

DeSoto City Lights

ROOTS CHICKEN SHAK TO DEBUT THIRD LOCATION IN DESOTO

The DeSoto City Council recently approved an economic incentive package from the DeSoto Development Corporation to bring [Roots Chicken Shak](#), the home of Tiffany Derry's famous duck fat-fried chicken operated by purpose-driven hospitality group [T2D Concepts](#), to the area's forthcoming Hampton Road development project.



Chef, Tiffany Derry

partner Tom Foley, T2D Concepts aims to bridge the gender and racial wealth gap in the hospitality industry through the power of good food and its social entrepreneurial business model.

"When a community serves as the host to a restaurant from T2D Concepts, they're getting a company committed to nourishing the community and driving justice and opportunity for those who have been historically denied a seat at the table," declared DeSoto Mayor Rachel L. Proctor. "Aside from being a talented chef who has satisfied the food cravings of everyone from school children to President Barak Obama, we appreciate the fact that Tiffany together with her

The DeSoto partnership is T2D Concepts' next actionable step toward achieving its vision of expanding the restaurant's footprint to bring chef-quality food to underserved areas and ownership opportunities to historically marginalized community members. Founded by Derry and her business

partner, Tom, have tirelessly crusaded for social change and for creating opportunities for women and minorities."

DeSoto will be Roots Chicken Shak's third location and first free-standing structure, adding an option for drive-through service. In line with the concept's high culinary standards, the new location will boast a menu inspired by Derry's Southern upbringing that utilizes locally sourced, fresh ingredients prepared with proprietary methods and spices. Here, duck-fat fried chicken is the star and will be served in many forms - from wings and tenders to salads and sandwiches.

"We founded T2D Concepts to serve great food, deliver great service, spark meaningful conversation, and create community impact and we are thrilled that the City of DeSoto has embraced our mission," said T2D Co-Founder Tom Foley. "We are honored to be part of DeSoto's important redevelopment project and look forward to partnering with the Council to create great impact in the community."

For more information, visit rootschickenshak.com.



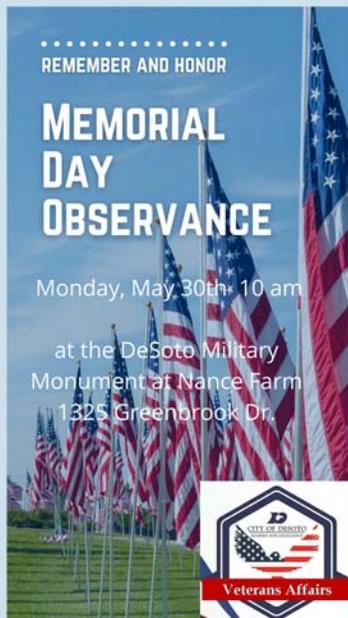
CITY CALENDAR

MAY

2 Arts Commission Mtg. - City Hall 6 pm
3 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 6 pm
5 Library Board Meeting Library 7 pm
5 KDB Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. 6:30 pm
7 Election Day
7 Military Appreciation Event
10 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall 6 pm
16 Special Council Mtg. - City Hall 6 pm
17 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 6 pm
23 DeSoto Dev. Board Mtg. - City Hall-9am
24 Planning & Zoning Mtg.—City Hall 6 pm
30 Memorial Day Observance 10 am

JUNE

2 Library Board Mtg. - Library - 7 pm
2 KDB Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. —6:30 pm
4 Crawfish Fest - Town Ctr.—6 pm
6 Arts Commission Mtg.— City Hall - 6pm
6 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
7 City Council Mtg. - Canceled
14 Planning & Zoning Mtg.-City Hall-6pm
20 Special City Council Mtg. City Hall 6pm
21 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 6 pm
27 Development Board Mtg. City Hall 9am
28 Planning & Zoning Mtg.-City Hall-6pm



Bring your Household Hazardous Waste to our annual disposal event scheduled for Saturday, June 11th from 9 am to 12 noon at the DeSoto Pump Station, 620 N. Westmoreland Road. This event is for DeSoto residents only, proof of residency is required. Only residential household hazardous waste will be accepted, commercial waste or electronics are not allowed. Those who would like to participate must register prior to the event by calling 972.230.9600 or in person at the Action Center in DeSoto City Hall.

Help Us Keep Storm Drains Flowing and Creeks Unpolluted

In order to keep our creeks safe from pollutants and our storm drains flowing, the City has established a program called the Storm Drain Inlet Marker Program which requires that all storm drain inlets, similar to the one pictured below, contain a marker that notifies residents that the marked storm drain flows to the creek.

This is important information because it is intended to stop illicit discharge or dumping of pollutants such as paints, varnishes, solvents, oil and other automotive fluids, non-hazardous liquid/solid wastes, yard wastes and grass clippings, garbage, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, any other hazardous substances, sewage, animal wastes, construction materials and noxious or offensive matter of any kind, into a storm drain inlet that flows to the creek.



For more information regarding the program and prohibited discharge, please call the City's Engineering Department at 972.230.9642.

A Message From Code Enforcement

DeSoto's Code Enforcement office has received several complaints regarding loud noises/music in neighborhoods. They would like to remind residents of our Noise Nuisances Ordinance which states:

No person shall make or cause to be made any loud and raucous noise in the city which is offensive to the ordinary sensibilities of the inhabitants of the city, interferes with the enjoyment of life or property, or disturbs public peace and comfort. The following acts, among others, are declared to create loud and raucous noises, and shall be deemed to be exclusive.

1. The sounding of any horn or signal devise on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, streetcar, or other vehicle, except as a danger signal as required by state law.
2. The playing of any radio, compact disc player, cassette player, phonograph, or any electrical or mechanical devise which emits sound or the playing of a musical instrument in the city in such a manner, or with such volume as to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort, or repose of persons of ordinary sensibilities. This provision shall not apply to church bells or chimes.
3. The use of any automobile, motorcycle, bus, streetcar, or vehicle so out of repair, so loaded, or operated in such manner as to create loud or unnecessary noises such as spinning or squealing tires, grating, grinding, rattling, or other noise.

If you would like to report a code violation, please call the Code Enforcement office at 469.658.3075.

Property Tax Payment Assistance to Avoid Foreclosure for Homeowners Affected by COVID-19

Dallas County Tax Assessor John R. Ames recently mailed almost 4,000 notices to property owners who may qualify for assistance on their delinquent property taxes. "I'm grateful that we have the opportunity to notify home owners about this program and hope they take the time to research to determine if they qualify and apply for this assistance," stated Mr. Ames.

In March of 2021, the Federal Government passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) that created a Homeowner's Assistance Fund (HAF) to help homeowners who have fallen behind on payment of certain obligations, including delinquent property taxes, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A portion of these funds has been allocated to the State of Texas, and are to be administered through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA).

Qualified homeowners could receive assistance that would pay delinquent taxes due on their homestead in order to avoid foreclosure. Funds are only available for homestead properties and are limited. Interested homeowners will be required to apply and provide a copy of their tax statement, along with meeting additional requirements and qualifications. Prompt action is highly recommended as funds are limited. If approved, payments will be made directly to the Dallas County Tax Office. For information on qualifications and other details please call 833.651.3874 or visit www.TexasHomeownerAssistance.com.

Important Information Regarding the Upcoming Municipal Election

The City of DeSoto will hold a Municipal General Election on May 7, 2022. Here are the candidates:

Mayor Place 1

Rachel L. Proctor
Trace L. Henderson

City Council Place 3

Nicole Raphiel

City Council Place 5

Debrah North
Dinah Marks

Voting on May 7th takes place at Disciple Central Community Church located at 901 North Polk Street, DeSoto from 7 am to 7 pm. For more information on the upcoming election, visit our website at www.desototexas.gov, scroll down and follow the link to Municipal General Election information.

Upcoming Veterans Appreciation Events



Military Spouse Day - May 6th

May 7th 4 to 6 pm—DeSoto Town Center Outdoor Amphitheater and Plaza-Military Family Appreciation Event - Free Burgers for Veterans provided by In & Out Burger, music and a gaming truck for the kids

May 30th 10 am - DeSoto Veterans Monument, 1325 Greenbrook Dr. — Memorial Day Observance

Purple Heart Day - August 7th

August 19th 10 am—DeSoto City Hall — In person Benefits Forum.

If you need assistance with filing for veterans benefits or have a question about your benefits, please email kathy.jones@desototexas.gov or call 972.230.9648.



Dallas County Commissioner Price, Duncanville Mayor Gordon, Cedar Hill Mayor Miller, DeSoto Councilmembers Chism and Raphiel and other city and county officials recently cut the ribbon on the newly reconstructed intersection at Wintergreen and Duncanville Roads.

UPCOMING EVENTS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES



KIPP:TEXAS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rotary



MOTHER & SON



MAY 7, 2022

6:30PM - 9:00PM

DESOTO CIVIC CENTER

211 E. PLEASANT RUN RD. DESOTO, TX

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

15TH ANNUAL DANCE/FORMAL

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT DESOTOTEXAS.GOV/REGISTER
OR PURCHASE TICKETS AT THE DESOTO RECREATION CENTER

JAZZ NIGHT OUT

MAY 27

7PM-8PM

DESOTO CORNER THEATRE

ENJOY AN EVENING OF INCREDIBLE MUSIC
STARRING MUSICAL ARTIST, CHADNEY CHRISTLE
SAXOPHONIST, JEFFREY AYCOCK

TICKETS \ \ \$10 EARLY BIRD TIL 5/16
\$15 AFTER

FOR MORE INFO AND TICKETS VISIT
DESOTOEVENTS.EVENTBRITE.COM

ANNUAL CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

6PM - 9PM SATURDAY, JUNE 4

LIVE MUSIC • DRINKS • FAMILY FUN
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Join Our Team

Hourly Wages

Pool Manager \$20.50-\$24.50

Assistant Pool Manager \$16.50-\$18.50

Lifeguards \$12.50-\$15.50

Pool Attendants \$12.50

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