



June 17, 2016

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### ***Summer Sizzle a success***

The City's inaugural Summer Sizzle festival was held at Paschall Park on Saturday, June 11. Approximately, 2,500 guests enjoyed live music, food trucks, vendors, Texas-sized yard games and a fireworks show. The Grand Champion of the BBQ Cook-Off was "We Dem Boyz BBQ" from Forney, TX. Team "6-pack" won the mud volleyball tournament.



## ***World record for Whip/Nae Nae dance set at Summer Sizzle***

On June 11, 403 festival-goers at the Summer Sizzle set the world record for the most people to dance the “Watch Me” (Whip/Nae Nae) song at once. The previous record was 150 dancers set in England in September 2015. The new record was certified by RecordSetter.com. To view a video of the world record-breaking dance, go to [recordsetter.com/world-record/people-dancing-the-watch-me-whip-nae-nae-song/47698](https://www.recordsetter.com/world-record/people-dancing-the-watch-me-whip-nae-nae-song/47698).



## ***Freedom Park construction begins***

City crews prepared the Freedom Park site this week for the City's contractor to begin construction on Monday, June 20. Construction is slated to be completed late summer in time for the park to open on the 15th anniversary of September 11, 2001. The construction of Freedom Park will not impact any Mesquite Arts Center activities.

For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/freedompark](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/freedompark).



## ***City-owned properties for sale***

The City has properties for sale. Separate sealed proposals for each of the properties must be submitted on or before 8:30 a.m. on June 23, 2016 to Le Sealey, Manager of Purchasing, or her designee, at 1515 North Galloway Avenue, Attention: Purchasing Department, Mesquite, Texas, 75149. All proposals will remain in effect for 90 days after the due date of submission. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SaleProperties](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SaleProperties) for more information and a complete list of the properties available.

## ***Public Safety dispatcher helps 14-year old heat stroke victim***

On June 15, Public Safety Dispatcher Christy Russell assisted a 14-year-old boy who called for help while having a heat stroke. Russell used new 9-1-1 center technology which aids public safety dispatchers in locating a caller who has difficulty communicating their address. Russell took a 9-1-1 call at 11:21 a.m. from a cell phone and the caller could not be heard or understood. Russell used the latitude/longitude tools within the 9-1-1 system to pinpoint the location. The victim was transported to a local hospital, treated and released. The City is proud of Christy and the excellent public service she provided.



## ***Police Department launches new online crime mapping platform***

On June 13, the Police Department announced the launch of its new online crime mapping website. The website allows the public to explore various crimes reported within the city including arson, assault, burglary, drugs/alcohol abuse, fraud, homicide, motor vehicle theft, robbery, theft/larceny, vandalism, vehicle break-in and weapons. The public can register for email alerts and be notified when a crime is reported near an address they have selected. Offenses are reported to the general area (street and block number) rather than to the exact address of the offense report. Crime data will be updated daily. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/CrimeMap](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CrimeMap).



## ***Pavement Preservation Program***

The City's Pavement Preservation Program is an ongoing street maintenance project that helps preserve the conditions of roads. The program uses comprehensive work zones on major thoroughfares to replace isolated sections of pavement. This allows the City to improve the condition of the road and keep maintenance costs down. Crews are currently working on sections of Beltline Road, N. Galloway Avenue, Gross Road, and Cartwright Road.

## ***Public meeting on Gus Thomasson Road project set for June 30***

The City will host a public meeting regarding Gus Thomasson Road project on Thursday, June 30. The project includes the reconstruction of the roadway, water, sanitary sewer and drainage between US-80 and Town East Blvd. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the McDonald Middle School Cafeteria, 2930 N. Town East Blvd. Meeting attendees will hear a presentation by City staff about the preliminary plans for the reconstruction of Gus Thomasson. Residents are encouraged to listen to the presentation, ask questions and fill out a short survey at the meeting.

## ***Real.Texas.Roads update***

This week, the contractor started pouring new pavement on Barbara Street. Next week, the contractor will continue setting forms and will pour concrete on sections of Andrew, Barbara, Midway and Northridge streets. For additional information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/realtexasroads).



## Monthly sales tax report

The State Comptroller's Office reported a 4.6 percent increase in the City's sales tax collections for the month of June, which marks the sixth consecutive month of positive sales tax collections for the City. In terms of the City budget, the City collected \$104,000 more this month than the same period last year. Overall, monthly sales tax collections are up 3.1 percent and represents a stable and healthy local economy.

For more detailed information on how the City uses its sales tax revenue, visit the City's website at [www.cityofmesquite.com/transparency](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/transparency).



### ***Emporium Owners Association trail update***

The Emporium Owners Association, which manages the retail areas north of Town East Blvd. and east of IH-635, recently completed work on the landscape buffer parallel to Brazoria Drive. All of the light poles were repainted and all of the lights were converted to LED bulbs.



### ***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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/questions).