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City Council discusses multifamily residential development standards

[Watch the video](#) of the Dec. 17 staff presentation on multifamily residential development standards. City staff briefed the City Council on current development standards and discussed possible amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to improve the quality of future multifamily development in Mesquite. The Council also held a public hearing on possible amendments to the ordinance. [Watch the public hearing.](#)



Economic Development update

[Watch the video](#) of the Dec. 17 staff presentation to the City Council. The Council received an economic development update on the creation of new jobs, the strength of the retail market, the development of small businesses and the Mesquite Downtown area as well as other updates on Mesquite's growing economy.



Celebrate Safely in Mesquite

[Possession and use of fireworks in Mesquite is illegal](#), as well as discharging firearms into the air. Fines range from \$500 to \$4,000 with the illegal discharge of a firearm also carrying the possible penalty of up to one year in jail. To report firearm violations, call non-emergency police dispatch at [972-285-6336](tel:972-285-6336). Please do not call 911 unless there is a life-threatening emergency and immediate help is required from police, fire or paramedics. To report illegal fireworks, email fireworks@mesquitelpolice.org or call non-emergency police dispatch at [972-285-6336](tel:972-285-6336).



December 2018 Road Report available online

The City of Mesquite's latest Road Report is available online at cityofmesquite.com/RoadReport. The December 2018 report provides status updates on road reconstruction projects as well as residential street repairs within the Real Texas. Roads. program.



Volunteers prepare toy deliveries at Santa Cop Workshop

[FOX 4 News featured](#) the Mesquite Police Department's (MPD) Santa Cop Workshop. After collecting toys and donations throughout the year, Santa Cop volunteers and members of MPD coordinate the annual workshop to prepare the gifts for delivery to local children in need.



Shop more, drive less with alternative shopping routes

Use alternative shopping routes in Mesquite this holiday season to spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy. Visit cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes to view maps offering alternative travel routes to your favorite shopping, dining and entertainment destinations. The maps also are available using the Shopping Routes icon on the [free MesquiteTX mobile app](#).



City holiday closures Dec. 24-25

Most City offices and facilities are closed for the Christmas holiday Dec. 24-25. For a complete list of closures and service impacts, visit cityofmesquite.com/Holidays. Trash and recycling will not be collected Dec. 24 or 25. Collection will resume on residents' next scheduled collection day.



STAR Transit holiday closures Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1

STAR Transit offices are closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1. This includes demand response and Terrell's same-day service. Kaufman Trolley, The Link, Terrell Route 803, Balch Springs Midtown Express, Seagoville Express, Hutchins Shuttle Route 401, DeSoto Route 501 and COMPASS (DART Express Bus Route 282) will operate regular schedules Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. These routes will not operate on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. For more information, call [877-631-5278](tel:877-631-5278) or visit STARtransit.org.



Don't pour holiday fats, oils and grease down the drain

[Watch our "Defend Your Drains" video.](#) Don't ruin your holiday with expensive plumbing repairs and backups.

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) is the residue left over from cooked meat, butter, sauces, oil and dairy products. FOG and debris poured down drains can cause expensive sewer backups, especially during the holidays. Defend your drains this season with [a few simple FOG disposal rules](#).



How to recycle your live Christmas tree

Start the New Year by going green with your live Christmas tree. Live Christmas trees are biodegradable, which means they are easily reused or recycled for mulch and other purposes. [Follow these guidelines](#) in preparing your tree for recycling. Call the Solid Waste Division for more information at [972-216-6285](tel:972-216-6285).



Contact Us

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

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