



MESQUITE BUSINESS RETENTION
AND EXPANSION TASK FORCE

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In this edition: Upcoming Events, Manufacturing Day, Award-Winning Highlights, Bisnow Recap, and Christmas on The Square



Recap of Manufacturing Day

The Mesquite Business Retention and Expansion Taskforce (BRE) hosted its fifth annual Manufacturing Day, offering an enriching experience for approximately 300 Mesquite Independent School District students. These students had the unique opportunity to participate in exclusive, behind-the-scenes tours of local manufacturing facilities, gaining

firsthand insights into modern manufacturing processes and career pathways.

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Downtown Mesquite Business Wins Texas Downtown Business of the Year

Downtown Mesquite's MVP Nutrition and Energy has been awarded the prestigious Texas Downtown Business of the Year at the Texas Downtown President's Awards Gala in Abilene. This award celebrates businesses that elevate the vibrancy of their downtown areas by actively promoting the district as a destination and contributing to its revitalization.

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City of Mesquite Sponsors DFW Industrial Outlook Event

Mesquite was proud to be the presenting sponsor at the Bisnow DFW Industrial Outlook event where Mayor Daniel Alemán Jr. was a guest speaker, and Kim Buttram, moderated the Power & Energy Spotlight panel. This event focused on the latest trends and innovations shaping North Texas's industrial real estate market.

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Annual Christmas on The Square

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 3**, for an evening filled with holiday magic in Downtown Mesquite. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and flavors of Christmas in the historic heart of Mesquite! Take photos with Santa, browse the holiday gift market featuring local vendors, enjoy the iconic tree lighting and celebrate with music and entertainment.

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City of Mesquite and Canadian Solar Win TEDC Award

The City of Mesquite was honored to receive the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) 2024 Community Economic Development Award for Secondary Benefits, celebrating the impactful partnership with Canadian Solar Inc. This \$250 million investment establishes Canadian Solar's first North American manufacturing plant in Mesquite, creating 1,500 jobs and advancing our local economy.

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Dallas Regional Medical Center Celebrates Local First Responders

Dallas Regional Medical Center recently honored local first responders at its quarterly EMS Award Lunch, recognizing their swift response to several cardiac emergencies. The awards highlighted the critical partnership between emergency dispatchers, Mesquite Fire Department personnel, CareFlite crews and the hospital's cardiac team.

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New Dallas County Office Open

Dallas County opened a new government center in Mesquite, providing dedicated spaces for various departments including the Tax Office, Constable's Office, Justice of the Peace Court, Juvenile Services, and an Early Voting/Community Room

named after Mesquite's City Manager, Clifford V. Keheley, Jr. The center is located at 500 S. Galloway Avenue and is officially now open to the public.

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Back Row: Alberto Rivera (Economic Development Manager), Kim Buttram (Director Of Economic Development), Tom Palmer (MEDA Vice President), Ron Ward (MEDA Secretary), Carlos Devora (Heritage Plaza Specialist), Nadine Ward (MEDA President), Lisset Palma (Marketing and Events Specialist). Front Row: Javan Gonzalez (Visit Mesquite Manager), Homero Lopez (MEDA Member), Debbie Anderson (MEDA Member), Lisa Theriot (MEDA Treasurer), Beverly Abell (Downtown Development Manager), James Johnson (Downtown Development Coordinator), Gilberto Prado (MEDA Member)

Howdy Holidays!

We wish you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year with continued success.

All our best,

The Mesquite Economic Development Team and Mesquite Economic Development Advisory Board.

Upcoming Events



Mesquite Gift Shop Now Open!

Where local charm meets western style - the gift shop is now open at the Mesquite Visitor Center! Gift a piece of Mesquite this holiday season with merchandise crafted by local artisans.

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Corporate Tours of Mesquite

Looking to give your team a memorable experience in Mesquite? Partner with us to curate a custom corporate tour in Mesquite. We'll connect you with local businesses and attractions to create a truly unique experience for your team. Contact Alberto Rivera for more information.

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DEC. 5

9:00AM-2:30PM



Small Business Summit

The final 2024 Governor's Small Business Summit is coming to Kaufman, on **December 5, 2024**. Don't miss expert panels on entrepreneurship, scaling your business, marketing, and more —plus a keynote by Bob & Kelli Phillips, former hosts of *Texas Country Reporter*.

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