



July 14, 2017



Mesquite City Council to meet on July 17

On Monday, July 17, the Mesquite City Council Pre-Meeting will begin at 4 p.m. in Training Rooms A and B at Mesquite City Hall, located at 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The City Council Regular Meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. Attendees are encouraged to bring a jar of peanut butter or jelly to support the Spread the Love campaign, which helps feed children in food insecure families. View the meeting agenda online at www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda or watch the meeting live online at www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings.



City Council Budget Workshop to be held on July 21

The 2017-18 City Council Budget Workshop will be held on Friday, July 21. The workshop is open to the public and will be held from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in Training Rooms A and B at Mesquite City Hall, located at 757 N. Galloway Avenue. View the meeting agenda online at www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda or watch the workshop live online at www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings.



Mesquite Police make arrest in July 7 shooting

The Mesquite Police Department arrested an individual in connection with the shooting that occurred at Shands Park in the 4800 block of Shands Drive on July 7. Alberto Martinez, an 18-year-old male, has been arrested. He is being charged with two counts of attempted capital murder and one count of capital murder. Investigators continue to follow all leads, as this is an ongoing investigation.



Mesquite makes progress to address illegal fireworks and gunfire

The City of Mesquite issued 46 citations to individuals for the illegal use or possession of fireworks, seized 725 pounds of illegal fireworks and arrested two individuals for celebratory gunfire during the July 4th holiday weekend. It

is illegal to possess or use fireworks within Mesquite 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 “Celebrate Safely with Family & Friends, Not Fireworks & Firearms” campaign featured special deployment teams consisting of police officers and firefighters patrolling in neighborhoods. The effort did not take away from regular public safety services. Enforcement efforts will be further evaluated for additional improvements.



Monthly Sales Tax Report

The State Comptroller's Office reported a 10.6 percent increase in the City's sales tax collections for the month of July. July's report is based on sales reported by local businesses during the month of May. The dramatic

increase for this month was a welcome surprise and adds \$250,000 to the budget from last year; however, overall, sales tax collections are relatively flat with a minimal increase of 1.4 percent for the fiscal year. For more detailed information on how the City uses its sales tax revenue, visit the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/Transparency.



Franklin Drive project to begin on July 17

On Monday, July 17, contractors will begin work on Franklin Drive project. This project will rehabilitate Franklin Drive from U.S. Highway 80 to Americana Lane through the use of micro-surfacing. Micro-surfacing is an advanced

asphalt pavement rehabilitation technique used to extend the life of asphalt roads by leveling minor defects and adding a new asphalt surface that has enhanced flexibility. Periodic road closures will be necessary until the work is completed on July 22.



Rapid Flashing Beacons being installed at five school crosswalks

City staff is in the process of installing five sets of rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) at the crosswalks of five school crossings: Galloway Avenue at Poteet High School and Kimbrough Middle School, Cartwright Road at two Horn High School crossings, and Scyene Road at West Mesquite High School. A RRFB is a pedestrian-activated warning device that begins to flash in an alternating, irregular pattern to alert motorists that a bicyclist or pedestrian is trying to cross the street. Installation has been scheduled around the Mesquite Independent School District's calendar to allow for minimal disruption. All of the RRFBs will be installed by the first day of school on August 28 with the exception of the RRFB on Scyene Road, which is pending approval by the Texas Department of Transportation.



Addressing Mesquite Day job request deadline extended to August 4

The deadline for Addressing Mesquite Day job requests has been extended to August 4. On October 7, the Mesquite Ministerial Alliance and the City of Mesquite will host Addressing Mesquite Day. This event matches community volunteer groups with homeowners in need of extra assistance. Job requests are only accepted for owner-occupied homes and priority is given to seniors, residents with disabilities or veterans. Bilingual job request forms are available online at www.cityofmesquite.com/AMD. Request forms must be completed and returned by August 4 to: Addressing Mesquite Day, Attn: Debbie Randall, City of Mesquite, P.O. Box 850137, Mesquite, TX 75185-0137.



City Lake Aquatic Center receives further improvements

City Lake Aquatic Center, 200 Parkview Street, received updated shade canopies and colorful banners this week to go along with the new rock waterfall feature completed prior to the pool opening for the summer. The canopies have broad topical leaves, while the banners feature a variety of rainforest animals. The aquatic center is currently open Monday - Sunday from noon - 7 p.m. Donate a jar of peanut butter or jelly to the Spread the Love campaign and receive \$2 off pool admission between noon - 5 p.m. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Pools for rates and more details.



Fairfield Inn & Suites completes \$754,000 renovation

Fairfield Inn & Suites, located at 4020 Towne Crossing Boulevard, has completed a comprehensive \$754,000 guest room and public space renovation. Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Casper attended the grand reopening celebration of the renovation, which included updating all 80 guest rooms to the new Fairfield Inn Perspectives décor package featuring more variety, high quality furnishings and a brighter color palette.



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