

# DeSoto City Lights

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## ***The Proposed FY2019 City of DeSoto Municipal Budget Calls for a Decrease in the Property Tax Rate***

“Since my appointment to the position of City Manager in 2011, my Administration has been working tirelessly and with due diligence to improve the monetary situation of our community,” said DeSoto City Manager Tarron Richardson, Ph.D. “I am pleased to propose a tax rate reduction for FY2019 to .721394 per \$100 of valuation.”

For the last seven (7) years, City Administration has meticulously toiled to reduce property tax rates for both residents and business owners. After four (4) years of maintaining a stabilized property tax rate of .7574, the City has been able to reduce its tax rate each year for the past (3) three years. The proposed FY2019 budget will continue in this direction by reducing the property tax rate to .721394. Overall, this reflects a reduction of just over 2.75% in annual property taxes over the last (4) four years.

The municipal property tax rate of .721394 will provide funding for debt service, personnel, benefits, public services, supplies, equipment and capital projects. These previously mentioned line items were either drastically reduced or completely removed from budgets prior to FY2012. In FY2012, the City’s Executive Leadership Team began working in collaboration with each other to annually increase funding for these defined essentials and collectively agreed that it would take a few fiscal years to accomplish this monumental goal.

As a result of this practice over the years, the City Council and Administration were able to prepare a preliminary balanced budget for FY2019 with the following list of defined goals and strategic initiatives:

- Salary increases in the amount of 2%
- Same public service levels as FY2018 with a 1% estimated growth factor
- Funding for electronic equipment and the Vision 2020 Plan Software
- Funding for the Dr. Emmet J. Conrad Leadership/Summer Internship Program
- Funding for fire station improvements
- Transfer of \$250,000 to the Stabilization Fund

“As we move forward into FY2019 and beyond, the City of DeSoto will continue to implement a wealth of innovative practices in public finance to better manage its human and monetary resources” said Dr. Richardson. “The success achieved over the years is attributed to our conservative approach toward budgeting and management of all public affairs.”

Public hearings on the proposed FY2019 Budget and Tax Year 2018 rate will be held during the regular DeSoto City Council Meetings on August 21, 2018 and September 4, 2018. The budget and tax rate are slated for adoption at the September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting. Copies of the full budget document are available for review on the City’s website at [www.desototexas.gov](http://www.desototexas.gov), at the Action Center in Jim Baugh Government Center located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, at the DeSoto Public Library and the DeSoto Senior Activity Center located at 204 Lion Street, DeSoto Texas.



## City Calendar

### September

3 City Facilities closed for Labor Day - no trash collection  
 3 Park Board Mtg. Canceled  
 4 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
 6 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm  
 6 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm  
 6 Historical Foundation Mtg.- 6 pm  
 8 Latino Fest - Amphitheater 6 - 10 pm  
 10 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. 6 pm  
 11 Planning & Zoning Mtg.- City Hall - 7 pm  
 18 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
 20 Adopt-a-Street Banquet - Civic Ctr. 7 pm  
 24 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am  
 25 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
 28 Inspiration Band Amphitheater - 8pm  
 29 Dazz Band-Ruben/Studdard Concert-Amphitheater noon to 10 pm

### October

1 Arts Commission Mtg. - City Hall - 6pm  
 1 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. 6:30 pm  
 2 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
 2 National Night Out—Civic Ctr. 7 to 9 pm  
 4 Historical Foundation Mtg. - 6 pm  
 4 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm  
 4 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm  
 9 Planning & Zoning Mtg. -City Hall -7 pm  
 16 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
 20 Grand Opening - Grow DeSoto Market  
 23 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
 27 Dallas Opera Corner Theatre 7 pm  
 29 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am

### *A Message from Code Enforcement*

Please maintain property free of any junk motor vehicles. A junk motor vehicle is any vehicle that is inoperative and remains inoperative for more than 45 days or is inoperative and does not have a current registration sticker or inspection sticker. A junk motor vehicle is also any vehicle which is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled or discarded. These vehicles may not be visible anywhere in the public view, public right-of-way, street or any other private property. Call 469.658.3075 to report a code violation.

# DESOTO WORKS! JOB FAIR

Wed., Sept. 12, 2018 | 10:00am - 1:00pm

DISCIPLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
901 N. POLK ST. #101, DESOTO, TX 75115

## Calling ALL Logistics, Warehouse, Manufacturing, Construction & Industrial Job Seekers

To pre-register, sign-up online: [www.desotoworksfall2018.eventbrite.com](http://www.desotoworksfall2018.eventbrite.com).  
Childcare provided with pre-registration. Email [prosperity@dc3online.org](mailto:prosperity@dc3online.org) to sign your kids up. If you have more questions you may call 972-224-9940.

Looking for a job in warehouse logistics, manufacturing, or trucking? Looking for a job this holiday season? Attend the fall DeSoto Works! Job Fair on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 1 pm. More than 30 employers ready to hire!







DISCIPLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH | 901 N. POLK ST. #101, DESOTO, TX 75115  
MARCUS D. KING | SENIOR PASTOR

Inspiration Band



DESOTO ARTS COMMISSION  
**FRIDAY**  
MUSIC SERIES

Friday, September 28th

8 pm

*fridays*



DeSoto Amphitheatre 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd, DeSoto, TX

### **Labor Day Trash Schedule**

Labor Day is one of the five holidays observed by Republic Waste, the City's solid waste contractor. As a result, there will be no regular trash service on Monday, September 3, 2018. Regular Monday customers will have their trash collected on Tuesday that week and regular Tuesday collection will take place on Wednesday. Recycling will be collected on Thursday. Thursday solid waste collection will move to Friday and regular Friday customers will have their solid waste collected on Saturday. The normal schedule will resume on Monday, September 10, 2018. If you have any questions about your trash service, please call the Action Center at 972.230.9600.

DeSoto Parks & Recreation  
Discover, Experience, Play!

DATE  
**09.08.18**  
TIME  
**6PM - 10PM**

DJ JAMMIN JOE

EL CHICANO

**LATINO**

*Heritage Festival*

HAVANA NRG

**FREE EVENT, LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, FAMILY FUN**

**DESOTO AMPHITHEATER**  
211 E. PLEASANT RUN RD. | DESOTO, TX 75115  
CONTACT: 972.230.7310 | DESOTOTEXAS.GOV/PARKS  
#LATINOHERITAGEFEST18 FB@DESOTOREC IG@DESOTOPARD

Logos: IDC, Bank of DeSoto n.a. "Your Home, Town Team", ATKINSON TOYOTA "Helping Families in South Dallas Go Home", REPUBLIC FINANCE, PlainsCapitalBank, IN-N-OUT BURGER

***Are You Interested In Applying For An Arts Grant?***

If you have attended a live concert at the DeSoto Corner Theatre, a performance by Texas Winds Musical Outreach at a local senior facility, or one of the Juried Visual Arts Shows sponsored by the DeSoto Art League on display in City Hall, you have enjoyed programs funded by DeSoto's Cultural Arts Grant Program. These are just a few of the arts and entertainment opportunities made available to DeSoto residents by this program.

Applications for funding of projects scheduled to take place in 2019 are accepted from August 1st through September 28th. Qualifying nonprofit visual and performing arts organizations can request funding for their projects by completing the application form available at [www.artsdesoto.com](http://www.artsdesoto.com) or by calling the DeSoto Arts Commission staff liaison at 972.230.9648 to request an application or for more information.

Tickets: DESOTOCHAMBER.ORG

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 19, 2018

**DESOTO TOWN CENTER**  
DESOTO, TX

**4PM to 8PM**  
4PM-5PM SENIOR DISCOUNT

**TASTE OF DESOTO**

*Sweet & SAVORY*

a Celebration of DINING South of the Trinity

The DeSoto Arts Commission and Parks & Recreation Department are gearing up for the 3rd annual *DeSoto Arts Live!* Art & Music Festival on Saturday, September 29th. This is the event that featured the concert with the Original Lakeside band in 2016 and Midnight Star in 2017. We are working hard to make it bigger and better this year by expanding the art show with many more artists demonstrating, displaying and selling their work and partnering with the Big Thought Organization to provide an awesome Kidz Zone featuring free activities including the Perot Tech Truck, a free gaming truck, Storytelling the African Way, strolling performers, inflatables for the kids and more. There will be lots of great food and non-stop musical entertainment beginning at 1 pm with performances by Michelle Gibson's New Orleans Slant Band, the Natural Change Band, and national recording artists - Howard E. Scott and the Low Riders (*Why Can't We Be Friends*), and the Dazz Band (*Whip It*). The event will culminate with a tribute to Luther Vandross by the great Ruben Studdard. Vendor opportunities are still available. Go to [www.DeSotoArtsLive.com](http://www.DeSotoArtsLive.com) for more information or call 972.230.9648. Make plans to spend the day with us at DeSoto Town Center on Saturday, September 29th from noon to 10 pm.

# FREE EVENT



CITY OF DESOTO  
DESOTO TOWN CENTER

2018 DESOTO  
**ARTSLIVE!**

FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29  
DESOTO, TX | NOON - 10P

DeSoto Arts Live takes place in the DeSoto Town Center Plaza  
211 E. Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, TX 75115.

headline performance  
**RUBEN STUDDARD**

featuring  
**THE DAZZ BAND**  
hit song: "Let It Whip"

sponsored by:  
DeSoto Parks & Recreation

CRAFT VENDORS  
LIVE MUSIC  
FOOD TRUCKS  
KIDZ ZONE  
ART DEMOS

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**KIDZ ZONE!**

sponsored by: **BIG THOUGHT**

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**CRAFT VENDORS**

**ARTIST DEMOS**

and more! **A FREE EVENT!**

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