



September 22, 2023



## City Council Election and Proposition A will be held on Nov. 7

The Mesquite City Council unanimously approved the fiscal year 2023-2024 budget on Aug. 21 to add more public safety personnel, more funding for street repairs and reconstruction, and additional services to serve the growing community. The current budget increases the tax rate to .69000 per \$100 of ad valorem value. Because of the need for additional revenues to accomplish the goals of the community, state law requires Mesquite voters to approve the tax rate since City revenue will increase by 3.5% or more over last year due to higher property values. Early voting is Oct. 23-Nov. 3, 2023. Election Day is Nov. 7, 2023. For more information, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/2023TaxElection](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/2023TaxElection).

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## City of Mesquite to host Town Hall meetings on 2023 Tax Rate Election

The City of Mesquite will host two Town Hall Tuesday meetings for residents to learn and ask questions about the upcoming Tax Rate Election. The first Town Hall meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 at Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way. The second meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 10 at Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive. In August, the Mesquite City Council unanimously approved the City's 2023-24 budget that includes funding for roadway and alley reconstruction, additional police officers, a new fire station, staffing and equipment to operate the fire station, and a new Behavioral Health Division. The budget will require an increase in the tax rate of \$0.03186 per \$100 ad valorem value. Early voting starts on Oct. 23. To learn more about the Tax Rate Election, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/2023TaxElection](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/2023TaxElection).



## Water rates increasing for City of Mesquite customers

The City of Mesquite will implement a 5% increase in water rates effective Oct. 1, 2023. The rate adjustment is due to a 9% increase in the cost of water due to significant costs in the chemicals and labor needed to treat drinking water and major capital investments to ensure adequate water levels are available due to increased demand. To save water and money, the City recommends residents use WaterSmart, a free online service available to Mesquite water customers. To register for WaterSmart, customers will need their billing account number and ZIP code. Reach the portal on a mobile device or web browser at [www.mesquitetx.watersmart.com](http://www.mesquitetx.watersmart.com).



## Scam alert for water customers

The City of Mesquite has been notified of a scam in which individuals are calling businesses pretending to be representatives of the City. Scammers are threatening to turn water off if the water bill is not paid, or payment is not made for a new water meter. The City communicates with its customers regarding financial matters through written correspondence, not phone calls. If you receive a telephone call from someone threatening to turn off your water, please call the myMesquite Call Center at 972-288-7711 or check your account online at <https://mesquitetx.watersmart.com/index.php/welcome>.



## Spread the Love campaign brings in 900+ jars to feed Mesquite children in need

The City of Mesquite collected enough jars of nut and seed butters and jelly to make 16,384 sandwiches during its 2023 Spread the Love campaign. Residents, businesses and organizations donated 911 jars of nut and seed butters and jelly weighing in at 1,024 pounds during the collection campaign which ran from May to Labor Day. The annual Spread the Love program was developed because many kids rely on free or reduced lunches during the school year but don't have access to these programs over the summer. The City works with Sharing Life Community Outreach to distribute the food collected. Sharing Life accepts financial donations toward Spread the Love year-round at [sharing.life/donate](https://sharing.life/donate).



## Resident input sought through Mesquite Community Survey

This fall, the City of Mesquite will conduct a Community Survey to get input from its citizens on programs and services. In the first phase through October, Mesquite residents selected at random will receive an invitation by text message, letter or social media to participate in the survey questionnaire. The online survey will be open to all residents later in November. All responses will be kept confidential. The survey will be administered by ETC Institute, a national leader in conducting customer satisfaction surveys for government organizations. Visit [Mesquite Community Survey](#) to learn more about the survey.




## Parks and Recreation hosting a pair of fall family-friendly events in October

On Saturday, Oct. 7, the final Movies in the Park event of the year will be a screening of "The Addams Family 2." Pre-show entertainment at the free event will begin at 7 p.m., including face painting, basketball, volleyball and light concessions. The movie starts at dusk at Rorie-Galloway Day Camp, 3100 Lawson Road. On Saturday, Oct. 21, the City will host its annual PumpkinFest from 12 to 5 p.m. The free event will feature a new hay maze and hay ride this year. PumpkinFest will be held at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. For more information about Parks and Recreation events and activities, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD).

## Contact Us



Do you have a concern? Send requests for street repair, crime concerns, park issues and more from your computer or mobile device. For more details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/myMesquite](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/myMesquite).

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