



MAINSTREAM JUNE 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.

July 2021

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

- 5** Independence Day Holiday, All City offices and facilities closed.

- 6, 19** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244.

- 23** Addressing Mesquite Day Group Volunteer Deadline, Apply at www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD.



Summer Reading Club 2021, Create an account in Readsquared to log reading & earn weekly prizes, <http://mesquitelibrary.readsquared.com/>



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



Mental Health Initiative

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MESQUITE RESIDENTS

City offers mental health resources and access to free services

Mental health is and continues to be a major issue in communities across the country. The City of Mesquite is developing a large, comprehensive plan to address the mental health concerns in our community. The plan includes training for public safety responders handling calls for service involving a mental health issue and the addition of staff with expertise in mental health.

In October of 2020, the City also began offering its residents access to free mental health counseling and referral services through a new partnership with the AZAR Foundation. Residents can call 833-298-9111 to schedule a free virtual or in-person session for individuals, couples and groups.

In May, the virtual May Community Health Forum focused on teen mental health and suicide prevention. The forum featured speakers Shirley Weddle, a long time Mesquite resident who is a community liaison and mental/brain health and suicide prevention awareness advocate, Kelly Smith, a Behavior Specialist with Mesquite ISD and Dr. Cesar Alvarado, who works at the Multicultural Recovery Center in Mesquite as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. Watch the recorded forum at www.cityofmesquite.com/CommunityHealthForums.

Another way Mesquite is addressing mental health response is through the East Dallas Response Team. The cities of Balch Springs, Seagoville, Sunnyvale and Mesquite have partnered for the first time to provide funding that will help assemble a cross-jurisdictional approach to address mental health response needs in their communities. The team is in development and will focus on proactive and reactive mental health services for citizens in all four of these cities. Mesquite will serve as the host agency for the team to coordinate training and operations of the programs.

To learn more about these programs and others under the Mesquite Mental Health Initiative, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MentalHealth.

Use and possession of fireworks is illegal in Mesquite



As you plan for the Independence Day holiday, please celebrate safely. The possession and use of fireworks in Mesquite is illegal, as is discharging firearms into the air. The penalties for fireworks and gunfire can be costly, with as much as a \$4,000 fine and the possibility of up to one year in jail for the illegal discharge of a firearm, City fines and court costs up to \$835 for the discharge of fireworks or \$585 for the possession of illegal fireworks. Driving while intoxicated can lead up to \$17,000 in fines, possible jail time and loss of a driver's license. Report illegal activity by calling non-emergency dispatch at 972-285-6336. You also can report fireworks violations by emailing fireworks@mesquitelocal.gov. Please do not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency and immediate help is required from police, fire or paramedics.

Annual Water Quality Report



The City of Mesquite has published an Annual Water Quality report as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City of Mesquite strives to provide high quality drinking water that is safe and reliable to our customers and maintains a "superior" water system rating with the TCEQ. The report can be viewed on the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/WaterQualityReport. For more information or to request a printed copy of this report, in English or Spanish, please contact the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.

City completes Palos Verdes Lake fish restocking



The City of Mesquite has completed the final phase of the Palos Verdes Lake Dam Modifications and Park Improvements project with the restocking of fish. The stocking was administered by PondMedics, Inc., the consultant selected to oversee the aquatic wildlife portion of the project. The number and species of fish stocked included: 4,000 Bluegill, 600 Catfish and 400 Largemouth Bass. The Palos Verdes Lake Dam project was to improve the flood control. This project replaced the rusted metal overflow pipe with a new concrete overflow box structure, modified the emergency spillway and extended the large storm sewer pipe.

Council Community Focus



A vibrant economy is one of the City Council's 2021 strategic goals. In May, the City Council approved proceeding with the development of the 2.3 million square foot industrial park called Alcott Logistics Station to be located south of East Scyene Road and west of Faithon P. Lucas, Sr., Boulevard. The fully developed project is estimated to create 1,625 new jobs and have a total capital investment of \$130 million.

In May, it was also announced that CenterPoint Commercial Properties will invest approximately \$650,000 to improve the Northridge Shopping Center located at 1805 North Galloway Avenue. The improvements will include façade enhancements, new tenant signage, roof repairs and storefront renovations. The developer plans to renovate the center to attract new tenants and improve its appearance.

Mesquite also approved Dalfen Industrial's proposed development of two distribution buildings of 1,003,100 square feet located on East Scyene Road near Mesquite Metro Airport. As a part of this development, Dalfen will make improvements to Airport Boulevard and will purchase a 15-acre portion of City owned property located at 1900 Airport Boulevard to maximize the development of the project.

Parks and Recreation Corner

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PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Celebrate Parks & Recreation month by visiting our parks, pools and recreation centers. Share your pictures of how you are enjoying Parks and Recreation Month by using the hashtag #MesquiteParksandRec on social media. The Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department has activities for all ages scheduled throughout the month. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/July.



SUMMER CAMP

School is out and it's time for fun. The Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of different summer camps for children ages 6 to 12. Campers can participate in games, field trips, swim days, crafts and daily activities. For more information and to find the perfect camp for your child, go to www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps. Camps are limited to a certain number of campers per week. Pre-registration is recommended.



FREE TENNIS PLAY DAYS

Learn the basics of tennis for free during this fun, instructional program. The class uses small courts, shorter racquets and balls that bounce lower so kids can have more success when they play. All equipment is provided and participants can stay for the whole two hours or just drop in. Play days are held the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road. To register or for more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/WestlakeSportsCenter.



YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Youth Volleyball Camp is for girls ages 6 – 14. Camp will provide kids with an introduction to basic volleyball skills like serving, passing, attacking, blocking and defense. The camp will last one week and will be held in the evenings at Shaw Elementary School (Session 1) or Thompson Elementary School (Session 2) from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$45 per participant and registration ends Sunday, August 15.



Mesquite hosts successful Trash Bash as a part of Clean City Initiative



More than 300 volunteers collected over 180 bags, containing nearly 4,000 pounds of litter from 19 locations around Mesquite, including parks, neighborhoods and retail shopping areas as a part of Keep Mesquite Beautiful's cleanup event, Trash Bash, on April 24. Trash Bash was the first event that is part of the City's new Clean City Initiative which promotes litter prevention, beautification projects and improved regulations. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at www.cityofmesquite.com/CleanCity.



Mesquite names Municipal Center after former Mayor George Venner

The City of Mesquite's Municipal Center, located at 1515 N. Galloway Avenue and is home to most of the city's administrative operations, is now the George A. Venner, Sr., Municipal Center. Venner served as Mayor from 1987 - 1991 and launched many community programs that are still active today. Venner had the vision in 1988, to address the extraordinary growth of the city and its employees. With the city renting space in a dozen locations for its staff, he approached the owner of the 50,000 square-foot medical office building located at 1515 North Galloway Avenue. He convinced them to donate the land and the city bought the building, saving taxpayers more than \$7 million in today's dollars.



Mesquite recognizes four employees as Real. Texas. Service. Employee Champions

In May, four City employees were honored with Real. Texas. Service. Employee 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: Thalia Guaida – Municipal Court, Lesley Frohberg – Planning & Development Services, Rocky King – Public Works Department and Dennis Arnold – Mesquite Police Department. 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/.*



July 1 – Sept. 25, **Deepa Koshaley: Ancient Hymns**, Main Gallery, Free Admission

Artist Reception:
July 1, 5 to 7 p.m., Main Gallery

July 1 – Sept. 25, **Daniel Yanez: Oculus**, Chamber Gallery, Free Admission



July 1, **Courtyard Concert Series: Helium Queens**, 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, Free Admission

July 6 - 10, **Missoula Children's Theatre Camp: Johnny Appleseed**, 1 p.m. Rehearsal Hall and Black Box Theatre



July 7, 14, Let's Draw Digital with Joe Cadena, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

July 21, Let's Draw Digital with Joe Cadena 8 a.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel



July 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

July 22, **Courtyard Concert Series: Who's Best**, 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center Courtyard, Free Admission



July 28, **MAC Doodles: Back To School**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

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