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Monthly sales tax report

The State Comptroller's Office reported a 2.9 percent decline in the City's sales tax collections for the month of February. February's report is based on sales reported by local businesses during the month of December. Overall, sales tax collections are down .11 percent for the year. The City budgeted for a slight decrease in sales tax this year.

Last year, the City collected a record high of \$32.4 million in sales tax and is projecting to collect slightly less this year at \$32.3 million. For more information on how the City uses its sales tax revenue, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Transparency.



Mesquite welcomes the Villas at Vanston Park

Mesquite welcomed the Villas at Vanston Park today with a dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting. The three-story mixed use development, located at 4520 Gus Thomasson

Road, includes 155 upscale apartments in addition to retail, which anchors the bottom level of the development. A limited number of live-work units are also available. To date, all units have been leased with the exception of three remaining live-work units.



Mesquite Fire Department presents employees with meritorious awards

During the City Council meeting on February 6, the Mesquite Fire Department honored 25 employees for their professional and courageous service to the Mesquite community. Top awards included Fire Officer, Paramedic and Firefighter of the Year. Lifesaving awards were also

given to department members whose actions resulted in lives saved. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/2017FireDeptAwards for more information.



Mother Son Dance tickets on sale

The Mother Son Dance, sponsored by the Hampton Inn and Suites and Dallas Regional Medical Center, is scheduled for Friday, March 3 from 7 - 9 p.m. The dance is open to all ages and will be held at the Mesquite Convention Center, 1700 Rodeo Drive. With the continued growth of this event, tickets will no longer be sold at the door. Tickets must be purchased in advance for \$15 per person and are available at any Mesquite recreation center or the Parks and Recreation Administration

Office, 1515 N. Galloway Avenue. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/MotherSonDance for more information.



Mesquite welcomes El Rio Grande Latin Market

On February 8, representatives from the City and Mesquite Chamber of Commerce attended a ribbon cutting to welcome El Rio Grande Latin Market to our community.

Market representatives also generously donated \$1,000 to the City's annual Spread the Love campaign at the event to help feed children in need. The specialty grocer, located at 2106 N. Galloway Avenue, includes a bakery, café, juice bar, tortilleria and much more. The business has brought approximately 150 new jobs to Mesquite.



Mesquite welcomes new Animal Services Manager

Jeanne Saadi joined the City of Mesquite on February 1 as the new Manager of Animal Services. Ms. Saadi has a Bachelor's degree from Augustana College in South Dakota and a Master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Colorado State University. She comes to Mesquite with management experience at city shelters from both San Antonio, Texas and Santa Barbara County, California. She is also skilled in strategic

planning and is excited to help achieve the goals identified in the City's Animal Services Strategic Plan.



Mesquite Animal Services offers half-price adoption special

In recognition of National Spay and Neuter Month, Mesquite Animal Services is offering half-price adoptions now through February 14. The "Complete your Heart" adoption special includes sterilization, vaccinations and microchipping. To view animals currently available at the shelter, located at 1650 Gross Road, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices or call 972-216-6283 for more information.



City of Mesquite employees Go Red

On February 3, City of Mesquite employees participated in the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Day to help raise awareness of women's heart health. Town East Water Tower and the towers at City Hall have been lit red as well for the duration of February. For more information on heart health and American Heart Month, visit the American Heart Association's special webpage www.goredforwomen.org.



National Highway Traffic Safety Administration oversees airbag recall

Under the oversight of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 19 automakers are recalling vehicles with certain types of driver and passenger airbag inflators. These inflators are at risk of rupturing in the event of even a minor accident. Airbag ruptures have sprayed shrapnel into drivers and passengers, resulting in at least 11 deaths in the United States. More than a half million defective airbag inflators are estimated to be in North Texas alone. To find out if your vehicle is impacted, visit www.airbagrecall.com to look up your vehicle identification number (VIN) or call your automaker's nearest dealership.



City employees support West Mesquite High School Career Day

On February 9, City representatives attended Career Day at West Mesquite High School to share information about their chosen professions. Departments and divisions represented included Fire, Police, Engineering, Planning and the Mesquite Convention and Visitors Bureau. Attorney and City Councilmember Greg Noschese was also in attendance to offer his advice and assistance.



City Secretary receives third Texas Registered Municipal Clerk recertification

City Secretary Sonja Land recently graduated with her third recertification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk (TRMC) through the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program. The program is the only university-level professional education program for city clerks and city secretaries in Texas. Designation as a TRMC requires approximately 200 hours of individual home study, examinations and attendance at eight two-day seminars. Recertification requires an additional 80 hours of professional development course work every five years, including attendance at six two-day seminars and continuing education.



February's Real. Texas. Recreation. video available online

Watch the latest Real. Texas. Recreation. video online at www.cityofmesquite.com/RealTexasRecreation. The brief news program provides information on events and programs for all ages hosted by the Mesquite Parks and Recreation Department throughout the month of February.



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