

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

September 2021

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH, VISIT WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/MENTALHEALTH

- 4, 11, 18, 25** **Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Front Street Station, 100 W. Front Street.**

- 6** **Labor Day Holiday, All City offices and facilities closed.**

- 7, 20** **City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244.**

- 8** **Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive.**

- 8** **Kids Lego Club, 4 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, Children ages 12 and under.**

- 11** **9/11 Memorial Ceremony, Freedom Park, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue, Fire Administration Office: 972-216-6267.**

- 11** **Kids Lego Club, 2 p.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, Children ages 12 and under.**

- 13, 20, 27** **Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive.**



New solid waste requirements go into effect Oct. 1

As a part of its new Clean City Initiative, the Mesquite City Council approved new requirements for its solid waste customers. The new requirements include trash being secured in trash bags within an approved trash container, specific times on when the trash can be set out for collection and limits on bulky items. The enforcement of the new requirements will go into effect on Oct. 1. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SolidWaste or call 972-216-6285.

The specific revisions to the city's Solid Waste Ordinance, approved by the City Council at their June 21 meeting, include:

- Requires all trash to be secured in bags between 13 to 32 gallons in size. Loose items placed on or around the bags(s) will not be allowed. The administrative fee for this service is \$6.
- Requires all trash to be placed in authorized containers not larger than 48 gallons. Loose trash placed in the container will not be allowed. The administrative fee for this service is \$6.
- Limits trash and recyclables to be placed out for collection no earlier than 5:30 p.m. the day before scheduled pickup and no later than 7:30 a.m. the day of scheduled pickup. The administrative fee for this service is \$6.
- Limits large items, appliances, and bulk trash to be placed out for collection no earlier than 24 hours prior to scheduled collection day. This does not apply to yard waste and brush collection. The administrative fee for this service is \$6.
- Limits all bulk trash placed for collection to under eight cubic yards, which should fit into an area measured 5 feet tall by 4 feet deep by 11 feet long. This does not apply to yard waste and brush collection. The administrative fee for this service or for a special bulk pick-up request is \$20.

For details on the Clean City Initiative and to get involved, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CleanCity.

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

Keep Mesquite Beautiful hosts Trash Bash on Sept. 25



Keep Mesquite Beautiful (KMB) will hold its bi-annual volunteer cleanup event, Trash Bash, on Sept. 25. Trash Bash is an opportunity for families, neighbors and groups to join together to help beautify the Mesquite community. Volunteers will be provided trash grabbers, safety vests, disposable gloves and trash bags during a curbside pick-up at the Community Services Building, 1616 N. Galloway Avenue, from 8 - 9 a.m. Volunteers can register at www.cityofmesquite.com/TrashBash. Trash Bash is part of the City's new Clean City Initiative. Learn more and get involved at www.cityofmesquite.com/CleanCity.

Mesquite dedicates Municipal Center in honor of former Mayor George Venner



City of Mesquite Mayor Bruce Archer honored former Mesquite Mayor George Venner on July 14 during the George A. Venner, Sr. Municipal Center dedication ceremony, presenting him with a replica of the plaque that now is displayed in the lobby of the building. In April, the City Council renamed the Municipal Center at 1515 N. Galloway Avenue in honor of Venner who served as Mayor from 1987 - 1991.

Remember the 4 D's



Summer is here and that means mosquitoes in Texas. Prevention is the best defense against the West Nile virus. It's important to remember the four D's:

- Dusk and dawn are the times of day mosquitoes are most active and you should try to stay indoors.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants when you are outside.
- DEET is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent you should always wear outdoors.
- And drain standing water in your yard and neighborhood where mosquitoes can breed.

Read more about mosquito control in Mesquite at www.cityofmesquite.com/Mosquito.

STAR Transit joins GoPass app network



STAR Transit has joined the GoPass app network, allowing riders to purchase monthly and day passes that can be used on fixed routes and STARNow. Single ride passes are also available. The app allows users to plan a trip, pay for the pass and store until ready for use. Download the new app at www.GoPass.org or go to www.STARtransit.org to learn more.

Council Community Focus

A vibrant economy is one of the City Council's 2021 strategic goals. In July, Mesquite approved an agreement for the construction and development of a new retail project called Shadow Creek Crossing on nearly seven acres that could include a variety of retail stores and restaurant concepts. The property is owned by LF Gateway LP and is located next to John D. Horn High School at 3201 East Cartwright Road. The proposed development could include as many as six freestanding retail buildings and up to 57,500 square feet of leasable area.



The project is located in the area of Mesquite represented by District 6 Councilmember and Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Aleman. He said, "The approval of the Shadow Creek Crossing project is exciting news. There is tremendous growth happening in that part of our community and residents in this area have been waiting for new retail development. I am excited about LF Gateway's plan to bring new shopping and dining opportunities to South Mesquite."

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.



AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES

After-School Adventures is a program that provides fun and healthy activities, S.T.E.M., arts and crafts, snacks and homework time for students. The program operates in conjunction with the MISD calendar. For more information or to register, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AfterSchoolAdventures or call 972-216-6260.



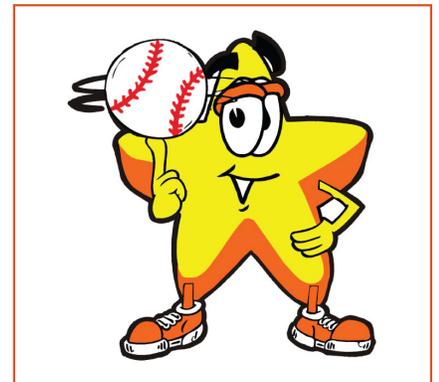
GUTS AND GORY ZOMBIE RUN

Zombies are taking over the park and Camp Rorie Galloway is being evacuated! U.S. Army forces are on site to assist but do you have what it takes to survive and escape? Experience a zombie apocalypse at the “Guts and Gory” Zombie Run and Challenge scheduled for Sept. 18 at Camp Rorie Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. The fee is \$25 per person and space is limited. For more information about the event and to register, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/GutsAndGoryRun or call 972-216-6260.



LITTLE ROOKIES BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

The Little Rookies Baseball and Softball program, designed for 3 and 4-year-olds, will provide an introduction to basic baseball and softball skills such as throwing, catching and hitting. Registration is from Sept. 13 to Oct. 10. Sessions begin Saturday, Oct. 16 at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon 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/LittleRookiesBaseball.



Mesquite employee leads first all-female official crew

City of Mesquite Parks and Recreation employee, Crystal Cooksey, made Texas high school football history again. Cooksey led the first all-female officials crew on July 17 at the Sixman Coach's Association All Star Game. In January, she also became the first female in Texas to officiate a Texas High School State Championship football game when she officiated the 1A-Division II State Championship game. Cooksey has officiated football with the Dallas Football Officials Association for 11 years. Cooksey has been employed with the City of Mesquite for 17 years and currently serves as the Senior Recreation Supervisor over Florence Recreation Center.



MPD Basic Peace Officer Course reaches milestone

This summer, eight new Mesquite Police Officers graduated from the Mesquite Police Department's (MPD) Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC), bringing the training academy total to 100 recruits since it began in 2013. This is the 15th graduation class to complete the internal training program. According to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement website, there are 2,778 agencies, and only 115 with their own academies, including the MPD BPOC.



Log cabin receives Preservation Achievement Award

Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI) has been recognized by Preservation Dallas with a Preservation Achievement Award for the recently completed Webb Crownover Cabin Restoration at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street. Considered to be one of the oldest buildings in eastern Dallas County, the circa 1845 cabin was most likely the first home of Capt. A.W. Webb and his wife, Lucinda Crownover. The completed restoration will ensure that the Webb Crownover cabin will endure for years to come as it serves the community.



Real. Texas. Roads. is the program name for the road repairs funded by the \$125 million bond sale approved by voters in November 2015. Repairs under this program are for residential, two-lane roadways. Funds were made available by the 2015 Street Bond Election, began in 2016, and are expected to continue funding street repairs through 2024. For details and to view the current construction status of streets selected for the program, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads.

MESQUITE ARTS CENTER

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

Sept. 1, **History of Trinket Box Art**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Sept. 8, **Virtual Programming: Diego Rivera**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel



Sept. 11, **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra: Patriotic**, 7 p.m., Concert Hall, Buy tickets online at mesquitesymphony.org/



Sept. 13, 20, 27, **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



Sept. 18, **Ladies with Flava Dance Competition**, 1-8 p.m., Rehearsal Hall, and Courtyard, \$10 at the door



Sept 25, **Create Your Own Silkscreen T-shirt**, Group 1: 10 a.m.; Group 2: 11 a.m., Rehearsal Hall or Courtyard, Participants must bring a colored t-shirt or tote bag to print on.

Sept. 29, **MAC Doodles: Fall + Monsters**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

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