

DeSoto City Lights

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CHIEF OF ALL CHIEFS!

DeSoto Fire Rescue Chief Jerry Duffield named 2019 President of Dallas County Fire Chief's Association

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The Dallas County Fire Chief's Association will ring in the New Year with a new President, and the respected association member that they will turn to to guide their organization in 2019 is none other than DeSoto Fire Rescue Chief Jerry Duffield.

Chief Duffield, the association's Vice-President in 2018, was also selected as one of the association's 2018 finalists for their annual Texas Fire Chief of the Year Award. In addition to being the Fire Chief of DeSoto, Chief Jerry is our city's Emergency Management Coordinator and the Director of the DeSoto Fire Training Center which trains fire cadets from all over the DFW area including those from other regional fire departments.

"The Dallas County Fire Chief's Association is most fortunate to have DeSoto's Fire Rescue Chief Jerry Duffield as their President for 2019," said DeSoto Mayor Curtistene McCowan. "No one knows firefighting and all of the critical support services tied to it any better than our Chief Jerry. He will be a tremendous asset to them just as he is to us here in DeSoto."

Additionally, Chief Jerry Duffield serves as President of the Ellis Dallas Unified Cooperative Team (EDUCT) which combines the efforts of ten Metroplex fire rescue agencies to successfully address serious incidents by use of specialized equipment, tactics, and personnel.

Chief Jerry holds extensive expertise in many key areas related to firefighting. He is certified as a Master Firefighter, a Master Fire Instructor, a Licensed Paramedic, and he also holds a Master of Science degree in Fire Service Leadership. Chief Jerry is a proud graduate of the Texas Fire Chief's Academy and was also accepted by the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M for their graduate program but had to request deferral until two of his children have completed their undergraduate studies.

The Dallas County Fire Chief's Association identifies their main purpose as working to enhance the protection of life and property threatened by fire, natural and man-made disaster, and other emergencies by promoting cooperation and coordination of fire, emergency medical, and other specialized emergency response capabilities throughout Dallas County.



City Calendar

December

1 Holly-Palooza - Library - 10 am - 6 pm
3 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6 pm
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
11 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall 7 pm
17 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am
18 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
24 City Facilities Closed - Christmas Holiday
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26 CDC Kwanzaafest - Civic Ctr. 6 pm

January

1 City Facilities Closed –New Year’s Day
1 City Council Mtg. Canceled
3 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
3 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
7 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. 6 pm
8 Planning & Zoning Mtg.- City Hall -7 pm
10 Historical Foundation Mtg. City Hall 6pm
15 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
21 City Facilities Closed for MLK Holiday
22 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - Civic Ctr. -7 pm
25 A Night In The French Quarter - Corner Theatre
28 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am

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05 JANUARY 2019 SATURDAY

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FACILITY TOURS
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HEALTHY TREATS

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City of DeSoto Street Sanding Policy For Icy Conditions

As sleeting or icing begins, the City of DeSoto Street Department will sand or treat with a brine solution, the busiest intersections beginning on the Hampton, Cockrell Hill, Pleasant Run, and Belt Line Road corridors; then they will treat the remaining intersections; followed by bridges and major roads with steep grades. If ice persists longer than two days, major roads such as Cockrell Hill, Hampton, and Belt Line may be sanded or treated the entire length (as resources permit). Belt Line Road is a State Highway and the Texas Department of Transportation will also sand it.

Street closures may occur if streets are not passable and/or multiple accidents have occurred. Street closures will be coordinated with the Police Department. Particular attention will be paid to Belt Line, Cockrell Hill and Chattey Roads.

It is the policy of the City of DeSoto not to sand residential streets or alleys unless it is needed to assist with access for an emergency vehicle. Special requests for sanding are not accepted.

As a resident, there are things that you can do to help as follows:

- If possible, stay at home.
- If you have to leave home, be alert and drive with caution, remembering snow and ice create slick road conditions.
- Maintain safe distances between vehicles, decrease your driving speed and allow additional time to stop.
- Do not pass sand spreader or brine treatment trucks. Park vehicles off of roadways if possible. Be mindful of driving on streets with no curbs. You may slide into side drainage ditches.
- Mailboxes may be damaged. If they are damaged by City equipment, the City will replace the mailbox. Otherwise replacement will be the homeowner's responsibility.

Ice storms cause downed trees and power lines resulting in a loss of electricity. Downed trees on private property are the homeowner's responsibility. The City will only clear the street right-of-way. ONCOR will be contacted to address downed power lines.

City of DeSoto Will Hold a Regular Municipal Election on May 4, 2019

The City of DeSoto will hold a Regular Election on Saturday, May 4, 2019. The following places will be voted on in this election:

- Mayor - Place 1
- Councilmember Place 3 (unexpired term)
- Councilmember Place 5

DeSoto residents who are interested in filing for one of these city council seats must live within the bounds of the district to be eligible with the exception of Place 1 - Mayor. However, all candidates are elected at large.

Candidate Filing Information Packets can be requested by sending an email to the City Secretary at 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 beginning January 4, 2019.

Filing for a place on the ballot will take place from January 16, 2019 through February 15, 2019 between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon and from

1 pm to 4 pm in the City Secretary's office. On February 15, 2019, the office will close promptly at 5 pm and no filing will be accepted after that time.

Please visit the City of DeSoto website at www.desototexas.gov for updates on the municipal election.

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Invites You to Join Us For A Candid Conversation With DeSoto ISD Superintendent, Dr. D'Andre Weaver

The next DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner Event will focus on DeSoto ISD and feature a candid conversation with DeSoto ISD's new superintendent, Dr. D'Andre Weaver. The DeSoto community is invited to ask the tough questions, converse about your ideas for growing DeSoto ISD and foster public engagement for the district's future. You will also have a chance to discuss the issue with your neighbors.

If you'd like to participate in this important conversation, please take this as a personal invitation to attend our next free DeSoto Dining and Dialogue dinner event on:

Thursday, January 31, 2019
6:30 pm – 8:45 pm
at DeSoto Civic Center, Blue Bonnet Rooms, located in DeSoto Town Center

Adults who live or work in DeSoto and care about our community are invited to attend. Resident high school students are also encouraged to attend with their parents. Students will receive five hours of Community Service Credit for their participation in the discussion.

Space at this free dinner event is limited to the first 120 guests who register at www.desotodd.org. For more information or to register by phone, please call Kathy Jones at 972.230.9648. The deadline to register is January 11th.



Properly Dispose of Fats, Oils And Grease From Cooking

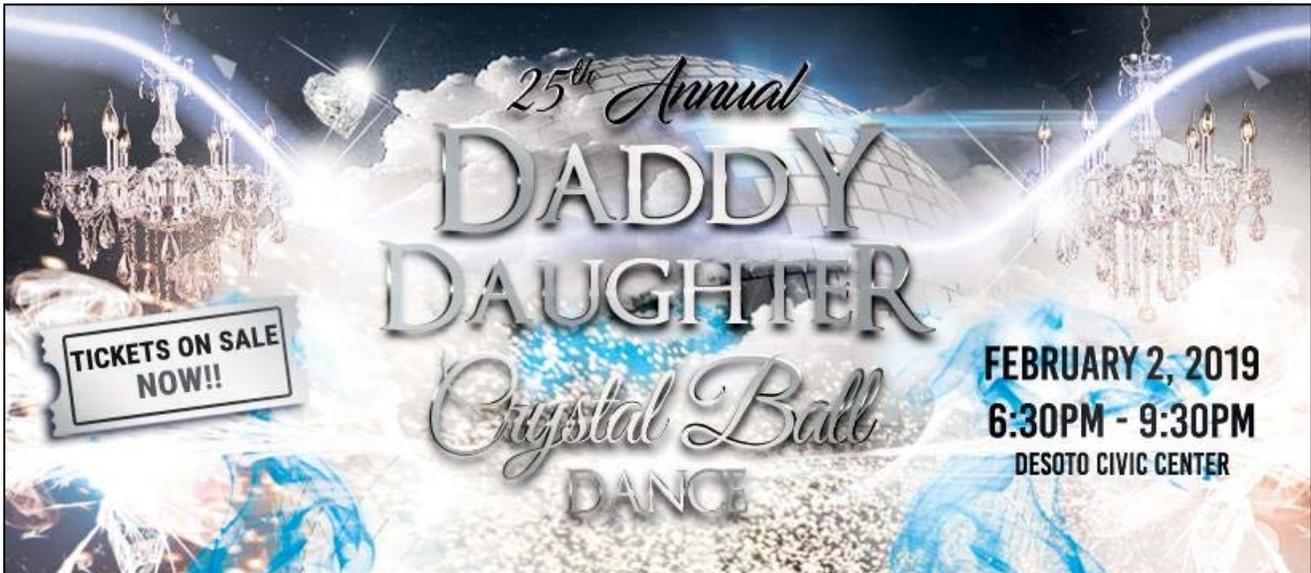
The Department of Public Utilities would like to remind customers to properly dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) from cooking to prevent unnecessary headaches for everyone. When FOG is poured down the drain it can cause blockages in household plumbing and public wastewater systems. Therefore, please dispose of FOG properly by putting them in the garbage and not down your household drains.

And the best way to prevent plumbing headaches year-round is to properly dispose of cooled FOG by placing them in disposable



containers and putting those containers in the trash. Another tip to reduce the possibility of blockages is to scrape solid food waste (left behind from cooking with FOG) into the trash. Even the smallest amount of FOG builds up over time and can create wastewater backups into homes and causing sanitary sewer overflows in the community. Some examples of FOG are cooking oil, salad dressing, gravy, meats, butter, cheese, soups, broth, bacon residue, etc. For more information on preventing blockages caused by FOG, please visit <http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/158/Sewer-Backups>.

By taking the extra step of properly disposing of FOG in the trash, customers can protect their homes, their wallets, and our environment.



The DeSoto Parks and Recreation Department presents the 25th Annual Daddy Daughter Crystal Ball Dance. Dads and daughters are cordially invited for a memorable evening of dancing and elegance. This black tie affair is a sophisticated and stylish night where Dads make Daughter's dreams come true. It takes place on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the DeSoto Civic Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road.

Regular Admission is \$35 per couple and \$15 for each additional daughter. Reserved seating in a special area is available for \$50 per couple and \$25 for each additional daughter. Tickets go on sale December 1, 2018 and must be purchased in advance. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Purchase tickets online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/desotopard> or make your purchase at the DeSoto Recreation



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MICHELLE GIBSON



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01/25
7:00

DESOTO CORNER THEATER
DESOTO TOWN CENTER
211 E PLEASANT RUN RD A, DESOTO, TX 75115

Kick off the DeSoto Arts Commission 2019 Season with music, food and entertainment at A Night in the French Quarter. Space is limited. Register NOW!

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