

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
DECEMBER 2024

- 2, 16 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. 972-216-6244.
- 3 **Christmas on the Square**, 5-8 p.m. at Heritage Plaza, 111 Broad St. Sights, sounds and flavors of Christmas in the historic heart of Mesquite. www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com
- 6-22 **"A Christmas Carol"** presented by Mesquite Arts Theatre. Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. Classic holiday favorite. See Pg. 4.
- 7 **"Home for the Holidays"** by Mesquite Community Band, 7 p.m. at Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. Free holiday concert. www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org
- 7 **Teen Craft Night**, 2-4 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Dr. For students ages 12-17. \$10 per crafter. www.cityofmesquite.com/TeenActivityNight
- 7-8 **Christmas in the Park**, 2-8 p.m. at Westlake Park, 600 Gross Road. A Mesquite holiday tradition. See Pg. 3.
- 14 **Christmas at the Ranch**, 10 a.m. at Florence Ranch Homestead, 1424 Barnes Bridge Rd. Holiday activities and visit from Santa. www.HistoricMesquite.org
- 14 **"Holiday Carols"** by Mesquite Symphony Orchestra, 4:30 and 7 p.m. at Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Ave. See Pg. 4 for details. MesquiteSymphony.org
- 24 **Christmas Eve 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. All other Recreation Centers closed. Trash will be collected; recycling will not be collected.
- 25 **Christmas Day holiday**. All City offices and facilities closed with exception of the Mesquite Metro Airport. Trash and recycling will not be collected.



Trash Basics

Back to basics for solid waste disposal

Proper trash disposal is important for an attractive and healthy community. Below are the City's guidelines for solid waste collection. Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/TrashBasics.

Trash Basics

- All trash must be secured in 13 to 32 gallon-sized plastic bags
- Placed in an authorized container not larger than 48 gallons
- Loose trash placed in the container is not allowed

Bulk Trash

- Items that are too large for a trash can
- Pile should fit into an area measured 5 feet tall by 4 feet deep by 11 feet long
- Does not apply to brush collection (see below)
- Collected Monday through Friday once weekly depending on the area
- Pick-up location: Front curb but may not block street or sidewalk
- May not be placed out for collection earlier than 24-hours prior to scheduled pick-up
- Must be at curb by 7:30 a.m. the day of scheduled pick-up

Large Brush

- Classified as brush more than 50 pounds
- Should fit into an area 5 feet tall by 4 feet deep by 11 feet long
- Collected Monday through Friday once weekly depending on the area
- Pick-up location: Front curb but may not block street or sidewalk

Small Brush

- Bagged grass clippings and leaves or brush
- Weighs no more than 50 pounds
- Pile no larger than 2 feet wide by 2 feet high by 4 feet long
- Collection is on Wednesdays
- Pick-up Location: Curb of resident's driveway

See Pg. 2 for a Trash Basics chart

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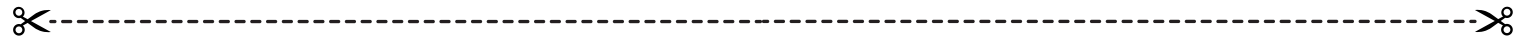
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	Trash Collection	Recycling	Bulk Trash	Yard Waste	Appliance Disposal	Medical Sharps Disposal
Collection Days	Dallas County 2x week Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday Kaufman County 1x week Wednesday	Monday - Friday 1x week	Monday - Friday 1x week	Standard yard waste: Wednesdays Large brush and yard waste: Same as resident's Bulk Trash day	Wednesdays by appointment Schedule through myMesquite app or call 972-216-6285	Appointment only Schedule through myMesquite app or call 972-216-6285
Pick-up Location	Curb of resident's driveway	Curb of resident's driveway	Front curb ** Do not block street or sidewalk	Standard: Curb of resident's driveway Large: Front curb ** Do not block street or sidewalk	Alley or front curb	
Placed out for collection	No earlier than 5:30 p.m. the day before scheduled pick-up No later than 7:30 a.m. the day of scheduled pick-up	No earlier than 5:30 p.m. the day before scheduled pick-up No later than 7:30 a.m. the day of scheduled pick-up	No earlier than 24-hours prior to scheduled pick-up No later than 7:30 a.m. the day of scheduled pick-up	Standard: May be placed out for collection at any time Large: May be placed out for collection at any time		



Small Business Saturday & Holiday Gift Market

Make it a hometown holiday by shopping small and local at the Downtown Mesquite Small Business Saturday & Holiday Gift Market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Nov. 30. Enjoy festive surroundings while supporting small businesses for your holiday purchases. Start your visit at the final gathering for the season of the Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market at Front Street Station from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., which will feature gift ideas galore as well as a special visit from Santa. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/3TKEBNO>.



Holiday yard decorating contest by KMB

Keep Mesquite Beautiful is inviting the community to participate in a special holiday edition of the Yard of the Month program. Residents who decorate their yards in festive holiday style and submit their entries by Dec. 1 will be eligible to win a certificate, gift card and a month's worth of bragging rights with an official Keep Mesquite Beautiful Yard of the Month sign. Winners will be awarded the first week of December. To learn more, scan the QR code and visit www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org.



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 or www.cityofmesquite.com/WordOnTheStreetEspañol.



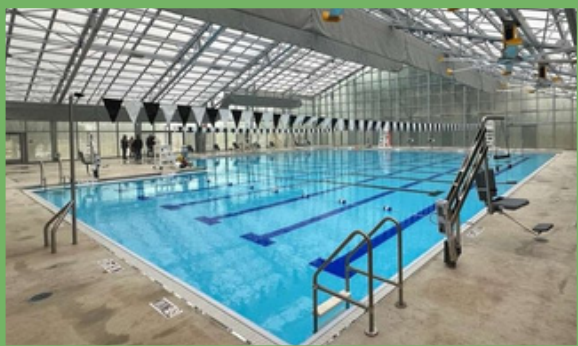
Christmas in the Park

Westlake Park will be transformed into a holiday wonderland with lights, music and festive decorations. Admission is free and includes hot cocoa and cookies, arts and crafts, photos with Santa, community performances, special mailbox at the North Pole to write and drop off a letter to Santa and the Santa sendoff with a fireworks finale. Patrons can purchase a wristband for \$10 to have access to face painting and unlimited rides on inflatables and attractions, including a new feature for 2024: a 35-foot-tall tubing slide. Christmas in the Park will be from 2-8 p.m. on Dec. 7-8. Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark.



Winter Break Camp

The Parks and Recreation Department is offering two sessions of Winter Camps during the MISD holiday break in December and January. Camps are for students in kindergarten through 6th grade. Campers can spend a day or the entire week playing games, creating crafts and having fun with friends. Camp will be from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center and Rutherford Recreation Center. Session 1 will be Dec. 23-27, and Session 2 is Dec. 30-Jan. 3. There will not be camp on Dec. 24, Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. The fee is \$20 per day, per resident, and \$30 per day, per non-resident. Find out more and register online at www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps.



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 Drive. 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.



Adults 50+

Mark your calendar for some fun this festive season with these Adults 50+ December outings.

- **Arboretum Lights at Night** at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 3. Explore the magical holiday lights at the Dallas Arboretum. \$14 per person. Bus departs from Evans. Snacks for purchase.
- **Christmas at the Gaylord** at 10 a.m. on Dec. 11. Experience the indoor lights and displays at the Gaylord Texan. Lunch at Esparza's after. Bus departs from Goodbar. \$7 per person, lunch separate.
- **Christmas Lights Tour** at 4 p.m. on Dec. 19. Enjoy the holiday sparkle from the warm, music-filled bus. Dinner at Cracker Barrel and some shopping. Bus departs from Rutherford. \$1 per person, meal and shopping separate.

Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Adults50 for more information.



Let's be friends! Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3xeAZe0> to follow Mesquite Parks and Recreation on Facebook.

Community Snapshots

This year, we celebrated the 20th anniversary of Addressing Mesquite Day. Over the past two decades, AMD has changed the lives of thousands of Mesquite homeowners and their families. The elderly, our military veterans, single parents and the disabled depend on this annual help. Addressing Mesquite Day is special because it creates pride in our community, and most importantly – it gives people hope. Many thanks to the AMD sponsors and to all who volunteered. Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD.



**MESQUITE
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CENTER**

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.

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Dec. 6-22 Mesquite Arts Theatre presents "A Christmas Carol." Ebenezer Scrooge is a hard-hearted miser. On Christmas Eve, he's visited by a ghost and three other spirits warning him about his selfishness. But will Scrooge change his ways? For info and tickets, visit www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org.



Dec. 14, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Enjoy this annual holiday concert presented by the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra. Selections include "Sleigh Ride," "Christmastime is Here" and a sing-along. Buy tickets at MesquiteSymphony.org.



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.

Daniel Alemán Jr., Mayor

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