



Oct. 6, 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).



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

The City of Mesquite will host its final Town Hall Tuesday meeting for residents to learn and ask questions about the upcoming Tax Rate Election 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).

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## 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).

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## Mesquite announces new Visit Mesquite Manager

The City of Mesquite has named Javan Gonzalez as the new Visit Mesquite Manager, effective Oct. 1. Gonzalez is an award-winning digital marketing professional with a decade of experience in both the public and private sectors. He joined the Visit Mesquite team in April 2023 as the Marketing Coordinator. As the Visit

Mesquite Manager, Gonzalez will oversee the Visit Mesquite Coordinator and the Visitor Center Specialist. For more information, visit [www.visitmesquitetx.com](http://www.visitmesquitetx.com).



## 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.



## Pumpkinfest to be held on Oct. 21

On Saturday, Oct. 21, the City will host its annual PumpkinFest from noon 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).

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## Seventh annual Dia de Los Muertos Celebration

Celebrate Hispanic culture and heritage with the Mesquite Arts Council's 7th annual Día de Los Muertos Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 28. This free, family-friendly Day of the Dead festival will be held from 4-7 p.m. inside the building and on the grounds of the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. The


event will feature cultural arts workshops, music, dancing, theatrical performances, food, vendors and more. Learn more about Mesquite's Día de los Muertos Celebration by visiting [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).


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## 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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