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Mesquite residents have access to COVID-19 recovery caseworker



As a part of the Recovery Mesquite efforts, Mesquite residents will have access to a Spanish bilingual caseworker to aid them in submitting applications through Catholic Charities Dallas (CCD) for COVID-19 economic assistance funds for rental or mortgage payments, utility bills and other related expenses. [Learn more.](#)



Mesquite businesses can apply by Aug. 23 for new loans from Dallas County

As part of its Recovery Mesquite efforts, the City of Mesquite announced small businesses located in Mesquite and who have been economically impacted by COVID-19 can apply for up to \$50,000 in forgivable loans through the Dallas County Emergency Business

Assistance Program. The application period is Aug. 10 - 23. Businesses can visit www.NDOnline.org/NTXsmallbiz to get the details. [Learn more.](#)



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. The rate of internet sales exchanges resulting in thefts in Mesquite is rising towards about 20% of all robberies in the community. [Read more.](#) [Watch video the PSA.](#)



Auto Theft Prevention Tips

Unlocked car or keys left inside cars contribute to a high percentage of vehicle thefts/burglaries. Watch the new [Mesquite Police Department PSA](#) for an update on recent auto theft trends. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AutoTheftPrevention for more tips.



Chief Cato presents Police Department Quarterly Report

Chief Charles Cato presented the Mesquite Police Department Quarterly Report at the Aug. 3 City Council Meeting. The 2nd Quarter Report showed a decrease in various performance metrics including robbery, burglary and motor vehicle accidents compared to the same quarter as last year. [Watch the full report.](#)



Census takers headed to Mesquite

The U.S. Census Bureau is visiting every household in Mesquite that has not already responded to the 2020 Census to ensure a complete and accurate count. Assistant Regional Census Manager Jerome Garza discusses what residents can expect in the Mesquite Minute. [Watch here.](#) Complete the 2020 Census by texting [icount2020](#) to 313131.

New COVID-19 testing site at Eastfield College

Dallas County Health and Human Services has opened a new mobile COVID-19 testing site at Eastfield College, Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until the location has hit testing capacity for the day. [Learn more.](#)





MPD Crisis Intervention Training

The Mesquite Police Department goes through many hours of training including crisis intervention. Lieutenant Stephen Biggs discussed this crisis intervention training in the Mesquite Minute. [Watch here.](#)



STAR Transit seeking public feedback

STAR Transit is working to improve transit. Take a brief survey to help them create their new Transit Service Development Plan and let them know how they can make service better for the community. [Take the survey.](#)



Experience the Mesquite Championship Rodeo

On Saturday, Aug. 8, experience the fun of the [Mesquite Championship Rodeo](#) at the Mesquite Arena, 1818 Rodeo Drive. Buy tickets at www.visitmesquitetx.com/rodeotickets.



Mosquito Prevention: Remember the Four D's

Prevention is the best defense against the West Nile virus. Mesquite residents are reminded to enjoy the outdoors and remember the four D's: **Dusk and dawn** are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. **Dress** in long sleeves and pants when you're outside. **DEET** is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. **Drain** standing water in your yard and neighborhood where mosquitoes can breed. Get more tips at www.cityofmesquite.com/mosquitocontrol.

Mesquite Summer Challenge Series



To celebrate summer, the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a new, virtual challenge each week for residents. Next week's challenge in the "The Mesquite Summer Challenge Series" is called The Chalk Selfie where competitors will create a design, featuring themselves in the chalk art. [Watch the PSA](#). For questions contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MesquiteSummerChallenge.



MAC offers Back to School Virtual Program

The Mesquite Arts is hosting virtual workshops to celebrate going back to school including a Create Your Own Homecoming Mum Workshop on Aug. 19. Subscribe to the [Mesquite Arts Center on Youtube](#) to take part in all of their Fall Programs.

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