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For the Week of May 23rd
through May 27th, 2011

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.

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Book Signing and Reading

June 6, 2011 5:00pm
DeSoto Public Library

Alone and Alive: *a practical guide for dealing with the death of your husband*

- Copyright, Shafer Publishing, May, 2011

- Janet is a writer and an attorney in DeSoto, Texas.
- A free lance writer for a number of years before becoming a lawyer, Janet says when she was in high school she wanted to be a writer but also an attorney and has been lucky to be able to meld both.
- Janet's law firm does estate planning, probate, and elder law. She has a son in college.
- After the book-signing, Janet will be guest speaker on "Copyright Laws for Poets and Writers" and will read a poem or two of her own at the 6-8pm meeting of Poetry in Progress in the library.

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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

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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 11th, 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.

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Memorial Day Hours of Operation

The City of DeSoto will observe the Memorial Day Holiday by closing city facilities on Monday, May 30, 2011 except as follows:

DeSoto Recreation and Fitness Center
Open 1 to 7 pm

DeSoto Public Library Computer Room
Open 9 am to 5 pm

There will be no interruption in trash service on Memorial Day.