

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



August 2021

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

- 2 - 7** Back-to-School Take Home Activity Kit, Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive and Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, Children ages 12 and under.

- 2, 16** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244.

- 7, 14, 21, 28** Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Front Street Station, 100 W. Front Street.

- 7, 14, 21, 28** Mesquite Championship Rodeo, 7:30 p.m., Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive, Purchase tickets at www.visitmesquitetx.com.

- 11** First Day of School for MISD, Please slow down and “Drive Like Your Family Lives Here”.



How to file for a Special Event Permit

With pandemic restrictions easing and more events being planned, the City of Mesquite wants to remind the community of the process of applying for a Special Events Permit for events. The City requires permits for most events that involve a large gathering of people on public property, as well as some events on private property. Any event that requires the closing of roads or restricts access to public property, such as a parade or run, will require a permit. Events that have temporary stages or large tents such as carnivals and festivals will also require a permit.

The Special Events and Parades Permit must be applied for through the Building Inspection Department 45 days prior to the event to ensure that City staff and all required departments have enough time to adequately review the application. The application processing fee ranges from \$50-\$250 depending on the size of the event. Staff will review requests and provide any required logistical recommendations needed to make the event a success.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpecialEvents or call the Building Inspection Department at 972-216-6212 to learn more.

FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY PHONE NUMBERS

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| 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 earns top Insurance Services Office rating for fire protection



Mesquite has again earned the highest rating possible for fire protection of a community as determined by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). Mesquite has had the highest ISO rating, a split ISO rating of Class 01/1X, since 2006. Not only does this public protection classification validate that Mesquite has superior fire suppression services, it also helps property owners potentially save money on their insurance premiums. To find out how Mesquite's ISO rating affects insurance costs, property owners should contact their insurer.

Mesquite serves up menu of opportunities for food truck operations



On June 7, the Mesquite City Council approved an ordinance that will allow for mobile food trucks to operate at a variety of locations throughout the city. Food truck operators can apply for an annual \$300 permit through the city's Health Division at 972-216-8138. Registered food truck operations will be allowed under one of the five following scenarios:

- As an approved food vendor at city special events.
- As an approved food vendor in the downtown area on Front Street Station for activities like the new Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market.
- As an approved food vendor at community events in which the organizer has included the operation of food trucks in their city special event permit application.
- As an approved participant in a city-approved food truck park.
- As an approved food vendor at a private business location, in which the property owner has obtained a city operation site permit.



How to address loud music complaints and disturbances

NOISE VIOLATIONS The City of Mesquite has an ordinance that addresses loud volumes of music or noise which exceed a limit, necessary, normal or one louder than permitted in the ordinance.

How do I resolve Noise Disturbances?
If a resident feels that a noise disturbance is occurring, 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 the resident does not feel comfortable discussing with the property owner, the next step would be to contact the City of Mesquite.

General Noise Disturbances
Mesquite Police Department
Non-Emergency
972 - 285 - 6336

Animal Noise Disturbances
Mesquite Animal Services
972 - 216 - 6283

To assist in the process of investigating the alleged disturbance, a resident can choose to safely record audio or video of the noise violation and provide it as evidence to the City. This is useful for those times that officers arrive later and are unable to witness the violation. This will require that a resident sign a witness affidavit and cooperate with Police.

For more information on the ordinance, visit cityofmesquite.com/Noise

The City of Mesquite has announced new ways the public can help address concerns of loud volumes of music or noises in their neighborhoods. For general noise disturbances, like loud music, the public can report it to the Mesquite Police Department by using the non-emergency phone number 972-285-6336. Animal noise disturbances can be reported to the Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283. Details of the ordinance and noise standards are available at www.cityofmesquite.com/Noise.

Council Community Focus



There's a 2021 City election coming up this fall. On Nov. 2, residents can vote to elect a Mayor and Councilmembers for Districts 1 – 6. The City has launched a new webpage to help residents who want to run and serve on the City Council. On this page you can find the requirements for City Council Candidates, important dates and documents that need to be filled out if a resident plans to run. The webpage is www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilCandidate. The first day to file is July 17 and the last day to file is Aug. 16. The public may contact the City Secretary's Office at 972-216-6401 or at CouncilCandidate@cityofmesquite.com for additional information.

Parks and Recreation Corner

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL 972-216-6260 OR VISIT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/PARD.



DOGGIE SPLASH DAY

Dogs and their owners will have a ball swimming together at Doggie Splash Day on Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Drive. Dogs and their owners can participate in the pet and owner look-a-like contest, the doggie swimsuit contest, the dog paddle race and the doggie dive contest. Entry fees are \$5 for one pet and one owner, each additional pet is \$2 and \$1 for spectators. Pet owners must bring proof of current vaccinations. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DoggieSplashDay.



ARCHERY FOR BEGINNERS

Archery for Beginners is a basic class for ages 6 – 12 hosted at Westlake Sports Center, 601 Gross Road. This class covers all the basics of target archery, archery safety, rules, and proper shooting techniques. All the equipment is provided. The session will take place every Saturday in August from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Registration for Youth Volleyball is open for boys and girls ages 7 – 14. This six-week program focuses on the fundamentals of the game including setting, defense, hitting and serving. Registration is from July 26 – Aug. 22, and sessions begin Saturday, Sept. 18. The fee is \$65 per player. For more information or to register please visit: www.cityofmesquite.com/YouthVolleyball.



AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

The After School Adventures Program is managed by trained staff and designed to include fun, healthy activities, arts and crafts, snacks and homework time. The program serves children in Kindergarten through sixth grade and operates in conjunction with the MISDcalendar. Registration starts July 1, for more information on cost and locations visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps.



Donate and help Keep Mesquite Beautiful



Dedicated to improving the Mesquite community, Keep Mesquite Beautiful (KMB)'s vision is to make Mesquite the most beautiful city in which to live, work and visit. However, KMB can't do it alone. The volunteer-based organization is funded predominately through public donation and needs all the help it can get from its community. Every dollar goes towards education projects and programs, to inspire, educate and engage the Mesquite community to recycle, reduce litter and beautify the city. Consider making a tax-deductible donation to KMB to help beautify Mesquite and help inspire the community you want to live in. Residents can also make a one-time donation at www.cityofmesquite.com/Donations. Or fill out the form on the back of this page and return it with your utility bill.



**MESQUITE
ARTS
CENTER**

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

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

Aug. 1 – Sept. 25, **Daniel Yanez: Oculus**,
Chamber Gallery, Free Admission
Artist Reception: Aug. 5,
6 to 8 p.m., Chamber Gallery

Aug. 2, 19, 16, 23, 30, **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

Aug. 5, **Courtyard Concert Series: Chelsey
Danielle + No Good Babies**, 7 p.m.,
Mesquite Art Center Courtyard,
Free Admission

Mesquite Arts Theatre:
The Island of Dr. Libris,
Aug. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, Black Box, 8 p.m.
June 15, 22, 29, Black Box, 2:30 p.m.

Aug. 21, **Rewind**
Wednesday – Homecoming Mums,
8 a.m., Mesquite Arts Center
YouTube Channel

Aug. 25, **MAC Doodles: Latin Artists**, 4 p.m.,
Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

 www.facebook.com/MesqArtsCenter/
 www.instagram.com/MesqArtsCenter/
 www.twitter.com/MesqArtsCenter/



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www.cityofmesquite.com/CityCouncil

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THE MAINSTREAM IS AVAILABLE IN SPANISH AT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/MAINSTREAMESPANOL



KMB is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and is a proud affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful.

Your donation will be added to your water bill each month or you may make a one-time cash donation. Your donation is tax deductible. Please complete and return with your utility bill:

I pledge the following amount PER MONTH to be included in my utility bill:

\$1.00 _____ \$2.00 _____ \$5.00 _____ Other _____

OR I would like to make a ONE TIME ONLY Contribution in the amount of \$ _____

For a one time contribution, please make checks payable to KMB and return with your bill!

Name: _____ City of Mesquite Utility Acct. # _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Daytime Telephone: _____
Signature: _____

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