



**Quarter 3 | 2023**

## **Opportunities**



### **Sharpen your local industry leadership**

Maximize your company's engagement through Leadership Mesquite, a nine-month educational/awareness leadership program of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. It identifies, honors, educates, challenges, and develops a select group of emerging business and civic leaders with the potential to provide future leadership for the Mesquite community. [Apply now](#)



## News

### Welcome Canadian Solar

Based in the Toronto area, Canadian Solar chose Mesquite to establish its first U.S. facility. The company will invest \$250 million into the 91-acre industrial space located at 3000 Skyline Dr., making way for 1,500 new jobs. [Read more](#)

### Welcome General Dynamics

General Dynamics Mesquite will make artillery casings for the government and will add more than 125 jobs. They will be located at the industrial park on IH 635 and U.S. 80, called [Mesquite 635](#). [Read more](#)



## Furniture Industry Celebrated

Mesquite's furniture industry was celebrated at the grand opening of Quality Home. Mayor Alemán proclaimed May 4 as Furniture Industry Day and recognized representatives from retailer Quality Home and manufacturers and distributors Elements International Group, LLC, Ashley Furniture Industries and Steve Silver Company. [Read more](#)

## Public Park Opens at Industrial Park

For a Mesquite first, business park [Alcott Logistics Station](#) has completed a public park that will serve both it's future business tenant employees as well as area residents. [Read more](#)



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# Events



## Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from April through November, discover a selection of artisanal products, locally grown produce, baked goods, bath and body products, and more. Whether you are looking to fill your pantry, somewhere to relax and enjoy some good food or enjoy some good company and stellar music, the Downtown Mesquite Farmers Market is the place to be. [Read more](#)

## Industrial Strength Summit

Eleven of Mesquite's industrial companies attended the Industrial Strength Summit in June at [J&R Manufacturing](#). The event focused on local internship opportunities and featured a spotlight on J&R and Mesquite ISD's internship program. The next Summit will be at Pepsi and will focus on hiring workforce from special populations such as woman and veterans. [Read more](#)



## Manufacturing Day

The annual Manufacturing Day will take place on October 4th. This year's event will consist of a student job fair at Vanguard High School in the morning and student plant tours in the afternoon. To RSVP to set up a table at the job fair or to host a plant tour, [email Lexie](#). [Read more](#)

## Small Business Event

As part of the Economic Development [Strategic Plan](#), the Small Business Success Committee held a feedback session at [Heritage Plaza](#) this month in order to gain insight into the process of opening a small business in Mesquite. The goal is to improve city services and we're not done yet. Want to take the survey and contribute to the effort? Click [here](#).



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## Resources

### Access Young Talent

Destination Success Dallas, the young adult arm of Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, place young adults at worksites for 20 weeks. Their wages and workers comp. are paid for by a grant. Requirements: participants must be supervised at all times, no overtime, must have a minimum of 5 W-2 employees and pay a minimum of \$14/hr, and a simple agreement with the Workforce Board of Dallas County. You are able to assess the participants and decide who to bring on board. At the end of the internship, you can choose to hire them or not. [Interest form](#)

### Low cost long term loan for energy improvements

Mesquite is part of Dallas County's Property Accessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. PACE is 100% financing for energy and water efficiency improvements to industrial, commercial, multi-family residential, and non-profit buildings. It is a long-term (typically 10-20 year), low-cost loan for hard and soft costs associated with HVAC, LED, solar panels, high-efficiency windows and doors, etc. improvements. A Mesquite shopping center redeveloper is currently taking advantage of the program. [Learn more](#)

### Dallas College Business and Industry Webinars

Watch past webinars and sign up for future ones such as Sow Your Own Workforce and Stay Competitive by Upskilling Your Workforce. Session five, Sow Your Own

Workforce, is July 27 and will discuss apprenticeships, co-ops, work-study, internships and potential funding sources. [Learn more](#)

## Parking Lot Signage to Keep Mesquite Beautiful

[Pledge](#) to keep your lot litter free and get (grant funded) signage for your lot. This awareness campaign to your customers can help to prevent your lots from becoming a dumping ground with fast food wrappers, cigarette butts, etc. Other ways to keep Mesquite beautiful include attending the Butterfly Ball September 16 or participating in Trash Bash September 30. For more information, [email Jonathan](#).

## Are you missing out? Employee Retention Tax Credit

The [Employee Retention Tax Credit \(ERTC\)](#) program is one of the most misunderstood elements of the pandemic relief package passed by Congress. At the June [Chamber of Commerce](#) Luncheon, experts walked attendees through the program to help them understand if their business might still qualify for the tax credits. If you missed it and want more information, reach out to [Alexander](#).

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