

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2024

- 1 **Arbor Day event**, 10-11 a.m. Range Elementary. Celebrate the importance of trees. [www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org)
- 2 **Mesquite Recycles Day**, 8 a.m. to noon at Potteet High School, 3300 Potteet Dr. See Pg. 2 for details.
- 4, 18 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Downtown Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Front Street Station, 100 W. Front St. Produce, artisan goods, food vendors and more. [www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com](http://www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com)
- 9 **Teen Turnout**, 6-8 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon. For students ages 12-17. Free food, games, music and fun. [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens)
- 9 **Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf"** by Mesquite Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m. at Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. [MesquiteSymphony.org](http://MesquiteSymphony.org)
- 9 **Veterans Day Celebration**, 11 a.m. at Mesquite Veterans Memorial, 425 S. Galloway Ave. See Pg. 3.
- 12 **Town Hall Tuesday**, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. Bilingual Q&A with Neighborhood Services, Police and Fire Department.
- 16, 21 **Holiday Wreath Making Workshop** at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. See Pg. 2.
- 23 **"Come Sunday"** by Mesquite Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m. at Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. Concert will include selections by Pelka, Thomas, and Fillmore. [MesquiteSymphony.org](http://MesquiteSymphony.org)
- 28 **Thanksgiving holiday**. All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport. Trash and recycling will not be collected.
- 29 **Thanksgiving Friday holiday**. All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport and Compost Facility & Convenience Center. Evans Recreation Center will be open from 2-6 p.m. All other Recreation Centers closed. Trash will be collected; recycling will not be collected.
- 30 **Small Business Saturday**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in various locations. [www.DowntownMesquiteTX](http://www.DowntownMesquiteTX) for info.



### Tax rate remains same, budget adopted

The City of Mesquite's City Council unanimously voted on Sept. 3 to adopt the budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year and keep the tax rate the same as last year at \$0.69000 per \$100.00 assessed valuation.

"This year's budget allows funding for a growing community at the level expected but also provides funding for the Council's goals and initiatives," City Manager Cliff Keheley said.

#### Rates and Fees

The cost of water supplied by the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) has risen by 7%. The City will raise combined water rates by 5% to keep up with NTMWD's rising costs. The increase is due to costs of labor needed to treat drinking water and major capital investments to ensure adequate water levels are available due to increased demand. Fees for residential Solid Waste have not increased. Commercial customers will see a 7% increase.

#### Budget

City council adopted the fiscal year 2024-25 budget, which remains the same as last year. Highlights include:

- General fund revenues of \$175,933,615
- General fund expenditures of \$175,104,480
- Cyber Security expansion
- IT Infrastructure enhancements
- An increase of four additional firefighters
- Four additional police officers and two K9s
- 3% cost of living increase for employees
- Additional \$3 million in funding for street repairs

"These are the priorities that we hear about from residents," said Mayor Dan Alemán, Jr. "I'm proud of this Council and City leadership. We've worked together really hard to put together a budget that honors our wants and our needs and also allows for growth."

To find out more about the City of Mesquite's tax rate, budget, rates and fees visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Budget](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Budget).

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## Pet adoptions up 60% at 2024 event

During national Clear the Shelters month from Aug. 10 to Sept. 10, the Mesquite Animal Shelter placed 171 pets in new homes – an almost 60% increase from last year. More than 40 animals found homes this year at the Shelter’s special one-day adoption event on Sept. 7. Last year, the Shelter placed 107 pets during Clear the Shelters month.

Clear the Shelters was started in 2015 by NBCUniversal Local and is now cohosted with Telemundo. The nationwide pet adoption and donation campaign has helped more than 1.1 million pets find new homes across the country.

The Mesquite Animal Shelter is located at 1650 Gross Road in Mesquite. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalsInTheShelter](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalsInTheShelter) to see the pets currently available for adoption at the Shelter.

Not able to adopt? Find out how you can volunteer and make financial contributions or donations of items at [www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices).



## Reduce waste at Mesquite Recycles Day

Keep Mesquite Beautiful will host the twice-annual Mesquite Recycles Day on Nov. 2. This community event offers an opportunity to recycle various items from cell phones, batteries, toys, clothes, household items, computers and more.

Document shredding also will be available onsite, but please do not bring magazines, ad inserts or envelopes. Items that cannot be accepted for recycling include commercial office waste and household hazardous waste (such as paint cans, pesticides, and motor oil). Mesquite residents can take household hazardous waste to Dallas County Household Hazardous Waste, located at 11234 Plano Road in Dallas.

Mesquite Recycles Day will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Nov. 2 at Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteRecyclesDay](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteRecyclesDay) for details.

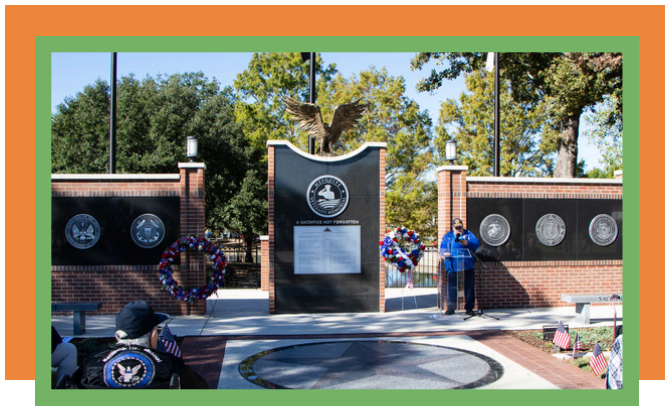


## Create holidays wreaths with HMI

Get in the holiday spirit with a pair of Holiday Wreath Making Workshops in November hosted by Historic Mesquite, Inc. Both workshops will be at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. Tickets are \$35 and admission includes a 14-inch grapevine wreath with an assortment of embellishments and fresh greenery to decorate the wreaths in your personal style. Pizza and light refreshments will be provided. Two sessions will be offered -- the first from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, and another from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 21. Visit [www.HistoricMesquite.org](http://www.HistoricMesquite.org) to learn more.



Find out about current and upcoming roadwork with the City’s monthly road report, **Word on the Street**. 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).



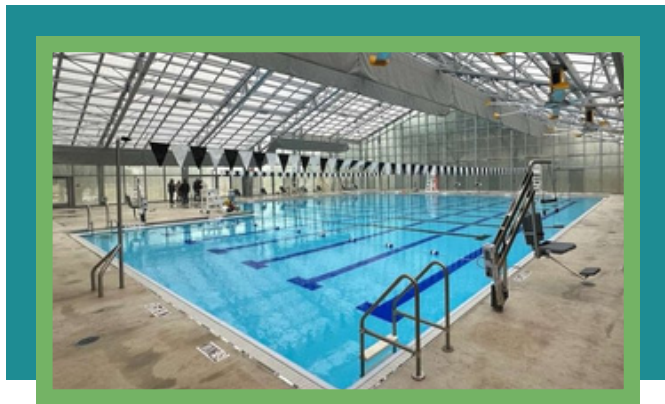
## Veterans Day

Join us at 11 a.m. on Nov. 9 at the Mesquite Veterans Memorial as we honor and celebrate those who have served in the nation's military branches. The event will include special remarks by community leaders, ceremonial activities, musical performances and recognition of military veterans past, present and future. Mesquite Veterans Memorial is located at 425 S. Galloway Ave. Learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/VeteransDay](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/VeteransDay).



## Mesquite Golf Club

The Mesquite Golf Club is a 154-acre, 18-hole municipal course owned and operated by the City of Mesquite. The course underwent a massive renovation and expansion project in 2013, including the addition of Champion Bermuda greens and 20 new bunkers. The course was named Course of the Year by the Texas Turfgrass Association in 2014 and is featured on [GolfNow.com](http://GolfNow.com). Located at 825 North Interstate 30, the Mesquite Golf Club offers terrific views and challenging play for golfers at every skill level. Visit [www.mesquitegc.com](http://www.mesquitegc.com) for information.



## 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/Natatorium](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Natatorium).



## Turkey Camp

Calling all kids for Turkey Camp during Thanksgiving break for students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Campers can spend a day or the entire week playing games, creating holiday crafts and experiencing other fun activities. Camp will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 25-29 at Dunford Recreation Center and Rutherford Recreation Center. There will not be camp on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28. A one-day outdoor adventure Turkey Camp will be offered at Rorie-Galloway Day Camp on Nov. 25. The fee is \$25 per day, per resident, and \$35 per day, per non-resident. Find out more and register online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps).



Let's be friends! Mesquite Parks and Recreation has a new Facebook account. Scan the QR code or visit [www.facebook.com/people/Mesquite-Parks-Recreation/61559237219839](http://www.facebook.com/people/Mesquite-Parks-Recreation/61559237219839) for the latest events and happenings.

# Community Snapshots:

The community gathered on Sept. 11 at Mesquite's Freedom Park to honor those who lost their lives in the 2001 terrorist attacks. The annual remembrance service included the Mesquite Police and Fire Honor Guards, the Mesquite Fire Department Pipes and Drum Corps and performances by Mesquite High School choir students. A kindergarten class from Black Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance.



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



**Oct. 11-27** Mesquite Arts Theatre presents "Frankenstein." Nick Dear's adaptation of Mary Shelley's gothic novel retells the well-known story from the point of view of the Creature. For info and tickets, visit [www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org](http://www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org).



**Día de los Muertos celebration,** 3-6 p.m. on Oct. 26. Free, family-friendly Day of the Dead festival will be held inside the building and on the grounds of the Arts Center and will feature cultural arts workshops, music, dancing, theatrical performances, food trucks and vendors.



**Through Dec. 21** "Derelict Display x J.ESC" by Juan Carlos Escobedo on display in the Main Gallery and "Second Nature" by Patricia Rodriguez in the Chamber Gallery.



**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).

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