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Mesquite Police Officers begin wearing cowboy hats

The Mesquite Police Department recently announced the majority of their police officers have chosen to wear a cowboy hat as a part of their uniform. The Resistol black straw hat was selected by police officers over other hat options. Police Chief Charles Cato indicated the idea of an alternative hat resulted from his efforts to speak with every officer in the department when he started as Police Chief last year. Currently, 180 of 220 uniformed police officers have chosen to wear the new hat in the field as additional protection from weather elements. The hats cost \$66 each with a rain cover and are a part of this year's budget. Wearing the cowboy hat is not mandatory.



Special Olympics Team Mesquite recognized by City Council

The local Special Olympics group called Team Mesquite received special recognition during the January 17 City Council meeting. These athletes participate in local Special Olympic competitions and are an important part of the City of Mesquite's therapeutic recreation programming. To watch a video of Team Mesquite and many of their accomplishments, go to [Special Olympics Team Mesquite](#).



Mesquite Public Libraries closed on January 27 for staff development

Both the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb, and the North Branch Library, 2600 Oates Drive, will be closed for staff development on Friday, January 27. Both libraries will resume normal business hours on Saturday, January 28.

For more information, please call the Mesquite Main Library at 972-216-6220.



Mesquite CVB Director provides hospitality training to MISD students

Recently, Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) staff worked with Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) Hospitality Program teacher Shelly Regan to provide hospitality training to two classes. The classes are composed of students from all five Mesquite high schools. The two-hour Texas Friendly Hospitality Program was taught by CVB Director Judy Skowron who is a certified instructor. At the end of the training, 29 students received official certification through the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service of Texas A&M University.



Mesquite named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation

The City of Mesquite has been named a 2016 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. This is Mesquite's 27th consecutive year to receive the designation since the program began in 1976. The program celebrates the importance of an urban tree canopy. Cities must meet four requirements to be recognized as a Tree City USA: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per resident, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.



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