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### ***Tornado Recovery Efforts***

The cities of Garland and Rowlett continue their recovery efforts. While some nonprofit organizations are accepting a variety of goods, Garland and Rowlett do not have the capacity to store or manage a large amount of donations. Both communities have set up websites to connect those in need with those wanting to donate goods or services. For those able to help, please register now at

[www.garlandtx.recovers.org](http://www.garlandtx.recovers.org)

[www.rowlettrecovers.org](http://www.rowlettrecovers.org)

For those wishing to donate, the best and most effective way to help is through a financial donation. To donate \$10 to the Red Cross, text REDCROSS to 90999.

## ***Mesquite Public Works Emergency Response Team***

City of Mesquite crews have been hard at work providing neighboring cities with cleanup and tornado recovery assistance as part of the North Central Texas Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT).

PWERT was created by and for local governments to assist one another when an emergency or disaster overwhelms local resources. The response teams operate on a voluntary quid pro quo basis. There are currently 38 agencies participating in this regional mutual aid agreement. For more information, visit [www.nctcog.org/ep/Special\\_Projects/PWERT](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special_Projects/PWERT).



## ***Sunnyvale Thanks Mesquite for Assistance***

The City of Mesquite Streets Division sent its street sweeper and a crew out to the Town of Sunnyvale to help clean areas impacted by the recent storms. The Town of Sunnyvale indicated its gratitude to the City of Mesquite through a Facebook post.



**Town of Sunnyvale - Government**

Yesterday at 2:11pm · 🌐

The Town of Sunnyvale is appreciative of the generosity of Mesquite Texas City Hall as they provided their street sweeper and crew to help remove debris from streets in the damaged areas.



## ***Mesquite Payday Lending Ordinance Information***

At the December 21 meeting, the City Council passed and approved an ordinance regulating the payday lending industry in Mesquite. Staff created a website with more information about the ordinance and its impacts. The new requirements begin April 18, 2016. There is also information on emergency short-term financial assistance programs on the webpage. For more information, visit:

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

## ***Parks and Recreation 2016 Events Calendar***

The Parks and Recreation 2016 Events Calendar is now available. Check out the calendar to see the dates of your favorite City of Mesquite events.

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

## ***Real. Texas. Service.***

The City is always eager to share the good news about its employees and the public service they provide every day in the community. Recently, the City was notified by a resident on Craig Drive about the efforts of the City's Utilities crew. Impressed by the timeliness of their response to his home, the resident informed the City about the crew's professionalism and diligent efforts to make the repairs. The crew provided Real. Texas. Service. The City thanks Sergey Spiridonov and Robert Creeks for their dedication to the Mesquite community.

## ***New Year's Eve Reminders***

Residents are reminded not to use fireworks or discharge any firearms while celebrating this New Year's Eve. Additional patrol officers have been assigned to duty tonight to ensure that all residents have a safe and happy new year.

## ***Contact Your City***

Let us hear from you. If you have a concern or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City at (972) 288-7711 or visit the City's website at [www.cityofmesquite.com/questions](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/questions).

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