



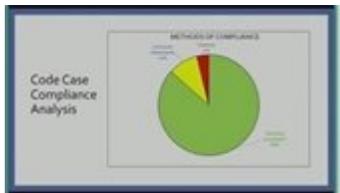
December 7, 2018



## City Council adopts redistricting plan

This week the City Council approved its six single-member Council districts and established new Council boundaries for Mesquite elections. During the Pre-Meeting, the Council heard a presentation and discussed proposed plans. [Watch the video](#). The Council also held a public hearing prior to approving the districts. [Watch the public hearing](#).

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## Neighborhood Services presents quarterly report to City Council

[Watch the presentation](#). Neighborhood Services presented its fourth quarter report to City Council this week. Neighborhood Services Director Raymond Rivas noted a decrease in overall complaints for the year, as well as an increase in voluntary compliance with citations issued. The department was proud to report the average timeline to close a compliance case has dropped from 26 days at the beginning of the year to an average of 22 days this quarter.

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## Mesquite to pursue moratorium on multifamily development projects

[Watch the discussion and public hearing](#). This week the City Council approved a resolution to begin the process for a moratorium on applications and plans for the development of multifamily dwellings within the corporate City limits of Mesquite. The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing about the issue Dec. 10. The resolution calls for the City Council to hold a special meeting Dec. 11 to conduct a public hearing on the issue. A second public hearing will take place during Council's Regular Meeting Dec. 17. [Read more](#).

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## **Beverly Abell elected to Texas Downtown Association board of directors**

City of Mesquite Downtown Development Manager Beverly Abell was elected to the Texas Downtown Association (TDA) board of directors. The TDA is a statewide, independent nonprofit that connects and serves downtown professionals and supporters. This is Abell's second time to serve as a board member; she

served as president of the TDA in 2010. [Read more.](#)

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## **Mesquite Metro Airport soars to new heights**

The future is bright for Mesquite Metro Airport. The airport is underway with a massive \$2.8 million improvement project, which is 90 percent funded by the FAA. A recent

Texas Aviation Economic Impact Study published by the Texas Department of Transportation indicated the airport has \$22.7 million total economic impact on the Mesquite community. [Read more.](#)

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## **City of Mesquite Accounting Department earns Certificate of Achievement**

The City's Accounting Department received the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2017. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and

its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This is Mesquite's 39th consecutive year to receive the award.

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## Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents *The Magic of Christmas* Dec. 15

The Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents two magical concerts to get you in the Christmas spirit. Mark your calendar for *The Magic of Christmas* on Saturday, Dec. 15, at Mesquite Arts Center, [1527 N. Galloway Ave.](#) Concerts take place at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at [mesquitesymphony.org](#).

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## Mesquite Fire Department accepting applications through Jan. 18, 2019

The Mesquite Fire Department is accepting online applications for firefighters through Jan. 18. The next entrance exam takes place Feb. 16, and starting salary is \$61,908.84 per year. Applicants must be between ages 21 and 35 and must be a citizen of the United States. [View additional qualifications and more information.](#)

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## Shop more, drive less with alternative shopping routes

Use alternative shopping routes in Mesquite this holiday season to spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy. Visit [cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes](#) to view maps offering travel routes to your favorite shopping, dining and entertainment destinations. The maps also are available using the Shopping Routes feature on the [free MesquiteTX mobile app](#).

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## Don't pour fats, oils and grease down the drain

[Watch our "Defend You Drains" video.](#) Don't ruin your holiday with expensive plumbing repairs and backups. Fats, oils and grease (FOG) is the residue left over from cooked meat, butter, sauces, oil and dairy products. FOG and debris poured down drains can cause expensive sewer backups, especially during the holidays. Defend your drains this season with [a few simple FOG disposal rules](#).

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## 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 [cityofmesquite.com/FAQ](http://cityofmesquite.com/FAQ) for assistance.

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