

# DeSoto City Lights

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## DeSoto Police Department Forms Non-Profit Group



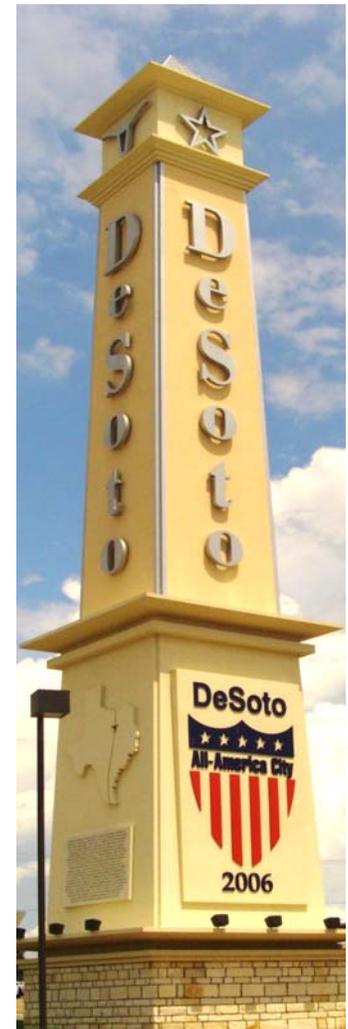
The DeSoto Police Department is proud to announce the formation of a new non-profit program named DeSoto PD Community Alliance Reinforcing Everyone's Safety, or **DeSoto PD CARES**.

The mission of the program is to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in our community by providing innovative crime prevention initiatives and building community-based partnerships. The program will also provide assistance to DeSoto Police employees and their families in times of need.

Four members of the community have agreed to volunteer their time to serve as the board of directors for the organization. Chief Costa will assign a DeSoto Officer to serve on the board as a non-voting member to liaison between the police department and board.

**DeSoto PD CARES** is interested in partnering with other non-profit programs who provide services to the elderly, victims of domestic violence and children. This list is not "all encompassing" and the board would be open to other suggestions.

The program has received 501(c)(3) status and is now able to accept your tax deductible donations and will put them back to work in the community. For further information, please contact Corporal Nick Bristow at 469. 658.3007.



**Meet The Chief . . .** on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 9 am to noon in the City Council Chambers at DeSoto City Hall, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road.

DeSoto Police Chief, Joe Costa, and members of his department will host a Town Hall Meeting to meet the community, share information on major initiatives of the DeSoto Police Department and to hear your ideas, stories or concerns. Make plans to join us!



## City Calendar

### April

3 City Offices & Facilities Closed  
6 Arts Commission Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6 pm  
6 Poetry In Progress - Civic Ctr. - 7 pm  
6 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm  
7 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
9 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm  
9 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm  
9 Friends of the Library Mtg. - 6 pm  
11 PD Town Hall Mtg. - 9 am City Hall  
12 Concert - Corner Theatre 3pm  
14 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall -7 pm  
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21 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
25 Recycling Event - Service Ctr. 9 am  
27 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am  
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14 Don Diego Concert Amphitheater 7 pm  
16 R.L. Griffin Concert Senior Ctr. 7 pm  
17 Concert - Corner Theatre 3 pm  
18 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am  
19 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm  
21 Lanny Nance Concert - Amphitheater 7pm  
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### Talk To Us.....We're Listening

Have you signed up and logged in to Engage DeSoto? If the answer is no, then you missed providing feedback on questions like *"How can we make our community a 21st century city?"* and *"What is your favorite event in our community?"* The Engage DeSoto website provides an opportunity to share new ideas, support others' ideas and expand upon existing ideas of others. Watch for future topics like *"Should smoking be banned in DeSoto?"* and let us know what you think.

[desototexas.gov/engagedesoto](http://desototexas.gov/engagedesoto) .

## Help Us Recognize Unsung Heroes in DeSoto

Do you know someone who has done something worthy of recognition? Corporal Nick Bristow with the DeSoto Police Department would like to hear from you.

You may recognize Cpl. Nick, pictured here, as the officer providing traffic reports on WFAA on weekday mornings. Now, in addition to his duties as Public Information Officer for DeSoto PD, he is putting his TV skills to work launching a new segment on DeSoto Cable TV called DeSoto's Unsung Heroes.

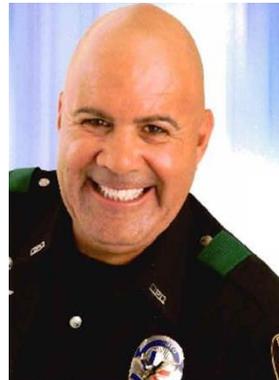
"The story of DeSoto Officer Holder helping his friend, Mrs. Shepherd, with her Thanksgiving shopping that was picked up by the national media, made us realize that there are people in our community doing similar things every day," said Bristow. "We want to recognize

them."

Cpl. Nick is asking citizens to nominate someone who is going above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of DeSoto residents. The nominated person can be a city employee, elected official, community leader or your next door neighbor. He would like to interview them and tell their story on

the DeSoto's Unsung Heroes program. To make a nomination, please email Cpl. Nick at [nbristow@desototexas.gov](mailto:nbristow@desototexas.gov) or by calling 972.230.9648. Follow the DeSoto PD on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/desotopd>.

Watch for DeSoto's Unsung Heroes on DeSoto Cable Channel 16 for Time Warner subscribers and 99 for AT&T Uverse customers at 7 pm, Wednesdays, beginning May 1st.



**APRIL RECYCLING EVENT**  
**April 25th 9 am**  
**DeSoto Service Center, 809 W. Spinner Rd.**  
**Event ends at noon or when trucks are full**  
**Document Shredding - bring up to 10 boxes of personal documents for shredding. Proof of DeSoto residency required.**  
**E-Recycling - bring any unwanted electronic items including personal computers, phones, chargers, printers and other small electronics for free recycling with proof of DeSoto residency. For more information please call 972.230.9643.**

## It's Spring in Texas and also Severe Weather Season

Any one who has lived in Texas for any length of time knows that the weather can change quickly from beautiful sunshine to severe thunderstorms that can cause flooding.

Here are some important flash flood safety tips:

- Get out of areas subject to flooding, like dips, low spots, canyons, washes, etc.
- Avoid already flooded and high-velocity flow areas—don't attempt to cross a flowing stream.
- Never drive through flooded roadways in case the roadbed is no longer intact.
- If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.
- Be cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
- Don't camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.

You may wonder what is the difference between a flood watch and a flood warning issued by the National Weather Service. When a flash flood warning is issued, it is a call to take action! It is issued when a flash flood is imminent or occurring. If you are in a flood prone area, move immediately to high ground.

A flash flood is a sudden, violent flood that can take from minutes to hours to develop. It is even possible to experience a flash flood in areas not immediately receiving rain.

A flood warning is issued when the hazardous weather event is imminent or already happening.

A flood watch is issued when conditions are favorable for a specific hazardous weather event to occur. A flood watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. It does not mean

flooding will occur, but it is possible.

A flood advisory is issued when a specific weather event that is forecast to occur may become a nuisance. It is issued when flooding is not expected to be bad enough to issue a warning. However, it may cause significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to situations that may threaten life and/or property.

This message is provided by the City of DeSoto Emergency Management Department.



## What's Happening at the DeSoto Public Library

### DeSoto Public Library Holds Read-A-Thon for Teens!

To celebrate National "D.E.A.R. Day," (Drop Everything And Read), the DeSoto Public Library's Teen Advisory Board is sponsoring a mini Read-A-Thon on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 3:30 to 5 pm. Teens ages 13 to 18 are invited to bring their favorite book to the library to read. Or you enjoy reading something from the library's collections of books, magazines, newspapers, or ebooks (on your own device). Pizza will be served. Teens are invited to come for a great time of reading, eating pizza, and socializing with other teens.

This program is free and open to teens ages 13 through 18. No registration is required.

The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is available in the nearby parking garage. For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9663.

### Annual Household Hazardous Waste Event

May 9, 2015 9 am to noon  
Westmoreland Pump Station  
620 N. Westmoreland

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. Due to limited space, those who would like to participate must register prior to the event. Residents may sign up beginning April 9<sup>th</sup> by calling the Action Center at 972.230.9600.

CITY OF DESOTO  
PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

# DOG DAYS IN DESOTO

May 16, 2015  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Fashion Show  
Canine Obstacle Course  
Photo Contest  
\$5 Dog Registration Fee

Zeiger Park  
400 Eagle Drive  
For more information please call  
972.230.9653. Pre-register at the  
recreation center.



DeSoto Parks & Recreation  
Discover. Experience. Play!

[desototexas.gov/parks](http://desototexas.gov/parks)  
[facebook.com/desotorec](https://facebook.com/desotorec)

## ANNUAL CITY OF DESOTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT KIDS' FISHING DAY AT BRIARWOOD PARK

April 25, 2015  
Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
All children 16 years and under are  
eligible  
Registration fee is \$5  
Briarwood Park  
1625 W. Beltline Road  
For more information please call  
972.230.9651



For up to the minute information on activities at the City of DeSoto, follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/desototx> and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/desototx>.



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Tickets are just \$10 at [www.artsdesoto.com](http://www.artsdesoto.com).



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[ARTSDESOTO.com](http://ARTSDESOTO.com) | DeSoto Corner Theater



All concerts are at  
3pm at the DeSoto  
Corner Theatre, 211  
E. Pleasant Run  
Road.