



June 23, 2017



Mesquite launches aggressive enforcement efforts against illegal fireworks and gunfire

During the June 19 City Council meeting, the Mesquite City Council gave their support to a new plan to strengthen enforcement efforts against illegal fireworks and celebratory gunfire during the July 4th weekend. Residents are reminded that it is illegal to possess or use fireworks, or discharge firearms within city limits. Punishment ranges from \$500 to \$4,000 depending on the offense, with the illegal discharge of a firearm also carrying the possible penalty of up to one year in jail. The Police and Fire Departments will implement special deployment teams during the holiday weekend to issue citations and seize fireworks. Patrolling officers will also respond to addresses where there are witnesses to illegal celebratory gunfire and arrests will be made. The public is encouraged not to call 911, but to call the police non-emergency number 972-285-6336 to report violations. Watch the [Celebrate Safely video](#) for more information.



Mesquite City Council approves removal of roundabouts from Gus Thomasson Road reconstruction project

During the June 19 City Council meeting, the Mesquite City Council amended the Gus Thomasson Road reconstruction contract by removing two planned roundabouts at Karla Drive and Moon Drive/Whitson Way. This project is in progress and includes the reconstruction of Gus Thomasson Road (Karla Drive to Moon Drive) into a four-lane divided thoroughfare with bicycle lanes, a wider sidewalk as well as other pedestrian and utility improvements.



Mesquite announces temporary moratorium on development of truck stops

Effective Thursday, June 22, 2017, a temporary moratorium is in effect on the development of truck stops and other development that includes the parking of heavy load vehicles as a principal use or as an accessory use. During the temporary moratorium, no department of the City will accept applications or plans for development for permits, plats, verifications, rezonings, site plans or new or revised certificates of occupancy for truck stops or truck-related uses. For more information, view the complete [Notice of Temporary Moratorium](#) issued.



Mesquite Bar Association donates to Spread the Love campaign

This week, Councilmember Greg Noschese and members of the Mesquite Bar Association donated enough peanut butter and jelly to make 800 sandwiches in support of the City of Mesquite's "Spread the Love" campaign, which helps feed food insecure children during the summer. All donations support the local food banks of Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove to find out more about the campaign, including donation locations and special events.



Mesquite sets world record at Summer Sizzle festival

Mesquite officially set the world record for the most people dancing to "Can't Stop the Feeling" while wearing glow stick necklaces during the Summer Sizzle festival held on June 10 at Paschall Park. The record was recently verified by Record Setter. Congratulations to the 395 event participants and thank you to Resource One Credit Union for sponsoring the attempt. Visit the official 2017 world record page at [Record Setter.com](http://RecordSetter.com) to view the record-setting dance.



Free Irrigation Workshop on June 29

The City of Mesquite will host a free Irrigation Workshop on Thursday, June 29, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Training Rooms of Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. Attendees will receive complimentary rain gauges and irrigation flags. Residents will learn tips and tactics on how to be more efficient with lawn watering. Call 972-329-8300 to register.



Five Mesquite Fire Department trainees graduate from fire academy

Last week, five Mesquite Fire Department trainees graduated from fire academy. The trainees include William Rosen, Justin Sanders, Jonathan Wright, Cory Thomas and Stephen Parks. All five recruits will now advance to

Emergency Medical Technician training and station assignments before proceeding to the Paramedic program.



City of Mesquite congratulates athletic program participants on significant accomplishments

The City of Mesquite congratulates Tyler Little and Alex Ortiz on their recent achievements in their respective sports. Tyler Little advanced from the Mesquite local Pitch, Hit and Run competition to the Texas Rangers Team Championship with a chance to advance to the national competition this summer. Alex Ortiz, a member of Special Olympics of Texas, Team Mesquite, tried out and was signed to the FC Dallas Special Olympics Team. He will have a chance to play in two games with professional soccer players this summer. Both youths are Parks and Recreation athletic program participants.



Florence Recreation Center renovations begin

Florence Recreation Center closed last week for renovations. The center will undergo extensive improvements, including an open-concept front desk, a new synthetic sports floor in the gymnasium, a new event room, a larger fitness room, and a community room. Construction is scheduled to be completed this fall.



Camp Rorie-Galloway enhancements completed for 2017 camp season

Summer campers at Camp Rorie-Galloway are enjoying recent enhancements to the facilities. A new concrete basketball court and volleyball court, with an all-weather artificial grass surface, were completed in time for the 2017 camp season. Landscaping at the camp's entryway has also been improved to welcome campers.



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