



June 21, 2019



City Council candidate packets available beginning June 21

Filing packets for Mesquite City Council candidates are available beginning June 21. The first day candidates can file for office is July 22. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/2019CityElections for more

important dates and election information or call the City Secretary Office at 972-216-6244.



Fire and Police departments present strategies and budget priorities

Fire Chief Mark Kerby and Police Chief Charles Cato presented their department's current performance numbers, strategies, and budget priorities for fiscal year 2020 during the June 17 City Council Pre-Meeting. The

City Council Budget Workshop for fiscal year 2020 will be held on July 19 and 20, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Training Rooms A and B at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Ave. [Watch the Fire Department presentation.](#) [Watch the Police Department presentation.](#)



Economic Development Department presents quarterly activity report

Assistant Director of Economic Development Kim Buttram presented the 2019 First Quarter Activity Report to the City Council on June 17. The activity report summarizes the highlights from January through March, with development

statistics and sales tax comparisons. Development activity in the first quarter of 2019 shows a slight increase in sales tax over the first quarter of 2018, as well as a notable surge in residential activity with a 700% increase in number of new home permits. [Watch the presentation.](#)



Monthly Sales Tax Report

The June sales tax receipts, which represent sales activity for the month of April, for the City of Mesquite, were 7.3% above the amount reported for the same period last year. Year-to-date sales tax collections for the City are trending 2.2% above last year's collections. Sales tax contributes 27% of the total revenue used to support the General Fund. The City uses the General Fund for services including police, fire, parks and recreation, libraries, neighborhood services and public works. For more details, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Transparency.



City Council approves term extension of Towne Centre Reinvestment Zone Number Two

On June 17, the City Council approved the 20-year term extension of the Towne Centre Reinvestment Zone Number Two as recommended by the reinvestment zone's board of directors. The reinvestment zone was initially created in 1998 to promote development and redevelopment within the zone's boundaries. [Watch the presentation.](#)



City Council awards construction bids for last two properties in Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Construction bids were awarded for the last two properties purchased through the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) during the June 17 City Council meeting. The City of Mesquite purchased 22 foreclosed single-family homes in great need of rehabilitation with funds made available from the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008. The City received a \$2 million grant for the program. Once fully renovated or rebuilt from the ground up, the City sells the homes to recipients eligible to purchase a NSP property. Proceeds from the sales are reinvested in the program. [Watch this Mesquite in Motion video for more information.](#)



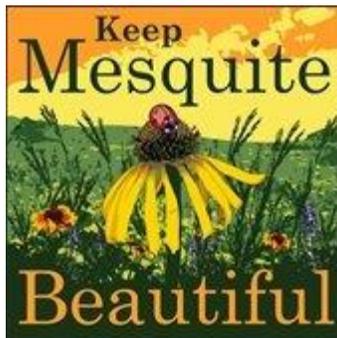
TxDOT provides update on US Highway 80 Improvements Project and public hearing

During the June 17 City Council Pre-Meeting, representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas District, provided an update regarding the US Highway 80 Improvement Project. The project will include the reconstruction and widening of US 80 from a four lane divided section to a six/eight lane divided section. A public hearing on the project will be held on June 25 at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. Displays will be available for viewing at 6 p.m., with a formal presentation and hearing starting at 7 p.m. [View the presentation provided by TxDOT.](#)



Mesquite Elks Lodge Auxiliary donates \$1,000 to Mesquite Veterans Memorial project

The Mesquite Elks Lodge Auxiliary presented \$1,000 to the City Council on June 17 in support of the Mesquite Veterans Memorial campaign. The Veterans Memorial is a community-based project to raise awareness and funding for the design and construction of a new memorial to honor all military veterans and their families. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.MesquiteVeteransMemorial.org.



Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. offers free neighborhood cleanup supplies and tools

Help maintain a litter-free Mesquite by cleaning your neighborhood or a trouble spot in our city. Keep Mesquite Beautiful, Inc. offers free litter grabbers, trash bags, and gloves to community groups who schedule a cleanup event. Tools and protection gear are also available for checkout, including tree trimming supplies, hip waders and safety vests. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/CleanNeighborhoods to register.



Summer Sizzle festival highlights featured in video

On June 8, the Mesquite community kicked off the summer with Mesquite's annual Summer Sizzle festival at Paschall Park. The event featured family-friendly activities, a variety of Texas-sized yard games, music and a fireworks show.

[Watch a brief video highlighting the event.](#)



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