



## COUNCIL CONNECTION

### CITY OF MESQUITE

November 12, 2021



## City Council meets Nov. 15

Mesquite City Council will meet on Nov. 15 at City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The Pre-Meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. in Training Rooms A and B followed by 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. The public attending the meeting will have the option of wearing a face covering but the city will continue to implement social distancing measures with limited seating. 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 Nov. 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 Nov. 15 to the following email address: [sland@cityofmesquite.com](mailto:sland@cityofmesquite.com). [View meeting agendas online](#). The City broadcasts meetings via [Facebook Live](#) and at [www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings).



## Mesquite holds Recycles Day on Nov. 13

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. and the City of Mesquite will hold Mesquite Recycles Day on Nov. 13 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. Attendees must show proof of residency in Mesquite to participate. To

learn more about the event, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/RecyclesDay](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RecyclesDay).



## Mesquite honors military veterans at Veterans Day Celebration

The City of Mesquite in partnership with American Legion Post 504 and VFW Post 8785 hosted a Veterans Day Celebration recognizing all military veterans for their service to our country. On Sunday, Nov. 7, military veterans, city leaders and community members came together at the Mesquite Veterans Memorial. The celebration included remarks from military leaders, music and special activities. [Watch the presentation.](#)



## Properly dispose of fats, oils and grease during the holidays

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) is the residue left over from cooking meat, butter, sauces, oil and dairy products. FOG and debris poured down drains can cause expensive sewer backups to homeowners. The City's Utilities Division is providing free grease disposal bags during the month of November to Mesquite residents at the Water Billing Office, while supplies last. Also, used

holiday cooking oil may be recycled for free at the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center, 11234 Plano Road, or at a drop-off location listed on the Defend Your Drains website at [www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com](http://www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com). For more information about FOG and the free grease disposal bag visit, [www.cityofmesquite.com/FOG](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FOG).



## Downtown Mesquite earns state-wide honors

Downtown Mesquite earned the prominent Texas Downtown Association (TDA) Best Digital Promotion award for its Small Business Saturday digital marketing project. The award was presented at the President's Awards Gala on Thursday, Nov. 4 during the TDA's annual downtown revitalization conference in Denton. [Learn more.](#)



## Dog shows lead to successful fall for Mesquite Tourism

Three large convention groups held their national events at the Mesquite Convention Center leading to a successful fall for Mesquite tourism. The Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) welcomed the English Springer Spaniels Field Trial Association, Siberian Husky Club of America and the Rhodesian

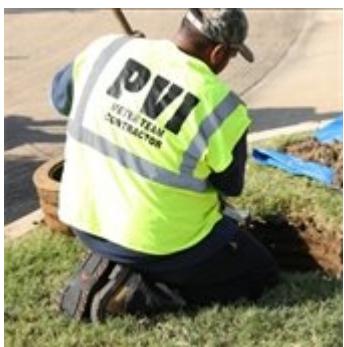
Ridgebacks National Specialty groups with nearly 1,000 dog owners bringing their pets to Mesquite to compete. [Learn more.](#)



per day for non-residents. Register online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/HolidayCamps).

## Parks and Recreation offers Turkey Camp

Over Thanksgiving break, kids ages 6 - 12 can spend a day or the whole week playing games, creating holiday crafts and experiencing other fun activities. Turkey Camp will be available at Dunford Recreation Center, 1015 Grand Canyon Drive from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 22 – 24 and Nov. 26. There will be no camp on Thursday, Nov. 25. The fee is \$20 per day, per resident and \$30



information about water consumption, enabling them to have better control over their water usage and monthly bills. [Watch a video explaining the project.](#) [Learn more.](#)

## Meter conversion project continues

The City of Mesquite has started a meter conversion project for all its residential and commercial water utility customers. The company Ameresco and their subcontractor Pedal Valve (PVI) were chosen to replace outdated manual meters with upgraded meters as part of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project which will upgrade and modernize the City's water billing infrastructure. With this AMI water meter project, customers will have access to more frequent detailed



more details, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SolidWaste](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SolidWaste).

## New solid waste ordinance

As a part of its new Clean City Initiative, the Mesquite City Council approved new requirements for its solid waste customers, which include trash being secured in trash bags within an approved trash container, specific times on when the trash can be set out for collection and limits on bulky items. The City of Mesquite held a Town Hall Tuesday meeting on Oct. 12 about the changes.

[Watch the meeting.](#) Click here to read answers to frequently asked questions in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). For



## Serve on a City of Mesquite Board or Commission

The City of Mesquite is looking for new partners to serve on its boards and commissions. By becoming a board or commission member you will have an active voice, be involved in your community and advise the City Council and staff on a wide range of opportunities. [Learn more.](#)



## 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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