

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR  
DECEMBER 2025**

- 1, 15 **City Council meetings**, 7 p.m. at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave.
- 2 Downtown Mesquite’s **Christmas on the Square**, 5-8 p.m. at Heritage Plaza, 111 Broad St.
- 5-7, 12-14 **Mesquite Arts Theatre** presents “A Sherlock Carol.” See Pg. 4.
- 6 **Mesquite Community Band** presents “Tinsel, Tunes & Tidings” See Pg. 4.
- 6 **Santa Cop Toy Parade**, 11 a.m. at 790 Windbell Circle. See Pg. 2 to learn about the program.
- 6-7 **Christmas in the Park** at Westlake Park. See Pg. 3.
- 13 HMI’s **Christmas at the Ranch**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Florence Ranch Homestead. [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org)
- 13 **Mesquite Symphony Orchestra** presents “Winter Lights and Festival Nights.” See Pg. 4.
- 18 HMI’s **Christmas Open House**, 5-8 p.m. at Opal Lawrence Historical Park. [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org)
- 25 **Christmas holiday**. All City offices and facilities closed. Trash and recycling will not be collected.
- 26 **Day after Christmas holiday**. All City offices and facilities closed. Trash will be collected; residential recycling will not be collected.



**Mark your calendar for  
Real. Texas. Holidays. events**

Get in the holiday spirit with the City of Mesquite’s festive family-friendly events.

Celebrations include everything from historic events with Father Christmas to a straight-out-of-a-movie tree lighting on the downtown square complete with gazebo. Experience Christmas in the Park with hot cocoa and free pictures with Santa and savor the sights and sounds of the season at the Mesquite Arts Center with holiday music and theatre.

Enjoy a hometown holiday like none other in the Rodeo Capitol of Texas! Learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasHolidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasHolidays).



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The City and Non-profit partners provide assistance to help those in need. Support agencies who have the expertise so you don’t have to.

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

## Spread the Love brings in 2,600+ jars



The City of Mesquite collected enough jars of nut and seed butters and jelly to make 36,904 sandwiches during its 2025 Spread the Love campaign. Residents, businesses and organizations donated 2,636 jars of nut and seed butters and jelly during the collection campaign which ran from May to Labor Day. The annual Spread the Love program was developed because many kids rely on free or reduced lunches during the school year but don't have access to these programs over the summer. Sharing Life accepts financial donations toward Spread the Love year-round at [sharing.life/donate](https://sharing.life/donate). Since the campaign started in 2016, Spread the Love has brought in thousands of pounds of food as well as thousands of dollars from sponsorships. To learn more, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/spreadthelove](https://www.cityofmesquite.com/spreadthelove).

## Shop local on Small Business Saturday

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. 29. 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 [www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com](https://www.DowntownMesquiteTX.com).



## Help kids this Christmas with Santa Cop



The Mesquite Police Department Santa Cop Toy Program is an annual event that began more than 40 years ago to provide assistance during the Christmas season to disadvantaged children and families in Mesquite and the surrounding communities. Patrol officers and MISD school counselors select the families in need. Once they have been selected, they attend a Christmas holiday presentation involving Mesquite Police, MISD school district personnel, Citizens Police Academy volunteers, students and community volunteers. Last year, the program provided gifts for more than 1,300 children from more than 390 families. To learn more and find out how you can help, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SantaCop](https://www.cityofmesquite.com/SantaCop).

## Serve on a Board or Commission

The City is seeking new partners to serve on its boards or commissions. We're looking for engaged citizens to volunteer their time, knowledge and expertise to make a difference in the community. By serving on a board or commission, you can have an active voice, be involved in your community, and advise the City Council and staff on a wide range of services areas. Annual appointments are selected in the next few months, so please apply soon. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Boards](https://www.cityofmesquite.com/Boards) to learn more.





## Christmas in the Park

Westlake Park transforms into a holiday wonderland for Christmas in the Park, 2-8 p.m. on Dec. 6-7. Free admission includes cocoa, cookies, crafts, Santa photos, community performances, a Santa mailbox and a fireworks finale. \$10 wristbands cover face painting and unlimited inflatable rides. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark) for details.



## Winter Break Camp

The City will host two Winter Camps during the MISD holiday break for kindergarten-5th grade students. Camps run 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers, with games, crafts and fun with friends. Session 1 is Dec. 22-24, and Session 2 is Dec. 29-Jan. 2 (no camp Dec. 25 or Jan. 1). See fees and registration at [www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps](http://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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Adults50).



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

**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 celebrated Addressing Mesquite Day on Oct. 4. For the past 21 years, 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. AMD 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD).



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**MESQUITE  
ARTS  
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](http://www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org).



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**Through 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](http://www.MesquiteArtsTheatre.org).



**Nov. 3**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Pick up a free family art kits with a different theme every month. There's a limited supply of kits, so advance registration is required. [www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org](http://www.MesquiteArtsCenter.org).



**Dec. 6**, 7-8 p.m. Mesquite Community Band presents "Tinsel, Tunes & Tidings." Free admission and open seating.



**Dec. 13**, 4:30 or 7 p.m. Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents "Winter Lights and Festival Nights." Visit [www.MesquiteSymphony.org](http://www.MesquiteSymphony.org) for tickets.

**Daniel Alemán Jr., Mayor**

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