



December 10, 2021



## Funeral held for Police Officer Richard Houston

On Dec. 9, Officer Richard Houston was laid to rest. His family, the Mesquite Police Department and community members came together to remember Officer Houston, who was killed in the line of duty on Dec. 3. A special donation webpage has been established to assist the Houston family at <https://charities.thempa.org/donate/>.



## Mesquite announces 2021 Runoff Election results

The City of Mesquite announced the results of the runoff election for Council Place 1 and Council Place 3. Jeff Casper won Council Place 1 with 309 votes. Jennifer Vidler won Council Place 3 with 293 votes. [View the results](#). The canvassing of the results will be placed on the Dec. 20 City Council agenda.



## Holiday season safety tips

The holidays are a time of joy but it is also a time to remember not to become a victim to a crime of opportunity. The Mesquite Police Department is reminding citizens how they can be safe this holiday season. Watch the [Mesquite Minute](#) to learn more.



## Florence Ranch Homestead celebrates 150 years

Celebrate 150 years of the Florence Ranch Homestead on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1424 Barnes Bridge Road. The day's festivities will include photo opportunities with a traditional Father Christmas, family story times, carolers, a holiday craft, gingerbread, warm apple cider, plus tours of the historical home. For more information, visit [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org).



## Christmas on the Corridor on Dec. 11

Enjoy free holiday fun on the new Gus Thomasson Corridor on Saturday, Dec. 11. There will be food trucks, vendors, inflatables, yard games and kids crafts at Vanston Park, 2913 Oates Drive, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit [mesquitecodev.com/locate/gus-thomasson-corridor](http://mesquitecodev.com/locate/gus-thomasson-corridor) for more information.



## Carols and Cocoa

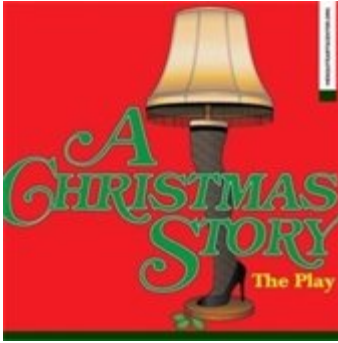
On Dec. 18, join family and friends in singing traditional Christmas carols plus our very own "12 Days of Downtown Mesquite" carol at the new Front Street Station event area. Enjoy complimentary cocoa, cookies and a family friendly holiday movie starting at 4 p.m. Visit [www.downtownmesquitetx.com/events](http://www.downtownmesquitetx.com/events) for more information.



## Mesquite Symphony Orchestra presents Home for the Holidays

Ring in the holiday season with your family and the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra (MSO) on Saturday, Dec. 18. The MSO, led by Felix Torres, will showcase their Home for the Holidays Christmas program at the Mesquite Arts Center, 1527 N. Galloway Avenue. There will be two shows at 5 and 7:30 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit

[mesquitesymphony.org](http://mesquitesymphony.org).



## Enjoy A Christmas Story by the Mesquite Arts Theatre

This December, you and your family can enjoy the holiday classic, A Christmas Story by the Mesquite Arts Theatre. Follow 9-year-old Ralphie Parker in his quest to get a genuine Red Ryder BB gun under the tree for Christmas. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students, and \$10 for kids. Visit [mesquiteartstheatre.org/tickets](http://mesquiteartstheatre.org/tickets) to purchase your ticket.



## Shop Mesquite this holiday season

With the holiday shopping season upon us, the City of Mesquite has launched its annual #ShopMesquite campaign to ask its residents to shop and dine in the community to help support the local economy and businesses. The efforts include promoting the [Shop Local webpage](#) that features an electronic rolodex of businesses located in Mesquite with featured stories, videos and more on places to shop, eat and experience in Mesquite.



## 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 [watch this video](#) or visit, [www.cityofmesquite.com/FOG](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FOG).


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