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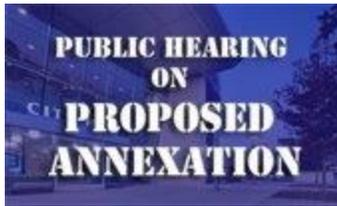
Groundbreaking ceremony held for Ashley Furniture's South Central Distribution Center

On October 17, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the future site of Ashley Furniture's South Central Distribution and Fulfillment Center, 4000 E. Scyene Road. Governor Gregg Abbott, Mayor Stan Pickett and Ashley officials spoke at the event. The \$65 million, 877,250 square-foot facility will bring more than 350 new jobs to Mesquite. Ashley Furniture is the number one selling furniture brand and the world's largest manufacturer of furniture.



City of Mesquite to survey residents

The City of Mesquite is conducting a citizen satisfaction survey during the next few weeks to gather feedback on City programs and services. The survey is being administered by ETC Institute. Approximately 6,000 Mesquite households will be chosen at random to participate in the survey to obtain a sufficient sample that represents the views and perceptions of the entire community. The survey will also be offered to the public October 20 – November 10. This option is available online at www.cityofmesquite.com/2017Survey and on the City's mobile app MesquiteTX. The survey results will be presented to the City Council in December, and then made available to the public.



Public hearings on proposed annexation to be held on October 23 and 26

Public hearings will be held on October 23 and 26 by the Mesquite City Council to consider annexation of approximately 5.71 square miles of territory within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). The October 23 public hearing will begin at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. The October 26 public hearing will also begin at 7 p.m., but will be held within the City's ETJ at Heartland Baptist Church, 8283 Union Hill Road. All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard concerning the proposed annexation. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Annexation for more information.



Town Hall Tuesday to be held October 24; free emergency kits offered

The City of Mesquite will host its next Town Hall Tuesday on October 24 from 7 - 8 p.m. at Mesquite City Hall, 757 N. Galloway Avenue. Members of the Mesquite Fire Department will offer an array of information about the department and fire prevention, plus each attendee will receive a free American Red Cross emergency kit while supplies last. Fire fighting vehicles, equipment and gear will also be on display beginning at 6 p.m. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/TownHall for more information.



Mesquite Animal Services offers Halloween-themed adoption special

Mesquite Animal Services, 1650 Gross Road, is offering a Halloween-themed adoption special from October 27 - 31. Adopters can "trick or treat" for a discounted or even free adoption from a candy basket. Once unwrapped, the candy wrapper will disclose the adoption discount, which will range anywhere from \$10 off to free. The adoption fee (if any) includes sterilization, vaccinations and microchipping. For more information or to view the animals currently available at the shelter, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices.



STAR Transit launches new fare structure on November 1

On August 15, the STAR Transit Board of Directors approved a fare restructure for all STAR Transit service areas. Part of the restructure includes discounted or free fares for qualified seniors 60 plus, veterans and persons with disabilities. The fare changes go into effect on November 1 and are meant to help simplify the fare structure for riders and employees. To receive discounted or free fares, riders must complete an Eligibility Form. Forms can be accessed by calling 877-631-5278 or via www.STARtransit.org. Assessments can be scheduled, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Mesquite online video offers water conservation tips to lower utility bills

On October 1, Mesquite water and sewer rates increased. This increase is a direct result of increasing costs passed onto customers by our water supplier, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). The City of Mesquite empathizes with customers' frustrations and wants to help them keep their bill as low as possible. There are steps water customers can take to conserve water and save money. Watch the brief video [Conserve & Save](#) for water conservation tips inside and outside of the home. In the meantime, the City of Mesquite will continue to seek a water rate structure with the NTMWD that is fair and equitable.



Contact Us

Let us hear from you. If you have a concern or are experiencing an issue, please contact the City of Mesquite at 972-288-7711 or visit the City's website at www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenRequest for assistance.

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