

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of March 21st
through March 25th, 2011

The City Needs To Hear Your Thoughts and Opinions on Trash Collection and Sanitation Services

Trash and brush collection in DeSoto is provided by Republic Waste Services, also known as Duncan Disposal, the City's solid waste contractor. This service includes:

- Twice-per-week household garbage pick-up
- Once-per-week recycling pick-up
- Once-per-week brush pick-up

From 1999 to 2009 residents paid \$13.04 per month for this service. Though the contract required small annual cost of living rate adjustments, these adjustments were absorbed by the city and not extended to the customer. The \$13.04 monthly rate, consisting of \$9.34 for solid waste collection and \$3.70 for beautification efforts such the street sweeper, median litter crew and enhanced median landscaping, was consistent for all residents for nine years. In 2010 there was a rate increase of \$1.70. At that time, a commitment was made to residents that rates would not change until the contract with Republic expires in May, 2012.

In anticipation of this contract renewal, city staff is seeking input from residents about the services offered by our sanitation contract and changes that might reduce costs and make sense going forward. We hope you'll take a moment and go to <http://blog.desototexas.com> and give us your thoughts on the following blog questions:

Question 1: Do you feel that city beautification efforts (street sweeping, enhanced landscaping, the litter and median maintenance crew) have made a positive impact on the appearance of our community over the past nine years?

Question 2: Our contract with Republic Waste for trash, recycling and other sanitation services expires soon. In today's economy, it is unlikely that we will be able to maintain our current services at the same cost. Please provide your opinion on the following topics:

- Would you be willing to pay more to keep street sweeping, enhanced landscaping and the litter and median maintenance crew?
- Would you be willing to reduce trash to once per week as a cost saving measure? What about reducing brush collection to once or twice per month?
- If provided with a larger recycling receptacle, would you be willing to increase the amount of material you recycle and reduce the amount of regular trash you discard?

We hope you'll follow the link above and post your comments. You can also see what others

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are saying about this important subject. If you have any questions regarding your sanitation service, please call Tracie Hlavinka at 972.230.9689 or attend our upcoming Town Hall meeting on the subject.

Town Hall Meeting Saturday, April 2nd 9:00 am DeSoto City Hall - City Council Chambers

Join us for donuts and coffee and share your thoughts and ideas regarding sanitation and beautification efforts in the City of DeSoto. Your input is vitally important to city staff as they prepare the bid specifications for our upcoming sanitation contract renewal. All DeSoto residents are urged to attend.

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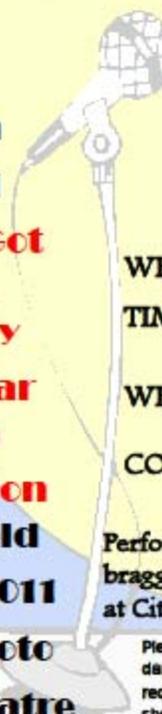
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GOT TALENT???
Do You Sing, Dance,
Tell Jokes???

The City of DeSoto Arts Commission
Would like to encourage you to:

AUDITION For
DeSoto's Got Talent

The 5th Annual DeSoto's Got Talent (formerly DeSoto Star Search) Competition will be held April 30, 2011 At the DeSoto Corner Theatre

We are seeking all kinds of talented performers including singers, dancers, musicians, & actors ages 8-108.

You Must Audition!!!!

WHEN: April 16, 2011
TIME: Call 972 230-9648 to reserve an appointment between 9am to 4pm
WHERE: City Hall in DeSoto Town Center
211 E. Pleasant Run, DeSoto, TX
COST: \$5 audition fee per act

Performers will compete for a \$500 cash prize, bragging rights and the opportunity to perform at City events.

Please no animal acts, pyrotechnics, or lewd behavior. All singers & dancers must bring their accompaniment music on CD. You will be required to use the same music in the audition that you perform in the show if chosen. Please come in costume if that is integral to your act.

5 minutes maximum per act.

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