



June 22, 2018



City Council amends City Code to address nuisance parties

On June 18, the City Council passed an amendment to the City's Code of Ordinances to provide stricter enforcement of parties, with 10 or more attendees, that create a nuisance to neighboring property owners. Mesquite Police Officers now have new tools of enforcement to close down a party if there is evidence of excessive noise, streets blocked by vehicles or other actions of disorderly conduct.

The City can cite a property owner or the host of the party for violating the ordinance. Each offense is a Class C Misdemeanor and carries a fine of up to \$500. [Learn more about the amendments to the ordinance.](#)



Mesquite Police Department graduates three new recruits

The Mesquite Police Department (MPD) graduated three recruits from its Basic Police Officer Course (BPOC) on June 15. The three new recruits completed 25 weeks of the BPOC program. They will now begin a 17-week field training program. Upon successful completion of the field training program the new police officers will be assigned to patrol duties. MPD has graduated 48 recruits from its BPOC since the training academy began in 2013. [Meet the new recruits.](#)



Enjoy free music at the Mesquite Arts Center

Residents and visitors can celebrate summer with free music at the Mesquite Arts Center, [1527 N. Galloway Ave.](#) On Monday, June 25, bring your lawn chair and picnic basket to experience Music in the Park at 7 p.m. Come back to enjoy a local band during Jazz Breaks at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26. Learn more about these and other Arts Center events at [MesquiteArtsCenter.org](#).



Community video sharing helps Mesquite police solve crimes

The Mesquite Police Department (MPD) solved three major cases following a call for the community's help. Community members shared video footage from home surveillance systems to help identify and apprehend the suspects in each case. Watch Police Chief Charlie Cato give an [update on the cases solved by community video sharing](#). Residents can assist MPD's investigative efforts by registering their video surveillance system(s) online. [Learn more about the MPD Community Video Partnership](#).



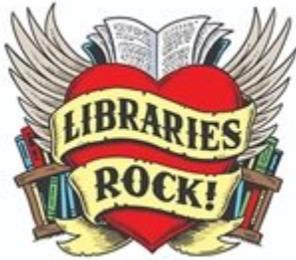
Fireworks prohibited within Mesquite city limits

The City of Mesquite reminds residents to celebrate safely this Independence Day. It is illegal to possess or use fireworks, or discharge firearms within city limits. Punishment ranges from \$500 to \$4,000 depending on the offense, with the illegal discharge of a firearm also carrying the possible penalty of up to one year in jail. To report violations, call non-emergency police dispatch at [972-285-6336](#). [Read more about celebrating safely in Mesquite](#).



Neighborhood Leadership Workshop to be offered July 12

Registered neighborhood leaders, Crime Watch Captains and Homeowners Association (HOA) officers may attend a Neighborhood Leadership Workshop from 6 – 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, at Florence Community Center, [2501 Whitson Way](#). Participants will learn how to complete a Block Leader Plan and use a Neighborhood Toolkit to recruit volunteers, host neighborhood meetings and implement problem-solving techniques. Neighborhood leaders may RSVP at www.cityofmesquite.com/NeighborhoodVitality. Learn more by calling [972-216-6473](tel:972-216-6473).



Celebrate summer at Mesquite's Main and North Branch Libraries

Mesquite libraries will offer free events and activities for all ages this summer, including game days, crafts, storytimes and free movies. Through July 28, adults, teens and children are invited to join the Summer Reading Club by registering at the Main Library, [300 W. Grubb Drive](#), or at the North Branch Library, [2600 Oates Drive](#). Browse all library events and programs at www.cityofmesquite.com/Library.



Mesquite Veterans Memorial campaign attends Texas VFW Convention

Last week, City of Mesquite staff and volunteers promoted the Mesquite Veterans Memorial project at the 98th Annual Texas VFW Convention in Dallas. Many Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapters throughout the state pledged their support. If you would like to donate to the campaign, please send your tax-deductible donation to: Mesquite Veterans Memorial, c/o Historic Mesquite, Inc., P.O. Box 850137, Mesquite, TX 75185-0137. Donations may also be made online at www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.com.



City of Mesquite maintains strong financial performance ratings

Recently, S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Investors Service analyzed the City's financial performance and affirmed "AA" and "Aa2" credit ratings, respectively, for the City's 2018 general government and water and sewer system bond issues. Both S&P and Moody's pointed to Mesquite's "very strong financial management, strong and conservative budgeting, and strong liquidity" as reasons for their high credit ratings. Read more about the City's financial outlook in a [letter from Mayor Stan Pickett](#).



Consider alternatives to unattended tethering

Effective July 1, Mesquite City ordinance will prohibit tethering of dogs unless the owner is physically present within the outdoor area where the dog is tethered and the dog is in view of the owner at all times. Dogs must also have access to water and shelter at all times and be confined by a fence of sufficient strength, height and durability to prevent the animal's escape.

The City reminds residents there are alternatives to unattended tethering, such as using an outdoor kennel (100 square feet for one dog, plus 30 square feet per additional dog) or indoor crate training. Residents in need of assistance to contain their dog(s) or provide shelter are encouraged to call Mesquite Animal Services at [972-216-6283](tel:972-216-6283). Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/BePetFriendly for more tips and information.



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/FAQ for assistance.

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