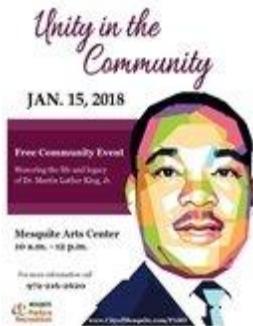




January 12, 2018



Unity in the Community event to be held on January 15

A free community event honoring the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held on Monday, January 15, from 10 a.m. - noon at the Mesquite Arts Center, [1527 N. Galloway Ave.](#) Activities will include remarks by community leaders, choir performances and dance performances. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Unity or call [972-216-2620](tel:972-216-2620) for the latest information.



City offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Many City of Mesquite offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Trash and recycling will not be collected. Collection will occur on residents' next scheduled collection day. Please visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Holidays for a complete list of closures and service impacts.



Mesquite City Council to meet on Tuesday, January 16

On Tuesday, January 16, the Mesquite City Council Pre-Meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in Training Rooms A and B at Mesquite City Hall, [757 N. Galloway Ave.](#) 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 or watch the meeting live at 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 available at www.cityofmesquite.com/socialmedia.



2018 Message from the City Manager

Watch the [2018 Message to the Mesquite community](#) from City Manager Cliff Keheley, highlighting City programs and acts of service by City employees during the past year.



Mesquite Police Department to host Coffee with Cops on January 18

Enjoy coffee with Mesquite Police Officers on Thursday, January 18, from 7 - 9 a.m. at the following McDonald's

locations: [1817 N. Beltline Road](#), [1531 Town East Blvd.](#), [18751 LBJ Freeway](#), [200 U.S. Highway 80 East](#), [2012 Scyene Road](#), [1444 S. Beltline Road](#) and [4450 Gus Thomasson Blvd](#). Come share your concerns and get to know some of the officers working in your neighborhood.



Pedestrian bridge installation near Gus Thomasson Road and Oates Drive

This week, installation of a pedestrian bridge over the drainage channel near the intersection of Gus Thomasson Road and Oates Drive began. The bridge is one of many improvements included in the Thomasson Square project. The Thomasson Square project is a public-private revitalization effort of a three-block area located on Gus Thomasson, between Moon and Karla, north of Interstate 30. Visit www.cityofmesquite.com/ThomassonSquare for more information on the project.

MESQUITE POLICE DEPARTMENT
SANTA COP TOY PROGRAM



Santa Cop Toy Program assists more than 301 families

The Mesquite Police Department's Santa Cop Toy Program provided Christmas gifts to more than 301 families and 830 children this year. In addition to the tremendous amount of toys donated by Mesquite citizens and civic organizations, over \$40,000 was raised to assist families. More than 300 bikes were also distributed this year. Thank you to the Mesquite community for your overwhelming support. Watch a special [video recap of the 2017 Santa Cop Program](#).



Monthly sales tax report

The State Comptroller’s Office reported a 6.0 percent increase in the City’s sales tax collections for the month of January compared to the same period last year. January’s report is based on sales reported by local businesses during the month of November. Year-to-date collections are trending \$250,000 above budget, which is a 4.1% increase overall. For more detailed information on how the City uses its sales tax revenue, visit www.cityofmesquite.com/Transparency.



Mesquite makes progress in enforcement of fireworks and gunfire laws

On January 9, the City of Mesquite announced six citations were issued to individuals for the illegal use or possession of fireworks, more than 34 pounds of illegal fireworks were seized and two individuals were arrested for celebratory gunfire during the New Year’s Eve holiday weekend. In Mesquite, it is illegal to possess or use fireworks in the city limits. Fines range from \$500 - \$4,000. The illegal discharge of a firearm also carries the possibility of up to one year in jail.

The “Celebrate Safely with Family and Friends, Not Fireworks and Firearms” campaign featured special deployment teams consisting of police officers and firefighters patrolling in neighborhoods. The City used a variety of public education efforts, including signage throughout the community. The primary purpose of the campaign is to educate residents on the dangers of fireworks and shooting guns into the air.



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](tel:972-288-7711) or visit the City’s website at www.cityofmesquite.com/CitizenRequest for assistance.

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