



December 2, 2016



Christmas in the Park rescheduled to be held December 10 and 11

Due to a forecast of inclement weather, the Christmas in the Park event scheduled to be held at Westlake Park on December 3 and 4 has been rescheduled to December 10 and 11. The majority of the planned activities and entertainment will still be provided. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark for the most current information on the event.

The AMBUCS Club will still host the Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, December 3 from 8 - 11 a.m. inside of Evans Senior Center, 1116 Hillcrest Street. Attendees can enjoy a pancake breakfast for \$3 per person and a visit with Santa Claus. All proceeds benefit the AMBUCS mission of creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities.



Towne Crossing Shopping Center undergoes extensive renovations

Extensive renovations are underway at Towne Crossing Shopping Center, 2021 N. Town East Boulevard, for two new national brand tenants: Fitness Connection and Mr. Gatti's Pizza. Fitness Connection will occupy more than 62,000 square feet of the center's southeast corner and will include a cardio mezzanine, kid's club, a smoothie bar and saunas. Mr. Gatti's Pizza will include Gatti Town, the popular state-of-the-art game room. Both businesses are scheduled to open in 2017. Towne Crossing Shopping Center was built in the early 1970's and is currently home to Guitar Center and Conn's HomePlus. The developer is working closely with the City to upgrade remodeling plans and the center's façade in response to the City Council's efforts to revitalize older shopping centers.



City of Mesquite employees donate nearly \$36,000 to local charities

Recently, City of Mesquite employees donated nearly \$36,000 to 14 local charities including Mesquite Social Services and Sharing Life Community Outreach. The donations were made during the Real. Texas. Giving.

Campaign which encourages employees to give back to the Mesquite community. The campaign concluded with an employee luncheon at Evans Recreation Center featuring food trucks, contests, raffle items and the chance to dunk department directors in a dunk tank. Employees were also given the opportunity to donate to the charity of their choice through payroll deductions or a one-time donation. The Real. Texas. Giving. Campaign is held each year in the fall.



Mesquite Firefighters continue support of Israel's Emergency Volunteers Project

On November 26, four Mesquite firefighters answered the request for help from Israel's Public Security Ministry and traveled to Israel to fight hundreds of wildfires ravaging the country. The firefighters responded as part of the Emergency Volunteers Project (EVP), a project authorized by the Israeli government to bring first responders from America to Israel in times of war or natural disaster to augment their limited

manpower in emergency services. This is the second time Mesquite firefighters have volunteered to serve at the request of the EVP. In the summer of 2014, teams of firefighters and medical teams were deployed during Operation Protective Edge.



Mesquite Police Department offers holiday shopping safety tips

The holiday season is a time of joy, but it is also a peak time for criminal activity. The Mesquite Police Department offers the following safety tips to consider while shopping this

season:

- Stay alert, limit distractions such as texting on cell phones and be aware of your surroundings.
 - Shop with a friend whenever possible and park in a well-lit area if shopping at night.
 - Carry minimal cash. Use credit or debit cards to make purchases if possible.
 - Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car.
 - Do not leave packages or valuables visible in your car. If you must leave something in the vehicle, lock it in the trunk or put it out of sight.
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Mesquite ISD students videotape public service announcement at Mesquite Animal Shelter

The City of Mesquite hosted students from the Mesquite Independent School District's Advanced Audio/Video Production program this week. The students videotaped a public service announcement at the Mesquite Animal Shelter to help promote dog and cat adoptions. For information on pet adoptions as a holiday gift, please call Animal Services at 972-216-6283.



Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau offers holiday shopping guides

The Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau has curated its "Friday Find" lists to create holiday shopping guides to help you find the perfect gift for everyone on your list. Each Wednesday, the bureau will highlight a new Wednesday Wish List of unique gifts on its Facebook page and social media sites, but you can view all the lists now at www.realtexasflavor.com/WednesdayWishList. Combine these gift ideas with the variety of options available at Town East Mall, Market East and the Marketplace at Towne Centre, and Mesquite has you covered.



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