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New brochure provides property maintenance guidance

A new educational brochure has been developed to provide information about common environmental code violations and City procedures. The brochure entitled, "A Quality Neighborhood Starts with You – A Residential Guide for Property Maintenance," includes frequently asked questions and is available in both English and Spanish. The City will mail the brochure this month to every residential address in Mesquite. An electronic version is also available online at www.cityofmesquite.com/CodeViolation.



Mesquite Police Department featured on Univision 23 to help recruit more Spanish speaking officers

This week, the Mesquite Police Department was featured on Univision 23 about the department's need for more Spanish speaking police officers. Police Chief Charles Cato and three police officers of Puerto Rican, Mexican and El Salvadorian descent were interviewed about serving the Mesquite community and the benefits provided by the City. The starting base pay of a Mesquite Police Officer is nearly \$59,000 per year. Officers who can read, write and speak Spanish earn an additional \$150 per month. Interested applicants can call 972-216-6218 for more information.



City Council seeks public input on historic downtown plans

The City of Mesquite is seeking the public's input on historic downtown Mesquite as it develops plans for the area. The survey seeks the public's input on a variety of downtown topics, including business activity, special events, infrastructure and more. The deadline to participate in the online survey is Friday, April 14. To participate in the survey, go to [Downtown Mesquite](#). For more information, call 972-216-6446.



City Council kicks off “Spread the Love” campaign with donation from Mesquite AMBUCS

The Mesquite City Council kicked off the annual Spread the Love campaign during the April 3 Council meeting with a review of last year's campaign achievements. Mesquite AMBUCS also presented the City with a \$1,000 donation to the current campaign, which encourages the donation of peanut butter and jelly to help feed food insecure children during the summer. For more information on the program, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove.



Mesquite seeks public's help to protect wildlife at all City parks

The City of Mesquite is asking for the public's assistance to help protect the wildlife at all its parks. Recently, there have been reports of deceased ducks at City Lake Park. If anyone witnesses animal abuse at any City park, please call 911 immediately and a Mesquite Police Officer will be dispatched to the scene. The City is also seeking the public's help with safely securing deceased ducks at park locations. To have a veterinarian properly assess the probable cause, the public is asked to contact the City using its 24-hour Utility Dispatch phone number 972-216-6278 to dispatch a Mesquite Animal Control Officer. For health and safety precautions, please do not handle any injured or deceased wildlife at any park, at any time.



Rainforest Falls construction begins at City Lake Aquatic Center

Construction of a new waterfall feature at City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street, began this week. A man-made, stone wall will replace the existing fabric screening structure and produce a low-volume waterfall to be named Rainforest Falls. This new feature is part of a phased plan to renew the facility with a series of improvements. Construction should be completed by the opening of pool season in late May.



Construction begins on Camp Rorie-Galloway sport courts

The first phase of enhancements to Camp Rorie-Galloway are underway with the construction of a basketball court and volleyball court. These additions to the popular 100-acre day camp property, 3100 Lawson Road, are intended to increase rental use of the facility. The courts should be completed by early May. Construction of additional improvements will begin this fall after camp season and will include a new event pavilion, office, catering kitchenette and bride's room. These additions are expected to be complete for use next spring.



City supports Mesquite ISD's Read. Play. Talk. Fair

The Mesquite Police Department and Mesquite Fire Department participated as “celebrity readers” at the Mesquite Independent School District’s (MISD) Read. Play. Talk. Fair held on March 25. The fair was part of the MISD’s Read. Play. Talk. campaign to improve the reading skills of pre-kindergarten students. The City has supported the campaign in a variety of ways, including the “Back the Blue, Bring a Book” drive that generated the donation of 700 children’s books in one day.



April's Real. Texas. Recreation video available online

Watch the latest Real. Texas. Recreation video online at www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRecreation. The brief news program provides information on events and programs for all ages offered by the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department throughout the month of April.



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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 for assistance.

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