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New funding assistance for Mesquite residents impacted by COVID-19



As a part of the continuing Recovery Mesquite efforts by the City of Mesquite, Mesquite residents affected by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic can now apply for funds specifically set aside for them to assist with their mortgage/rental payments and utilities. Mesquite residents may call 214-257-0674 for more details on the essential emergency assistance through Disaster Services at Catholic Charities of Dallas. Access to the application process is available at www.cityofmesquite.com/CARES as well as resources for other types of support for residents and local businesses.



Applications for Dallas County Emergency Small Business Assistance program due July 26

Local business owners have until July 26 to apply for the Dallas County Emergency Business Assistance program. Through the CARES Act, Dallas County businesses can receive up to \$50,000 in emergency financial assistance in the form of a forgivable loan. For more information visit

<https://ndconline.org/ntxsmallbiz/>.



Mesquite Fire Chief announces retirement to serve in new role with the City

The City of Mesquite has announced that Mark Kerby will retire as Fire Chief on September 30 to begin a new role as the Special Projects Director. Kerby has been with the City since 1985 and has served as Fire Chief since 2003. [Learn more.](#)



Mesquite Police Department graduates five new recruits

On July 17, five new Mesquite Police Officers graduated from the Mesquite Police Department's (MPD) Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC). This is the 13th graduation class to complete the internal training program. MPD has graduated 95 recruits from its BPOC since the training academy began in 2013. [Learn more.](#)



Auto Theft Prevention Tips

Each year in the state of Texas, thousands of vehicles are stolen. Unlocked cars or keys left inside cars contribute to a high percentage of vehicle thefts/burglaries. Remember to always lock your vehicle and take your keys, never leave your car running and unattended and keep valuables out of sight. [Watch the new video PSA](#) for an update on recent auto theft trends to be aware of. For more tips and information on auto theft prevention in Mesquite visit

www.cityofmesquite.com/AutoTheftPrevention.



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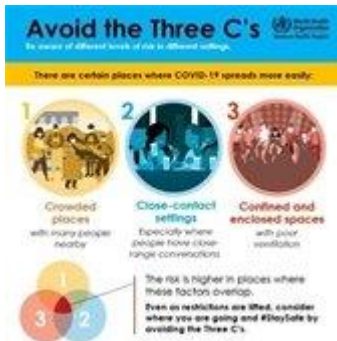
City Council Budget Workshop

On July 17 and 18, the City Council held their annual Budget Workshop. You can watch the complete video recap of Day 1 here: mesquitetx.swagit.com/play/07172020-703/. And you can watch the complete video recap of Day 2 here: mesquitetx.swagit.com/play/07192020-501/. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Budget to learn more



Spraying for mosquitoes

The City of Mesquite has an Integrated Mosquito Management Plan to help keep citizens safe. As mosquitoes with the West Nile virus are detected, the City sprays the affected neighborhoods twice in four days. The spray used has a small amount of Permethrin, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved pesticide used in products like flea collars and other products for household pets. [Learn more.](#)



Avoid the Three C's

The City of Mesquite continues to remind the community to follow everyday preventative measures for COVID-19. Consider where you are going and stay safe by avoiding the Three C's: crowded places with many people nearby, close-contact settings especially where people have close-range conversations and confined and enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.



IH 30 Mainlane Closures at Galloway Avenue this weekend

The Texas Department of Transportation has started construction on IH 635 LBJ East. This weekend portions of IH 30 at Galloway Avenue will be closed for bridge work. Starting Saturday, July 25 through Sunday, July 26, all lanes of westbound IH 30 at Galloway Avenue will be closed. [Watch a video](#) explaining the upcoming work and detour routes for each weekend. Stay up to date on

the closures and traffic pattern changes during this ongoing project, by visiting 635east.com.



Mesquite Veterans Memorial brick sale ends July 31

The City of Mesquite is selling bricks for the new Mesquite Veterans Memorial. All bricks will be placed on the border of the walkway that leads visitors to the memorial. Each brick is four inches by eight inches in size and costs \$50. Purchase a brick online at www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org by July 31 to guarantee installation for the November dedication event.



Addressing Mesquite Day volunteer group applications due by July 31

Want to help a fellow Mesquite resident? The 16th Addressing Mesquite Day is on October 3. This annual event has volunteers work on minor exterior home repairs, painting and landscaping projects for a fellow resident that needs extra help. The City of Mesquite is looking for volunteer groups to participate. Volunteer groups have until July 31. Apply online at www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD. For details, call the Office of Neighborhood Vitality at 972-216-6473.

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Monthly sales tax report

The City of Mesquite's July sales tax receipts, which represent sales activity for the month of May, is .02% below the amount reported for the same period last year. Total fiscal year sales tax collections for the City are .53% below last year's collections. 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.](#)



Shape the future for your family

Every 10 years, the census counts everyone living in the United States. Census results affect your voice in government, how much funding your community receives and how your community plans for the future. Anyone can complete the 2020 Census by texting icount2020 to 313131. You can also complete the census by phone or online. To learn more, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Census2020.

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