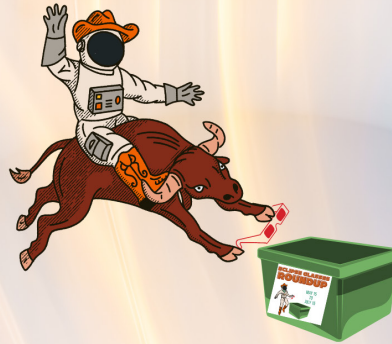


## COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 2024

- 1 **Retro Video Games for Teens**, 2-3 p.m. at North Branch Library, 2600 Oates. Join us for an exciting gaming experience with our Wii video game program for youth. For more information, call 972-681-0465.
- 1, 15 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway. 972-216-6244.
- 4, 5 **Independence Day and Independence Friday holidays**. All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport and Compost Facility & Convenience Center. Trash will be collected both days; recycling will not be collected on July 4 but will be collected on July 5.
- 6 **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**, First Saturday of the month. Looking for teens to help the library plan youth programs. For information, call 972-216-6220.
- 9 **Town Hall Tuesday**, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Training Rooms A&B at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway.
- 12 **Songs & Stories of Texas**, 3-5 p.m. at Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb. Special guest Rickey Pittman will share stories and songs that make Texas history come alive. Free.
- 13 **Harry Potter Party**, 2-3 p.m. at North Branch Library, 2600 Oates. Magic folk and muggles alike are invited for a spellbinding afternoon of free Hogwarts-inspired activities. Come dressed as your favorite character or wear your house colors. For more information, call 972-681-0465.
- 20 **Monarch Fest**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway. Join KMB for this free butterfly-themed festival that includes vendor market, concessions, costume and salsa contests, live entertainment, demonstrations and more. [www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org)
- 26 **Playful Beginnings**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at North Branch Library, 2600 Oates. Parents and children ages 0-3 are invited for this free bilingual program to help brain and social development for little ones. For more information, call 972-681-0465.

For details on City services impacted during holidays, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays).

### ECLIPSE GLASSES ROUNDUP



## Two collections this summer

The City of Mesquite is collecting food for kids and solar eclipse glasses 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. To learn more, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/spreadthelove](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/spreadthelove).

Spread the Love donation sites:

- Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr.
- North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr.
- Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- Mesquite Municipal Center, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.

Also, the Eclipse Glasses Roundup launched in May to collect gently used viewing spectacles left over from the total solar eclipse on April 8.

Solar viewing glasses in good condition do not expire and can be reused. Many communities, including Mesquite, that will not be in the path of another solar eclipse for many years are collecting glasses to send to other places that can use them sooner. Solar eclipse viewing glasses collected in Mesquite will be donated to Astronomers Without Borders, a nonprofit organization that redistributed hundreds of thousands of pairs before the 2024 eclipse.

Mesquite's Eclipse Glasses Roundup will run through July 15. Please check solar glasses before donating. Glasses that have scratched, ripped or punctured lenses or detached solar filters from the frame cannot be recycled and should be discarded. Learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/EclipseGlassesRoundup](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/EclipseGlassesRoundup).

Eclipse Glasses Roundup collection sites:

- Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Dr.
- North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Dr.
- Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- Mesquite Municipal Center, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.
- Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Dr.
- Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest St.
- Florence Recreation Center, 2501 Whitson Way
- Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Dr.

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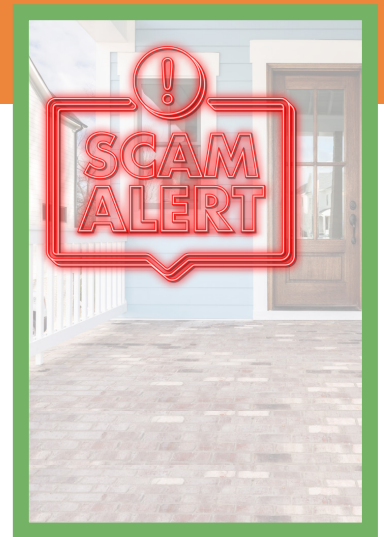
Scan the QR code or visit

[www.cityofmesquite.com/ConnectWithUs](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ConnectWithUs)

MyMesquite Call Center: 972-288-7711

## Beware of door-to-door scams

Watch out for door-to-door scams. It might be a scam if the flier or advertisement says “approved by your city” or “approved by your municipality;” does not have a company name; says services offered require “pre-approval;” or mentions insurance claims. Solicitors must have a valid permit and proper I.D. Home solicitation permits are rarely, if ever, issued from the City and must be secured from the Police Department and City Manager’s Office. (Exceptions apply to those who are under 18 and are members of school or youth organizations.) Soliciting without a permit is a Class C Misdemeanor that carries a fine up to \$500. Report home solicitation concerns calling the Police non-emergency phone line at 972-285-6336 or through [www.cityofmesquite.com/myMesquite](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/myMesquite).



## HMI to offer free admission to active-duty military families

Active-duty military personnel and their families will have free admission again this summer to the City of Mesquite’s two historical parks through the Blue Star Museum national program. The Blue Star Museums program runs this year from Armed Forces Day (May 18) to Labor Day (Sept. 2) and provides free admittance for active military and their families to participating children’s museums, art museums, history and science museums, zoos, nature centers, and more – including Mesquite’s Florence Ranch Homestead and Opal Lawrence Historical Park, which are managed by Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI). For more information, call HMI’s office at 972-216-6468 or visit [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org). For a list of participating Blue Star Museums, visit [www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).



## Still time to join the Summer Reading Club

It’s not too late to join the Mesquite Mayor 1,000 Page Reading Challenge! Mayor Dan Alemán has invited all Mesquite kids ages 12 and under to join the challenge, which runs through July 31. As part of the Mesquite Public Library System’s Summer Reading Club, kids who read 1,000 pages or more will be invited to a party on Aug. 3 with the Mayor to enjoy pizza and prizes. Readers in the program also can earn prizes along the way for pages read as they reach for the 1,000-page goal. Even the youngest readers can participate in the challenge as kids can read the pages independently or have the pages read to them. Attendance at the Mesquite Public Library System’s weekly Story Time also can count toward pages read. Parents can register their children in person at the Main Library or North Branch or by visiting <http://mesquitelibrary.readsquared.com>. Once registered, readers can log their pages read using READsquared, which also offers an app to track pages.



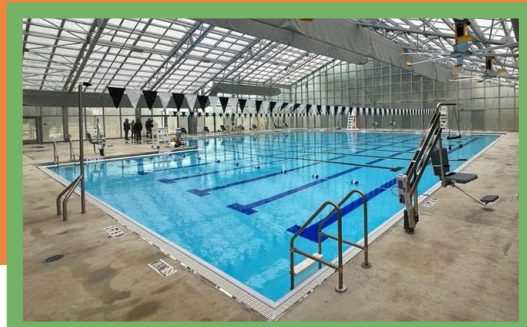
## Word on the Street

Find out about current and upcoming roadwork with the City of Mesquite’s monthly road report, Word on the Street. Each monthly edition is available in English and Spanish. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreet](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreet) or [www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreetEspañol](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreetEspañol).



## July is Parks and Recreation Month

Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month by visiting our parks, pools, and recreation centers. Share your pictures with us of how you are enjoying Parks and Recreation Month by using the hashtag #MesquiteParksandRec. There is a wide variety of activities for all ages to enjoy throughout the month. For more information, please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/July](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/July).



## Water Exercise at the Natatorium

Get a great workout in the water at the new Mesquite Natatorium, located at Dallas College - Eastfield Campus, 3737 Motley Dr. Both morning and evening sessions are available for water exercise, Aqua Zumba and lap swimming. For class prices and operation hours, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Natorium](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Natorium).



## Youth Volleyball Camp

This week-long camp introduces basic volleyball skills such as serving, passing, attacking, blocking and defense for girls ages 6-14. The camp will be held at Florence Recreation Center on Monday, July 22, to Friday, July 29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for ages 6-10 and 7:30 -8:30 p.m. for ages 11-14. The fee is \$45 per participant and registration ends Thursday, July 18. For more information and to register, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/YouthVolleyballCamp](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/YouthVolleyballCamp).



## Summer Camps

Looking for a fun and memorable experience for your kids this summer? The City of Mesquite offers a variety of camps for children ages 5-15. Campers can participate in games, field trips, swim days, crafts, and themed activities. Register for one week or all summer. To see pricing and learn more, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SummerCamps](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SummerCamps). Space is limited.

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Mesquite Parks and Recreation has a new Facebook account. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/people/Mesquite-Parks-Recreation/61559237219839> to follow us!

## Teen Tuesday at Main Library



Every Tuesday, at 4 p.m. from June 4 to July 30, a variety of free activities will be offered for teens ages 12-18 including STEM labs, Lego builds, trivia games and chess. Teen Tuesday culminates on July 30, with the Teen Summer Reading Club celebration of Harry Potter's birthday. Join us for fun and games, meet new friends and win prizes. For information, call the Main Library at 972-216-6220.

## Downtown Farmers Market



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. Come relax and listen to local singers and musical artists. More information can be found at [www.downtownmesquitetx.com](http://www.downtownmesquitetx.com).

## Changes at Utility Billing



Effective May 6, 2024, in-person hours for the Utility Billing office changed to 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Also, change for cash payments is now made in whole dollar amounts only. Additional change due less than \$1 will be applied as a credit to your next bill. Cash customers can still pay with exact change. To learn more, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/UtilityBilling](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/UtilityBilling).

MESQUITE  
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The Mesquite Arts Center is located at 1527 N. Galloway Ave. For more information, events or facility rentals, please call 972-216-8132 or visit [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).



**July 8 through Aug. 3, School of Yes! Summer Camp**, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Join Cara Mia Theatre for four unforgettable weeks of arts camps for kids. \$50 per week per student. Camps will be held in two groups: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. for ages 6-10 and 12:30-2 p.m. for ages 11-16. Scholarships are available. For more info and to register, visit [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org)



**Every Monday, Tote-and-Go services**, 12 p.m. Pick up free art kits for kids with a different theme every week. There is a limited supply of kits, so please register in advance by visiting [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org).



**Facility Rental.** The Mesquite Arts Center is the perfect location for any event you might want to host. Select the setting that works best for you including the Concert Hall, Rehearsal Hall, Black Box Theatre, Library, or Conference Room. Please contact us at [arts@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:arts@cityofmesquite.com) for more details.

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