



October 16, 2020



City Council meets Oct. 19

Mesquite City Council will meet on Oct. 19 at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The Pre-Meeting begins at 5 p.m. in Training Rooms A and B, followed by the Regular Meeting at 7 pm. In the Council Chambers. Members of the public, applicants and interested parties may attend the meeting in person. All persons present at the meeting location must observe social distancing by remaining a minimum of six (6) feet from other meeting participants and must wear a covering over their nose and mouth. Members of the public desiring to comment during Citizens Forum must preregister as follows: Send an email or call the City Secretary on or before 3 p.m. on Oct. 19 at sland@cityofmesquite.com or 972-216-6244. Provide the City Secretary with your name and address. Comments on agenda items may be made during the meeting or by submission on or before 3 p.m. on Oct. 19 to the following email address: sland@cityofmesquite.com. [View meeting agendas online](#). The City broadcasts meetings via [Facebook Live](#) and at www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings.



Mesquite announces Russell Wilson as new Fire Chief

Russell "Rusty" Wilson will become the new Mesquite Fire Chief on Nov. 1 and will oversee 206 firefighters and seven stations for a fire department that responded to nearly 19,000 calls for service in 2019. Wilson, who has more than 30 years of experience in the fire service profession, was previously the Fire Chief for the City of Katy, TX. [Learn more](#).



Mesquite Police Department now on social media

The Mesquite Police Department has created four new social media platforms. Follow MPD on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor and LinkedIn to keep up to date on the latest police information. The social media platforms are not to be used to report crimes or suspicious activity. For an emergency please call 911.

[Learn more.](#)



Residential recycling resumes Oct. 19 and City hosts Mesquite Recycles Day Nov. 14

The City of Mesquite announced it will resume its curbside recycling program on Oct. 19. The residential recycling program has been suspended since late March due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic stay at home orders. The City also announced Mesquite

Recycles Day will return on Nov. 14 at Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive, from 8 a.m. - noon. [Learn more.](#)



Mesquite seeks public input on ADA survey

As part of formalizing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan, the City of Mesquite is looking for the community to participate in an ADA survey to address any specific concerns regarding accessibility. The survey will be available from Oct. 19 to Nov. 6. at www.cityofmesquite.com/ADA and printed versions are

available at City facilities. [Learn more.](#)



STAR Transit offers free rides to voters

STAR Transit is offering free, round-trip rides to local polling places, encouraging all eligible voters to participate in this year's general election. The free service is available during early voting Tuesday, Oct. 13, through Friday, Oct. 30, and on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Reservations must be made in advance. [Learn](#)

[more.](#)



Dallas County Public Health Committee guidelines for Halloween

Out of an abundance of caution in response to COVID-19, the City of Mesquite supports the Dallas County Public Health Committee Guidance on Halloween gatherings, events and parties, as well as trick or treating, haunted houses and Trunk or Treat events. [Learn more.](#) [View the full document from the Dallas County Public Health Committee.](#)



Pumpkinpalooza scavenger hunt

To celebrate fall, the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department has teamed up with local businesses to launch a citywide scavenger hunt called "Pumpkinpalooza." Follow clues and search for pumpkin displays at partner businesses. Participants have to take a selfie with each pumpkin to be entered into the drawing for the grand prize package. For more information visit

www.cityofmesquite.com/pumpkinpalooza.



Mayor proclaims Oct. 12 Jackie Grant Day

On Oct. 12, Mesquite Mayor Bruce Archer presented a special proclamation to Mesquite resident, Jackie Grant, in honor of his 27-year career with Walmart. [Watch a video of the presentation.](#) [Learn more.](#)



City earns 2020 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award

The City of Mesquite has earned the 2020 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement (AEP) Award, making the City one of only 46 agencies in Texas and one of only 69 cities in the United States and Canada to receive the award. The AEP award recognizes organizational excellence in public and non-profit procurement. [Learn more.](#)



City receives Certificate of Distinction from GTOT

The City of Mesquite has been awarded the Certificate of Distinction from the Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas (GTOT) for maintaining a comprehensive written investment policy that fully complies with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA). This is the fourth consecutive award the City has received from GTOT. [Learn more.](#)

Monthly sales tax report



The City of Mesquite's October sales tax receipts, which represent sales activity for the month of August, is 3.0% above the amount reported for the same period last year. Total fiscal year sales tax collections for the City are almost 1% above 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.](#)

Mesquite residents have access to COVID-19 recovery caseworker



As a part of their ongoing Recovery Mesquite efforts, the City of Mesquite announced Mesquite residents 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.](#)

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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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