

Mesquite Business News

Quarter 2 (Jan. - Mar.) Fiscal Year 2021

Business Activity

- [Locke Supply Company](#) - Moving into 4414 Gus Thomasson (former Minyard Foods)
- [Elements International](#) - Building a new 175k SF facility
- [Conor Commercial](#) - Completed 198k SF industrial project "Skyline Commerce Center"
- [Plumbers Local 100](#) - New construction of a two-story office building
- [Clay Cooley Hyundai](#) - Renovation
- [LeTronics](#) - Certificate of Occupancy (CO)
- [Mr. Electric](#) - CO
- [Golden Chick](#) (4525 Gus Thomasson Rd.) - CO
- [Creek Crossing Dynamic Nutrition](#) - CO
- [COMING SOON - Rosa's Cafe](#)

[View the latest quarterly Economic Development Update Presentation to City](#)

Need Employees, Training, and/or Room to Grow?



Mesquite's big five business resources teamed up to serve YOU.

Known as the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) task force, we are taxpayer- and

member-supported entities who work for your success.

Click [here](#) for more information. [#MesquiteBRE](#)

Local Market Data, Trends Presentation Set for April 13

[Avison Young \(Dallas\)](#) Research Manager Micah Rabalais will provide a Local Market Data and Trends presentation at noon on April 13, 2021.

Rabalais's presentation will highlight data from quarter two (January-March) of fiscal year 2021 and focus on Mesquite and its geographical surroundings.

The event is brought to you by the Mesquite Business Retention and Expansion Task Force. Avison Young is a commercial real estate firm providing services for investment sales, leasing and project management in the DFW area.

There is no cost to attend; simply join via the link when it's

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time. People who may be interested in attending include local business and/or owners, managers, and/or investors; commercial real estate brokers, and anyone interested in the Mesquite, TX area business climate.

Event Info



IN SPITE of the PANDEMIC, the [Mesquite Chamber of Commerce](#) actually INCREASED participation by switching to virtual for morning, noon and after-hour networking opportunities.

The Chamber also INCREASED e-newsletter production, regularly bringing valuable information relating to COVID-19 pandemic resources as well as activity updates and partner news to our members and other stakeholders.

The VISION of the Mesquite Chamber is to be the leading resource for connecting and strengthening Mesquite's Business Community.

Mesquite Chamber goals include:

- promoting the business community
- advocating for economic growth
- offering vital information & educational opportunities
- leveraging resources
- providing networking events & partnership building opportunities



In a challenging time, Dallas College, Eastfield Campus enrolled approximately 17,500 students with a new way of delivering classes.

In addition, Dallas College continues to train their workforce through customized training. Eastfield Campus provides high-quality performance improvement across all business and industry markets. They resolve business challenges by providing solutions and services to give organizations a competitive edge to develop and retain talent.

WORKFORCESOLUTIONS GREATER DALLAS

[Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas](#) is recognized locally and nationally as a best-in-class workforce system that engages employers and offers the premier solutions for a qualified workforce.

The organization provides job seekers with employment solutions, convenes a community workforce dialogue critical to economic development, and is recognized as the responsive and effective solution of choice.

LBJ East Project Updates

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will reconstruct IH-635 from U.S. 75 to IH-30.

The reconstruction will provide five main lanes and two managed lanes in both directions, continual frontage roads starting at Town East Boulevard, and full reconstruction of the IH-30/IH-635 interchange.

Texas Department of Transportation is currently working with cities to relocate utilities that are affected. Interstate

The Workforce Solutions mission centers on providing competitive solutions for employers through quality people and for people through quality jobs.

WFSDallas is a quasi-governmental and non-profit organization. Funded by federal grants and private money, WFSDallas is one of the largest nonprofits in Dallas.



[Vanguard High School](#) will open in August of this year. Vanguard will offer the normal classes plus additional ones/tracts that focus on career readiness.

In year two (August 2022), the Pathways to Technology (PTEC) Program will be launched.

The Program will feature three sub-programs: Mechatronics for future Automatic Machine Technicians (AMTs), as well as Fire Fighting and Pre-Nursing. In year three, academies that will offer specific certifications geared toward specific businesses or types of businesses will be launched.

construction began in early 2020.

For more information concerning the I-635 LBJ East Project, click [here](#).



Mesquite ISD is continuously seeking innovative ways to connect with industry to strengthen our Career and Technical Education (CTE)

programs so our graduates are prepared to fill growing skills gaps as well as replace the aging labor force.

Through meaning partnerships and mentoring, MISD is graduating a pipeline of skilled and technologically-advanced prospects who are future ready.

In the coming months, the BRE Task Force will distribute a 2021 business survey. Responses from the survey will help shape the Task Force's planning.

Economic Development Department Earns Statewide Recognition



Members of the City of Mesquite Economic Development team display five years' worth of Economic Excellence Recognition certificates. The Department consists of Economic Development, Downtown Development, and the Convention and Visitors Bureau

For the fifth year in a row, the [City of Mesquite's Economic Development Department](#) received the Economic Excellence Recognition from the Texas Economic Development Council.

In 2020, Mesquite was one of only 49 Economic Development Organizations (EDOs) to earn the prestigious recognition out of 660 EDOs in the state.

The program gives recognition to EDOs that meet a desired threshold of professionalism. This is demonstrated by staff, their governing board and/or their City Council partaking in a certain amount of training and/or other educational opportunities related to Economic Development. In addition, staff certifications and professional memberships, as well as organizational effectiveness tools employed, also contribute to the standards for award qualification.

Mesquite Public Library

Job Seeker Support

Call 972-216-6220

To schedule a 30 minute support session by phone or in person



Main Library 300 W Grubb Drive
North Branch 2600 Oates Drive
www.cityofmesquite.com/library



Job Seekers can "book a librarian" for a 30-minute session for personal assistance with job applications, resumes, interview tips, industry research or other areas that may help their chances in improving their job situation. Job Seeker Support will continue at least through August 2021.



Did you know a plane takes off or lands at the [Mesquite Metro Airport](#) about every six minutes? The nearly 86,000 operations in 2020 rank Mesquite Metro as the 164th busiest nationally of facilities with an air traffic control tower. General Manager Eric Pratt briefed City Council on the airport in January, read more of what was presented [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view a flyover of downtown's Front Street Station. Completion of the major Downtown Mesquite improvement is estimated for late April. In the meantime, have a look at the new stage area and imagine the upcoming installation of public art and new farmers market slated to start in June.

Academy Sports Grand Opening



At their grand opening celebration March 12, customers got their first look at the brand-new [Academy Sports + Outdoors](#) at Market East Shopping Center. The store was moved from its previous location

just around the corner on West Emporium Circle. Phase II of Market East Shopping Center recently added Office Depot, Michael's, Ulta, and HomeGoods to the lineup, and now you can find Academy there as well. Directly across from Town East Mall, this location provides better visibility, access, and parking, not to mention more foot traffic. Construction of Phase II is still underway at the Target-anchored center and more stores will be coming soon.

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