

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.

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:

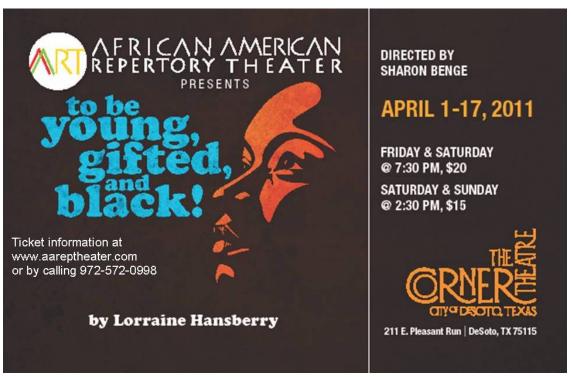


Question 1: Do you feel that city beautification efforts (street sweeping, enhanced landscaping, the litter and median maintenance crew) have made a positive impact on the appearance of our community over the past nine years?

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 wiling 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 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 on April 2nd at 9 a.m. at City Hall. For more information, call 972-230-9689.





Earth Month Activities - DeSoto Is Going Green!!

Electronics Recycling Event April 16th

Old computers and electronics can be placed out for pick-up with your regular trash service. However, when Republic Waste (Duncan Disposal) collects them, they go to our landfill and are not recycled. Tossing hundreds of computers, keyboards and cell

phones into landfills poses serious health and environmental risks. Today, most electronic components can be reused, recycled and diverted from the waste stream. The City of DeSoto, is partnering with Goodwill Industries of Dallas to divert computers and related electronics from area landfills by offering recycling of electronic equipment during Earth Month.

On Saturday, April 16th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., bring your unwanted electronic items (excluding TV's) to the DeSoto Service Center located at 809 W. Spinner Road for recycling. Here's a list of items that will be accepted for recycling free of charge: personal computers, monitors, hard drives, keyboards and mice, printers, toner and ink cartridges, scanners, peripherals and gadgets, cell phones, webcams, servers and racks, power supplies and chargers, cables and wires, networking equipment, servers and racks, gaming equipment, PDAs and other small electronic devices.



Help us protect the environment by keeping electronic waste materials out of landfills and putting them back into the manufacturing process to make new products.

Avoid Identity Theft by Shredding Your Personal Documents

Identity theft is a serious problem in today's society. One way to protect yourself is to make sure that identity thieves aren't gaining access to your personal information through junk mail or other documents you have placed in the trash. The best way to assure this doesn't happen is to shred your junk mail and other personal documents before

discarding.

If you don't have access to a paper shredder, bring the items you wish to shred to the DeSoto Service Center located at 809 W. Spinner Road on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a mobile document shredding unit on-site to shred your personal household documents at no cost. (Commercial documents will not be accepted.) You must show proof of DeSoto residency with a driver's license or current utility bill.

Please place all your documents in boxes. Do not bring them loose in bags as documents must be stacked to go into the shredder. There is a limit of 10 boxes of household material per person for shredding. If you prefer, you can watch your documents being shredded. If you have any questions regarding household document shredding, please call the City of DeSoto Action Center at 972.230.9600.



Household Hazardous Waste Event - May 14th 9 a.m. to noon at the DeSoto Pump Station, 620 E. Westmoreland Road

If you have household hazardous waste that cannot be discarded along with the regular trash such as paint, oil, fertilizer, acid, gasoline, or pesticides, you can bring it to the City of DeSoto Household Hazardous Waste event with a voucher. The event will take place at the DeSoto Pump Station, 620 N. Westmoreland Rd on Saturday, May 14th from 9 a.m. to noon. Vouchers can be obtained from the City of DeSoto Action Center located in City Hall or by calling 972. 230.9600. We have a limited number of vouchers available. Only DeSoto residents will be allowed to participate and you will be asked to show proof of residency in order to obtain your voucher. Space is limited to the first 125 who sign up.



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Concerned DeSoto Citizens

For our 22nd Annual

Candidates Forum

Saturday, April 9, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

DeSoto Town Center City Council Chambers 211 E. Pleasant Run Road DeSoto, TX 75115

Free to the public

Come meet and interact with DeSoto ISD School Board candidates.

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SOLUTION For the Week of March 28th

through April 1st, 2011

