



December 20, 2019



Police Chief Charles Cato receives 2019 Patriot Award

Chief Charles Cato [received the 2019 Patriot Award](#) at the Dec. 16 City Council meeting. The award is presented annually by One Community, a nonprofit dedicated to building safe, secure communities. Chief Cato received the award for his work in building bridges of trust through community involvement and mentorship. [Watch the presentation.](#)



Planning Department earns 2019 Planning Excellence Award

The City of Mesquite Planning Department earned a Certificate of Achievement for Planning Excellence from the Texas Chapter of the American Planning Association. City Council recognized the department at the Dec. 16 Council meeting. Mesquite is one of only 40 cities in Texas to receive this recognition. [Read more.](#)



City Council holds special meeting on crime prevention

City Council held a special meeting Dec. 17 to discuss crime prevention efforts and receive public input. [Watch the video.](#)



Mesquite names Toyia Pointer as new Manager of Historic Preservation

City of Mesquite welcomes Toyia Pointer as the new Manager of Historic Preservation. Toyia also will serve as Executive Director of Historic Mesquite, Inc. (HMI). Pointer has served as Heritage Park Coordinator for the City of Frisco since 2016. Prior to that, Pointer spent 17 years working for the City of Carrollton as Museum

Curator at the A.W. Perry Homestead. [Read more.](#)



Bring the family to Carols and Cocoa Dec. 21

Bundle up, grab the family and head over to Carols and Cocoa at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at [223 W. Davis St.](#) Enjoy free cookies and cocoa while supplies last, and make sure you're one of the first 100 guests to receive a free Downtown Mesquite campfire mug. The event culminates with an outdoor holiday movie, "Frosty's Winter Wonderland."



Holiday message from Mesquite City Manager

[Watch a special holiday message from City Manager Cliff Keheley.](#)



City holiday closures Dec. 24-25

Most City offices and facilities are closed for the Christmas holiday Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25. City recreation centers are open Dec. 24. There is no trash collection Dec. 24 or 25; however, recycling collection will occur Dec. 24. [View a complete list of closures.](#)



This holiday, dispose of grease responsibly

This holiday, remember to keep fats, oils and grease (FOG) out of the drain. FOG and debris poured down drains can cause expensive sewer backups in both private and City maintained sewer systems. You can avoid plumbing repairs and damage to the sewer system by following [a few simple rules.](#)



Drive Like Your Family Lives Here

Mesquite ISD begins Winter Break on Dec. 23. Winter break means more kids near roadways and playing in neighborhoods. This season, remember to stay alert, obey traffic signs and slow down when driving in residential areas. [Learn more about safe driving in Mesquite.](#)



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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 cityofmesquite.com/FAQ.

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