



December 27, 2019



### City holiday closures Jan. 1

Most City offices and facilities are closed for the New Year holiday Wednesday, Jan. 1. Trash and recycling will not be collected Jan. 1. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day. [View a complete list of closures.](#)



### Celebrate safely in Mesquite

New Year's Day is almost here. Remember that [possession and use of fireworks in Mesquite is illegal](#), as well as discharging firearms into the air. To report firearm violations or illegal fireworks, call non-emergency police dispatch at 972-285-6336. You also can report fireworks violations by emailing [fireworks@mesquitelocal.gov](mailto:fireworks@mesquitelocal.gov). Please do not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency and immediate help is required from police, fire or paramedics.



## District 1 Councilmember Sherry Wisdom takes Oath of Office

City of Mesquite held a special City Council meeting Dec. 26 to canvass results of the Runoff Election held Dec. 14 for electing a District 1 City Councilmember. The meeting included installation of newly elected Councilmember Sherry Wisdom.

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## Mesquite Elks Lodge brings holiday cheer to families

Mesquite Elks Lodge 2404 gave more than 100 boxes of food items and Christmas presents to families on Dec. 17-19. Mesquite Elks Lodge 2404, Lady's Auxiliary of the Elks and community volunteers have held this special holiday party for families from Mesquite Social Services since 1988. [Read more.](#)

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## Mesquite celebrates champion bull rider Chris Villanueva

On Dec. 20, Mayor Bruce Archer presented a special proclamation to Chris Villanueva for winning three consecutive Junior Bull Riding Championships at the National Rodeo Finals. Chris is a student at Dr. John Horn High School where he is a member of the soccer team. Mayor Archer proclaimed Dec. 20, 2019, as Chris Villanueva Day. [Read more](#) or [watch the presentation.](#)

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## KidsQuest Playground opens with community celebration

Under beautiful skies on Dec. 14, Mesquite celebrated the opening of the new KidsQuest playground located at [DeBusk Park](#). The new playground design and features are inclusive for all abilities, ages and sensory needs. The project also includes more parking and a variety of enhanced amenities. [Read more](#) or [watch a recap of the celebration.](#)

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## How to recycle your live Christmas tree

Start the New Year by going green with your live Christmas tree. Live Christmas trees are biodegradable, which means they are easily reused or recycled for mulch and other purposes. [Follow these guidelines](#) in preparing your tree for recycling. For more information, call Solid Waste at 972-216-6285.

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## 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](#).

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## Drive Like Your Family Lives Here

Mesquite ISD students are on Winter Break through Jan. 3 – This 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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## January Mainstream is available online

The January edition of Mainstream is [available online](#). Mark your calendar for the 2020 Census, Mesquite's annual Neighborhood Summit and Mother Son Dance.

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## Monthly sales tax report

City of Mesquite’s December sales tax receipts, which represent sales activity for the month of October, are 9.1% above the amount reported for the same period last year. Last fiscal year, the City collected a record high of \$33.4 million in sales tax and projects to collect approximately the same amount this year. Sales tax contributes 25% of the total revenue used to support the City’s General Fund, which supports services such as police, fire, parks and recreation, libraries and public works. [Learn more.](#)



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