



Nov. 22, 2023



## City of Mesquite offices to be closed Nov. 23-24

All City of Mesquite offices and facilities will be closed on Nov. 23-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday, with the following exceptions:

- Mesquite Metro Airport will be open both days.
- Trash **will be** collected on Friday, Nov. 24, but not on Thursday, Nov. 23. Recycling will not be collected either day.
- Recreation Centers will be open on Friday, Nov. 24.
- The Compost Facility and Convenience Center will be open on Friday, Nov. 24.

Click [here](#) to see the complete 2023 holiday schedule.



## Shop local this holiday season

The holiday shopping season is here and the City of Mesquite is encouraging citizens to shop local.

Shopping at businesses and eating at restaurants in Mesquite helps business owners and our local economy. Worried about traffic? The City continues to promote alternate driving directions to shoppers for key destinations in Mesquite, such as Town East Mall. Visit [shopping routes](#) for more information. The page offers ways to shop more and drive less by using different roads to travel and avoid traffic. Learn more about shopping local at [www.ShopMesquiteTX.com](http://www.ShopMesquiteTX.com).



## Properly dispose of fats, oils and grease during the holidays

Don't ruin your holidays with a sewer backup in your home. Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) are the residue left over from cooking with food items such as meat, butter, lard, sauces, dressings, dairy products and cooking oil. FOG and debris poured down drains can build up and cause backups in both private and the City-maintained sewer system. To avoid expensive plumbing repairs and damage to the sewer system:

- scrape or wipe cooled grease or fat from all cookware and place in the trash; and
- pour or scrape grease into a sturdy closed-lid container and dispose in the trash.

Resident may recycle used holiday cooking oil for free at the City of Mesquite Convenience Center, 3550 Lawson Road, or other nearby drop-off locations. Check out the Defend Your Drains website at [www.DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com](http://www.DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com).



## Real. Texas. Holidays. starts Nov. 28

Join City of Mesquite's festive family-friendly events. Get in the holiday spirit with celebrations including everything from historic events with Father Christmas to a straight-out-of-a-movie tree lighting on the downtown square complete with gazebo. Experience Christmas in the Park with hot cocoa and free pictures with Santa, and savor the sights and sounds of the season at the Mesquite Arts Center with holiday plays and music from our local symphony and band. Enjoy a hometown holiday like none other in the Rodeo Capitol of Texas with Real. Texas. Holidays. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasHolidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasHolidays) for more information.

**Christmas on the Square:** Join us for the first celebration of the season in Downtown Mesquite. Christmas on the Square includes carols, cocoa, Santa and a tree-lighting ceremony in Downtown Mesquite Nov. 28 from 5 - 8 p.m. Find out more [here](#).



## Environs: Architectural Photography in and Around Mesquite exhibition


The Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave., will present the first annual installment of architectural photography highlighting Mesquite and local artists from Jan. 22 to March 16, 2024. All entries must be submitted online [here](#) by Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023. Admission to the exhibition is free.


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