



November 24, 2021



City holiday closure on Nov. 25 & 26

City offices and facilities will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26, except for the Mesquite Metro Airport. Mesquite Recreation centers will be open on Friday, Nov. 26. Trash and recycling will not be collected. Collection will resume on resident's next scheduled collection day. [View a complete list of closures.](#)



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. For more information about FOG and the free grease disposal bag [watch this video](#) or visit, www.cityofmesquite.com/FOG.



Shop Mesquite on Small Business Saturday

With the holiday shopping season approaching, the City of Mesquite is encouraging citizens to shop local and shop Mesquite. Kick off the holiday shopping season on Saturday, Nov. 27 with Small Business Saturday. Start your visit at the Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market at Front Street Station, 100 W. Front Street, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., which will feature gift ideas galore as well as free totes for the first 100 visitors. Plus enjoy special promotions all day at participating businesses in Downtown Mesquite. [Learn more.](#)



Holiday tree lighting at Christmas on the Square

Enjoy the sights, sounds and flavors of a Mesquite holiday tradition at Christmas on the Square on Tuesday, Nov. 30 in Downtown Mesquite, 223 W. Davis Street. Kick off the holiday festivities at this family-friendly event featuring a holiday gift market, Santa Claus and the community tree lighting, from 5 to 8 p.m. [Learn more.](#)
[Learn more about Downtown Mesquite's holiday events.](#)



MCPAAA hosts Santa Cop Toy Parade on Dec. 4

The Mesquite Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (MCPAAA) announces the 24th Annual Santa Cop Toy Parade on Dec. 4, benefitting the Mesquite Santa Cop Program. Hundreds of motorcyclists from across the Metroplex are expected to attend. Early registration lasts until Dec. 3 and the fee is a \$10 donation. [Learn more about the Mesquite Santa Copy](#)

[Toy parade.](#)



Christmas in the Park is Dec. 4 and 5

Join us at Christmas in the Park at Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road on Saturday, Dec. 4 and Sunday, Dec. 5 from 2 to 7 p.m. This family friendly event features carnival rides, arts and crafts, photos with Santa and much more! For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasinthePark. [Learn more about City of Mesquite holiday events.](#)



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

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.](#)

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

more details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SolidWaste.

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.](#)

City announces sales tax activity for September 2021



The City of Mesquite's November sales tax receipts, which represent sales activity for the month of September, is 12.1% above the amount reported for the same period last year when the pandemic restrictions were in place. The increase in sales tax activity this period is driven by utilities, manufacturing, wholesale trade along with general retail sales. 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](#) about the City's commitment to transparent government operations.




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. It also features the latest Road Warrior video. [Watch here](#).


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