

## 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).

### DECEMBER 2021

- 1, 8, 15** Library Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive.
- 6, 20** City Council meetings, 7 p.m., City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, 972-216-6244.
- 6, 13, 20** Library Storytime, 10:30 a.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive.
- 8** Kids Lego Club, Ages 12 & Under, 4 p.m., Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive.
- 11** Kids Lego Club, Ages 12 & Under, 2 p.m., Mesquite North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive.
- 24, 27** Christmas Holiday, All City offices and facilities closed. For a list of services impacted by the holidays, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays).

#### Jobseeker Support Initiative

Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive,  
Call 972-216-6220 to schedule a support session or  
North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive,  
Call 972-681-0465 to schedule a support session

### 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



### New solid waste ordinance revisions

As a part of its new Clean City Initiative, the Mesquite City Council approved new requirements for its solid waste customers that went into effect Oct. 1, which include:



All trash must be secured in bags between 13 to 32 gallons in size. Loose items placed on or around the bag or bags will not be allowed. Boxes can not be used as a bag, and all small boxes must be put in a bag while big boxes need to be flattened and placed next to the trash can.



All trash must be placed in trash cans 20 to 48 gallons in size. Customers with cans larger than 48 gallons are allowed to use them until they get a properly sized can. Loose trash placed in the can is not allowed. Lids are not required but preferred to keep animals out of the can. There is no limit on the quantity of cans, but they must all be placed in the alley or front curb of the house.



Trash or recyclables must be placed out no earlier than 5:30 p.m. the day before scheduled pickup and no later than 7:30 a.m. the day of the scheduled pickup. All trash cans must be removed by 8 p.m. the day of pickup. For large items and bulk trash, items are to be placed out no earlier than 24 hours prior to scheduled collection day. This does not however apply to yard waste and brush collection.



Bulk Trash must be under eight cubic yards, which is approximately two full size pickup truck beds or two couches. This does not apply to yard waste and brush collection.

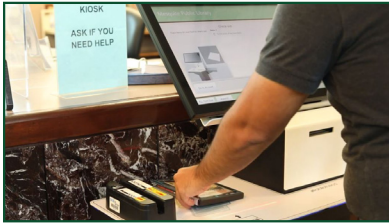
Customers who have unique situations are encouraged to contact the City for assistance. Call the Solid Waste Division at 972-216-6285 or 972-216-6284. Special exceptions to these revisions will be made for solid waste services impacted by holidays. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SolidWaste](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SolidWaste).

## Mesquite Police Chief David Gill takes Oath of Office



At the Oct. 18 City Council Meeting, Police Chief David Gill was administered the Oath of Office by City Secretary Sonja Land. A 27-year veteran of the Mesquite Police Department, Chief Gill has served in all areas of the department both as a supervisor and as an officer. He has earned 34 department honors including three Life Saving Awards and two Certificates of Merit. City Manager Cliff Keheley stated, "The appointment of a police chief is a significant moment in any community. This position leads the men and women of the department, but they are a leader in our community. Chief Gill knows Mesquite. He knows what needs to be done and he knows how to lead it. He is definitely the right person for the job, and he is ready to lead our community."

## Mesquite Public Library converts to Radio Frequency Identification



The Mesquite Public Library System recently completed a conversion to Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to replace the library's barcode system for collection monitoring. This RFID system uses radio waves to identify library materials. This new system simplifies both the circulation and inventory of library materials. Library staff have placed RFID tags on over 170,000 items in the collection, allowing library visitors to use self-checkout kiosks that have been installed at each building.

## Mesquite earns 2021 Preservation Texas Honor Award



Preservation Texas, the statewide non-profit historic preservation advocacy and education organization, recognized Historic Mesquite, Inc.'s restoration of the outbuildings at Opal Lawrence Historical Park as one of only nine projects to receive the 2021 Preservation Texas Honor Award. The Lawrence Outbuildings Restoration project included the wash house, root cellar, curing shed and other workspaces that supported daily life on the farmstead. The site is listed on the National Register of Historical Places, is a Recorded Texas Historical Landmark and is recognized as a Century Family Farm. For more information, please call Historic Mesquite Inc. at 972-216-6468.

## Council Community Focus

A vibrant economy is one of the City Council's 2021 strategic goals. In September, the Mesquite City Council passed a series of resolutions for Vehicle Accessories, Inc. to relocate its corporate headquarters to Mesquite by the end of 2022. This includes 315 new manufacturing jobs with an annual payroll of \$13.5 million. Vehicle Accessories, Inc. is an integrated manufacturer of protective door edge guards, all-weather floor mats, splash guards, body side moldings, bumper protectors and door sills for the automotive industry.



In October, the Mesquite City Council passed a resolution to approve terms and conditions for the construction and development of Mesquite 635, a Class A Industrial Business Park on 38 acres at the Southeast corner of US Highway 80 and IH-635. Totalling approximately 555,000 square feet, Mesquite 635 will consist of two rear-load buildings and one front-load building with 32'-36' foot clear heights, 185' truck courts and approximately 594 auto parking stalls. Construction is slated to begin in late 2021, with completion scheduled for late 2022/early 2023.

Mesquite also held a groundbreaking ceremony in October for the newest Huffines Signature Community™, Solterra, off of Cartwright Road and Faithon P Lucas Sr Boulevard. Developer Huffines Communities commemorated the project milestone with Mesquite Mayor Bruce Archer, members of the Mesquite City Council and many others from the real estate and builder community, celebrating the largest development in the city's history, with 3,900 new homes and 300 townhomes on 1,530 acres upon project completion. Solterra is expected to have a tax value of more than \$1.6 billion with the first phase of development delivering 787 lots in the fourth quarter of 2022.

# Parks and Recreation Corner



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## WINTER CAMP

Over Winter break, kids ages 6-12 can spend a day or the whole week playing games, creating holiday crafts, playing indoor sports and doing other fun activities. Camps run from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the fee is \$20 per child, per day. Session I runs from Dec. 20 - 24 and Session II runs from Dec. 27 - 31. Participants will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle. For more information, locations or to register online, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps). You can also register in person at the Parks and Recreation Administration office at 1515 N. Galloway Avenue or at any recreation center.



## ADULTS 50+

Mesquite has three active Adult 50+ programs at Evans, Goodbar and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include: crafts, day trips, exercise classes, lunch and more.

Join in on Dec. 16 for a trip to the Bathhouse Cultural Center to see "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carole." Come witness Marley's existence before his visit from Scrooge. Sign up at Rutherford Recreation Center from Nov. 4 - Dec. 2. The fee is \$17 plus the cost of lunch at Circle Grill. Transportation departs Rutherford Recreation Center at 10:00 a.m.



On Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 11:30 a.m., come to Goodbar Recreation Center, 3000 Concord Drive, and join us for the Italian Christmas Luncheon. Bring your favorite Italian dish and break bread together with your Goodbar family. Sign up begins Wednesday, Dec. 1. For more information about the Adult 50+ program, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus).

## Holiday Events in Mesquite

**Christmas on the Square:** On Nov. 30, start your holiday season with this fun, family tradition in the Historic Heart of Mesquite. Enjoy the lighting of the community Christmas tree, music, treats and more, from 5 to 8 p.m. Visit [www.downtownmesquite.com/events](http://www.downtownmesquite.com/events) for more information.



**Christmas in the Park:** Join us at Christmas in the Park at Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road on Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5. This family friendly event features carnival rides, arts and crafts, photos with Santa and much more! For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasinthePark](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasinthePark).



**Christmas on the Corridor:** Enjoy free holiday fun on the new Gus Thomasson Corridor on Saturday, Dec. 11. There will be food trucks, vendors, inflatables, yard games and kids crafts at Vanston Park, 2913 Oates Drive, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [mesquitecodev.com/locate/gus-thomasson-corridor](http://mesquitecodev.com/locate/gus-thomasson-corridor) for more information.



**Christmas at the Ranch:** Celebrate 150 years of the Florence Ranch Homestead on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. The day's festivities will include photo opportunities with a traditional Father Christmas, family story times, carolers, a holiday craft, gingerbread, warm apple cider, plus tours of the historical home. For more information, visit [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org).

**Carlos and Cocoa:** On Dec. 18, join family and friends in singing traditional Christmas carols plus our very own "12 Days of Downtown Mesquite" carol at the new Front Street Station event area. Enjoy complimentary cocoa, cookies and a family friendly holiday movie starting at 4 p.m. Visit [www.downtownmesquite.com/events](http://www.downtownmesquite.com/events) for more information.



## City honors Paralympian Deja Young-Craddock



In October, the City of Mesquite honored Paralympian and John Horn High School graduate, Deja Young-Craddock, for winning a bronze medal at the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 in the 100-meter. Deja is a

two-time Paralympian and three-time Paralympic medalist. Deja has shown the passion and power that drives all athletes and has encouraged everyone to celebrate ability beyond disability.

## Properly dispose of FOG during the holidays



Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) is the residue left over from cooking meat, butter, sauces, oil and dairy products. FOG and debris poured down drains can cause expensive sewer backups for homeowners. Used holiday cooking oil may be recycled for free at the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center, 11234 Plano Road, or at a drop-off location listed on the Defend Your Drains website at [www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com](http://www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com).



*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).*



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

Dec. 1 – Dec. 17, **JM Rizzi: In Bloom**, Main Gallery, Free Admission

Dec. 4, Artists Reception, 6 – 7 p.m.

Dec. 1 – Dec. 17, **Cathy Drennan: ReShape, Recolor, Rework**, Chamber Gallery, Free Admission

Dec. 4, Artists Reception, 6 – 7 p.m.

Dec. 1, **MAC Doodles: New Years**, 4 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center YouTube Channel

Dec. 4, **Mesquite Community Band: Holiday Concert**, Concert Hall, 7 – 8 p.m.

Dec. 6, 13, **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

Dec. 18, **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra: Home for the Holidays**, Concert Hall, 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Purchase tickets at [mesquitesymphony.org](http://mesquitesymphony.org)

**Mesquite Arts Theatre: A Christmas Story**

Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 Black Box, 8 p.m.  
June 5, 12, 19, Black Box, 2:30 p.m.



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[WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/MAINSTREAMESPANOL](http://WWW.CITYOFMESQUITE.COM/MAINSTREAMESPANOL)

## Serve on a City of Mesquite Board or Commission

The City of Mesquite is looking for new partners to serve on one of its boards or commissions. The City of Mesquite's Boards and Commissions are comprised of engaged citizens who volunteer their time, knowledge and expertise to make a difference in their community. Duties of boards and commissions may include serving in an advisory capacity to the City Council, examining in-depth plans on development, evaluating city services and projects and making decisions on various requests from citizens. By becoming a board or commission member you can have an active voice, be involved in your community and advise the City Council and staff on a wide range of services areas. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Boards](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Boards) to learn more.