



December 15, 2017



## **Mesquite City Council to meet on December 18**

On Monday, December 18, the Mesquite City Council Pre-Meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in Training Rooms A and B at Mesquite City Hall, located at 757 N. Galloway Avenue.

The City Council Regular Meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber. View the meeting agenda online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CouncilAgenda) or watch the meeting live online at [www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/WatchCouncilMeetings).

The meeting will also be broadcast via Facebook Live. Councilmembers and City staff will not be able to answer questions during the broadcast. City staff will address questions after the meeting. The City welcomes public engagement and encourages all participants to embrace the City's social media guidelines [www.cityofmesquite.com/socialmedia](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/socialmedia).

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## **The Gift of Reading event to be held December 20**

The City of Mesquite will host The Gift of Reading event featuring special guest readers at the Mesquite Main Library, 300 W. Grubb Drive, on December 20 from 3 - 5 p.m. The guest readers will include Police Chief Charles

Cato, Fire Chief Mark Kerby and others. The free, holiday-themed event will also include complimentary cookies and crafts for kids.

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## Mesquite Animal Services offers extended holiday hours and adoption specials

Mesquite Animal Services, 1650 Gross Road, will be open December 22 and 23 from 1 - 5:30 p.m. for adoptions and reclaims only. Shelter staff elected to remain open in order to help more dogs and cats find homes for the holidays.

Fun adoption specials will also be offered throughout the month. On December 16, all adoptions will be 25 percent off. On December 18 and 19, any animal wearing a red or green bandana will be 50 percent off; and from December 20 - 23, cat or dog kennels marked with a Santa Claus may be adopted for \$25, while animals in kennels marked with a Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer may be adopted at 25 percent off. Fees include sterilization, vaccinations and microchipping. Visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/AnimalServices) for hours of operation and more information.

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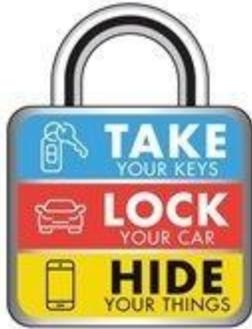


## City of Mesquite and STAR Transit holiday closures

Many City of Mesquite offices will be closed December 22 and 25 as well as January 1 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Please visit [www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays) for a complete list of closures and service impacts. For those trash and recycling collection days missed, collection will occur on the residents' next scheduled collection day.

STAR Transit's offices will also be closed December 22 and 25 as well as January 1. This includes On Demand Service, the Kaufman Trolley, The Link and Terrell Fixed Routes 803 and 804. STAR Transit will operate regular schedules for the DART Express Bus Route 282 (COMPASS), the Balch Springs Midtown Express, the Seagoville Express and the Hutchins Shuttle on December 22. These routes will not operate on December 25 or January 1. Visit [www.STARtransit.org](http://www.STARtransit.org) for more information.

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## Online videos offer safety tips while shopping and dining this holiday season

The Mesquite Police Department recently launched the Take. Lock. Hide. campaign to educate citizens about three easy steps they can take to reduce the risk of vehicle thefts and break-ins: take your keys, lock your car doors and hide your valuables. Watch the brief videos [Be Safe](#)

[Shopping in Mesquite](#) and [Enjoy Your Meal](#) for more safety tips and information on the program.

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## 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](http://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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/App).

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## 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](http://www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenRequest) for assistance.

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