



April 8, 2016

Mesquite adopts policy issue priorities and goals

On April 4, the Mesquite City Council passed a resolution adopting policy issue priorities for 2016 and strategic goals for the future of Mesquite. These priorities include Public Safety, Neighborhood Appearance and Condition, Job Creation, Downtown Redevelopment, Shopping Center Revitalization, IH-20 Corridor Development, Small Business Retention, Sharing Our Story, Minority Citizen Involvement and Infrastructure Maintenance. For more information on each of these issues and strategic goals, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilGoals.



Mesquite announces "Spread the Love" peanut butter and jelly drive

The Mesquite City Council announced the new "Spread the Love" campaign at the April 4 City Council meeting to support the two food pantries in Mesquite: Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services. The campaign encourages the donation of peanut butter and jelly to help feed children during the summer who typically rely on free or reduced lunch during the school year. Both food items are in high demand during the summer months. Donations will be accepted at "Spread the Love" receptacles located throughout the spring and summer months at city special events and several city facilities. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove for more information.



Community video partnership

The Mesquite Police Department (MPD) works in partnership with citizens and businesses in our community to prevent and address criminal activity. Many properties in the city operate private surveillance systems. The MPD is asking these residents and businesses to register their surveillance systems to assist the department with investigations through the use of video footage in the event a crime occurs near their property. Citizens who register their surveillance systems would receive an email requesting access to their video footage should a crime occur nearby. The Mesquite Police Department will not have direct access to the surveillance systems. The registration site is http://apps.cityofmesquite.com/police_web/vsr.php. For more information, please contact Officer Don Williams at dwilliam@mesquitepolice.org or Officer Steven Contreras at scontrer@mesquitepolice.org.



City employees featured on KEOM "On the Job" radio program

"On the Job" is a KEOM, 88.5 FM, radio program hosted by KEOM staff members. The question and answer broadcast features occupations by interviewing people from various career fields. The program airs every Wednesday and Sunday. To date, the program has featured four City of Mesquite employees discussing their chosen professions. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/OnTheJob to hear these previously-recorded interviews.



Mesquite Employee Service Champions honored

Congratulations to the following City employees recently recognized as Employee Service Champions for demonstrating exceptional public service: Susan Nix, Parks and Recreation Administrative Secretary; Lidia Barraza, Municipal Court Administrator; Officer Johnny Nance, Police Department; Rachel Baisden, Planning and Zoning Sr. Administrative Secretary; Leslie Davis, Building Inspection Administrative Secretary; Jenny Sue Gleaves, Building Inspection Sr. Permit Technician; Natalie King, Building Inspection Permit Technician; Brenda Reames, Planning and Development Services Sr. Administrative Supervisor; Elsa Rodriguez, Neighborhood Services Environmental Code Inspector; Lisa Tomaszewski, Health Services Administrative Secretary; and Erin Wade, Building Inspection Sr. Permit Technician.



Planning and Development Services employee achieves ICC certification

Electrical/Energy Inspector Travis Campbell recently attained his International Code Council (ICC) certification. He joins Sr. Permit Technicians Jenny Sue Gleaves and Erin Wade, along with Administrative Secretary Leslie Davis in this achievement. This certification is held by only 182 permit technicians in the state of Texas, and less than 2,000 nationally.



Registration for Hero Run is open

Registration for the Hero Run, to be held April 23 at Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road, is now open. Two distances are offered: a 1-mile Kid Dash and 3-mile Hero Run. Registration is available online, by mail, in person at the Parks and Recreation Administration office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave., or at Dunford, Evans, Florence and Rutherford Recreation Centers. The event supports Therapeutic and Adaptive Recreation programs in Mesquite.

Participants are asked to dress as their favorite superhero to help save the day for our special needs community. All runners will receive a participation medal. Other awards will include: Best Super Hero Costume, Best Super Hero Group, and Most Spirited Super Hero. For more information or to register, call 972-216-6260 or visit www.CityofMesquite.com/HeroRun.



HERO RUN
Mesquite Parks & Recreation
Therapeutic Recreation

April 23 • 8 a.m.
Check-in and Registration • 7 a.m.

PASCHALL PARK
1001 NEW MARKET RD

Come dressed as your favorite Superhero and help save the day. Hero Run benefits the Mesquite Therapeutic and Adaptive Recreation program which provides recreation and leisure opportunities for people with special needs.

To benefit Sharing Life and Mesquite Social Services, donate a jar of peanut butter or jelly and receive \$2 off day of registration.

Matthew Hernandez
2015 Special Olympics
World Games Silver Medalist
500 Meter Kayak Race

Lindsay Dzitek
Special Olympian

KidDash \$15
1 Mile

HeroRun \$25
3 Mile
Pre-Registration
\$10 Day of Registration

www.CityofMesquite.com/HeroRun
972-216-6260

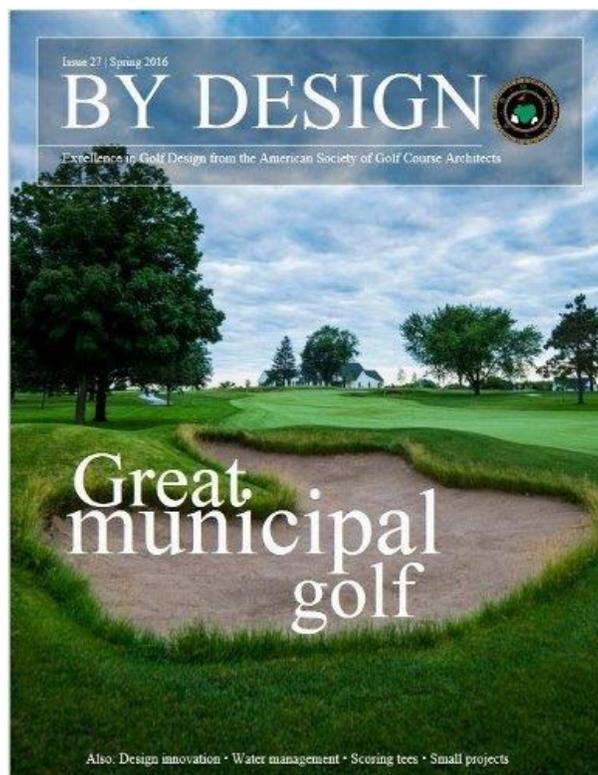
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TxDOT to hold public meeting on proposed IH 635 LBJ East Ultimate Project

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed IH 635 LBJ East Ultimate Project on Tuesday, April 19, at the Highland Oaks Church of Christ, 10805 Walnut Hill Lane, in Dallas. The meeting will be held in an open house format from 5 - 7 p.m. Written comments from the public regarding this project are requested and will be accepted for a period of 10 calendar days following the meeting. For more information on the public meeting, visit www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/dallas/041916.html.

Mesquite Golf Club featured in international golf magazine

The Mesquite Golf Club is featured in the Spring 2016 issue of BY DESIGN, an international golf magazine. The cover story discusses the successful 2015 golf club renovations. The story can be viewed at <http://digital.tudor-rose.co.uk/asgca/bydesign/2016/spring/files/assets/basic-html/page-1.html>.



Debusk Park Improvements

The new trail installation at Debusk Park along South Parkway is near completion and the second phase of the project, removal of the wooden walkways, will occur on April 23. The Order of the Arrows, the honor society of the Boy Scouts of America, will remove the wooden walkways. The one-day project will be completed by 25 - 50 volunteers.

Tree removal at Heritage Square

The large red oak tree near the gazebo in Heritage Square has died and is being removed. This tree has been declining for the last few years.

Seabourn Elementary School

The Mesquite Independent School District and Pogue Construction have placed a work trailer on site and will begin fencing the construction area on Monday, April 11, for the new school to be built on the current park site. The tennis court and playground will be the only areas of the current park that will remain open to the public during construction. The remaining areas will be closed until the fall of 2017 when the new park is completed.

Shoe Carnival

Shoe Carnival will be opening in Market East Shopping Center, 1515 N. Town East Blvd., next to Burkes Outlet store. Shoe Carnival is a retailer of family footwear in the United States. The company operates over 370 stores throughout the Midwest, south, and southeast regions. It was founded by David Russell in 1978 and is headquartered in Evansville, IN.

Skechers

Skechers will be opening in the Market East Shopping Center, 1515 N. Town East Blvd., next to the new R Taco. Skechers is an American footwear company headquartered in Manhattan Beach, California. The company was founded by CEO Robert Greenberg and his son Michael in 1992.

Mother Son Dance sold out

The City's Starry Night, Mother Son Dance, sponsored by the Hampton Inn and Suites on Friday, April 8, is sold out. Tickets will not be available at the door as in past years. This is the first time the event has sold out. Organizers plan to expand the dance next year due to the overwhelming response. Call 972-216-6260 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MotherSon for more information.



City receives Certificate of Distinction for investment policy

The Government Treasurers' Organization of Texas (GTOT) awarded the City of Mesquite the Certificate of Distinction for maintaining a comprehensive written investment policy that fully complies with the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. The certification is good for a two-year period ending March 31, 2018. The City's investment policy governs the investment of all financial assets of the City with the primary objectives of safety, liquidity, yield and public trust.

GTOT is a state association that promotes the educational and professional development of individuals who perform the treasury function in governmental organizations and plays a key role in the enactment of legislation in the area of cash and debt management. As a result, GTOT has an Investment Policy Certification Program that assists cities in developing investment policies suitable for public funds that fully comply with the PFIA.



Mesquite Fire Lieutenant's sons achieve and reach for the rank of Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Zachary Evans for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, and Matthew Evans for recently completing his Eagle Scout service project! Mesquite Fire Lieutenant Darrel Evans is the proud father of both young men. Zachary is 17 years old and will be graduating from the Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) in May. His Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Court of Honor Ceremony was held on Saturday, April 2.

Matthew is 15 years old and also a MISD student. He recently helped install 911 location signs along seven park trails in Mesquite as part of his Eagle Scout service project. The 911 location signs are used by operators to help identify the exact location of trail patrons for medical and environmental emergencies. Matthew lacks just one more merit badge before submitting his application for Eagle Scout consideration. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program.



Matthew and Zachary Evans

New cat condos arrive at Mesquite Animal Shelter

Mesquite Animal Services' new cat condos arrived earlier this week, and are already being enjoyed by the shelter's current residents. The 30 new laminate kennels enhance visibility, increase living space and better prevent the spread of disease.



April sales tax revenue

The State Comptroller's Office reported a 5.9 percent increase in the City's sales tax collections for the month of April, which is \$129,000 more revenue collected for the same period last year and the fourth consecutive month of sales tax increases this year. Overall, monthly sales tax collections were up for many area cities indicating very strong sales activity for the month and a healthy local economy. More information on how the City uses sales tax revenue is available at www.cityofmesquite.com/transparency.



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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.

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