



February 5, 2016

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### ***City Council moves forward with Thomasson Square Project***

The Mesquite City Council reached a consensus during the February 1 Pre-Meeting to move forward with current plans for the Thomasson Square Project. The webpage [www.cityofmesquite.com/ThomassonSquare](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ThomassonSquare) features project details, presentations, the results of a community survey and a video of the January 28 Thomasson Square Public Meeting.



## ***City Council briefed on new Animal Services Strategic Plan***

The Mesquite City Council was briefed on a new Animal Services Strategic Plan at the February 1 Pre-Meeting. The strategic plan was developed to guide operations during the next five years and define necessary steps to address long-range needs. The complete plan can be viewed at [www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices).



### ***Keep Mesquite Beautiful Receives Grant***

The City of Mesquite and Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. will receive a \$39,489 grant for a community clean-up trailer with chainsaws, safety vests and other equipment to assist in cleanup events such as Trash Bash, Addressing Mesquite Day and the new HOME project. The equipment should be ready to use by the beginning of September clean-up events.

## ***New Neighborhood Services Department Director Announced***

On February 1, the City of Mesquite announced former Emergency Management Coordinator Raymond Rivas has been selected to serve as Neighborhood Services Director. The new Neighborhood Services Department was launched in November 2015. It oversees environmental code enforcement, the program called H.O.M.E. (Helping Others in Mesquite Everyday) and other future neighborhood integrity plans. For details on the department call 972-329-8704 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/NeighborhoodServices](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/NeighborhoodServices).



## ***New Assistant Manager of Economic Development Hired***

Kim Buttram has been hired as the new Assistant Manager of Economic Development beginning February 22. Buttram will assist the city in the areas of business retention, downtown redevelopment and other economic development initiatives. Buttram has served as Greenville Economic Development Business Development and Retention Director, City of Forney Economic Development Director and Forney Economic Development Corporation Coordinator. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Texas A&M University and is a Certified Economic Developer.



### ***dd's Discounts to Open New Store in Mesquite***

dd's DISCOUNTS®, a division of Ross Stores, Inc. will open a new 22,000 square foot store in Mesquite on February 6. The store will be located in the Galloway Crossing Shopping Center at the NE corner of U.S. Highway 80 and Galloway Avenue. dd's Discounts offers a moderately-priced assortment of first-quality, in-season, name brand apparel, accessories, footwear and home fashions for the entire family.

### ***Changes to Payment Fees***

The City will no longer pass on fees related to electronic payments made by check (E-check.) Payments made by credit card are still subject to a processing fee although the minimum fee for credit card payments has been reduced to \$1.00. Refunds are being processed for all E-check fees paid since inception.

### ***Texas Cornhole League Ryder Cup***

The Mesquite Convention Center and Exhibit Hall was the site of the 5th Annual Ryder Cup Tournament for the Texas Cornhole League on January 22 - 23. The bean bag game attracted more than 200 players who represented 19 teams from Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio and North Carolina. The tournament generated 108 hotel room nights and an estimated economic impact of \$39,900. Although this was the first time the Ryder Cup Tournament was held in Mesquite, the Expo Center hosted a state tournament last year and will be the site of another state tournament in June. Organizers plan to grow the Ryder Cup tournament into more of a national event and already have interest from teams in Colorado, Arizona, Florida and Georgia.

## ***Red Light Camera Violations***

Beginning in mid-February, registration holds will be placed on vehicles with outstanding red light camera violations. There are approximately 23,000 outstanding violations owing a total of nearly \$2.2 million. Those seeking to pay their outstanding violations prior to a hold being placed on their vehicle registration should follow the instructions below.

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**How to Remove a Vehicle Registration Hold for Mesquite Past Due Red Light Camera Violations**

Registered motor vehicle owners with outstanding red light camera violations from Mesquite, Texas that are over 90 days past due will not be able to renew their motor vehicle registration until the outstanding violations and related fees are paid in full.  
*(Texas Transportation Code, Section 707.017)*

**OBTAIN A PROOF OF PAYMENT DOCUMENT AS FOLLOWS:**

**Present your notice of violation, violation number, or license plate number along with full payment...**

**ONLINE at [www.photonotice.com](http://www.photonotice.com)**

- Enter city code: MSQTTX
- Credit card payments only (Visa or MasterCard)

**IN PERSON at**  
Redflex Traffic Systems (Plano Office)  
1200 Commerce St, Suite 117  
Plano TX 75093  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

- Personal check, money order or Visa/MasterCard
- Make check payable to "Mesquite Photo Enforcement Program"



**BY MAIL at**  
Mesquite Photo Enforcement Customer Service Center  
PO Box 76940  
Cleveland OH 44101

- Personal check or money order
- Make check/money order payable to "Mesquite Photo Enforcement Program"

For additional questions contact Customer Service at 972-422-7900 or toll free 1-877-245-2422

## ***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).