

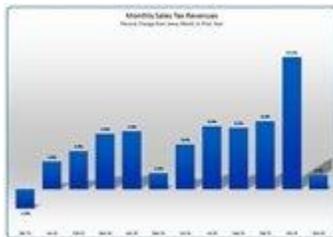


November 11, 2016



## Town Hall Tuesday to be held on November 15

The City of Mesquite will host its next Town Hall Tuesday at 6 p.m. on November 15 at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. This free event will feature the new “City Hall 101” from 6 - 7 p.m. This will offer citizens the opportunity to get customer service questions answered by front-line City employees on a variety of City services. From 7 - 8 p.m., City Manager Cliff Keheley will update attendees on the progress being made with the City Council’s goals and other City projects. As a part of the City’s #MesquiteCares program, canned food donations will be accepted for local food pantries and new, unwrapped toys will be accepted for the Santa Cop Toy Drive. For more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall).



## Monthly sales tax report

The State Comptroller’s Office reported a 1.4 percent increase in the City’s sales tax collections for the month of November, which marks the eleventh consecutive month of positive sales tax collections for the City. In terms of the City budget, the City collected \$43,000 more this month than the same period last year. Overall, sales tax collections are up 4.6 percent for the year and is an indicator of 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com).



## Mesquite to celebrate 30 years of Christmas in the Park

The City of Mesquite is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Christmas in the Park with new activities and the “Here Comes Christmas” parade. To better accommodate family schedules, event days and times have been changed to

Saturday, December 3 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 from 1 – 6 p.m. The event will continue to be held at Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark) for more event details.

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MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
SANTA COP TOY PROGRAM



## Santa Cop Toy Drive events and drop off locations

Numerous collection events and drop off locations will be offered this year for the annual Mesquite Police Department Santa Cop Toy Drive. The program provides assistance to disadvantaged children and families during the Christmas season. Unwrapped, new toys may be brought to the following events, with some featuring special discounts, complimentary refreshments or holiday activities. For more information, visit

[www.cityofmesquite.com/SantaCop](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SantaCop).

- Holiday at The Marketplace Mesquite, 150 W. Main Street, November 12 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Drop off location only.)
  - Mesquite Chamber Business After Hours at Windsor Florist, 210 W. Main Street, November 15 from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
  - Town Hall Tuesday, 757 N. Galloway Avenue, November 15 from 6 - 8 p.m. (Drop off location only.)
  - Celebration Station, 4040 Towne Crossing Boulevard, November 17 from 5 - 9 p.m. (Tickets must be purchased in advance for discounted rate.)
  - Agape Home Health and Hospice, 18770 LBJ Freeway, December 3 from 1 - 4 p.m.
  - CMA Crossroad Rider Toy Run, 7894 Samuel Boulevard, December 3 from 9 a.m. - noon.
  - Christmas in the Park, 421 Gross Road, on December 3 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and December 4 from 1 – 6 p.m. (Drop off location only.)
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## City honors local veterans

This week, the City of Mesquite honored local veterans in a variety of ways. The City Council recognized members of the United States Armed Forces with a Salute to Service presentation and proclamation during the City Council meeting on November 7. A group photograph of veterans who also serve our community as City employees was taken as well and proudly distributed. In addition, the Town East water tower and City Hall towers have been lit green for the duration of the month as part of the Greenlight a Vet campaign. The Greenlight a Vet campaign provides visible national support for our veterans by changing one light in your home or office to green.

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## STAR Transit to offer free rides November 14 - 18

STAR Transit is offering free rides on all modes of service from November 14 - 18 in celebration of Rider Appreciation Week. The STAR Transit Prize Patrol will also be out and about surprising select riders with free giveaways. In addition, Drivers will be handing out "STAR Transit Appreciates Me" buttons. Riders are encouraged to post selfies on their social media pages with the hashtag, #STAppreciatesMe. For more information, visit [www.startransit.org](http://www.startransit.org) or call 877-631-5278.

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## Mesquite celebrates Arbor Day at Range Elementary School

The City of Mesquite and Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. recently celebrated Arbor Day at Range Elementary School. The ceremony included performances by Range Elementary School students, a tree trimming demonstration by Preservation Tree Services, a proclamation read by Mayor Stan Pickett and the planting of a 15-foot bur oak tree. Nearly 25 percent of Mesquite's land is covered by trees which remove 288 tons of air pollution each year. This year marks the 26th consecutive year Mesquite has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

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## Adoption specials offered for Pet Awareness Month

November is Pet Awareness Month. In recognition, Mesquite Animal Services, 1650 Gross Road, is offering adoption specials. A discounted dog adoption fee of \$35 and a discounted cat adoption fee of \$28 will be available from November 13 - 30. These discounted fees include sterilization, vaccinations and microchipping. For more information or to view animals currently at the shelter, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices).

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## Mesquite celebrates Texas Municipal Court Week

This week, the Mesquite Municipal Court celebrated Texas Municipal Court Week by promoting traffic safety with a focus on distracted driving and its devastating effects. Educational activities and materials were offered in front of the Municipal Court entrance at 211 Municipal Way. Features included a wrecked vehicle, a bean bag toss game using impairment goggles, traffic safety reminders and giveaways as well as distracted driving posters. In addition, Municipal Judge Steve Crane played a distracted driving video before all court dockets. For more information about the Mesquite Municipal Court, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/MunicipalCourt](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/MunicipalCourt).

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## Mesquite Municipal Court announces Court Clerk of the Year

The Mesquite Municipal Court recently presented the 2016 Court Clerk of the Year award to Joanna Davila. Ms. Davila has served the Mesquite community as a municipal court clerk for three years. She was selected for the award by her peers due to her positive attitude, kindness and superior work ethic. The Court Clerk of the Year award recognizes clerks who provide exemplary customer service and meet the highest standards of professionalism.

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## RASP Turkey Camps offered during Thanksgiving break

All day Recreation After School Programs (RASP) will be offered during the Thanksgiving break. The camps will be held from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., November 21, 22, 23 and 25 at both Dunford and Rutherford Recreation Centers. No camp will be held on Thursday, November 24. Registration is available at all recreation centers as well as the Parks and Recreation Administration office located at 1515 N.

Galloway Avenue. The fee is \$16 per day or \$60 per week. Payment is due the Thursday before camp or an additional \$10 fee will be added.

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## Mesquite recreation leader honored by Texas Recreation and Park Society

Last week, Recreation Leader Kristen Herndon of the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department was honored as Part-Time Employee of the Year, North Region at the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) conference.

Ms. Herndon was recognized for outstanding customer service and her dedication to the Goodbar Recreation Center Adult 50+ Program. TRAPS is a nonprofit organization that consists of approximately 2,000 parks and recreation professionals, students and citizen advocates.

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## Online videos offer the latest Mesquite news and events

Videos featuring the latest Mesquite news and events are available for viewing online. Watch the Mesquite Minute news program, taped on location at the Mesquite Main Library this week, at [www.cityofmesquite.com/Minute](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Minute). The November edition of Real. Texas. Recreation. featuring Parks and Recreation events is also available and can be viewed at [www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRecreation](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRecreation). In addition, a video recap of the 16th annual PumpkinFest held on October 15 at City Lake Park can be enjoyed at [www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PumpkinFest).

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Let us hear from you. If you have a concern or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City of Mesquite at 972-288-7711 or visit the City's website at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenRequest](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenRequest) for assistance.

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