



Aug. 9, 2024



### Storm debris update, August 9

Storm debris clean up is in the final stages. Crews continue to pick up in the south part of the City. To date, 11,500 tons of brush has been collected.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 12, crews will return to the normal collection schedule and will continue to make sweeps of areas to finish storm debris clean up. Residents are reminded to place large brush or bulky items at the front curb no later than 7:30 a.m., and no earlier than 24 hours prior to the scheduled collection day. Bulk trash placed for collection may not exceed eight cubic yards (which should fit into an area measured five feet tall by four feet deep by 11 feet long). Remember to separate large brush from bulky items and do not block the sidewalk. Learn more about bulky item collection guidelines and individual collection days [here](#).

Grass, leaves and small brush is collected each Wednesday in the regular collection location. Bagged grass clippings and leaves or brush no larger than two feet wide by two feet high by four feet long, and weighing no more than 50 pounds, will be collected. Large brush is classified as brush more than 50 pounds, or piles larger than two feet wide by two feet high by four feet long. Large brush is collected Monday – Friday once weekly depending on the area. Find out more about yard waste collection [here](#).

As a reminder, here is how to properly separate debris:

1. Separating bulk trash and other materials from the brush
2. Making sure vehicles are not blocking brush piles
3. Monitoring any brush piles so that they do not block the street
4. Remembering you can take vegetative debris to the City's Convenience Center, located at 3550 Lawson Road

Read more about separating debris [here](#).

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### **Drive safe, school begins Aug. 14**

Students across Mesquite return to school in August. Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr., and all the Councilmembers send best wishes to all students, teachers, administrators and school staff for a wonderful school year.

The City is reminding everyone to pay extra attention in school zones and crosswalks. No texting while driving, no cell phone usage in crosswalks, watch for children when driving near schools, stop for school buses and please, "Drive Like Your Family Lives Here."

Visit [www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org](http://www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org) to learn more about the City's safe-driving campaign.

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## HMI Volunteer Open House, Aug. 14

You can help make history come alive at Opal Lawrence Historical Park and Florence Ranch Homestead. Historic Mesquite Inc. will host a Volunteer Open House for those interested in helping share history lessons and artifacts with visitors. One of the main roles for volunteers is to help with elementary school tours of both historical parks. The Volunteer Open House will be at 10 a.m. on Aug. 14 at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 East Kearney.

Visit [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org) for more information.

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## Spread the Love this summer

Residents are invited to donate jars of peanut butter and jelly during the annual **Spread the Love** collection campaign, which runs through Labor Day (Sept. 2).

The City also is calling for donations of alternative butters that are safe for kids with nut allergies, such as sunflower seed butter or pumpkin seed butter.

The Spread the Love program was developed because many children rely on free or reduced lunches during the school year but don't have access to these programs over the summer. Spread the Love provides nutritious food kids can make at home by themselves.

Turn in donations at both Library locations, City Hall and the Municipal Center. To learn more, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove).

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## Art exhibitions on display at MAC

The Mesquite Arts Center is hosting two art exhibitions now through Sept. 20.

"**Feeling My Way**," on display in the Main Gallery, features the works of Marc Dominus and is described as "vibrant, layered and spontaneous." The show includes work completed over the past two years.

On display in the Chamber Gallery, "**You Just Had to Be There...**" by Assandre Jean-Baptiste captures what the artist calls "tales from the past." Jean-Baptiste re-imagines these moments through illustration and paint.

A reception with both artists will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. on Sept. 14 at the Arts Center.

Learn more about events and happenings at the Arts Center by visiting [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).



## Farmers Market every Saturday

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through November, head to the Farmers Market at Front Street Station.


Discover a wide variety of local goods including artisanal products, locally grown produce, baked goods, bath and body products and more.


Enjoy food vendors who offer everything from ice cream to snow cones and barbecue to classic fair food. More information can be found at [www.downtownmesquitetx.com](http://www.downtownmesquitetx.com).




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