



November 20, 2020



## Mesquite approves a new Animal Ordinance

The Mesquite City Council adopted revisions to the Animal Ordinance to address dangerous and aggressive animals as well as the new requirements for animal care and treatment. The new ordinance goes into effect January 1, 2021. [Learn more.](#)



## Shop Mesquite this holiday season

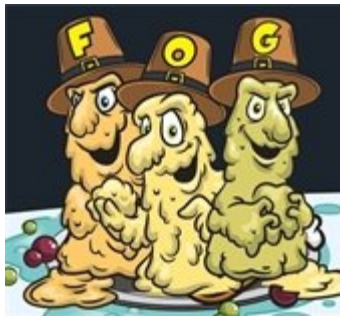
The City of Mesquite is encouraging citizens to shop local and shop Mesquite during the holiday season. Shopping at local businesses and eating at restaurants in Mesquite helps business owners and the local economy. As residents shop in Mesquite, their money goes to work for Mesquite. Sales tax revenue makes up more than 25% of the City's general fund. That fund provides the financial resources for most City services like the Mesquite Police Department, Mesquite Fire Department,

Mesquite Animal Services, the Parks and Recreation Department and a variety of quality of life programs. [Learn more.](#)



## City holiday closures on Nov. 26 and Nov. 27

City offices and facilities will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday, Nov. 26 and some services will be impacted on Friday, Nov. 27. Trash and recycling will not be collected Thanksgiving Day. Collection will resume on resident's next scheduled collection day. [View a complete list of closures.](#)



## Properly dispose of fats, oils and grease this Thanksgiving

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) is the residue left over from cooking meats, butter, lard, food scraps, sauces, dressings, dairy products and cooking oil. Don't pour your holiday cooking grease down the drain. FOG and debris can build up in your pipes and cause backups in both private and the City-maintained sewer system. To avoid expensive plumbing repairs, remember to scrape or wipe cooled grease or fat from all cookware and place in the trash. Learn more at [www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/utilities).



## Mesquite only North Texas city where homeownership increased

According to an analysis by apartment search website, RENTCafé, the percentage of homeowners in Mesquite jumped by 12% over the last decade, the only increase among DFW cities. The new study found renter populations rising dramatically across North Texas, except for Mesquite. [Learn more.](#)



## Community thanks Mesquite Police Department K9 Officers

An organization is only as good as the people that work in it and the Mesquite Police Department (MPD) is no exception. This year, K9 Officers Jason Crawford and Jeremy Wilemon exemplified the kind of work the Mesquite Police Department expects from their K9 handlers. [Read a few examples of their exceptional work.](#)



## Mesquite approves zoning for new commercial facilities

The Mesquite City Council unanimously approved a zoning change to planned development-commercial to provide for a new industrial park featuring two state of the art facilities developed by Huntington Industrial Partners, totaling more than 356,000 square feet on more than 22 acres of land located on Military Parkway, east of I-635. The project will offer a variety of new job opportunities in the community as the buildings are leased out to tenants. [Learn more.](#)



## STAR Transit launches new communications service

STAR Transit's new TripSpark software will allow riders to receive, phone calls and/or SMS text messages from STAR Transit with trip reminders, confirmations, cancellations and changes, such as a time adjustment. The communication service allows riders to confirm or cancel their trip prior to the date of scheduled trip without having to call in or speak to a reservationist. [Learn more.](#)



## Listen to Mayor Archer discuss free counseling available in Mesquite

The City has announced it's offering 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. [Learn more.](#)



## Utility Billing Office offering longer-term payment plans

On Jan. 5, 2021, the City 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.

## Monthly Sales Tax Report



The City of Mesquite's November sales tax receipts, which represent sales activity for the month of September, is 7.9% above the amount reported for the same period last year. Total year-end sales tax collections for the City ended up 1.5% 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.](#)




## Read the November Road Report


The November edition of the Road Report is [available online](#). The report offers updates on ongoing road construction projects throughout Mesquite, including residential streets in the Real. Texas. Roads. program.


## 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/myMesquite) for details.



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