

DeSoto City Lights

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City of DeSoto To Hold Public Meetings on the Transportation Assistance Program

Applications will be accepted soon for the second year of DeSoto's grant-funded Transportation Assistance Program (TAP) for low-to moderate-income DeSoto residents. The program provides the following for applicants who meet HUD eligibility:

- Taxi cab transportation for essential services including doctor appointments, trips to the grocery store or pharmacy, etc.
- Eligible participants will be given a card voucher providing \$100 per month for transportation in the Dallas and Ellis County area

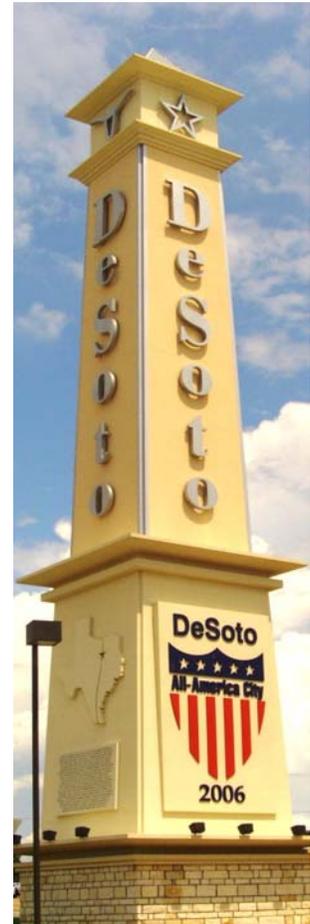
Those wishing to participate are encouraged to email Transportation@desototexas.gov or call 972.230.7350 for more information. That number receives voicemails only. Please leave a message and your call will be returned within 24 hours.

Workshops to explain the program, eligibility criteria, and provide assistance with the application process will be held on October 8, 2018 at 10 am and at 5 pm in the City Council Chambers at the Jim Baugh Government Center, located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road. The application form will be available beginning October 8, 2018 at 10 am on the City website at www.desototexas.gov and during both the 10 am and 5 pm workshops on October 8, 2018. It will include a list of mandatory documents and forms that must be included with the application submission in order for it to be considered complete and ready for evaluation. Approval for the Transportation Assistance Program will be limited to a "first completed application received" basis. It is anticipated that the Transportation Assistance Program will have funding for 40 to 50 applicants.

DeSoto residents in need of transportation assistance are encouraged to attend one of these workshops to meet with program administrators to discuss eligibility requirements and receive assistance in applying for the program.

"Although this initiative only addresses transportation issues for a limited number of residents who qualify based on income, DeSoto is also working with STAR Transit to offer public transportation for all DeSoto residents," said DeSoto Mayor Curtistene McCowan.

For more information about STAR Transit and the DeSoto services, visit www.STARtransit.org or call 877-631-5278 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 4 pm.



City Calendar

October

1 Arts Commission Mtg. - City Hall - 6pm
1 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. 6:30 pm
2 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
2 National Night Out—Civic Ctr. 7 to 9 pm
4 Historical Foundation Mtg. - 6 pm
4 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
4 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
9 Planning & Zoning Mtg. -City Hall -7 pm
16 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
20 Grand Opening - Grow DeSoto Market
22 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall 9 am
23 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
27 Dallas Opera Corner Theatre 7 pm

November

6 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
6 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
6 Historical Foundation Mtg.— 6 pm
5 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. 6pm
5 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. 6:30 pm
10 Vet Fest - Civic Ctr. 10 am
13 Planning & Zoning Mtg.- City Hall -7 pm
20 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
22 Thanksgiving - City Facilities Closed
23 Thanksgiving - City Facilities Closed
26 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am
27 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm



The City of DeSoto will hold a Special Election to fill an unexpired term for Place 2 on Tuesday, November 6,

2018. The candidates for this election are:

- Kay Brown-Patrick
- Patricia Ledbetter

Early voting begins on Monday, October 22, 2018 and ends Friday, November 2, 2018. Early Voting will take place at Disciple Central Community Church located at 901 North Polk Street.

The dates and hours are as follows:

- Mon.-Fri., Oct. 22-26 7am - 7pm
- Sat., Oct. 27 7am - 7pm
- Sun., Oct. 28 1pm - 6pm
- Mon.-Fri., Oct. 29-Nov. 2 7am - 7pm

Election Day voting will be held by precinct only at various DeSoto locations.

For more information, please contact Dallas County Elections at 214.819.6300 or the City Secretary's Office at 972.230.9646 or kmorris@desototexas.gov.

Congresswoman Johnson Announces More Than \$98,000 in Grants Awarded to DeSoto Fire Rescue

Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson recently announced that DeSoto Fire Rescue has been awarded \$98,182 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"Perhaps no one plays a more vital role in keeping our communities safe than effective and efficient emergency services personnel. I am delighted that our brave firefighters in DeSoto will receive additional funds and resources to aid them in their service of friends and neighbors," said Congresswoman Johnson. "In emergency situations, firefighters and other first responders often risk their lives to save others. Now, DeSoto Fire Rescue will be better

able to save more lives because of this beneficial grant. I am appreciative to DeSoto Fire Rescue for its outstanding service to the community and express my congratulations for demonstrating this service in order to receive this important funding."

The funding is part of FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, which awards funds through a competitive selection process. The grants are received by fire departments that establish expertise in community risk reduction and improving firefighter safety. Since 2001, the grant program has awarded approximately \$7 billion in grants to first responder organizations.



Mayor McCowan (right) presents a Mayoral Commendation to Victoria Taylor (left), senior at Cambridge School who recently represented DeSoto on a tour of Italy with the GirlGo travel sorority, a program that promotes Global Entrepreneurship and Global S.T.E.M.



The DeSoto City Council recently appointed volunteers to serve on the newly created Veterans Affairs Committee. They hit the ground running at their first meeting on September 13, 2018 to plan the 2018 VetFest, an event designed to honor and celebrate DeSoto veterans. Please save the date, Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 10 am to join us at the DeSoto Civic Center for this special event in our community. Watch for more details in the next edition and on the City's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. If you'd like to participate or need more information, please call Kathy Jones at 972.230.9648.



OCTOBER IS domestic violence awareness month

October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness month. The DeSoto Domestic Violence Advisory Commission along with DeSoto Police Department's Victim Assistance Coordinator have planned the following activities during the month of October for survivors, family members, advocates, resource network providers and the community.

Wednesday, Oct. 17 5:30 to 6:30 pm
A Survivor's Story Candlelight Vigil –
at DeSoto Police Department
714 E. Beltline Rd.

Domestic and family violence is an everyday occurrence throughout Dallas County and hits close to home here in DeSoto. We invite survivors, family members, community resource providers and the general public to join us in recognizing and championing survivors, and praying for the eradication of this violence that impacts us as a community. For more information please call 469.658.3012.

Saturday, Oct. 20 2 pm
**Imagine This A World without
Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking
& Bullying Symposium**

at the DeSoto Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road.

Imagine This is a **FREE** public awareness event open to adults, teens and senior citizens featuring panel discussions, speakers, vendors, and information from community resource providers.

A mobile **Purple Pinwheel** trailer will be seen throughout the City with pinwheels indicating the number of victims and survivors that have been affected by Domestic/Family Violence in our community. It will move to various locations around DeSoto throughout the entire month of October.

Look for billboards and banners that will be placed throughout the City promoting Domestic Violence awareness and recognition.

Domestic Violence is not isolated to households and families. It affects us all. Help us raise awareness, speak out for victims and support zero tolerance for those that abuse by taking part in these activities. For more information, please call 469.658.3012.

Notice on Pre-Project Public Meeting/Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Outreach for Wintergreen Road from Duncanville Road (Main Street) to East of Stewart Branch

Dallas County Public Works department has scheduled a Pre-Project Public Meeting for Wintergreen Road in DeSoto (BSW Wintergreen Road project MCIP 47302). The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Jim Baugh Government Center in the City Council Chambers located in DeSoto Town Center at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, Texas.

This upcoming project will address transportation safety, capacity and connectivity needs in the vicinity. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the upcoming construction of the project and conduct SBE outreach with the contracting community. There will also be an update on Small Business Enterprise (SBE) outreach which is being conducted by Dallas County.

All contracting firms and any other interested parties are invited to this meeting to learn more about the project and the SBE participation requirement on Dallas County. If you have questions or would like more information, please call 214.653.7172.



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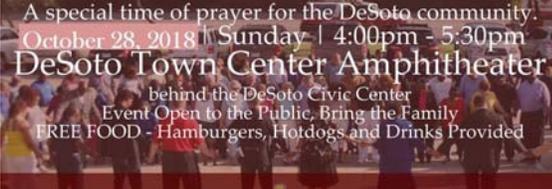
DESOTO POLICE & LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR FREE FOOD AND FAMILY FUN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018
7 TO 9PM AT THE
DESOTO CIVIC CENTER & OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER
FOR INFO. CALL 469-658-3000




ANNUAL KNEELING TOGETHER

A special time of prayer for the DeSoto community.
October 28, 2018 | Sunday | 4:00pm - 5:30pm
DeSoto Town Center Amphitheater
behind the DeSoto Civic Center
Event Open to the Public. Bring the Family
FREE FOOD - Hamburgers, Hotdogs and Drinks Provided



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FREE EVENT

OCT 20
12-4 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
GROWDESOTO.ORG

grow DeSoto
GRAND OPENING

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and live entertainment as we celebrate the grand opening of the Grow DeSoto Market Place.

In an ongoing effort to provide diverse entertainment opportunities for our residents and visitors, the DeSoto Arts Commission is pleased to host a benefit performance of *Pépito* presented by the Dallas Opera at the DeSoto Corner Theater located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, Texas on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 2pm.

Local inn hostess, Manuelita, has rejected the advances of rival, Vertigo, and her childhood friend, Miguel. Impressed by her loyalty to her fiancé, Pépito, Miguel agrees to take his place in the military so the couple can marry. However, a letter from Pépito presents stunning news for both Manuelita and Miguel! Learn who finally gets the girl in The Dallas Opera Performing Edition of Offenbach's charming, one-act comedy. English Translation by Mary Dibbern. Based on the integral edition of the opera by Michael Kaye, sung in English.

Tickets for this benefit performance are \$5 for Adult General Admission. Students are free. All proceeds from the performance will go to Lifeline of Hope Family Services (LOH) a 501(3)c nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide education, prevention and intervention to DeSoto and local communities in the areas of Family Violence/Sexual Assault, Anger Management and Parenting Education. Lifeline of Hope's primary goals are to ensure the safety of victims of family violence and provide a pathway out of violence; for both victims and perpetrators, through education that leads to cultivating positive and lasting changes for themselves and their children. Lifeline of Hope volunteers will be on hand at the performance to accept donations of personal care items (in lieu of the \$5 ticket price) including; \$5 gas gift cards to assist victims with transportation, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, tooth brush/toothpaste, etc.

Seating is limited. For tickets go to ArtsDeSoto.com or call 972-230-9648.

