



February 12, 2021



## City Council Policy Retreat

On Feb. 13 at 8 a.m., the City Council will hold their annual Policy Retreat at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue in Training Rooms A and B. The public may attend the meeting in person, however due to the pandemic watching remotely is preferred. The public may watch the workshop online via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83262885181>, [Facebook Live](#) and at

[www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings). 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.



## City Council meets Feb. 15

Mesquite City Council will meet on Feb. 15 at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The Pre-Meeting begins at 5:00 p.m. in Training Rooms A and B, followed by a Work Session at 6:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting at 7 p.m. 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 Feb. 15 at [sland@cityofmesquite.com](mailto: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 Feb. 15 to the following email address: [sland@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:sland@cityofmesquite.com). [View meeting agendas online](#). The City broadcasts meetings via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83283594406>, [Facebook Live](#) and at [www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings).



## City reminds residents to bring pets indoors

With freezing temperatures expected to continue throughout the weekend and into early next week, the City of Mesquite wants to remind all pet owners that dogs may not be left outside when a Freeze Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service. Remember, if it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet.

[View the amended animal ordinance.](#) To report abuse,

please call Mesquite Animal Services at 972-216-6283. [Learn more.](#)



## Mesquite launches new monthly community health forums in February

As a part of its continuing Recovery Mesquite efforts to help the community move forward and onward from the impacts of the pandemic, the City of Mesquite is beginning a series of Community Health Virtual Meetings. The first meeting is on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. Glenda Matchett, RN, BSN, MHA, the Chief

Executive Officer of Dallas Regional Medical Center will share updates on COVID-19 in Mesquite and vaccine rollouts. [Learn more.](#)



## Mesquite Tri-East NAACP hosts Black-Owned Business Symposium

The Mesquite Tri-East NAACP will host a virtual Mesquite Black-Owned Business Symposium on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. There will be a panel interview with business leaders and city officials to provide information to business owners on how to grow their business as well as presentations on programs about advertising and networking for business success.

[Learn more.](#)

## Governor Abbott, TDHCA announces COVID-19 Rental Relief Program

Governor Greg Abbott announced the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) has launched the Texas Rent Relief Program, the first statewide rent and utility assistance program for qualifying households throughout Texas. TDHCA will begin accepting applications for the program on Feb. 15,



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but Texans can visit [TexasRentRelief.com](https://www.texasrentrelief.com) to learn more about qualifications, required documents and the application process.



## Register for the COVID-19 vaccine at Mesquite libraries

The Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, are open and have computers available for residents who need to register for the COVID-19 vaccination. Library employees have been helping residents who need assistance registering online. Learn more about the vaccine at [www.cityofmesquite.com/vaccine](https://www.cityofmesquite.com/vaccine).



## How to pay your water bill

City utility customers have several options to pay their water utility bills, including online. Watch this video [in English](#) or [in Spanish](#) to learn more. The City of Mesquite has resumed water disconnections of delinquent accounts. Longer-term payment plans are available to help residents who are struggling to pay their City water bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Call the Utility Billing Office at 972- 216-6208 (press 0) to discuss your

options.

## DCHHS offers Emergency Housing Assistance Program and Texas Eviction Diversion Program

Dallas County Health & Human Services (DCHHS) is offering assistance to Dallas County residents through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) and Texas Eviction Diversion Program (TEDP). Mesquite residents affected by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic can now apply for these programs.



[Learn more.](#)



## Just for Kids: Saturday Morning Craft event

The Mesquite Arts Council is offering a free virtual event on their [Youtube page](#) on Feb. 20 at 8 a.m. Join the Just for Kids: Saturday Morning Fun called "The Other Side of the Dyer" a fun children's show feature Sammie the Sock Puppet. Kids will learn about recycling and how you can use a milk carton to create a bird feeder. [Learn more.](#)




## Job openings are available for Mesquite residents


Looking for a job? Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas has put together a list of job openings in the DFW area. The list is updated once a week. [View here](#).

## 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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