



October 23, 2020



## Mesquite selects Detra Hill as new Municipal Court Judge

The City of Mesquite's Assistant City Attorney Detra Hill has been appointed by the Mesquite City Council to be the next Municipal Court Judge. On Nov. 13, Hill will become the first female and the first African American presiding municipal court judge in the history of Mesquite. [Learn more.](#)

## CARES assistance for Mesquite residents impacted by COVID-19



The City of Mesquite still has funds available to aid its residents who have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds can be used to pay rent, mortgage and utilities (electric, gas, internet). Residents can receive as much as \$1,500 per month for six months, depending on eligibility. The City's assistance program is a part of the Recovery Mesquite campaign

and is funded through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. [Learn more.](#)



## Mesquite announces Curt Cassidy as new Director of Public Works

Curt Cassidy has been named the City of Mesquite's new Director of Public Works effective Oct. 31, replacing Matt Holzapfel who announced his retirement. Cassidy began his career with the City in 2017 as Assistant City Engineer. He was promoted to Assistant Director – Engineering Services in 2019. [Learn more.](#)



## Mesquite names water pump station after public works employee

The City of Mesquite has named a planned \$12 million water pump station in honor of 37-year City employee Matt Holzapfel, who is retiring at the end of October. Holzapfel is the Director of Public Works and started his career with the City in 1983 as an engineering assistant. The Matt Holzapfel water station will provide 10 million gallons of potable water per day by 2022. [Learn more.](#)



## Mesquite Police Department hosts Drug Take-Back Day on Oct. 24

The Mesquite Police Department is proud to take part in the Drug Enforcement Administration's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. On Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mesquite residents can bring any unwanted prescription drugs they wish to discard to the Mesquite Police Department, 777 N. Galloway Avenue, so the prescription drugs can be destroyed in a safe and secure manner. [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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/pumpkinpalooza).



## City Council supports Hispanic Forum of Mesquite

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hispanic Forum of Mesquite Board has cancelled their 2020 Noche de Suenos Scholarship Gala. The event is the largest fundraiser for their scholarship program. The City Council is encouraging the community to consider making a tax-deductible donation towards the scholarship fund to help students from all high schools in MISD. [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 and on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Reservations must be made in advance. [Learn more.](#)



## Routine hydrant flushing is underway

The City of Mesquite's Utility Division is flushing water hydrants to monitor chlorine levels to maintain water quality. This is routine and necessary and a regulatory requirement. Learn more at <https://www.ntmwd.com/purpose-of-flushing/>.




## City hosts Mesquite Recycles Day Nov. 14

The City of Mesquite announced Mesquite Recycles Day will return on Nov. 14 at Poteet High School, 3300 Poteet Drive, from 8 a.m. - noon. The free event provides Mesquite residents the opportunity to drop off a variety of reusable items, electronic-waste and offers professional document shredding. [Learn more.](#)


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