



November 22, 2017



Most City offices closed on November 23 and 24

Most City of Mesquite offices and facilities will be closed on November 23 and 24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. For a complete list of closures and service impacts, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays. Recycling will not be collected on November 23 or 24. Trash will not be collected on November 23, but will be collected on November 24. For those collection days missed, collection will occur on the residents' next scheduled collection day.



Christmas on the Square tree lighting celebration to be held on November 28

Mesquite's annual Christmas on the Square celebration will be held on Tuesday, November 28, from 6 - 8 p.m. in historic downtown, 223 W. Davis Street. The event will feature free children's craft activities, cookies and hot cocoa. Attendees are encouraged to bring their cameras for pictures with Santa. New this year are Victorian carolers and a dance performance by Stage Door Dancers. Food will be available for purchase from Shorty's Barbecue and Selena's Sweets.



Mesquite Mayor Stan Pickett encourages citizens to shop local and Take. Lock. Hide.

With holiday shopping season approaching, Mayor Stan Pickett encourages citizens to shop local and shop in Mesquite. While other malls across the country are closing or reducing their offerings, Mesquite's Town East Mall continues to grow. Market East Shopping Center is growing as well. Home Goods, Michaels and more stores are coming soon to that shopping area. In addition, National Small Business Saturday is Saturday, November 25. The City of Mesquite encourages shoppers to consider shopping at small businesses that day and throughout the year to support locally owned businesses.

However, while shopping in Mesquite, we urge you not to become a victim of opportunity. Mesquite is a safe community. In fact, this past year, the Mesquite Police Department reported the lowest crime rate in 30 years. However, crime will occur. In Mesquite, about 20 percent of all crimes involve the break-in or the theft of a car. The Mesquite Police Department has launched an aggressive public education campaign to encourage the community to "Take. Lock. Hide." to help prevent these crimes. Take your keys, lock your vehicle and hide any valuables left in the car.



Mesquite's Christmas in the Park celebrates 31 years

Mesquite's annual Christmas in the Park will be held at Westlake Park, 421 Gross Road, on Saturday, December 2, and Sunday, December 3, from 1 - 6 p.m. This year participants can look forward to free carnival games at Rudolph's Reindeer Games, enjoy a larger assortment of concession choices at Buddy's Buffet and participate in the Ugly Sweater and Name that Carol contests. Children can visit the new Winter Woodlands village for a variety of free make-and-take crafts. The "Here Comes Christmas" parade returns and will proceed through the center of Westlake Park each evening at 6 p.m. followed by a fireworks finale. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ChristmasInThePark for more information.

MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT
SANTA COP TOY PROGRAM



Mesquite Police Department Santa Cop Toy Program underway

This year's Mesquite Police Santa Cop Toy Program will run through December 13. The annual program began in 1975 to provide assistance to disadvantaged children and families served by the Mesquite Independent School District (MISD) during the Christmas season. Families are selected by MISD counselors and Mesquite patrol officers.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the program can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Mesquite Police Department lobby located at 777 N. Galloway Avenue, or send a monetary donation by mail to the Mesquite Police Department, c/o Santa Cop, P.O. Box 850137, Mesquite, TX 75185-0137. Donations can also be made online at www.cityofmesquite.com/Donations.



Shop more, drive less with alternative shopping routes

Shop local and use alternative shopping routes this holiday season to spend less time in traffic and more time doing the things you enjoy. Visit

www.cityofmesquite.com/ShoppingRoutes to view maps offering alternate travel routes to your favorite shopping, dining and entertainment destinations in Mesquite. The maps can also be accessed through the "Shopping Routes" icon on the City of Mesquite's free mobile app named MesquiteTX, which can be downloaded at www.cityofmesquite.com/App.



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