

COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 2024

- 3 **Doggie Splash Day**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Dr. Playtime and contests for dogs and their owners. See page 3 for details or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DoggieSplashDay.
- 3 **Mayor's Reading Challenge Wrap Party**, 2-3 p.m. at Main Library, 300 W. Grubb St. Kids who completed the Mesquite Mayor 1,000-Page Reading Challenge will be invited to party with pizza and prizes.
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **Downtown Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St. Fresh produce, artisan goods, food vendors, live music and more. Visit www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com.
- 5, 19 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway. 972-216-6244.
- 10 **Teen Turnout**, 6-8 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Dr. For students ages 12-17. Free food, games, music and fun. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens for more info.
- 14 **First day of school for Mesquite ISD**. Please slow down and "Drive Like Your Family Lives Here."
- 14 **HMI Volunteer Open House**, 10 a.m. at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney. Learn about volunteer opportunities with Historic Mesquite, Inc. Visit www.historicmesquite.org.

For details on City services impacted during holidays, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays.



Epic Summer Experience for teens in July

Every Tuesday night in July, the City is hosting Epic Summer Experience, a series of free events for teens ages 12-17.

Epic Summer Experience will be held at Terry Middle School on July 9 and July 23 and at Vanston Middle School on July 16 and July 30. Activities include music, food, basketball, soccer, volleyball, crafts and more.

"The main thing our teenagers need is to know that we truly support them and want them to be successful," said Mayor Dan Alemán, Jr. "We started Epic Summer last year and more than 1,000 young people participated. Programs like this remind our youth that they are our future and that we are here for them."

Epic Summer Experience is part of the City's Real. Texas. Teens. initiative that empowers youth with opportunities for personal growth and community engagement. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens to learn more.

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Storm cleanup continues, FEMA aid available

Thank you to residents for your patience and support as the City continues to deal with the aftermath of the severe weather on May 28. Oncor described the powerful storms as the worst in the company's 112-year history. City staff has been working as quickly as possible to clear trash and debris. Your help is appreciated by separating limbs from other materials and placing household trash in your regular collection location. Visit bit.ly/SeparatingDebris to see an infographic on how to separate debris. Also, FEMA aid is available for some storm victims, including residents in Dallas County and Kaufman County. Federal disaster relief is supplemental, so applicants should manage expectations. The state encourages Texans to report storm damage using the Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool at damage.tdem.texas.gov. Affected residents can apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, download the FEMA app for mobile devices or call the agency's helpline at 800-621-3362.



Butterfly-themed fun at Monarch Fest

Keep Mesquite Beautiful presents the 2nd annual Monarch Fest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 20 at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. The free community festival includes a vendor market, concessions, live entertainment, face painting, arts and crafts for kids, demonstrations and three contests: homemade cookie, homemade salsa and butterfly costume. And don't miss a special appearance by KMB's new mascot! For information and to enter the contests, visit www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org.



Real. Texas. Business. news

Business is boomin' in Mesquite, Texas! Over the past few months, several international and domestic manufacturing companies including Canadian Solar, General Dynamics and Vehicle Accessories, Inc. have marked the grand opening of their Mesquite facilities. These companies not only are making major investments in the City but also are creating hundreds of jobs for residents. Real. Texas. Business. news highlights new development activity in Mesquite. For more information, contact the Economic Development Department at 972-216-6446 or visit www.mesquiteecodev.com.



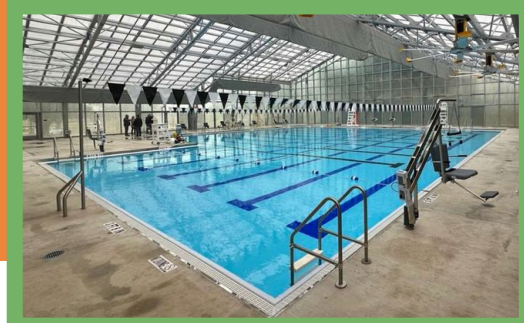
Word on the Street

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 or www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreetEspañol.



July is Parks and Recreation Month

Celebrate Parks and Recreation month by visiting our parks, pools and recreation centers. Use the hashtag #MesquiteParksandRec to tag your pictures on social media to show how you are enjoying Mesquite Parks and Recreation facilities during July. There is a wide variety of activities for all ages to enjoy throughout the month. For more information, please visit 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.



Adults 50+

Mesquite offers three facilities with services and activities specifically for adults over age 50: Evans, Goodbar, and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Activities include crafts, day trips, exercise classes, lunch and more. August highlights include a tour of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on Aug. 1. Transportation cost is \$2 per person and meal cost is separate. The bus will depart from Evans Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. On Aug. 14, enjoy an outing to Chocolate Angel Tea Room and Antiques. Transportation cost is \$1 per person and meal cost is separate. The bus will depart from Goodbar Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. On Aug. 16, join us for a trip to the Amish Heritage Market and Bakery. Transportation cost is \$2 per person and meal cost is separate. The bus will depart from Rutherford Recreation Center at 9:30 a.m. Registration for each trip will open two weeks in advance. For more information and to see all Adult 50+ activities, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/50Plus.



Doggie Splash Day

Calling all pups and their people to come play at the Annual Doggie Splash Day from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3, at Vanston Pool, 2913 Oates Dr. Swimmers will have access to the wading pool and lap pool. Dogs can compete for prizes in the pet swimsuit contest, diving contest, paddle race, and a trick or talent contest. Admission is \$5 for one owner and one pet, \$2 for each additional pet, and \$1 each for spectators. All dogs will be required to show proof of current vaccinations and must be accompanied by a responsible person age 16 and older. Aggressive or socially challenged dogs may be asked to leave. Lifeguards will be on duty. www.cityofmesquite.com/DoggieSplashDay



Spread the Love



Help feed Mesquite families over the summer. Donate jelly and nut butters or seed butters through the City's Spread the Love campaign through Sept. 2. Nut butters include peanut butter, almond butter, or cashew butter. Seed butters, which are safe for people with nut allergies, include sunflower seed butter or pumpkin seed butter. Drop off donations through Labor Day at City Hall, the Municipal Center, or either Library branch or donate online at sharing.life/donate. See details at www.cityofmesquite.com/spreadthelove.

Water quality report



Every year, the City of Mesquite makes its Annual Water Quality Report available to water customers as required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City strives to provide high-quality drinking water that is safe and reliable to our customers and maintains a "superior" water system rating with the TCEQ. See the report at www.cityofmesquite.com/WaterQualityReport. For more information or to request a printed copy in English or Spanish, contact the Water Utilities Division at 972-216-6278.

Councilmembers named TML Leadership Fellows



City Councilmembers Elizabeth Rodriguez-Ross and Brandon Murden were recently recognized as Leadership Fellows by the Texas Municipal League (TML). Rodriguez-Ross, who represents District 3, and Murden, who represents District 6, completed TML's Leadership Academy, which was comprised of more than 30 hours of training over a two-month period. Leadership Fellows completed coursework on ethics, building trust and communications skills. Participants discussed local issues in a broader leadership context with the goal of applying their knowledge to their public service roles for the benefit of their cities and residents.

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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.



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.



Connect with the Arts Center. Sign up for Arts Center email updates to receive news, exclusive offers and pre-registration information about all the activities at the MAC. Send your name and contact information to arts@cityofmesquite.com.



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 for more details.

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Become a Member. Become a patron of the arts in Mesquite and support cultural and educational opportunities in your own community. Membership levels are available at \$20, \$50, \$75 and \$100 levels. Visit www.mesquiteartscenter.org/p/support to learn more.



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