



May 6, 2016

Freedom Park receives donation from Agape Home Health and Hospice

On May 2, Shaji Daniel of Agape Home Health and Hospice presented Fire Chief Mark Kerby with a donation of \$10,000 for Freedom Park. Freedom Park will be built to memorialize the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001. The park will be located on the north lawn of the Mesquite Arts Center and will feature a 15-foot, 575-pound beam recovered from the World Trade Center site. For more details, visit www.mesquitefreedompark.com.

Captain David Baker retires from the Fire Department

The City recently recognized and honored the service of Captain David Baker at a retirement celebration held on April 27. Captain Baker retired from the Fire Department after giving 37 years of service to the citizens of Mesquite. The City thanks Captain Baker for his dedication to the community.



Mayor Stan Pickett supports local businesses during National Small Business Week

Mayor Stan Pickett rolled up his sleeves this week to assist local businesses in honor of National Small Business Week. His hands-on schedule included making cookies at Kookie Haven on Monday, making a gyro at Atheneos Greek Cuisine on Tuesday, welding a grill at Magee Machine and Manufacturing on Wednesday and assembling a flower arrangement for Mother's Day at Windsor Florist on Friday.



Addressing Mesquite Day announced

This year's Addressing Mesquite Day will be held on October 8. A video has been created to share the success of past projects and the difference the annual event makes in the community. Go to <https://youtu.be/h-JeXf2cVfQ> to watch the video, and visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD for details on how to get involved.



City Marshal program celebrates first year of operations

It has been one year since the City's Marshal program became fully operational in the Municipal Court. During this time, the program has saved the Police Department approximately 2,180 hours of officer time in bailiff and general coverage provided by the marshals.

To date, the program has handled several disturbances inside and outside the court building; completed 159 prisoner transfers; completed 151 Time Served Plea forms; has cleared 51,601 persons to enter the court building and has stopped the following from entering the court building:

- 6 handguns
- 759 different style edged weapons
- 151 canisters of pepper spray
- 19 tasers/stun guns
- A variety of other martial arts weapons
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Rorie Galloway Day Camp pavilion demolition

The Parks and Recreation Department is demolishing the pavilion at the Rorie Galloway Day Camp. The pavilion, originally constructed in the 1970s, was damaged by severe storms with excessive winds this spring. Repairs could not be made due to the age of the infrastructure. A new pavilion will be designed and constructed in the late fall of 2016.



City featured in Texas Town and City

The City's Municipal Court staff are featured in the May edition of Texas Town and City. The article, entitled "Mesquite Courts Traffic Safety with Innovative Initiatives" details the traffic safety program that was presented to all five high schools in Mesquite during Municipal Courts Week. Congratulations to the Municipal Court staff for this recognition. To view the article, visit: www.cityofmesquite.com/TTC.



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