

April 2 was national Peanut Butter and Jelly Day, and to celebrate Mesquite AMBUCS donated \$1,000 to Sharing Life Community Outreach as a part of the City of Mesquite's Spread the Love program. Spread the Love is an annual campaign held April - August that encourages the donation of peanut butter and jelly as well as financial contributions to help feed children in Mesquite during the summer. To learn more and donate, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadtheLove](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadtheLove).



## Mesquite police officer receives citizen commendation

On March 25, Mesquite Police Officer Alan Gafford received a citizen commendation by District 6 resident, Charmayne Hightower, for the respectful way in which he handled a traffic stop with her and her autistic son. She complimented Officer Gafford for listening before taking action and expressed her appreciation for him demonstrating community policing. Watch the presentation at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenCommendation](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenCommendation).



The **Mesquite Arts Center** is located at 1527 N. Galloway Avenue  
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June 1 – June 26, **Marshall Harris: "Well, that's something you don't see every day!"**, Main Gallery, Free Admission

June 1 – June 26, **Artists of Front Street Station**, Chamber Gallery, Free Admission  
Artist Reception: June 3, 6 to 8 p.m., Chamber Gallery



June 2 and 9, **Let's Draw Digital: The Basics with Joe Cadena**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

June 3, **Courtyard Concert Series: Vanessa Peters**, 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, Free Admission



June 7, 14, 21, 28 **Tote and Go Program**, Every Monday art kits will be available for pick-up starting at 12 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Lobby, First-come, first-served

June 7, 21, **Jazz Breaks**, 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, Free Admission



**Mesquite Arts Theatre: Always Patsy Cline**  
June 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, Black Box, 8 p.m.  
June 13, 20, 27, Black Box, 2:30 p.m.

June 14, 28, **Music in the Park**, 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, Free Admission

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