



September 20, 2019



## Public Works Department presents Real. Texas. Roads.

At the Sept. 16 City Council Pre-Meeting, the Public Works Department presented updates on the Real. Texas. Roads. street rehabilitation program. The department presented the rating process used to select the two-lane residential roads to be considered in the next round of repairs. [Watch the presentation.](#) [Learn more about the Real. Texas. Roads. program and selection process.](#)



## Mesquite moves forward with a more responsive transit plan

On Sept. 16 the City Council authorized a supplemental agreement to its current interlocal agreement with STAR Transit to provide additional transit options, highlighted by a new Mobility on Demand service. Learn more about the new transit options. [Watch the City Council briefing.](#)



## City Council adopts 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget

The City Council approved the City's 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget during the Sept. 16 Regular Meeting. The budget includes no property tax rate increases and the addition of a variety of new or expanded services including the addition of a police officer, three firefighters and an animal services officer. [View the 2019-20 FY adopted budget.](#)

[Watch Council's budget adoption and comments.](#)



## Mesquite Marlin swimmer recognized for two state-level gold medals

On Sept. 16 City Council recognized 6-year-old Mesquite Marlins swimmer, Harper Holland. Harper competed in the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Summer Games of Texas, and brought home two gold medals. The [Marlins Swim Team](#) is offered through the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department.

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## Make a safe exchange at the Mesquite Police Department's Exchange Zone

When scheduling a transaction or exchange, consider using the [Mesquite Police Department's Exchange Zone](#) to ensure a safe interaction. Located in front of the police department at [777. N. Galloway Ave.](#), the Exchange Zone is monitored 24 hours a day and cameras record all activity. Avoid becoming a victim of a crime of opportunity and take this opportunity to make a safe exchange.

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## September sales tax report

City of Mesquite's September sales tax receipts, which represent sales activity for the month of July, were 6 percent below the amount reported for the same period last year. Year-to-date sales tax collections are trending 1.4 percent above last year's collections. Sales tax contributes 27 percent of the total revenue used to support the General Fund. The City uses the General Fund for services including police, fire, parks and recreation, libraries, neighborhood services and public works. For more information on how the City uses its sales tax revenue, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Transparency](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Transparency).

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## Use the online Crime Map for accurate crime information

Access daily, accurate crime information by using Mesquite Police Department's interactive [Crime Map](#). The map is the most reliable source of crime information available for the community and can help residents get facts about Mesquite police activity that may be misreported on social media.

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## Register for the Guts and Gory Zombie Run Sept. 28

Mesquite's first annual [Guts and Gory Zombie Challenge Run](#) takes place Saturday, Sept. 28, at Camp Rorie Galloway, [3100 Lawson Road](#). Race through the woods with your team, compete in challenges, and try to survive

the zombie horde. Obstacles and missions will test strength, speed, problem solving and teamwork. Collect survival essentials along the way to ensure your team's safe passage to the finish. Register and learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/ZombieFunRun](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ZombieFunRun).

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## “Buy a Picket” to install within KidsQuest 2.0

Continue the legacy of the original KidsQuest playground at DeBusk Park by [purchasing a personalized picket](#) to install within KidsQuest 2.0. Pickets are \$25 each, with a 20-character limit including spaces. Pickets purchased by

Sept. 30 will be installed for the KidsQuest 2.0 grand re-opening event in November. [Purchase your picket online](#). Learn more about KidsQuest 2.0 in [this episode of Mesquite Minute](#).

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## Contact Us

We want to hear from you. If you have a concern or you are experiencing an issue, call City of Mesquite at [972-288-7711](tel:972-288-7711) or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FAQ](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FAQ) for assistance.

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