

DeSoto City Lights

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New Water and Sewer Rates Take Effect October 1st

On September 19, 2017, the City Council approved a 5% increase in the water base rate and a 7% increase in the sewer base and volume rates. The rate increase is necessary to ensure adequate revenue to cover the increased cost of contract water services from Dallas Water Utilities and contract sewer treatment services from the Trinity River Authority, as well as the costs associated with water and sewer system operation and maintenance and capital infrastructure improvements. Below are the approved water and sewer rates for Fiscal Year 2018:

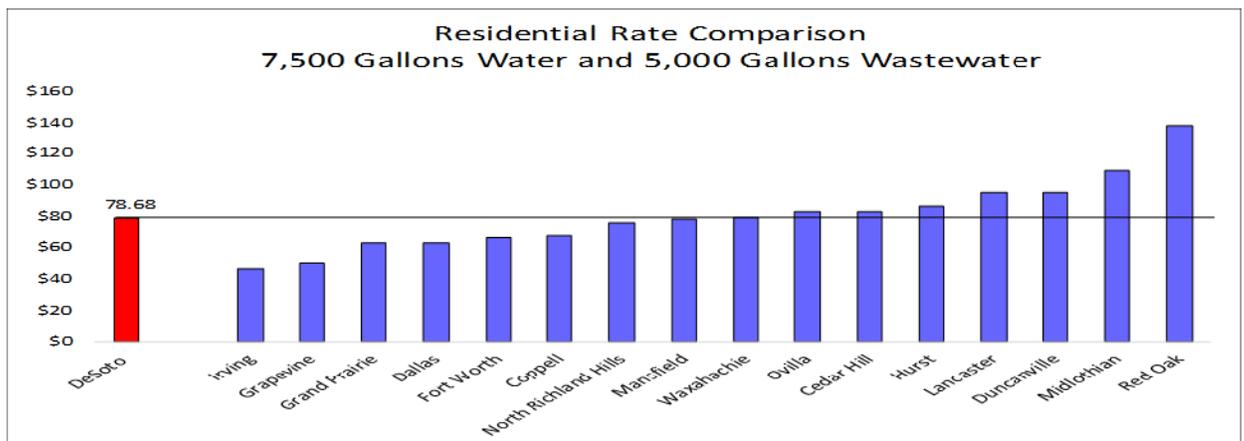
Water Base Rate	FY2017	FY2018	Percent Increase
¾-inch meter	\$8.50	\$8.93	5%
1-inch meter	\$16.16	\$16.97	5%
Water Volume Rate	\$3.10	\$3.10	No Change
Sewer Base Rate	\$9.32	\$9.97	7.0%
Sewer Volume Rate	\$9.26	\$9.91	7.0%

Customers will see the new water and sewer rates reflected in their December utility bills. If you have any questions regarding your water or sewer service, please call 972.230.9627. The water base rates listed above are for meter sizes typically associated with residential water accounts. Commercial and industrial water accounts may have larger water meters. For a full listing of meter sizes and corresponding base rates, please visit the Department of Public Utilities' webpage at <http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/463/WaterSewer-Rates>

How Do DeSoto's Water and Sewer Rates Compare to Other Cities in the DFW Area?

The average consumption for City of DeSoto residential utility customers is 7,500 gallons of water and 5,000 gallons of sewer per month. Therefore, based on the new rates, the average monthly charge for water and sewer will be \$78.68, not including garbage, drainage or recycling costs. As you can see from the chart below, this is equal to or below most of our immediate neighboring cities. While DeSoto's average bill may be slightly higher than those of cities like Irving, Grapevine, Coppell, Dallas, Grand Prairie and Fort Worth, it is important to understand that those cities have much larger populations and a greater distribution of residential, commercial and industrial customers, over which to spread the costs associated with

providing water and sewer service.



City Calendar

October

2 Arts Commission Mtg. - Civic Ctr. 6pm
 2 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
 3 City Council Mtg. - canceled
 3 Texas Night Out - Civic Ctr. 7 to 9 pm
 5 Historical Foundation Mtg. - 6 pm
 5 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
 5 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
 10 Planning & Zoning Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 7 pm
 12 Jt. Council & School Board Mtg. 7pm
 17 City Council Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 7 pm
 22 Kneel Together - Amphitheater - 4pm
 24 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - Civic Ctr.- 7 pm
 30 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am

November

2 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
 2 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
 2 Historical Foundation Mtg.- 6 pm
 6 Arts Commission Mtg. Canceled
 7 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
 11 Vet Fest - Nance Farm 9 - noon
 14 Planning & Zoning Mtg.- City Hall - 7 pm
 21 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
 23 City Facilities Closed - Thanksgiving
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 27 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am
 28 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 7 pm

Senior Citizens Discounts

Senior Citizens, aged 65 and older, are eligible to receive a discount on their City of DeSoto utility bill. To receive the senior discount, request the application form in person at the Utility Billing window at DeSoto City Hall or download it from the City's website at www.desototexas.gov. You can print out the form and fax it to us with a copy of your driver's license or bring it in person to receive the following discounts on your utility bill:

- Water discount - \$3
- Sewer discount - \$3
- Brush collection discount - \$2.10
- Drainage discount - \$3.50

If you have questions, please call the Public Utility Billing Department at 972.230.9627 (press 7 to speak with a customer service representative), or stop by the Utility Billing window in DeSoto City Hall Monday through Friday between 8 am and 5 pm.

Do You Know The Code Enforcement Officer For Your Area?

In order to provide better service to the community, DeSoto's Code Enforcement office is assigning Code Officers to the various areas in DeSoto.



Tammy Washington will be responsible for the areas from Hampton Road west, south of Pleasant Run extending out to the City limits.

Heather Lanham will cover Hampton Road east and south of Pleasant Run Road.



Charles Humphrey and Jonathan McIntosh will be responsible for the areas north of Pleasant Run Road to the City limits.

If you have any questions, please contact the Code Enforcement Office at 469-658-3075.

Tammy Washington



Heather Lanham



Charles Humphrey



Jonathan McIntosh



The DeSoto, Texas Historical Foundation Unveils Military Monument at Nance Farm during Vet Fest On November 11th

The DeSoto, Texas Historical Foundation is pleased to announce the unveiling of a Military Memorial located on the grounds of historic Nance Farm on Veterans Day, November 11, 2017. Construction of a military memorial site has been in the City Council Business Plan since FY2014.

“It is altogether fitting that the City of DeSoto chose Nance Farm as the site to erect and dedicate a Veterans



Memorial,” said Mayor Curtistene McCowan. “I truly believe the DeSoto Veterans Memorial at historic Nance Farm will be an iconic civic landmark in our City and will stand as a place of hope and inspiration for local residents and visitors to come together as one,” said McCowan. “The Veterans Memorial is a symbol of the appreciation, love and shared pride our All America City has in our veterans.”

In 2016 the granite obelisk pictured above was placed on the southeast corner of the Nance Farm property. That area has been surrounded by wrought iron fencing and decorated with USA, POW, Texas and DeSoto flags. The obelisk is seven feet tall and made of Georgia granite. Each of the four sides of the monument bears commemorative words of appreciation for military service.

Each year on the Saturday closest to Veterans Day, the City of DeSoto hosts Vet Fest, an event designed to

recognize and show appreciation for the sacrifice made by our military veterans and their families. On “Saturday November 11th, it seems like a particularly appropriate time to host Vet Fest at Nance Farm and unveil the memorial to the public,” said McCowan.

Veterans and their families and the general public are invited to join us at Nance Farm, located at 1325 Greenbrook Drive in the Mantlebrook Subdivision from 9 am to noon. A special ceremony to unveil the memorial will take place at 9 am and will feature a keynote address by U S Congresswoman, Eddie Bernice Johnson.

Following the Monument Unveiling and Appreciation Ceremony, Nance Farm will be open

to the public for tours of the home and viewing of the DeSoto Firsts Exhibit of historical photos and documents commemorating “first” events in our City. There is also a Military Veterans Exhibit made up of memorabilia on loan from area veterans and past appreciation events, and an excerpt from the Pathway to Freedom Exhibit including educational items regarding the Civil Rights Era, the Underground Railroad and Juneteenth.

“The transformation of Nance Farm into a historical museum will demonstrate DeSoto’s commitment to capturing the city’s rich history from its humble beginnings to the present, thus providing both educational and cultural experiences for all ages,” said Mayor McCowan.

Holiday Trash Schedule

City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday November 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thanksgiving Day is one of the five holidays observed by the City of DeSoto's trash contractor, Republic Waste. As a result, there will be no trash service on Thursday, November 23, 2017. Regular Thursday trash will be collected on Friday, November 24th and Friday's trash will be picked up on Saturday, November 25th. The regular schedule will resume on Monday, November 27, 2017.

If you'd like to receive reminders about changes in our trash service, download the Recycle Coach app from the app store.

Never miss another collection day!

Download our Waste & Recycling App to set custom collection reminders.



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Vet Fest Event Parking Information:

Parking is minimal in the neighborhood around Nance Farm. Event participants are encouraged to park at DeSoto Town Center and ride the free shuttle leaving at 8:30 am and every hour through 11:30 am.



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Lite Nite

Neo-Glo Costume Party

Wednesday
October, 25th 2017
4:00pm

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COSTUMES AND GET READY FOR GLOW IN THE DARK FUN! CANDY, MOVIES, CRAFTS AND GAMES! START FILLING YOUR TREAT BAGS EARLY DURING THIS ILLUMINATING EXPERIENCE!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE DESOTO PUBLIC LIBRARY, OR CALL 972.230.9666.




Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 4:00pm
Beginning October 10th, 2017

Are you ready to be the very best, like no one ever was?! Bring your Pokémon trading card collections for trading, and bring your Pokémon decks for playing with other players.

Don't know how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game?
We will be teaching new players how to get into this awesome game!!

Do you play the Pokémon video game?
Bring your Nintendo system and prepare to battle other players!!

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US CONGRESSWOMAN EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON & DESOTO MAYOR CURTISTENE MCCOWAN PRESENT

Vet Fest

SATURDAY
NOV 11

HISTORIC NANCE FARM
1325 Greenbrook Drive, DeSoto
In the Mantlebrook Subdivision

9:00AM - NOON

- ★ Unveiling of DeSoto's Military Monument and Veteran's Appreciation Ceremony at 9 am
- ★ Veterans for hire job opportunities
- ★ Vendors offering service for Veterans
- ★ Veterans benefit representative
- ★ Free flu shots and blood pressure checks
- Tours of Historic Nance Farm and Military Museum from 9 am to noon



CONGRESSWOMAN
EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON



MAYOR
CURTISTENE MCCOWAN

Sponsored by the City of DeSoto. For more info, visit:
www.DeSotoTexas.gov

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