



NO MORE!

TEEN VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, May 21st 10:30 to 2:30 pm
DeSoto Freshman Campus, 620 S. Westmoreland Rd.
Sponsored by DeSoto Police & Clergy Coalition

10:30 to 12:30 p.m. - Representatives from the police, local youth pastors, an alternative school principal, a student, a therapist and a single parent discuss issues related to youth violence.

12:30 to 2:30 pm - Summer Programs Fair. This event will feature representatives from summer programs that will keep kids busy and engaged. Parents can receive information on tutoring programs, counseling opportunities, youth ministries at local churches, the city-sponsored Summer Time On Belt Line Program and much more.

Make plans to attend this important event intended to safeguard our kids and say **No More to Teen Violence!!**



Welcome Tarron Richardson, Ph.D., DeSoto's New City Manager

Tarron Richardson, Ph.D. assumed the reins as City Manager of DeSoto on May 1st. He has served in the capacity of Assistant City Manager since June of 2009 and has managed the day-to-day operations of the City for more than a year. Dr. Richardson, a doctoral graduate of the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University, began his career with the City of Richmond (VA) as Project Manager for Council Relations for the City Manager and later assumed the position of Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer for Legislation and Deputy Director of Public Utilities. He also served as Assistant City Manager and Acting City Manager for the City of Coatesville (PA).



Mayor Sherman remarked that Dr. Richardson will be managing a workforce of more than 300 of the most energetic and customer focused employees in the nation. The Mayor noted that the Council's selection process was direct, thoroughly thought through and simple. "We have had the opportunity to work with Tarron, and he has earned the confidence of the overwhelming majority of the Council," Sherman commented, simply put, "He is the right choice at the right time and is well regarded and respected by the employees."

A welcome reception will be held for Dr. Richardson on Thursday, May 19th in the DeSoto Civic Center from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The community is invited to take this opportunity to meet Dr. Richardson and to stay and enjoy the first concert in our free Music In The Park concert series featuring Soul Cake and Don Diego in the outdoor amphitheater at DeSoto Town Center following the reception.





Salsa Dance Showcase & Lesson June 3rd 7p.m. DeSoto Civic Ctr. Pecan Rooms \$25 per couple

Learn Salsa basics from the best and enjoy a evening of food, drinks and great Latin flair. The DeSoto Arts Commission invites you to come out and learn a few dance steps that you can use the following evening at Creekfest during the **Havana NRG** performance at the outdoor amphitheater at Town Center. **Havana NRG** is a high energy Salsa band that will have you up

and dancing the night away. It's going to be fun! For tickets, call the DeSoto Arts Commission at 972.230.9648.









DeSoto Police to Host Texas Police Games - June 15th through 19th



On June 15th, thousands of federal, state and local sworn peace officers will descend on DeSoto to compete in the 2011 Texas Police Games. Officers of all ages will compete in team events such as, softball, basketball, soccer, paintball, volleyball and flag football and many will compete individually in cycling, 5Ks, power lifting, bass fishing, golf, rifle and pistol competitions, billiards and much more. All of these competitions will take place in and around DeSoto. The public is invited to come out and view these events.

DeSoto will "roll out the red carpet" for our visitors with a closed social event on Thursday, June 16th at the DeSoto Civic Center from 6 to 8 p.m. followed by a free concert at DeSoto Corner Theatre featuring Jeff Aycock and saxophone music that moves your soul. The public is also invited to Jeff Aycock's free concert.

The highlight of the games will take place on Friday, June 17th at 6 p.m. when the medal round of the flag football competition will take place at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

DeSoto Police are working hard to make this event a huge success and can use the support of our community. If you'd like more information on how you can be involved, please call Officer Cindy Mendez at 466.658.3055.

DeSoto Is Invited to Join our Police
Guests at a free concert in the
DeSoto Corner Theatre
Thursday, June 16th at 8pm
Featuring the Saxophone stylings of:

Jeff Aycock



What's Going On At The Library?

African American Genealogy—Connect the Branches of Your Family Tree!

Come to the DeSoto Public Library on Saturday, June 11^{th} , from 11 am - 12: 30 pm, to enjoy a program on African American genealogy. In many ways, African American research is just like any other genealogical research, but in other ways, it can be very different.

Lela Evans, a librarian at the University of North Texas Dallas, will present a case study to reveal some of the specialized techniques used to find ancestors and family history. Ms. Evans became interested in her family history when she was in high school but became interested in African American research while working as a genealogy librarian. She has been a speaker at state and national conferences, as well as numerous local genealogy societies. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Lancaster Genealogical Society, and the Association of Professional Genealogists.

This program is free and open to the public. The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center. Free parking is located in the nearby parking garage. For more information, please call the library's Information Desk at 972.230.9661.

Looking for a Great Way to Spend Your Summer? Then Become a Teen Volunteer at your Library

The Desoto Public Library is looking for teen volunteers who are at least 15 years old for its Teen Summer Volunteer Program. The Teen Summer Volunteer Program is an eight week program that provides teens with confidence-building volunteer experience, practical job skills, customer and public service experience and an introduction to possible careers in libraries. Teens can volunteer at the library by assisting at the check out desk, shelving library materials, assisting with the Summer Reading Club Program, or tutoring children ages 6-9 in reading. They can also apply for our Teen Techie Program that

assists teens in learning a variety of new computer technologies and assists library users in the library's computer room. Our special project this summer will give teens an opportunity to help create, produce and film a new television show made by, for, and about teens. The TSVP begins June 13. The deadline to apply for the program is May 28. Teens may complete an application and return it to the check out desk at the library or apply online at www.ci.desoto.tx.us/library. For more information call Marq Runnels at 972.230.9663.