

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025

- 1 **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** presents "Echoes of Tyranny, Sparks of Hope." See Pg. 4.
- 3, 17 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- 4 **Election Day**. www.cityofmesquite.com/Elections
- 7 Keep Mesquite Beautiful's **Texas Arbor Day** event. See Pg. 2
- 8 **Teen Turnout**, 6-8 p.m. at Dunford Recreation Center. See Pg. 3.
- 8 **Veterans Day event** at Mesquite Veterans Memorial. See Pg. 3.
- 14-15 **Fall Book Sale** at Mesquite Main Library. See Pg. 2.
- 15 **Mesquite Recycles Day**, 8 a.m.-noon at Poteet H.S. See Pg. 2.
- 15, 20 HMI's **Holiday Wreath Workshop** at Opal Lawrence Historical Park. See Pg. 2.
- 22 **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** presents "Legends of the Night." See Pg. 4.
- 27 **Thanksgiving holiday**. All City offices and facilities closed. Trash and recycling will not be collected.
- 28 **Thanksgiving Friday holiday**. All City offices and facilities closed. Trash will be collected; residential recycling will not be collected.
- 29 **Small Business Saturday**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in various locations. www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com for info.



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Tax Rate Election on Nov. 4

In November, residents of Mesquite will have the opportunity to help guide the future of the community by voting on several community priorities which include Streets, Fire and Police.

The Mesquite City Council approved the 2025-26 budget, which increases the tax rate to \$0.730000 per \$100 of ad valorem value. Because of the need for additional revenues to accomplish the goals of the community, state law requires Mesquite voters to approve the proposed tax rate since City revenue would increase by 3.5% or more over last year. The City will hold elections on the tax rate and for the office of Mayor and all City Council districts on Nov. 4.



Voter approval will provide revenue for the approved budget that allocates funds for:

- **Streets:** Additional funding for repairs of city streets, alleys and road reconstruction.
- **Firefighters:** 2 new firefighters will help us maintain fast response times and fully staffed equipment.
- **Police Officers:** 3 new police officer positions are needed to increase patrols and provide services in our newer neighborhoods under development.
- **Enhanced Library Services:** Includes new, up-to-date materials to expand and modernize the collection.
- **Competitive Pay:** For fire, police and other positions in the City.

The new tax rate will not impact property owners who have qualified for the Age 65 or Older Homestead Exemption with their property appraiser.

Join us for Town Hall Meetings from 6-7 p.m. to discuss the 2025-26 budget and tax rate election:

- Oct. 2 at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- Oct. 15 at Rutherford Recreation Center, 900 Rutherford Drive
- Oct. 22 at MISD Professional Development Center, 3819 Towne Crossing Blvd.

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



135 pets find new homes during adoption month

During national Clear the Shelters month from Aug. 1-31, the Mesquite Animal Shelter placed 135 pets with new owners. The total adoptions include 35 animals who found homes at the Shelter's special one-day adoption event on Aug. 23. Started in 2015, Clear the Shelters is cohosted by NBCUniversal Local and Telemundo. The nationwide pet adoption and donation campaign has helped more than 1.2 million pets. To see the pets currently available for adoption at the Mesquite Animal Shelter, please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalsInTheShelter. Not able to adopt but still want to help? Volunteers and financial contributions or donations of items are welcome year-round at the Shelter. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices.

Celebrate trees, recycle unwanted items

Keep Mesquite Beautiful will hold two events this month. First up is the annual Texas Arbor Day celebration at 10 a.m. on Nov. 7 at Vanston Middle School. This community event highlights the importance of trees. Then from 8 a.m.-noon on Nov. 15, join KMB for the twice-annual Mesquite Recycles Day at Poteet High School. This community event offers an opportunity to recycle various items from cell phones, batteries, toys, clothes, household items, computers and more. Learn more about KMB and these events at www.KeepMesquiteBeautiful.org.



Fall Book Sale, Nov. 14-15

The Friends of the Mesquite Public Library present the Fall Book Sale on Nov. 14-15. The twice-annual sale features gently used books and DVDs for reasonable prices. The Book Sale will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14, and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Mesquite's Main Library, at 300 W. Grubb Drive. For information, call 972-216-6220 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Library.

Create holiday wreaths with HMI

Get in the holiday spirit with a pair of Holiday Wreath Workshops in November hosted by Historic Mesquite. Both workshops will be at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney St. Tickets are \$40 and admission includes one wreath, supplies and decorations, and light refreshments. Two sessions will be offered – the first from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 15, and another from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20. Visit www.HistoricMesquite.org to learn more.





Veterans Day

Join us at 11 a.m. on Nov. 8 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. See details at www.cityofmesquite.com/VeteransDay.



Turkey Camp

Sign up kids in kindergarten-5th grade today for Turkey Camp during Thanksgiving break. Camp includes games, holiday crafts and other fun activities, and will be from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. on Nov. 24-28 at Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers. Camp will not be held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. A one-day outdoor adventure Turkey Camp will be offered at Rorie-Galloway Day Camp on Nov. 24. Find out fees and register at www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps.



Adults 50+

The Adults 50+ program offers monthly activities and outings. From lunch bunch to crafts to pickleball to grief-share groups, there's something for everyone. And join us for the daily Congregate Meal. A hot lunch is offered for a suggested donation of \$1 for qualified participants age 60+. Those age 59 and under may purchase a meal for \$7.25. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. Monday-Friday at Goodbar and Evans Recreation Centers. Reservations recommended. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Adults50.



Teen Turnout

Youth ages 12-17 are invited to the next Teen Turnout gathering from 6-8 p.m. on Nov. 8 at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Green Canyon Drive. Come enjoy music, games, open gym, video games, food, crafts and more for free. Registration is on site. Learn more at www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasTeens.

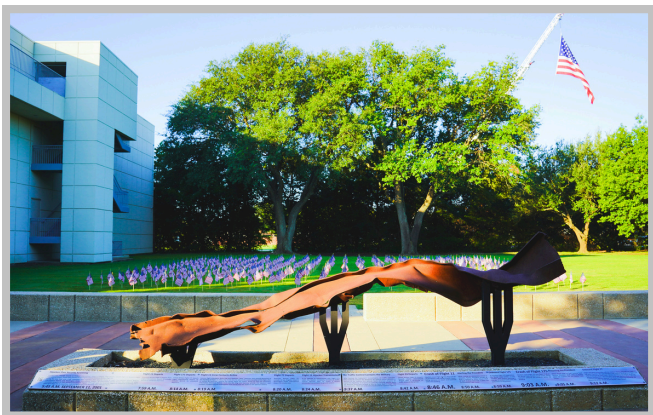
Let's be friends!

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



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.



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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.



Oct. 25, 4-7 p.m. Dia de los Muertos celebration. Free, family-friendly Day of the Dead festival held at the Arts Center. Cultural arts workshops, music, dancing, theatrical performances, food trucks, vendors and more.






Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pick up a free family art kit with a different theme every month. There's a limited supply of kits, so advance registration is required. www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org.



Nov. 1 and Nov. 22, 7-9 p.m. Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents "Echoes of Tyranny, Sparks of Hope" on Nov. 1 and "Legends of the Night" on Nov. 22. Visit www.MesquiteSymphony.org for tickets.



Nov. 28-Dec. 14, Mesquite Arts Theatre presents "A Sherlock Carol." When a grown-up Tiny Tim asks him to investigate the death of Ebenezer Scrooge, the famous Sherlock Holmes must use his gifts to solve a "Dickens of a Christmas mystery." Holiday show for all ages. Tickets and showtimes at www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org.

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