



August 9, 2019



## Mesquite earns third highly prized Scenic City Certification

Mesquite has been recognized as a 2019 Certified Scenic City award recipient through the Scenic City Certification Program. This is the city's third consecutive certification. Mesquite ranks gold in the program, which recognizes Texas municipalities that implement high-quality scenic standards for public roadways and public spaces. Mesquite is one of only four cities in the Dallas–Fort Worth area to hold the esteemed gold ranking, and has been certified since the program's start in 2010. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Scenic](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Scenic) for more information.



## Mesquite Police Department presents quarterly report

Police Chief Charles Cato presented the Mesquite Police Department's (MPD) Quarterly Report during the City Council/Staff Work Session on Aug. 5. For the full report, watch the presentation at [MPD Quarterly Report](#).



## Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 City Operating Budget

City Council and staff discussed the proposed City Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020 during the City Council Pre-Meeting on Aug. 5. A public hearing was also held during the Regular Meeting to receive citizen input. Watch the [budget presentation and discussion](#) to learn more. Additional videos can be viewed at [www.cityofmesquite.com/2020BudgetVideos](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/2020BudgetVideos), including the City Council Budget Workshop held on July 19.



## Preview the Town East Blvd. Phase 2 reconstruction project

On July 30, the City of Mesquite and Dallas County broke ground on Phase 2 of the Town East Blvd. reconstruction project. The \$12.9 million project will reconstruct Town East Blvd. from U.S. Highway 80 to Skyline Drive. Dallas County is providing \$4.4 million in funding. Project highlights include reconstruction of the existing six-lane roadway section from Forney Road to U.S. Highway 80 and lane reductions from six lanes to four lanes from Skyline Drive to Forney Road. The project will replace aging water and sanitary sewer as well as upgrade the drainage infrastructure. The design also integrates hardscaping amenities such as a screening wall and a walking trail. The trail will connect the community to the Westover Greenbelt and to the existing trail system at Military Parkway and Town East Blvd. Watch the [Town East Blvd. Phase 2 Preview & Groundbreaking](#) to learn more.

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## Mesquite to celebrate KidsQuest 2.0 with “Buy a Picket” program

On Aug. 5, 2019, the City Council approved the replacement and expansion of the KidsQuest playground located at DeBusk Park, 1625 Gross Road. Input from the public was an important part of designing the playground called KidsQuest 2.0. Specific requests included ADA accessibility, swings, tall slides, room to run, climbing features, and a unique environment for creative play. In addition to the new, all-inclusive playground, the park will feature a new parking lot and renovation of the existing picnic pavilion. Personalized pickets may also be purchased for \$25 each for the new playground through the “Buy a Picket” program. Pickets are available for purchase online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/PARD). Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Pickets](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Pickets) for more information. Watch the [KidsQuest 2.0 Replacement & Expansion Project](#) presentation.

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## Mesquite recognizes four employees as Real. Texas. Service. Champions

On Aug. 5, Mesquite honored four City employees with Real. Texas. Service. Champion awards during the City Council meeting. The Real. Texas. Service. Champions program celebrates employees who provide exemplary customer service and achieve accomplishments that merit special recognition. The following employees were recognized: Senior Procurement Specialist Diana George, Administrative Secretary Cecilia Hernandez, Legal Services Administrator Brenda Hood, and Administrative Law Enforcement Coordinator Valerie Knowles. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/ServiceChampions](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/ServiceChampions) for information on the employees honored and their service to the community.

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## Clear the Shelters Day to be held on Aug. 17

Mesquite Animal Services (MAS) will join animal shelters throughout the country to waive pet adoption fees on Clear the Shelters Day, Saturday, Aug. 17. NBC and Telemundo stations will host the national event. Find your perfect match on Aug. 17 by visiting Mesquite Animal Services, 1650 Gross Road, from 1 - 5:30 p.m. You can view Mesquite's adoptable animals at [www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices). MAS has achieved a 90%+ save rate of its animals for the past two years due to the success of events like Clear the Shelters Day.

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## Mesquite AMBUCS donates \$1,000 to the Spread the Love campaign

Mesquite AMBUCS presented \$1,000 to the City Council on Aug. 5 in support of the Spread the Love campaign. Spread the Love is an annual campaign held April - Aug. that encourages the donation of peanut butter and jelly as well as financial contributions to help feed children in Mesquite during the summer who live in food insecure environments. All donations are distributed by the two food pantries in Mesquite, Sharing Life Community Outreach and Mesquite Social Services. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/SpreadTheLove) for more information or to make a tax-deductible donation.

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## Mesquite Public Health Clinic offers back to school hours

The Mesquite Public Health Clinic, 1616 N. Galloway Ave., will offer extended back to school hours from Aug. 12 - 23. The clinic will be open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Vaccines are \$14 per child. All children must have complete shot records with them. Clients will be seen on a first come, first served basis. For eligibility requirements and more information, visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/HealthClinic](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/HealthClinic) or call the clinic at 972-329-8326.

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## Last day to file for office by candidates is Aug. 19

The last day for City Council candidates to file to be placed on the ballot is Aug. 19. Candidates can file for office with the City Secretary's Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave., Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections) for City Council Candidate Packets and more information or call the City Secretary's Office at 972-216-6244.

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## Mesquite Animal Services holds National Mutt Day photo contest

Mesquite Animal Services (MAS) celebrated National Mutt Day, July 31, with a photo contest highlighting Mesquite's best mutts. From July 26 through July 30, pet owners were encouraged to post a picture of their mixed-breed dog on the City's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofmesquitetx](http://www.facebook.com/cityofmesquitetx). More than 100 pet owners participated in the contest. The winner, Sugar Bear, was adopted from MAS in March 2018.




## Register to vote at certain City facilities through Oct. 4


The Mesquite City Council passed an ordinance to establish designated voter registration sites at certain City facilities. Through Oct. 4, citizens can register to vote at the following locations: the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 1515 N. Galloway Ave.; the Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive; and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive. [Watch a brief video on the Voter Registration Program in English](#) or in [Spanish](#) for hours of service and more information. Additional information is also available at [www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections) or by calling the City Secretary's Office at 972-216-6244.




## Contact Us

We want to hear from you. If you have a concern or you are experiencing an issue, call City of Mesquite at 972-288-7711 or visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/FAQ](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/FAQ) for assistance.

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