



April 20, 2018



Mesquite Police Department presents Meritorious Conduct Awards

Each year, the Mesquite Police Department Meritorious Conduct Board reviews recommendations for awards based on outstanding acts of public service by department employees and citizens. This year 30 individuals were honored during the City Council meeting held on April 16. The Officer of the Year award was presented to Officer Brandon Keys. Public Service Professional Sharon Moore was awarded Civilian of the Year. For more information about these awards and those recognized, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/2018PoliceAwards.



Broadcasts of public meetings on proposed charter amendments available online

The City of Mesquite held two public meetings to answer questions about the charter amendments proposed in the May 5 City Election and Special Charter Amendment Election. Watch broadcasts of the meetings held on [April 12](#) and [April 19](#). Early voting for the elections begins April 23 and ends May 1. View the proposed changes to the City charter and additional voting information at www.cityofmesquite.com/CharterElection.



Police Chief Charles Cato offers insight into the Police Department

This week, Mesquite Police Chief Charles Cato offered insight into the impact the new Public Service Professionals are having on the police department to create more opportunities for police officers to be out on Mesquite streets. [Watch the video update.](#)



City employees score a 93 percent Excellent/Good rating with customers

In January, the City of Mesquite implemented an ongoing customer feedback survey. A link in all emails and on the City's website provides all customers of the organization to offer feedback on the service they receive from employees. The results help the organization gain insights into how citizens and business partners work with City staff. Since inception, the City has received more than 500 responses. For the first quarter of 2018, 93.4 percent of respondents rated the quality of the service they received from City employees as excellent or good.



Friends of the Mesquite Public Library to hold book sale April 27-28

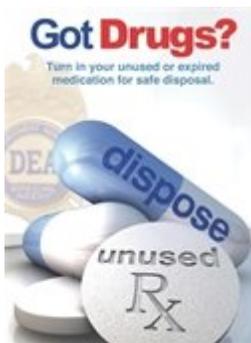
The Friends of the Mesquite Public Library organization will host its Spring Book Sale from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday, April 27, and from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. The book sale will take place at the Mesquite Main Library, [300 W. Grubb Drive](#). Call [972-216-6220](#) for more information.



KidFish will take place on April 28

The Mesquite Parks & Recreation Department and Community Heart of Mesquite will host the annual KidFish tournament from 8 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 28, at City Lake Park, [403 S. Galloway Ave.](#) KidFish is a nonprofit outreach program designed to provide a hands-on fishing experience for children and families. This free event will give children age 16 and younger a chance to experience the sport of fishing as well as the outdoors.

Families are welcome to spend the day enjoying the park and picnic while watching their children fish. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Learn more about the event at www.cityofmesquite.com/KidFish.



Drug Take-Back Event will be held on April 28

On Saturday, April 28, the Mesquite Police Department will take part in a nationwide collaborative effort to allow residents to dispose of unused medication. The program is part of a Drug Enforcement Administration initiative to bring awareness to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. Residents may bring their expired, unwanted or unused medications to the lobby of the

Mesquite Police Department, [777 N. Galloway Ave.](#), from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., and deposit them for destruction. For more information, call the Solid Waste Division at [972-216-6285](tel:972-216-6285).



Register to attend Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on May 3

The 15th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held from 7 – 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, at Family Cathedral, [790 Windbell Circle](#). The breakfast and service provide an

opportunity for community leaders and residents to come together in fellowship and prayer for our city. At noon, a gathering will also be held at City Hall, [757 N. Galloway Ave.](#) This brief service will offer another opportunity to pray for our community. To RSVP for the breakfast, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Breakfast. The noon event does not require a reservation. For more information, contact Julie Whitworth at [972-216-6286](tel:972-216-6286) or jwhitwor@cityofmesquite.com.



Join Mesquite's Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5

The Hispanic Forum of Mesquite, in partnership with the Mesquite Parks & Recreation Department, will celebrate Cince de Mayo from noon – 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, at Paschall Park, [1001 New Market Road](#). This family-friendly event will feature authentic Mexican food, a jalapeño eating contest, folklorico dancers, bounce houses and much more. Entrance to the event is free; however, some activities will include a fee. Learn more and see a schedule of activities by visiting www.cityofmesquite.com/CincoDeMayo.



Mesquite to hold Derby Dog Day on April 28

Bring your best canine friend to Derby Dog Day at Opal Lawrence Historical Park, [701 E. Kearney St.](#), from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 28. The event, hosted by Historic Mesquite, Inc. in conjunction with Mesquite Animal Services and Parks and Recreation, is a Kentucky Derby themed celebration. The event is free; however, dog owners must present current shot records at the entrance. If your dog needs to be vaccinated, a mobile clinic will be available on-site. Tours of the S.D. Lawrence House and grounds are also free during the event. For more information, call [972-216-6468](tel:972-216-6468) or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DerbyDogDay.



Volunteers lend a hand with Trash Bash 2018

Keep Mesquite Beautiful hosted its semi-annual Trash Bash community cleanup event on April 14. In spite of the cold weather, more than 475 volunteers participated in the event, collecting approximately 4,750 pounds of trash. Volunteers cleaned 27 locations throughout Mesquite including parks, waterways, roadways and other public spaces where trash gathers. Following the cleanup, an appreciation picnic lunch took place at City Lake Park, where volunteers enjoyed free pizza and music.



Contact Us

We want to hear from you. If you have a concern or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City of Mesquite at [972-288-7711](tel:972-288-7711) or visit the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenRequest for assistance.

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