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For the Week of May 17th,
through May 24th, 2016

7TH ANNUAL CITY OF DESOTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

★ MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES ★

ALL CONCERTS ARE FREE! ● NO COOLERS PLEASE

Don Diego
Thursday, May 19th
7:00 P.M.
Town Center Amphitheater
211 E Pleasant Run Rd
DeSoto, Texas 75115

Don Diego is a contemporary jazz fusion saxophonist, vocalist and keyboard player who mixes instrumental covers of modern and classic R&B with rap and pop vocals.

R. L. Griffin
Saturday, May 21st
7:00 P.M.
Town Center Amphitheater
211 E Pleasant Run Rd
DeSoto, Texas 75115

R.L. Griffin is a major figure on the Dallas blues scene. Not only is he a fine entertainer and recording star, but he owns the R.L.'s Blues Palace #2. He is also a disc jockey on KKDA 730 AM where he spins classic blues and R&B tunes.

IvorY JeaN Band
Thursday, May 26th
7:00 P.M.
Town Center Amphitheater
211 E Pleasant Run Rd
DeSoto, Texas 75115

IvorY JeaN spins across all genres of music and encompasses an eclectic musical style that offers something for everyone. Offering tunes from the musical genres of soul, jazz, funk, pop, and R&B, IvorY JeaN can rock any crowd.

Crawfish Festival ★
Saturday, June 4th
6:00 - 10:00 P.M.
Town Center Amphitheater
211 E Pleasant Run Rd
DeSoto, Texas 75115

Come and enjoy tons of delicious spicy crawfish, great food, live music, vendors and games. Revel in the best Zydeco bands and enjoy the infectious rhythms of the Bayou. This will be a friendly, relaxed and fun community event.

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DESOTO TOWN CENTER / 211 EAST PLEASANT RUN ROAD
DESOTO, TX 75115 / Ph: 972.230.9650 / Fax: 972.230.5796
desototexas.gov/parks ★ facebook.com/desotorec ★

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DeSoto Arts Commission presents.....

Free 4th Friday Concert Series

On Friday, May 27th at 8pm, the DeSoto Arts Commission kicks off their DeSoto Arts Live 4th Friday concert series with a special free performance by Taylor Pace & Outa Phoenix in the Outdoor Amphitheater at Town Center. American R&B/Soul artist, Taylor Pace is a multi-instrumentalist who has deep roots in many genres. After graduating from Howard University in 2008, Taylor became the keyboardist for Grammy Nominated R&B Superstar Mario and recorded a song on Mario's 3rd album Go, which was released on the European version of the album.

Corporate sponsor, Big Tony's Philly Cheesesteaks, will be on hand selling their famous cheesesteaks and other goodies. Bring your lawn chairs and make plans to join us at this free concert. For more information, please call 972-230-9648.

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2016 Teen Summer Volunteer Program

Do you want to make a difference this summer?

The DeSoto Public Library is looking for teens ages 13-18 who want a meaningful volunteer experience and the opportunity to give back to their community.

- Visit www.desototexas.gov/library to complete the 2016 Teen Summer Volunteer Application online or pick-up an application from the Information Desk.
- Applications will be accepted April 16 - May 28, 2016.
- For more information contact Ms. Marq Runnels at 972.230.9663.

Opportunities:

- Become a book buddy and read with small children.
- Assist with Summer Reading Club programs and crafts.
- Become a Teen Techie and assist customers in the Computer Lab.
- Assist with teen programs and activities.
- Shelve library materials.

All summer volunteers are required to interview, submit to a background check, attend an orientation and will receive community service hours. Space is limited.

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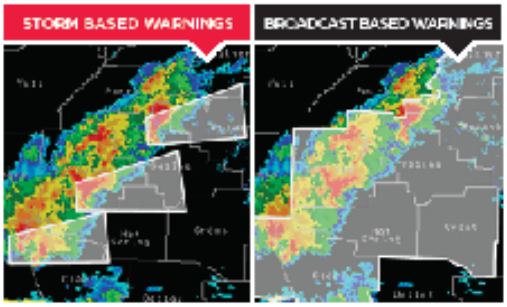
The City of DeSoto Recently Upgraded its CodeRED System to Provide Weather Warning Messages to Subscribers.

The City of DeSoto recently updated its account with Emergency Communications Network, providers of the CodeRED high-speed notification solution and the CodeRED Weather Warning service. The CodeRED System allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the city in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, a missing child or elderly person or an evacuation notice). With the upgrades to the system, those registered will also receive automated alerts when you are in the direct path of severe weather.



These severe weather notifications are generated automatically 24 hours a day based strictly on Doppler radar. With the upgrade, you can now receive the warnings for tornados, flash floods or severe thunderstorms. Only citizens in the immediate impact area will be alerted.

However, you must be registered with the CodeRED System to receive the notifications. If were previously receiving emergency messages, that means you have already signed up in the past for the general emergency notifications but this is an upgrade and you must opt in and resubmit your information if you would like to receive these Doppler radar special alerts.

If you do not wish to receive these new Doppler radar alerts, you do not have to do anything and you will continue to receive the normal alerts that come from one of the city employees. To receive the new weather notifications, go to www.desototexas.gov and choose E-services and then CodeRED. Halfway down the page, there is a large CodeRED weather warning icon. Click on it and follow the directions to register your landline and mobile telephone numbers along with an email address. You do NOT need to create an account and there is NO fee for this service. Your contact information will remain private and will only be used for severe weather and other city alerts. For more information on DeSoto's CodeRED system, please call Fire Administration at 972.230.9680.

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ANNUAL CITY OF DESOTO
PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CRAWFISH FESTIVAL

June 4, 2016

Saturday 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
DeSoto Amphitheater
211 E. Pleasant Run Road

Come and enjoy tons of delicious spicy crawfish, great food, live music, vendors and games. This will be a friendly, relaxed and fun community event.

For more information contact
972.230.9651

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Summer Reading Club June 2016

The Summer Reading Club will be June 8th - July 30th.

Read this summer!

Sign-Up for the Summer Reading Club at the Children's Desk.

June 13th - Storytime at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
June 13th - Art 'n' Crafts at 1:30p.m. (reservations are required)

June 14th - Tinker Tuesday at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)

June 14th - Financial Literacy For Kids (ages 10-12) at 6:00p.m. (reservations are required)

June 15th - Mad Science of the Greater Dallas Area at 1:00p.m.

June 16th - Anime Club at 1:00p.m.

June 17th - Cedar Hill State Park at 3:00p.m.

June 20th - Storytime at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
June 20th - Art 'n' Crafts at 1:30p.m. (reservations are required)

June 21st - Tinker Tuesday at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)

June 22nd - Dallas Puppet Theater at 1:00p.m.

June 23rd - Anime Club at 1:00p.m.

June 27th - Storytime at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
June 27th - Art 'n' Crafts at 1:30p.m. (reservations are required)

June 28th - Tinker Tuesday at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)

June 28th - Financial Literacy For Kids (ages 10-12) at 6:00p.m. (reservations are required)

June 29th - Storytelling at 1:00p.m.

June 30th - Anime Club at 1:00p.m.

For more information visit the Children's Desk in the library or call 972-230-9666.

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Modeltude Agency

presents

Smartshoppe Sessions

for Teens ages 13-18

Saturdays this Summer

July 16, 23, 30 and August 6

WORKSHOP ONE— 12 TO 1PM

THE ART OF LIVING: PERSONAL STYLE

FACILITATOR: XERKELL PALMER

TOPICS COVERED:

- *WEEK 1: COLOR CODING YOUR STYLE*
- *WEEK 2: FIGURE IT OUT*
- *WEEK 3: LET'S FACE IT-HAIR AND SKIN-CARE*
- *WEEK 4: THE PERSON WITHIN*

WORKSHOP TWO—1 TO 3PM

MODELING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

FACILITATOR: DONYAN M. ROGERS

TOPICS COVERED:

- *WEEK 1: MODELING 101*
- *WEEK 2: MODELING INDUSTRY*
- *WEEK 3: MODELING ENRICHMENT*
- *WEEK 4: SHOWTIME—FASHION SHOW*

For information call 972.230.9661. You may register for 1 or 2 workshops beginning May 9.

www.modeltudeagency.com

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BOOK BUDDIES

ATTENTION PARENTS:

The DeSoto Library will launch its

"Summer Book Buddies Program"

June 21, 2016 – July 26, 2016

This is an all volunteer program where teen volunteers from the community will read with a buddy (child) for 45 minutes and do enrichment activities for the last 15 minutes.

- This program is open to children ages 4-11.
- Buddies will meet every Tuesday morning from 10:15am-11:15am.
- Call 972.230.9661 to register your child from May 09 - June 21.
- Space is limited and on a first come first served basis. Please don't delay to sign-up your child.

NOTE: Parents must stay in library during the program.

Drop-off is NOT allowed.

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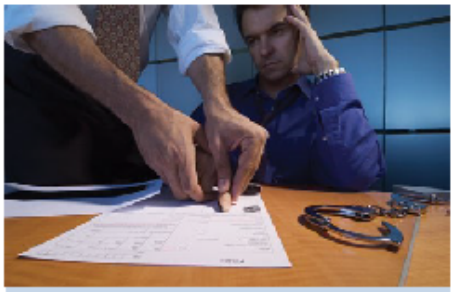
"Clearing Your Criminal Record"

Ms. Ify Seales
Dallas Attorney

One in four Americans has a criminal record, which can prevent them from leading normal lives. The past doesn't have to haunt the future.

This seminar will offer information on the expungement/non-disclosure process, including: eligibility; what records are subject to expungement/non-disclosure; how to file for a petition for expungement/non-disclosure; and what to expect if you represent yourself and an explanation of new law that was recently passed—where you were once ineligible, you may now be eligible.



Where: DeSoto Public Library
When: Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Time: 6pm — 7:30pm

Ms. Seales is a criminal and immigration attorney who has devoted her career to empowering people with the hope and knowledge they need when faced with a daunting legal issue. Ms. Seales received her J.D. degree from the University of Texas School of Law and has been a Dallas County Assistant District Attorney and a Dallas County Public Defender. Ms. Seales dedicates her spare time helping educate individuals with their legal rights and hosting free legal seminars throughout the Dallas/Ft. Worth community.

This program is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. For more information contact the Information Desk at 972-230-9661

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DeSoto Public Library

announces the new

DeSoto Public Library Book Club

Meeting the 3rd Monday each month
at 7:00 PM in the Library

Please join us for our
1st meeting

March 21, 2016
In the Library at 7:00 PM

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DeSoto Public Library Anime Club

Meeting Dates:

February 24 March 9 March 23

April 6 April 20 May 4

May 18

For Ages 8 - 14

At 4:30p.m.

DO YOU...?

LOVE ANIME ENJOY MANGA Want To Have Fun

Then we want you to be a part of our Anime Club!

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