



February 26, 2016

New Police Chief to take oath of office

Charles Cato will take his oath of office as the new Police Chief on Monday, March 7, at 4 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The public is invited to attend and a reception will follow. For more information, call 972-216-6228.



Police Department makes arrests in truck tailgate thefts

The Police Department has announced the arrest of several suspects in connection with the theft of 20 truck tailgates with an average retail value of \$1,000 each. The department's Patrol Division and Property Crime Section collaborated to apprehend the individuals in possession of the stolen tailgates. The suspects are from Dallas and other area suburbs, not Mesquite. The department is attempting to return the stolen tailgates to the truck owners.

The Property Crimes Section will be available on Thursday, March 3 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Mesquite Police Station, 777 N. Galloway Avenue, for victims to determine if their tailgate was recovered. Victims are asked to bring the police report associated with their case and the keys to the tailgate for identification purposes.



Police Officers get body-worn cameras

Beginning September 1, 2016, the State of Texas requires all peace officers in enforcement assignments to wear body-worn cameras. The Mesquite Police Department, however, began investigating the use of body-worn cameras long before this law was passed. Body-worn cameras provide better evidence documentation and increase transparency. The City used seized drug money to fund the entire program at a cost of approximately \$500,000. No taxpayer dollars were used.



Public safety employees receive awards

The Mesquite Elks Lodge #2404 held its annual Awards Ceremony on February 22. The 2015 - 2016 Police Officer of the Year Award was presented to Mesquite Police Officer Paul Wathen, and the 2015 - 2016 Firefighter of the Year Award to Mesquite Firefighter David David. Also recognized at the ceremony was Pastor Charlie Brown of The Crossing Baptist Church who was presented the 2015 - 2016 Citizen of the Year Award. For more information, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/2016ElksAwards.



Mesquite Marshals play inaugural game

The Mesquite Marshals arena football team played its inaugural game on February 27 at the Mesquite Arena against the DFW Hawks. More than 4,000 spectators were in attendance. The Marshals lost by just one point in a down-to-the-wire finish. Half-time activities included contests, entertainment by the Darling Deputies dance team and Wyatt, the Mesquite Marshals' mascot. All home games are broadcast live on CW33, making it the first Champions Indoor Football League team to be broadcast on network television. The team plays six more home games, with the next home game on March 12. For tickets and more information, visit www.mesquitemarshals.com.



Municipal Court receives 2016 municipal traffic safety initiatives award

The City's Municipal Court has been honored with a 2016 Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives Award. The Texas Municipal Courts Education Center awards program recognizes municipalities that have made outstanding contributions to increase traffic safety by preventing impaired driving in their communities. Mesquite was recognized for the following programs: Student Government Day, which educates high school seniors on municipal court operations; traffic safety information given to court defendants; educating high school students on the effects of driving while intoxicated; and the use of technology to issue blood warrants related to the arrest of intoxicated drivers.



Park reconstructions

The Parks and Recreation Department will work with MISD to reconstruct the school parks at Range, Florence and Seabourn elementary schools. New elementary schools are being built on current park properties. Once school is released for the summer, demolition of the old school buildings will be followed by the construction on the new park sites.

Warrant round-up

The City will participate with more than 300 law enforcement agencies across Texas in the 2016 Great Texas Warrant Round-up. The purpose of the round-up is to locate individuals with outstanding arrest warrants. Individuals with outstanding arrest warrants in Mesquite have been notified and will have two weeks to settle their warrants before the round-up begins on March 5. Individuals with outstanding warrants should contact the Court as follows:

Appear in person: 211 Municipal Way, Mesquite, Texas 75149
Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Questions: Municipal Court Warrant Department
972-216-6606 or 972-216-6607

Methods of Payment: Cash, personal check, money order or
cashier's check

Mail Full Payment to: Mesquite Municipal Court
P.O. Box 850137
Mesquite, Texas 75185-0137

Phone Payments: Automatic System
972-216-6206—24 HOURS

Online Payments: www.municipalonlinepayments.com/mesquitetx

If payment is made by mail, online or by phone, the warrant remains active and the defendant remains subject to arrest until payment is received and posted by the court.

Fuzzy's Tacos coming to Mesquite

Fuzzy's Taco Shop has submitted plans for the construction of a new store at 3501 Towne Crossing Blvd, Suite 200. Fuzzy's will take the place of the current tenant, Suit Warehouse. Construction will start as soon as plans are approved, and will take approximately ten weeks. Fuzzy's architect reports that this Fuzzy's is owned by an experienced franchisee, and that the location was preferred due to the visibility from the freeway and the density of the Mesquite population. Fuzzy's is known for their on-site, freshly prepared food and energetic atmosphere.



City Secretary staff recognized

The City received a letter thanking Public Information Officer Keely Wells for her assistance in fulfilling the open records request. The letter indicated that Keely was both pleasant and courteous in her correspondence and that she went out of her way to assist with the request. The City is proud to have employees like Keely who are committed to excellent customer service.

Contact your City

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