



March 31, 2017



## City Council seeks public input on historic downtown plans

The City of Mesquite is seeking the public's input on historic downtown Mesquite as it develops plans for the area. The survey seeks the public's input on a variety of downtown topics, including business activity, special events, infrastructure and more. The deadline to participate in the online survey is Friday, April 14. To take the survey, go to [Downtown Mesquite](#). For more information, call 972-216-6446.



## Town Hall Tuesday video and presentations available online

The City of Mesquite hosted its latest Town Hall Tuesday on March 28. The Police Department and Public Works Department shared a variety of traffic safety initiatives being implemented to combat speeding and other traffic related topics. City Manager Cliff Keheley also introduced a public awareness plan to be launched in April called "Drive Like Your Family Lives Here." The presentations and a video of the meeting can be viewed online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall).



## Housing and Community Services to close at noon on April 7

The Housing and Community Services building, located at 1616 N. Galloway Avenue, will close at noon on Friday, April 7 for a staff development workshop. The department will resume regular business hours on Monday, April 10.



## **The Marketplace in Mesquite returns**

The Marketplace in Mesquite returns on Saturday, April 8 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in Mesquite's historic downtown square, 150 W. Main Street. The farmer's market takes place every second and fourth Saturday, April - October, and features local growers, artisans, craftsmen and more. Visit

[www.TheMarketplaceDFW.com](http://www.TheMarketplaceDFW.com) for more information.

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## **New fire engine placed into service with traditional “push-in” ceremony**

On March 28, firefighters at Fire Station #5 placed a new fire engine into service with a traditional “push-in” ceremony.

The housing ceremony is a proud tradition in the history of fire service in which firefighters push a new engine into the station for the first time. The tradition dates back to the days when firefighters used horse-drawn equipment, which could not be easily backed into buildings by horses. Per tradition, the oldest firefighter present, Fire Lieutenant Chris Kneggs, led the pull of the old fire engine out of the station and the youngest firefighter present, Firefighter Jimmy Rogers, led the push of the new engine into the station.

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## **Business Retention and Expansion meeting held**

On March 30, Mesquite's Economic Development Office co-hosted a Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Task Force event with area industry leaders at Eastfield

Community College. The event focused on building and maintaining relationships with Mesquite companies to utilize available resources for strengthening their workforce and accessing the labor pool. Presentations on job training and available job recruitment programs were given by Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, Mesquite Independent School District and Eastfield College. Another BRE event is planned in September.

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## Lawrence barn receives facelift thanks to Benjamin Moore & Co. paint donation

The 1886 Stephen Decatur Lawrence barn in the Opal Lawrence Historical Park, 711 E. Kearney Street, was recently repainted thanks to a generous donation of paint by Benjamin Moore & Co. The two-story barn measures over 4,000 square feet and has remained virtually unchanged for the last 131 years. This is the second time Benjamin Moore has donated paint for the barn. The company provided paint for the structure's initial restoration more than 10 years ago. Visit [www.historicmesquite.org](http://www.historicmesquite.org) for more information.



## City Council to meet on April 3

The Mesquite City Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 3 at Mesquite City Hall, located at 757 N. Galloway Avenue. View the meeting agenda online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda). The meeting can also be watched live online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings).



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