

# DeSoto City Lights

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## Special Election To Fill The Unexpired Term for City Council Place 7

The City of DeSoto will hold a Special Election on Saturday, August 26, 2017 to fill the unexpired term of James Zander who resigned his seat on the DeSoto City Council on June 20, 2017.

DeSoto residents who are interested in filing for this city council seat must live within the bounds of district seven (7) to be eligible. However, all registered voters in DeSoto can vote in this special election as candidates are elected at large.

Candidate Filing Information Packets can be requested by sending an email to the City Secretary at [kmorris@desototexas.gov](mailto:kmorris@desototexas.gov). Please include your name, address, email address and contact phone number. Packets can also be picked up in the City Secretary's office during regular business hours. The City Secretary will accept completed candidate filings for a place on the ballot Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm through July 15, 2017. On that day, the City Secretary's office will close promptly at 5 pm and no filing will be accepted after that time.

Early voting for the special election begins on August 9th and continues through August 22nd at Disciple Central Community Church. Voting on election day, August 26, 2017, will take place at the Belt Line Conference Center located at 200 E. Belt Line Road.

Please visit the City of DeSoto website at [www.desototexas.gov](http://www.desototexas.gov) for updates on the special election.



*Mayor McCowan and members of the City Council recognized the public service and contributions of Councilmember James Zander at the June 20, 2017 City Council Meeting. The Mayor presented a special gold eagle to Councilmember Zander as a reminder to "think of the DeSoto community and all it means to you and as well as all you and Linda mean to this community."*

*Pictured here from left, Councilmembers Dick North and Candice Quarles, Linda Zander, Councilmember James Zander, Mayor Curtistene McCowan and Councilmembers Deshaundra Lockhart Jones and Virgil Helm.*

## City Calendar

### July

- 1 Fireworks-Meadow Creek Park - 6pm
- 3 Park Board Mtg. canceled
- 4 City Facilities closed for Independence Day - City Council Mtg. canceled
- 5 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
- 5 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
- 5 Historical Foundation Mtg. 6 pm
- 10 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. 6pm
- 11 Planning & Zoning Mtg.- City Hall -7 pm
- 18 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
- 24 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am
- 25 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
- 28 Andrea Dawson Amphitheater 8 pm

### August

- 1 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
- 1 National Night Out - 7 to 9 pm
- 3 Historical Foundation Mtg. - 6 pm
- 3 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
- 3 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
- 4 Sing Outdoor Movie - 8:30pm
- 7 Arts Commission Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6pm
- 7 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
- 8 Planning & Zoning Mtg. -City Hall -7 pm
- 11 Hidden Figures Outdoor Movie 8:30 pm
- 15 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
- 22 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
- 25 Forte Band Concert Amphitheater - 8pm
- 28 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am

### ***Do You Know A DeSoto Teenager Who Might Be Interested In Pursuing an internship that could lead to a career in local government?***

Encourage that teen to take the first step by applying now to join the DeSoto Junior Civic Academy. This eleven week program is an extension of the Civic Academy that the City has offered for more than ten years. It is designed to introduce DeSoto high school juniors and seniors to career opportunities in public administration, economic development, municipal finance and budgeting, library services, public works, parks and recreation, police, fire and EMS and much more. Parents are encouraged to attend with their teen. Apply online now to attend the DeSoto Junior Civic Academy at [www.desototexas.gov/jca](http://www.desototexas.gov/jca).

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## *A Message From Code Enforcement*

City ordinance requires that all vehicles must be parked on improved surfaces. No vehicle should be parked in the front or side yard of a residence at any time, except on a driveway or on an improved surface such as reinforced concrete.

Additionally, parking in the alley is prohibited at all times so as to not interfere with the free and uninterrupted movement of traffic. If you would like to report a code violation, please call the Code Enforcement office at 469.658.3075.



This year's National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm. Crime watch groups, homeowners associations and neighborhood groups are encouraged to come outside their homes that evening and join together for a show of community support. Make plans now for your neighborhood block party or event on National Night Out. To schedule a police or city official visit or for more information, call Officer Jessica Ryan, at 469.658.3055. August in Texas can be steamy to say the least. Some cities in Texas have elected to celebrate National Night Out on the first Tuesday in October when the weather is much cooler. If that sounds good to you, the DeSoto Police agree and will host a special crime prevention event for the whole community on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm at the DeSoto Civic Center. Watch this newsletter for more information on that event.

### ***DeSoto Public Utilities Offers Free Composting Class - August 29, 2017 6:30 to 8:30 pm***

Is your trash can full at the end of the week? Did you know that you can reduce the waste carried to landfills by composting more and throwing away less? This program teaches the composting process, the different types and methods of composting, as well as how to compost and its importance.



To attend this free class, which takes place in the City Council Chambers at DeSoto City Hall, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, please register online at <http://www.desototexas.gov/1769/Water-Conservation-Classes>. If you are unable to register online, please contact the Public Utilities Office at 972.230.5724 for assistance.

# Economic Development Update



## GROW DESOTO BUSINESS INCUBATOR

*Opening Fall 2017*

The incubator will contain a variety of restaurants, retail spaces, and a shared workspace. Food trailers will be stationed in the parking lot of the shopping center for patrons to enjoy. Visit [growdesoto.org](http://growdesoto.org) for more information.



## CROSSROADS TRADE CENTER

*Currently under construction*

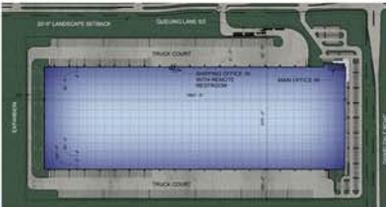
Building 3 of this development is currently under construction. Buildings 1 & 2 have both been leased.



## NFI INDUSTRIES

*Currently under construction*

This location will primarily be used for the distribution of household electronics to over 170 locations in DFW.



## KOHLER FAUCETS

*Approved by City Council*

This new DeSoto facility will be the largest Kohler manufacturing/distribution center in the company's portfolio at 1.3 million square feet.



## EUROFINS

*Opening Fall 2017*

Eurofins is opening a new laboratory that will offer the meat and poultry industries with testing services critical to processing and packing operations.



## HOME 2 SUITES BY HILTON

*Opening Fall 2017*

Home 2 Suites is a 4-story hotel with 7,500 SF of conference meeting and banquet space.



## GLOBAL PRIME

*Groundbreaking - Fall 2017*

Global Prime is a 50,000 SF, 102-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility that will be located off of Hampton Rd.



## GLŌ BY BEST WESTERN

*Groundbreaking - Late July 2017*

This boutique hotel by Best Western will have 75-rooms, 1,000 SF of meeting space, a fitness center, a relaxing spa area, and an inviting communal space for work and play.

## Mayor McCowan Appointed to NCTCOG Board



DeSoto Mayor Curtistene S. McCowan was recently elected to the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) Executive Board.

The 18-member Executive Board is the policy-making body for NCTCOG, which serves a 16 county region in North Central Texas and has more than 230 member governments.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to work with such a phenomenal group of leaders on addressing the 'common needs' of local governments in the North Central Texas region," said Mayor McCowan. "I would be remiss if I did not thank the City of DeSoto and the NCTCOG's Nominating Committee, Executive Board and General Assembly for the privilege to serve in this role."

McCowan was elected the 21st Mayor of DeSoto in 2016 – the first woman to hold that office. She represented Place 6 on the DeSoto City Council since 2012, serving as Mayor Pro Tem from 2014 to 2016. Prior to winning a seat on the City Council, she served five years on the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. Mayor McCowan also serves on the executive boards of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and the Best Southwest Partnership.

"The City of DeSoto is fortunate to have such a dedicated public servant as our Mayor," said DeSoto City Manager, Tarron Richardson, Ph.D.

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The Junior Civic Academy will run concurrently with our traditional Civic Academy for adults. Applications are being accepted for that program as well. Both the Junior Civic Academy and the traditional Civic Academy begin August 17, 2017 and continue every Thursday from 5:45 pm to 8:30 pm for eleven weeks. If you would like to participate or need more information on the Civic Academy program, please call Nelda Bond at 972.230.9643.

ArtsDeSoto.com



# BENEATH THE STARS

## SUMMER MUSIC & POETRY SERIES

OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER JULY 28 | AUGUST 25

EVERY FOURTH FRIDAY AT THE DESOTO TOWN CENTER  
211 E. Pleasant Run Road | DeSoto

FREE MOVIES IN THE OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER



AUGUST 4TH . 8:30 PM



AUGUST 11TH . 8:30 PM

FREE CONCERTS

*featured artists*

JULY 28TH 8PM



AUGUST 25TH 8PM



Bring your lawn chairs and join us Beneath the Stars in the Outdoor Amphitheater behind DeSoto Library for Summer Fun.

Go to ArtsDeSoto.com for more info or call 972.230.9648.

DeSoto ISD

# CORNER

## 2017 BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

DeSoto ISD welcomes students and parents to the 2017 school year. Here are some dates and information for the start of school.

- **Early Childhood, Pre-K Registration - ongoing**  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Admin. Bldg.
- **New Student Enrollment (K-12) - Aug. 8-18**  
8-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m. at school

### Returning Students

Parent should log onto their Parent Portal and confirm their student(s) will be attending DeSoto schools. Families must also complete a new lunch application each year!

**Freshman Orientation - Th., Aug. 3, 8 am to noon at DHS**  
Incoming freshman students and parents are invited!

**Meet the Teacher - Fri., Aug. 18, 1-5 p.m.**

**First Day of School - Mon., August 21!**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2017  
9 A.M. TO NOON  
DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL

