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City Council receives reports on quarterly finances and environmental code program

At the March 4 Work Session, the City Council received two quarterly reports. The Finance Department provided an update on the City's finances. [Watch the presentation.](#) The Neighborhood Services Department offered a briefing on the success of the City's environmental code efforts, which have resulted in a 91 percent voluntary compliance rate by property owners. [Watch the presentation.](#)



City Council encourages motorists to Drive Like Your Family Lives Here

Mesquite Independent School District is on spring break March 11-15. During the holiday, there are more kids outside playing, walking, riding their bikes and doing other activities that place them near streets. Please slow down while operating a vehicle in or near neighborhoods, and Drive Like Your Family Lives Here. [Watch the newest Drive Like Your Family Lives Here campaign video.](#)



City Council welcomes Elements International to Mesquite

Recently the Mesquite City Council joined the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce in a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome Elements International to the community. Elements International, a furniture wholesaler, moved their headquarters from Rockwall and consolidated their Houston and Garland warehouses into a new 463,000-square-foot facility in Mesquite. The company brings 80 jobs to Mesquite in their first year.



New radar speed signs installed on Motley Drive

The Public Works Department installed two new radar speed signs on Motley Drive as a part of the completion to the reconstruction of the major thoroughfare. The radar speed signs will help reduce traffic speeds in the residential area. The signs provide the driver with their speed and flash “Slow Down” if the vehicle is traveling at a speed of 7 mph above the posted speed limit of 30. [Watch the Mesquite Minute video on the new radar speed signs.](#)



Executive director of Historic Mesquite, Inc. earns national recognition

Charlene Orr, Executive Director of Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI), [received the Truett Latimer Award](#) at the 2019 Preservation Texas Honor Awards Ceremony. The Truett Latimer Award honors professionals who demonstrate a significant commitment to preservation as part of their job responsibilities.



New landscaping and fence planned for Florence Ranch Homestead

The wood picket fence at Florence Ranch Homestead, [1424 Barnes Bridge Road](#), is removed in preparation for new fencing and updated landscaping. The wood picket fence surrounding the historical house was more than 28 years old. A new wrought iron fence and landscaping improvements will enhance the historical character of the property. The house is on the Florence Ranch Homestead operated by Historic Mesquite, Inc.



Monthly sales tax report

The State Comptroller’s Office reported a 1.7 percent increase in the City’s sales tax collections for the month of March compared to the same period last year. March’s report is based on sales reported by local businesses during the month of January. Year-to-date collections are trending almost 2 percent higher than previous fiscal year. For information on how the City uses its sales tax revenue, visit cityofmesquite.com/Transparency.



Register for the annual Rodeo Parade through March 22

Celebrate Mesquite's 62nd Annual Rodeo Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 6. Sponsored by the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce and Town East Ford, the Rodeo Parade is a communitywide event bringing together local community groups, sports teams, civic clubs and churches. The parade entry fee is \$40 and the registration deadline is March 22. Applications are available online at

cityofmesquite.com/RodeoParade.



North Texas Municipal Water District continues water system maintenance through April 1

North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) performs its annual water system maintenance through April 1. During this routine process, NTMWD suspends adding ammonia and uses only free chlorine to keep water disinfected as it travels through pipes. The absence of ammonia may make the chlorine disinfectant more noticeable. There are simple steps to minimize taste, odor or skin sensitivities. For more information on those steps and this process, visit NTMWD.com/safewater.



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