

DeSoto City Lights

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DeSoto Is A Veteran Friendly City

For several years, the City of DeSoto has hosted events to honor the contributions and sacrifices of our local Veterans and their families. In 2018, the DeSoto City Council created an official Veterans Affairs Committee tasked with carrying this effort forward. They are planning events and initiatives intended to let people know that DeSoto is a Veteran Friendly City.

The Committee is rolling out an initiative to encourage local businesses to actively acknowledge their support of our Veterans by proudly displaying a decal that designates the business as one that offers special discounts or services for Veterans. If you would like to participate in this program and receive a window decal, please contact Kathy Jones at 972.230.9648 or kathy.jones@desototexas.gov.

Veteran friendly businesses are also invited to participate in our annual VetFest Veterans Appreciation event scheduled for Saturday November 2, 2019 at 9 am. This is a free event and program is for ALL Veterans (from ALL branches of the military) and is intended to honor their service, raise awareness about their needs and provide information on the services available to them while having some fun in the process. Along with our annual appreciation ceremony and benefits fair, this year's Vet Fest will feature a 5K Run/Walk at the DeSoto Outdoor Amphitheater and along the Roy Orr Trail.

"You don't want to miss the unique experience planned for our 2019 Vet Fest", said Mayor Curtistene McCowan. "I'm sending out a personal request to our local businesses and organizations to support us in this effort to raise awareness about the needs of Veterans and the services available to them through participating organizations."

To make this event a success, we need community support for the following:

- Underwriting sponsors for water, snacks, participant t-shirts, race timing equipment, etc.
- Volunteers on event day
- Vendors who offer free items for Veterans or have services that would benefit Veterans

"Please help us spread the word about the 2019 Vet Fest 5K Run/Walk and program and make this the best Vet Fest yet," said the Mayor. "I look forward to seeing you there."

Call 972.230.9648 or watch this newsletter for more information on participating in the Vet Fest 5K Run/Walk.



FY2020 BUDGET

Public hearings for the City of DeSoto's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget will be held during the August 20, 2019 and September 3, 2019 City Council Meetings. Final adoption of the budget will take place at the September 17, 2019 City Council Meeting.

City Calendar

August

5 Arts Commission Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6 pm
5 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
6 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
6 National Night Out
8 Historical Foundation Mtg. 6 pm
8 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
8 Library Board Mtg. - Library - 7 pm
13 Planning & Zoning Mtg. -City Hall -7 pm
15 Civic Academy begins
20 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
23 Natural Change Concert Amphitheater 8 pm
26 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am10
27 Planning & Zoning Mtg. -City Hall -7 pm

September

2 City Offices & Facilities Closed
3 City Council Mtg. - City Hall 7 pm
4 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. 6 pm
5 Mayor's Quarterly Meeting
5 Library Board Mtg. - Library - 7 pm
5 KDB Mtg. - Civic Center -
5 Historical Foundation Mtg. canceled
7 Latino Heritage Fest - Town Ctr. 6 - 10pm
9 Planning & Zoning Mtg.— City Hall - 7 pm
11 DeSoto Works Job Fair
17 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
19 Adopt-a-Street Banquet
23 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am
24 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - canceled
28 DeSoto Arts Live –Town Ctr. 2-10 pm

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 2, 2019. 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 9, 2019. If you have any questions about your trash service, please call the Action Center at 972.230.9600.



CALLING ALL JOB SEEKERS

DESOTO WORKS! JOB FAIR

WED., SEPT. 11, 2019 | 1PM – 5PM

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

HIRING FOR SEASONAL WORK AND MORE...

To pre-register, sign-up online: www.desotoworksfall2019.eventbrite.com
If you have more questions you may call 972-230-9611.

Want a career in warehouse logistics, manufacturing, or trucking? Looking for a job for the upcoming holiday season? Attend the fall DeSoto Works! Job Fair on Wednesday, September 11 from 1 pm – 5 pm. With over 30 employers present, find your next opportunity.

Childcare is available. For more information, e-mail prosperity@dc3online.org.



DISCIPLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH | MARCUS D. KING, SENIOR PASTOR

Public Meeting Pleasant Run Road Widening Project Thursday, August 29, 2019 6:30 pm

Jim Baugh Government Center
211 E. Pleasant Run Road
City Council Chambers

Please join us at DeSoto City Hall on Thursday, August 29th at 6:30 pm for a special meeting to provide information on the status of the Pleasant Run Road widening project. We will introduce the third party vendor who will act as an agent for the City in appraising and acquiring the private property needed to accommodate the public improvements. The City Engineering Staff will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Officials from DeSoto, Cedar Hill, Duncanville, Dallas and Dallas County Break Ground on the Wintergreen Road Project



Dallas County along with the Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, and Dallas are partnering to improve Wintergreen Road from the Main Street and Wintergreen intersection to 1,300 feet east and Duncanville Road from the intersection to 900 feet south. This project will enhance mobility within the Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto and Duncanville since Wintergreen Road and Duncanville Road are critical parts of the Cities Master Thoroughfare plans.

The Wintergreen Road project consists of constructing four new lanes of concrete pavement, a new bridge at Stewart Branch, four box culverts on Duncanville Road, and storm drainage improvements. A traffic signal will be installed at the

Main Street Intersection. 1,200 linear feet of 96 inch Water Main Transmission will also be installed as part of the project for Dallas Water Utilities. In addition, the project includes wider sidewalks, bike lanes in both directions along Duncanville Road, a trail along the west side of Duncanville Road and Windmill Hill Preserve parking improvements. Construction began in August and is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2021.

Funding for this \$10,820,118 project is provided by Dallas County, the Cities of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville and Dallas and from North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Toll Revenue.

Greetings from the City Manager's Office!

In fiscal year 2018-2019, the DeSoto City Manager's Office and the Parks & Recreation Department, along with consultants from the University of Texas at Arlington, began the process of developing a Youth Master Plan (strategic plan) for DeSoto youth ages 11-19.

You may be wondering... "what exactly is a Youth Master Plan?" The National League of Cities (NLC) defines a youth master plan as "a concept that is both a product and a process." The product of the DeSoto Youth Master Plan will be a tool that will be used in moving DeSoto youth forward while assessing both current community resources for and needs of youth. In an effort to create a comprehensive and effective agenda for youth, a process (or strategy) must be devised and this requires input from the entire community. In the near future we will be looking for community input and will be seeking your participation in focus groups and survey questionnaires or interviews.

If you would like to be a part of this important process or would like more information on the development of the DeSoto Youth Master Plan, please contact Donielle Suber, Assistant to the City Manager, at 972.230.9690.

A Message From Code Enforcement

In response to issues with trash collection and mail delivery caused by non-residents parking in the neighborhoods near DeSoto High School, the DeSoto City Council adopted Ordinance Number 12.610, titled, "Stopping, Standing and Parking" on May 7, 2019. This ordinance sets forth "resident parking only zones" during designated hours to coincide with official school days for DeSoto Independent School District.

DeSoto Police Chief Joe Costa has designated the following locations as "resident parking only zones" on official school days from the hours of 7 am to 9: 30 am:

- Brees Drive from Tate Drive to Saddle Head Drive
- Bridle Drive from Tate Drive to Saddle Head Drive
- Stain Glass Drive from Tate Drive to Saddle Head Drive
- Claire View Drive from Tate Drive to Saddle Head Drive and Tate Drive

Residents who live in these areas must obtain a permit to be allowed to park in the "resident parking only zones". The Code Enforcement Department will issue two permits per residence. Residents may download the free annual application on the City of DeSoto website at www.desototexas.gov or pick one up at the Police Department at 714 E. Belt Line Road. After the application is processed, two parking permits will be issued to the applicant.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact the Code Enforcement office at 469.658.3075.

the desoto arts commission presents

RUBEN STUDDARD

DESOTO ARTS 2019 LIVE!

SAT SEPT 28 2019
2PM-10PM
A FREE EVENT

DESOTO TOWN CENTER AMPHITHEATER
211 E. Pleasant Run Rd.
DeSoto, TX 75115

ARTS PLAZA
KIDZ ZONE
VENDORS

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DESOTOARTSLIVE.COM

featuring

INSPIRATION BAND | TEA NDIULOR | AD BONNER | DESMOND BLAIR
RJ - ZYDECO BAND | BANDAN KORO | CHALAY EDWARDS | KIJUAN HOWARD

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 2020 are now being accepted. Qualifying nonprofit visual and performing arts organizations can request funding for their projects by completing the application form available at www.artsdesoto.com or by calling the DeSoto Arts Commission staff liaison at 972.230.9648 to request an application.

DeSoto Parks & Recreation
Discover. Experience. Play!

Latino Heritage Festival

TERRA & HAVANA NRG

SEPTEMBER 7th
LIVE MUSIC / FOOD / FAMILY FUN

DESOTO AMPHITHEATER
211 E. PLEASANT RUN RD. | DESOTO TX 75115
972-230-9650 | DESOTOTEXAS.GOV/PARKS

FREE EVENT 6PM-10PM FREE PARKING

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