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More than 240 kids participate in Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr. Summer Reading Challenge

Mesquite kids read hundreds of thousands of pages this summer thanks to a reading contest started by Mayor Daniel Alemán, Jr. In June, Mayor Alemán launched the inaugural Mesquite Mayor 1,000-Page Reading Challenge program for readers ages 5-12. The contest, which ran through July 31, was accessible to even Mesquite's youngest readers as participants could read independently or have pages read to them. Attendance at the Mesquite Public Library System's weekly Story Time also counted toward pages read. More than 240 participants qualified to attend a celebratory pizza party on Aug. 5 at Mesquite's Main Library by reading at least 1,000 pages. Visit [Reading Challenge](#) for more details.



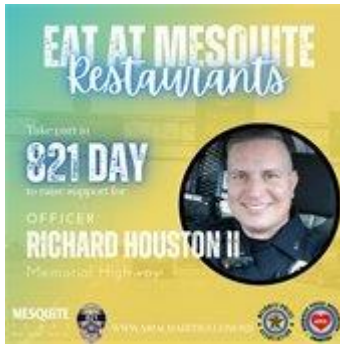
August Word on the Street

Find out about current and future road work in Mesquite with Word on the Street, the monthly road report. The August edition includes information about construction on Skyline Drive and more. visit [August Word on the Street](#) for more information.



Safety improvements complete on Lawson Road

Construction is complete on safety improvements to Lawson Road. These improvements are part of a larger plan to increase the safety of this roadway in Mesquite's southern sector. The City was awarded a Highway Safety Improvement Program grant of \$400,000 for improvements, adding three feet of shoulder and a safety guardrail on both sides of Lawson Road between East Cartwright Road and Milam Road. The City performed a preliminary study to determine options to widen Lawson Road from two to four lanes from Interstate 20 to U.S. Highway 80. This study will guide selection and prioritization of future construction projects to improve safety.



Funds sought for Officer Houston II Highway

To honor the memory of fallen Mesquite Police Officer Richard Houston II, the Mesquite Police Association (MPA) Charities has created 821 Day, a campaign that will take place on Aug. 21. Named after Officer Houston's badge number, on 821 Day participating area restaurants will donate a portion of their proceeds to help pay for signage on a designated section of Interstate 635 as the Officer Richard Houston II Memorial Highway. To see a list of participating restaurants and to make donations, visit www.mpacharities.com/821Day.



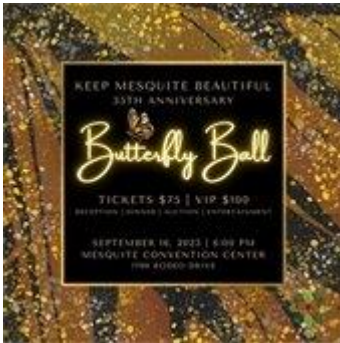
Guts & Gory Zombie Fun

Zombies have been reported to be taking over the park at Camp Rorie Galloway. Do you have what it takes to survive and escape? Experience a zombie apocalypse at the "Guts and Gory" Zombie Run and challenge on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to noon at Camp Rorie Galloway, 3100 Lawson Road. The fee to participate is \$25 per person and space is limited. For more information and registration, visit Guts and Gory Run.



Mesquite Animal Shelter to offer free pet adoptions on Aug. 26

The Mesquite Animal Shelter, 1650 Gross Road, is once again participating in the national Clear the Shelters initiative that promotes pet adoption and donations in August. On Saturday, Aug. 26, the Animal Shelter will host a special one-day adoption event, waiving all fees. Shelter pets available for adoption are sterilized, vaccinated and microchipped. To see the pets currently in the shelter, [visit animals in the shelter](#). Regular operating hours for the shelter are 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The shelter is also open 1-5:30 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.



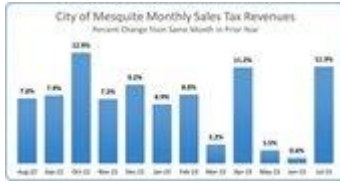
KMB to host 35th Anniversary Butterfly Ball

Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. (KMB) will celebrate its 35th anniversary from 6 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive, with dinner, drinks, live music, dancing, an auction, and much more. VIP reception starts at 6 p.m. general admission begins at 7 p.m. VIP tickets cost \$100 each, while general admission tickets cost \$75 each. Tickets may be purchased online at [Butterfly Ball](#).



Online survey available for Mesquite's first skate park

The City of Mesquite will soon begin construction of our first skate park at the Westlake Sports Center, located at 601 Gross Road. To make this skate park the best it can be, we are asking for your input through an online survey. Your feedback will help us create a skate park that everyone can enjoy. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SkatePark to participate in the survey. Construction is scheduled to begin fall 2023. For any additional questions or comments, you can also email us at funmakers@cityofmesquite.com.



July sales tax receipts


The City of Mesquite July sales tax receipts, which represent sales activity for the month of May, was 11.31% above the amount reported for the same period last year. The current increase in sales activity is driven primarily by building and home furnishings, construction, and manufacturing with a moderate uptick in retail. Sales tax contributes 27% of the total revenue used to support the General Fund. The City uses the General Fund for services including police, fire, parks and recreation, libraries, neighborhood services and public works.

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