

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THESE EVENTS MAY BE IMPACTED BY COVID-19, FOR THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE EVENT CALENDAR AT [WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM).

### OCTOBER 2021

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** **Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Front Street Station, 100 W. Front Street.**

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- 4** **Voter Registration Deadline, [www.cityofmesquite.com/VoterRegistration](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/VoterRegistration)**

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- 4, 18** **City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244.**

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- 4,11, 18, 25** **Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive**

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- 6, 13, 20, 27** **Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive.**

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- 18** **Early Voting Begins, 214-819-6300, [www.cityofmesquite.com/Elections](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Elections)**

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- 22** **Fall Book Sale, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive.**

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- 23** **Fall Book Sale, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive.**

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- 28** **Halloween Happenings, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, Kids ages 10 years & under, wear your Halloween costume.**

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- 29** **Early Voting Ends, 214-819-6300, [www.cityofmesquite.com/Elections](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Elections)**

### 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 begins meter conversion project for all its water utility customers

In October 2021, the City of Mesquite will begin a meter conversion project for all of its residential and commercial water utility customers. It is expected to take two years to replace all of the 42,000 meters throughout the City's water utility system.

The City is working with the company Ameresco, and their subcontractor Pedal Valve (PVI), to replace outdated manual meters with upgraded meters as part of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. This AMI water meter project will upgrade and modernize the City's water billing infrastructure. With this AMI water meter project, customers will have access to more frequent detailed information about water consumption, enabling them to have better control over their water usage and monthly bills.

Ameresco and PVI employees will be properly identified with their company logo on their vehicles and uniforms. Ameresco or PVI employees will not have to enter homes at any time to perform work. In most cases, the work will be performed Monday - Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There may be some work performed on Saturday.

The work they will perform will involve going onto the property of City water utility customers to remove the current meter serving the property and replace it with a new AMI meter. The installation typically takes less than 30 minutes for each location, during which time the water to the property will be temporarily turned off. Water utility customers will receive a door hanger notifying them that their water meter has been changed or if the water meter could not be changed due to various issues, like a locked fence or loose animal.

Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MeterProject](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MeterProject) to learn more about this AMI water meter project. If you have any questions, please email the City at [MeterProject@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:MeterProject@cityofmesquite.com) or call the City's Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.

## Mesquite to hold general election on Nov. 2



On Nov. 2, registered Mesquite voters will have the opportunity to vote in the City's General Election to elect the positions of Mayor and Councilmembers representing Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Only district residents will be permitted to vote for the candidates seeking to represent that district. The Mayor will be elected by all voters, because the office represents the entire City.

Early voting starts on Oct. 18 and goes until Oct. 29. To view the candidates and for more information about the General Election, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Elections](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Elections).

## New solid waste ordinance goes 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 that go into effect Oct. 1, which 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. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SolidWaste](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SolidWaste) or call 972-216-6285.

## Mesquite Fire Department recognized in Best Practices Recognition Program



In August, the Mesquite Fire Department (MFD) was recognized by the Texas Fire Chiefs Association (TFCA) for exceeding all the identified Best Practices for Texas Fire Departments. TFCA developed the Recognition Program to assist Texas departments in meeting their professional obligations to the citizens of Texas. Only 26 departments in Texas have received the Best Practices Designation, including Mesquite. An appointed committee of fire service professionals from across the state conducts reviews of a department's efforts and awards "Recognized" status.

MFD Chief Russell Wilson said, "I think the most important thing about this recognition is the fact that it comes from a team of subject matter experts. This isn't just us saying we are doing things right, it is verification from a very credible third party. That means the citizens of Mesquite can have the utmost confidence that their fire department is doing everything we can to ensure their safety."

## Council Community Focus

A vibrant economy is one of the City Council's 2021 strategic goals. At the end of July, the City of Mesquite, Dalfen Industrial and Stream Realty officially broke ground on phase one of the new two million square foot Mesquite Airport Logistics Center master planned industrial park. Phase one will feature two buildings each with a clearance height of 36 feet, and both combining for more than 200 dock doors and parking for more than 130 truck trailers. Building A will be available for a maximum of 379,620 square feet, with Building B topping out at 626,718 square feet. Mayor Bruce Archer said, "We are not just celebrating a groundbreaking. We are celebrating another benchmark moment in our extraordinary economic development journey in Mesquite."



# Parks and Recreation Corner



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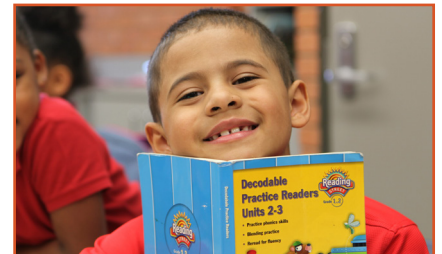
## PUMPKINFEST

The annual PumpkinFest will be on Oct. 16 from 12 to 5 p.m. at Valley Creek Park, 2482 Pioneer Road. Enjoy carnival games, rides, trick-o-treating and performances on the community stage. The event is free, however food, games and activities will have a fee. Be sure to wear your costume to participate in the costume contest. For more information about the event, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest).



## 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 Mesquite ISD calendar. For more information on cost and locations, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Camps).



## ADULTS 50+

### *Wood Carving Class*

Come to learn and enjoy wood carving every Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Goodbar Senior Center, 3000 Concord Drive. Some tools and large equipment are available. Some supplies must be purchased individually.



### *Camp Rorie Galloway*

On, Friday, Oct. 22, take a trip to Camp Rorie Galloway. Spend the day in the great outdoors with a hayride and hot dog cookout. A variety of games and a craft will be offered. The cost is \$7 per person and buses will depart Evans and Goodbar Recreation Centers at 9:30 a.m. Registration opens Oct. 1. For more information about the Adult 50+ program or to register for activities, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus).



## Mesquite Meander is Oct. 8 & 9

The Mesquite Meander, Historic Mesquite, Inc.'s 11th annual living history tour through the Mesquite Cemetery will be held Oct. 8, from 6 - 7:30 p.m., and Oct. 9, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. The popular event features actors who portray characters from the city's past. Tours start every 10 minutes and each tour group is limited in size to provide an intimate outdoor theater experience. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting 972-216-6468. Visit [historicmesquite.org](http://historicmesquite.org) for more details.



## Mesquite Fire Department celebrates promotions and new firefighters

The Mesquite Fire Department held a promotion/swearing-in ceremony on Aug. 5 at the Mesquite Arts Center to recognize the recent promotions of rank and new members to the department. The event celebrated 28 firefighters who have given nearly 400 years of combined service to the community.



## Mesquite high school students complete City Youth Internship Program

In July, the City of Mesquite and local businesses recognized 18 summer interns, celebrating the end of the City of Mesquite's Summer Youth Internship Program. The program allows income eligible Mesquite students, ages 15-17, to gain meaningful job experience beyond the classroom and the opportunity to acquire skills to secure future employment.

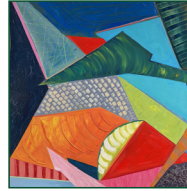


*Real. Texas. Roads. is the program name for the road repairs funded by the \$125 million bond sale approved by voters in November 2015. Repairs under this program are for residential, two-lane roadways. Funds were made available by the 2015 Street Bond Election, began in 2016, and are expected to continue 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRoads).*

MESQUITE  
ARTS  
CENTER

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

Oct. 4 – Dec. 17, **Cathy Drennan: ReShape, Recolor, Rework**, Chamber Gallery, Free Admission



Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, **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

Oct. 6, **Pumpkin Painting Tutorial**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel



Oct. 13, **Máscara Painting Tutorial**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel



Oct. 27, **MAC Doodles: Halloween**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Oct. 30, **Día de los Muertos Celebration**, 4 to 7 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center, Outdoor Event



Oct. 30, **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra: MSO 35 Year Anniversary**, 7 p.m., Concert Hall, Buy tickets online at [mesquitesymphony.org/](http://mesquitesymphony.org/)

Oct. 30, **Mesquite Arts Theatre: Haunted Hospital Tour**, 4 to 7 p.m., Black Box Theatre

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