



November 6, 2020



Mesquite sees decrease in crime

Mesquite announced an 11% drop in overall crime and significant reductions in certain types of crimes, highlighted by a 54% reduction in robbery, and nearly 300 less crimes committed during July to September as compared to the same time period in 2019. This was announced during the Mesquite Police Department's quarterly report to the City Council. [Learn more.](#)



City of Mesquite takes part in a virtual Job Fair

Looking for a job in Mesquite? The City currently has job openings. The Assistant Director of Human Resources, Jennifer Weldon, sat down with Steven Bridges with Workforce Solutions of Greater Dallas to highlight six of the positions the City currently has open and some of the benefits of working for the City of Mesquite. [Watch the video.](#) [Learn more.](#)



City celebrates Arbor Day

On Nov. 6, Mayor Bruce Archer helped celebrate Arbor Day in the City of Mesquite with a virtual event including Keep Mesquite Beautiful and Vanston Middle School. Mayor Archer urged all residents to care for the City's trees and woodlands and to support the City's community forestry program. [Watch the video.](#)



[virtual groundbreaking.](#)

Officials break ground virtually on TxDOT IH 635 East Project

Mayor Bruce Archer, Councilmember Sherry Wisdom for District 1 and Councilmember Kenny Green for District 2 joined state and local leaders in a groundbreaking celebration, done virtually, to commemorate the beginning of a five-year effort to rebuild and widen Interstate 635 (I-635) and rebuild the I-635/I-30 interchange in Dallas County. [Learn more and watch the](#)



City of Mesquite celebrates Texas Municipal Court Week

During a ceremony to celebrate Texas Municipal Courts Week at Mesquite Municipal Court, the City of Mesquite announced Thalia Guaida as the 2020 Clerk of the Year and Lawrence Allen as the 2020 Deputy Marshal of the Year. Mesquite Municipal Court also promoted traffic safety during Texas Municipal Courts Week. [Learn more.](#)



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Mesquite offers free mental counseling and referral services

The City of Mesquite has announced it is offering its residents access to free mental health counseling and referral services through a new partnership with the AZAR Foundation. Mayor Bruce Archer discusses the program on his [monthly radio program on KEOM](#). Residents can call 833-298-9111 to schedule a virtual or in-person session for individuals, couples and groups.



and a public works project in his district. [Learn more and watch the video.](#)

Update from Councilmember B.W. Smith

The City of Mesquite is producing video updates hosted by members of the City Council in the districts they represent. Each video will focus on various issues and topics in their district as well as news items that affect the entire city. The most recent district video is hosted by Councilmember B.W. Smith, District 5. He shares updates on the City's budget, economic development



Financial 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. Residents can receive as much as \$1,500 per month for six months, depending on eligibility. Residents have until Nov. 30 to to apply for funding through Catholic Charities Dallas by email at

CCDisaster@ccdallas.org or by phone at 214-257-0674. 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. Mesquite residents have access to a caseworker, Jessica Shephard, to aid them in submitting applications. Residents can email her at jsheward@ccdallas.org. [Learn more.](#)



Utility Billing Office offering longer-term payment plans

On Jan. 5, 2021, the City of Mesquite will resume water disconnections if there is a past due balance. Longer-term payment plans are available to help residents who are struggling to pay their City water bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City can offer a payment plan that fits their unique situation. Call the Utility Billing Office at 972-216-6208 (press 0) to discuss your options.



STAR Transit celebrates Rider Appreciation Week, Nov. 9-14

STAR Transit will celebrate Rider Appreciation Week, Nov. 9-14. To celebrate, STAR Transit is offering free rides on all modes of service for the entire week. Transit riders in Mesquite should also be on the lookout for the Rider Appreciation Week Prize Patrol. They will be surprising riders all week with giveaways, including free rides, lanyards and bags.



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.](#)




Read the November Mainstream


The November edition of the Mainstream is [available online](#). Learn more about the Mesquite Police Department's new 9 P.M. routine program, how to properly dispose of fats, oils and grease left over from holiday cooking and the Mesquite Arts Centers holiday Tote-and-Go programs.


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