



July 31, 2020



City Council meets Aug. 3

Mesquite City Council will meet on Aug. 3, in Training Rooms A & B, at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The Pre-Meeting begins at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Work Session at 6:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting location will not be open to the public. The public may participate by telephone conference using the following toll-free dial-in number 877-853-5257 and using the meeting ID: 852 7463 7115##. Press *9 to raise your

virtual hand and you will be recognized by the last four digits of your telephone number. Members of the public desiring to comment during Citizens Forum via telephone conference must preregister as follows: Send an email or call the City Secretary on or before 3 p.m. on Aug. 3 at sland@cityofmesquite.com or 972-216-6244. Provide the City Secretary with your name and address. If appearing at the meeting by telephone conference, also provide the phone number from which you will call. The meeting will be audible to all participants and allow for their two-way communication. Comments on agenda items may be made during the meeting or by submission on or before 3 p.m. on Aug. 3, to the following email address: sland@cityofmesquite.com. [Click here to read more about this meeting.](#) [View meeting agendas online.](#) The City broadcasts meetings via [Facebook Live](#) and at www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings.

New COVID-19 testing site at Eastfield College



Dallas County Health and Human Services is opening a new mobile COVID-19 testing site in Mesquite for Dallas County residents only. The testing location at Eastfield College, 3737 Motley Drive, will open on Aug. 3. It will be open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until the location has hit testing capacity for the day. [Learn more.](#)



Funding assistance for Mesquite residents impacted by COVID-19

The City of Mesquite is providing funding assistance to residents impacted by COVID-19, through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CARES for information.



MPD encourages residents to use Safe Exchange Zone

Don't sacrifice your safety, for the sale. That's the message from the Mesquite Police Department (MPD). The rate of internet sales exchanges resulting in thefts in Mesquite is rising towards about 20% of all robberies in the community. MPD is reminding the public not to be a victim of opportunity, but to use opportunities for safe internet exchanges. [Read more.](#) [Watch video the PSA.](#)



Mesquite residential recycling service cancelation is extended

currently dealing with about a 10% reduction in solid waste staffing. [Read more.](#)

The City of Mesquite announced the extended cancelation of its residential recycling service as it continues the monthly evaluation of increased quantities of household waste set out for pick-up and its staffing capacities to service customers. From March through July, the City has seen a monthly average of a 22% increase in the tonnage of garbage collection and is

Mesquite Veterans Memorial brick sale extended to Aug. 6



The City of Mesquite has extended the deadline to purchase a brick for the Walk of Honor at the new Mesquite Veterans Memorial to Thursday, Aug. 6. Each brick is four inches by eight inches in size and costs \$50. Purchase a brick online at www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org. [Learn more.](#)



City begins search for new Fire Chief

The City of Mesquite is starting the search for a new Fire Chief. The Mesquite Fire Chief will plan, direct and review the activities and operations of the City of Mesquite Fire Department (MFD). To learn more about the position [click here](#) and to apply visit www.cityofmesquite.com/employment.



IH 635 LBJ East Project Update

The Texas Department of Transportation has started construction on IH 635 LBJ East. Starting Monday, Aug. 3 at 10 p.m., two ramps will be closed for the duration of the construction project. The Northwest Drive Exit (Exit 58) on eastbound IH 30 will be permanently closed. Motorists will need to use Exit 56A-Gus Thomasson Road/Galloway Avenue. The Northwest Drive on ramp to IH-30 Westbound will also be permanently closed. With

the ramp closure, motorists will need follow the frontage road to the entrance past Gus Thomasson Road to enter IH-30. Stay up to date on the closures and traffic pattern changes during this ongoing project, by visiting 635east.com.



Mesquite Summer Challenge Series

To celebrate summer, the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department has been hosting a new, virtual challenge each week for residents. Next week's challenge in the "The Mesquite Summer Challenge Series" is called The [Catch or Bust Challenge](#), where partners will toss a water balloon back and forth. Free pre-packaged supplies will be available through a Rec-To-Go drive-through station every Monday from 6 - 7 p.m. at Evans Recreation Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street.

The bags of supplies will be available to the first 150 people. For questions contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteSummerChallenge.



Why take the 2020 Census?

Every 10 years, the census counts everyone living in the United States. Filling out the U.S. Census is an important way minority population can make themselves count. The data helps lawmakers better understand whether different racial groups have equal access to things like housing, education, employment and other services. 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.



“Grow Native, Not Wild” virtual workshop on Aug. 6

Gardening with native plants doesn't mean giving up your yard to the weeds. On Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. learn how to cultivate your landscape while still enjoying the dynamic, natural beauty of native plantings in a free virtual workshop presented by Texas A&M AgriLife Water University. Register at:

<https://wateruniversity.tamu.edu/events/2020/august-6-2020-grow-native-not-wild-virtual/>.



August Mainstream available online

The August edition of the Mainstream is [available online](#). Learn more about auto theft prevention tips, CARES funding and the Citizen's Convenience and Recycling Center.

Contact Us

Use the free myMesquite platform to submit service requests to the City of Mesquite. Send requests for street repair, crime concerns, park issues and more from your computer or mobile device. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/myMesquite for details.



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