



April 21, 2017



Municipal Election early voting begins April 24

The annual Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, May 6 to elect a Mayor and Councilmembers for Places 1, 2 and 6. Early voting will be conducted in Mesquite from April 24 – May 2 at Lakeside Activity Center, 101 Holley Park Drive. Early voting by personal appearance will also be held at the main early voting location at the Dallas County Records Building, 509 Main Street, and at any of the branch locations. On May 6, polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For voting hours on and before election day as well as a list of polling locations, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Elections.



LBJ East Project at risk of losing funding

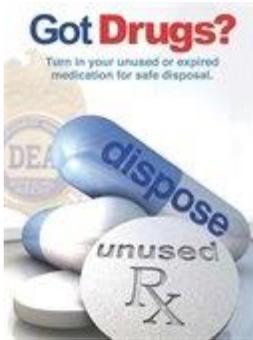
Currently, the eastern portion of Interstate 635 (I-635), from U.S. 75 to Interstate Highway 30 (IH-30), is scheduled for reconstruction under the LBJ East Project. The project also includes improvements to the I-635/IH-30 interchange to fix major congestion at the merger points. However, this project may be in danger of losing funding from the Texas Legislature. The City of Mesquite encourages all residents to contact your legislators to inform them how vitally important the LBJ East Project and the reconfiguration of the I-635/IH-30 interchange are to the Mesquite community. Residents can look-up their legislators and their contact information by visiting Texas Legislators.



Monthly Sales Tax Report

The State Comptroller's Office reported a 3.9 percent decrease in the City's sales tax collections for the month of April. April's report is based on sales reported by local businesses during the month of February. Overall, sales tax collections are relatively flat with a minimal decrease of 0.7 percent for the year, an indicator of a stable 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.



Drug Take Back Event to be held on April 29

On Saturday, April 29, the Mesquite Police Department will take part in a nation-wide collaborative effort to allow residents to dispose of unused medication. The program is part of a Drug Enforcement Administration initiative to bring awareness to the issue of pharmaceutical controlled substance abuse. Residents may bring their expired, unwanted or unused medications to the lobby of the Mesquite Police Department, 777 N. Galloway

Avenue, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and deposit them for destruction. This is a voluntary program that allows people to anonymously dispose of medications safely. For more information, please call the Solid Waste Division at 972-216-6285 or visit www.cityofmesquite.com/DrugTakeBack.



Bloomfield Homes celebrates new home construction with realtor open house

This week, Bloomfield Homes hosted a realtor open house at the new Hagan Hill subdivision located near Interstate Highway 20 and Lumley Road. The event drew more than

50 realtors and brokers. Bloomfield Homes announced more than 30 homes have already been sold in the neighborhood at an average price of \$330,000. City and Mesquite Independent School District representatives were in attendance to show their support and help educate realtors on the selling points of the Mesquite community. Bloomfield President Don Dykstra stated, "We really feel the love here in Mesquite."



Outdoor bilingual signs installed for Drive Like Your Family Lives Here traffic safety campaign

Outdoor signage in both English and Spanish were temporarily installed at 20 locations throughout Mesquite last week to help inform the public about the new traffic safety program. The Drive Like Your Family Lives Here campaign is intended to help address traffic safety issues through education. The program will use a variety of bilingual communications that will include outdoor signage, social media, videos and other methods to remind the community about the importance of traffic safety. There will also be special events and activities planned throughout the year to engage the public's help with the program. For more information, visit www.DriveLikeYourFamilyLivesHere.org.



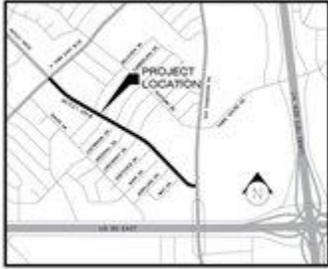
Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held on April 29

A Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held on Saturday, April 29 from noon - 6 p.m. in Paschall Park, 1001 New Market Road. The family-friendly event is being held in partnership with the Hispanic Forum of Mesquite and will feature authentic Mexican food, a pinata break, jalapeño eating contest, folklorico dancers, bounce houses and more. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CincoDeMayo for more details.



Mesquite Fire Department hosts dinner at Ronald McDonald House

On April 14, the Mesquite Fire Department hosted its annual Good Friday Supper at the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas and brought a little cheer to the families with entertainment, gifts and a freshly prepared dinner. More than \$11,000 in goods and services was raised this year to benefit the families. These gifts were presented at the event.



Motley Drive (Gus Thomasson to Town East) reconstruction project

On Monday, April 24, the contractor for the Motley Drive (Gus Thomasson to Town East) reconstruction project will reroute all traffic on Motley Drive between Town East Boulevard and Gus Thomasson Road to the northbound lanes. This traffic control design will be in place for several months until the southbound lanes are completely reconstructed.



Site preparation begins for new Hanby Elementary School

The construction fence for the new Hanby Elementary School on the eastern portion of Evans Park has been installed by the Mesquite Independent School District contractor. The school construction is the first phase of the school/park land exchange and is anticipated to be completed in August 2018. The existing school is scheduled to be demolished in June 2018 to allow construction of the replacement park from June to November 2018.



Contact Us

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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