

Voting Information for the Upcoming General Elections

EARLY VOTING (Votación Adelantada)

Dates, Times and Locations for the (Fechas, épocas y localizaciones para)
Constitutional Amendment/Joint Election (Elección Sobre Enmiendas
Constitucional/Conjunta)

Location - DeSoto Public Library Assembly Hall - 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in DeSoto Town Center for other early voting locations go to http://dalcoelections.org

November 8, 2011 (8 de noviembre de 2011)
October 24, 2011 (Monday through Friday) October 28, 2011
8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. 24 de octubre, 2011 (de lunes a viernes) 28 de octubre, 2011 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

October 29, 2011 (Saturday)

7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. 29 de octubre, 2011 (sábado) 7:00 A.M. -7:00 P.M.

October 30, 2011 (Sunday)

1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. 30 de octubre, 2011 (domingo) 1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

October 31, 2011 (Monday through Wednesday) November 2, 2011

8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. 31 de octubre, 2011 (de lunes a miércoles) 2 de noviembre, 2011 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

November 3, 2011 (Thursday through Friday) November 4, 2011

7:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M. 3 de noviembre, 2011 (de jueves a viernes) 4 de noviembre, 2011 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2011 - DeSoto Public Library Assembly Hall 7:00 A.M. – 7 P.M.

Emergency Alert System Nationwide Test (EAS)

FCC Consumer Facts

Background

The first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System, or EAS, will take place at 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on November 9, 2011. The purpose of the test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the system in alerting the public.

What exactly is the EAS?

The Emergency Alert System is a media communications-based alerting system that is designed to transmit emergency alerts and warnings to the American public at the national, Tribal, state and local levels. EAS participants broadcast alerts and warnings regarding weather threats, child abductions and other types of emergencies. EAS alerts are transmitted over television and radio broadcast, satellite television and satellite radio, cable television and wireline video services.

When is the EAS used and when would a national EAS alert be sent?

The EAS is often used by state and local emergency managers to alert the public about emergencies and weather events. The system provides the ability to send messages regionally or nationally, though it has never been tested at these levels. A major disaster such as an earthquake or tsunami could require the use of the system to send life-saving information to the public.

Why do we need a nationwide test?

Although local and state components of the EAS are tested on a weekly and monthly basis, there has never been an end-to-end nationwide test of the system. We need to know that the system will work as intended should public safety officials ever need to send an alert or warning to a large region of the United States. Only a complete, top-down test of the EAS can provide an appropriate diagnosis of the system's performance.

How will the national EAS test be conducted?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), along with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct the nationwide test on November 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. eastern standard time. The alert will be transmitted throughout the country and will be monitored by the EAS participants. After the test has been completed, the EAS participants will report back to the FCC on the results of the test.

What will people see and hear during the test?

Although the nationwide EAS test may resemble the periodic monthly EAS tests that most consumers are familiar with, there will be some differences in what consumers may see or hear, which is one reason for conducting a nationwide EAS test. During the test, the public will hear a message indicating "this is a test". The audio message will be the same for everyone, however due to limitations of the EAS, the video test message may not be the same and may not indicate "this is a test". This is due to the use of a "live" national code - the same code that would be used in an actual emergency. Also, the background image that appears on video screens may indicate "this is a test" but in some cases there may be no image at all. FEMA and the FCC plan to reach out to organizations representing people with hearing disabilities to prepare that community for the national test. In addition, FEMA and the FCC will work with EAS participants to explore whether there are solutions to address this limitation.

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How long will the test last?

We anticipate that the test will last approximately 3 minutes.

Why is the national test being conducted at this particular date and time?

In order to minimize disruption and confusion during the EAS test, it is being conducted on November 9 because this date is near the end of hurricane season and before the severe winter weather season begins. The 2 p.m. EST broadcast will minimize disruption during rush hours while ensuring that the test occurs during working hours across the country.

Will the test involve mobile communications devices?

No. The test will involve only those communications service providers – broadcast radio and television, cable television, satellite radio and television and wireline video services – that participate in the EAS.

For More Information

For more information about EAS, visit the FCC's EAS webpage at

www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/emergency-alertsystem-eas. For more information about
AMBER Alerts, see our consumer guide at
www.fcc.gov/guides/amber-plan-americasmissing-broadcast-emergency-response.
Finally, for information about other
telecommunications issues, visit the FCC's
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website at www.fcc.gov/consumergovernmental-affairs-bureau.

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FOOD FOR FINES DRIVE

Do you owe fines at the DeSoto Public Library? Do you have library books that you haven't returned in years? Would you like to clear those fines and do a good deed at the same time? Well, now is your chance! During Food for Fines Week, **Pay off your fines with food instead of cash!** For every can of food donated, the Library will reduce your library fines by \$1. That's right! **One food item = \$1in fines.**

Bring your food donations to the Circulation Desk. Up to \$20 in overdue fines will be waived for each donation from the following list of acceptable items:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- · Boxed pasta or rice
- Canned meat, fish, or poultry
- Boxed cereal, baking mix
- Canned soup
- peanut butter or jelly

All donated food will be given to the DeSoto Food Pantry to provide assistance to local families in need. The Food for Fines program will be conducted Monday, October 31 through Saturday, November 5, 2011. Patrons without fines are also encouraged to bring food donations to the Library.





All That Sparkles!! - HomeTown Holiday Activities Saturday, December 3, 2011 - DeSoto Town Center



Breakfast With Santa - 9 am to noon

Blue Bonnet Rooms - DeSoto Civic Center-

\$3 per person Hosted by DeSoto ISD in cooperation with the DeSoto ISD Council of PTA's

Santa Photos \$5 packages available Sponsored by Project Create Community and Cliff Photography



Holiday Market - 9 am to 4 pm - Pecan Rooms DeSoto Civic Ctr.

Get a jump on that hectic holiday shopping and find some great handmade gifts at our Holiday Market. As you shop, you'll enjoy the sounds of the holidays performed by local school and church choirs in the amphitheater along with strolling Dickens Carolers. Meet the finalists of the DeSoto ISD Holiday Card Contest. The winner will be announced at noon. Vendor opportunities still available, call the DeSoto Chamber at 972.224.3565 for information.

Storytime with Mrs. Claus at the DeSoto Public Library 11:30 to 1:30 pm

The DeSoto Public Library Youth Advisory Board invites you to bring the kids for Storytime with Mrs. Claus, fun holiday crafts, Christmas Carols and holiday skits. Admission is free. For more information call 972.230.9663.

39th Annual HomeTown Holiday Parade

Saturday December 3rd 5pm This Year's Theme - All That Sparkles!!

Line up will take place behind the DeSoto ISD Administration Building at 200 E. Belt Line Road and the parade will travel west on Belt Line turning north on Hampton Road and continuing north on Hampton ending at DeSoto Town Center. The DeSoto Lion's Club, Chamber of Commerce and City are partnering to host the parade but we need your participation to make it a success. Parade applications can be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.desoto.tx.us or by calling the DeSoto Chamber at 972.224.3565. We invite churches, scouts, youth spects teams, school groups and anyone who loves a parade to submit an application and start making plans to participate. The deadline for early bird (free) registration is November 18, 2011. Help us kick-off the Holiday Season with another great parade!!