

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of December
19th through December 23rd,
2011

City of DeSoto Begins Search for New Chief of Police

DeSoto's Police Chief, Mike Brodnax, has retired after 34 years of service to the community, the last fourteen of which were as chief. Assistant Chief Robert E. Lee has been tapped to serve as Interim Police Chief and a search is underway for a new Chief of Police. In addition to managing the day to day activities of budgeting and staffing all police activities in a department with 71 sworn officers, the chief is responsible for Code Enforcement, Animal Control and a regional jail that serves Cedar Hill and Lancaster in addition to DeSoto.



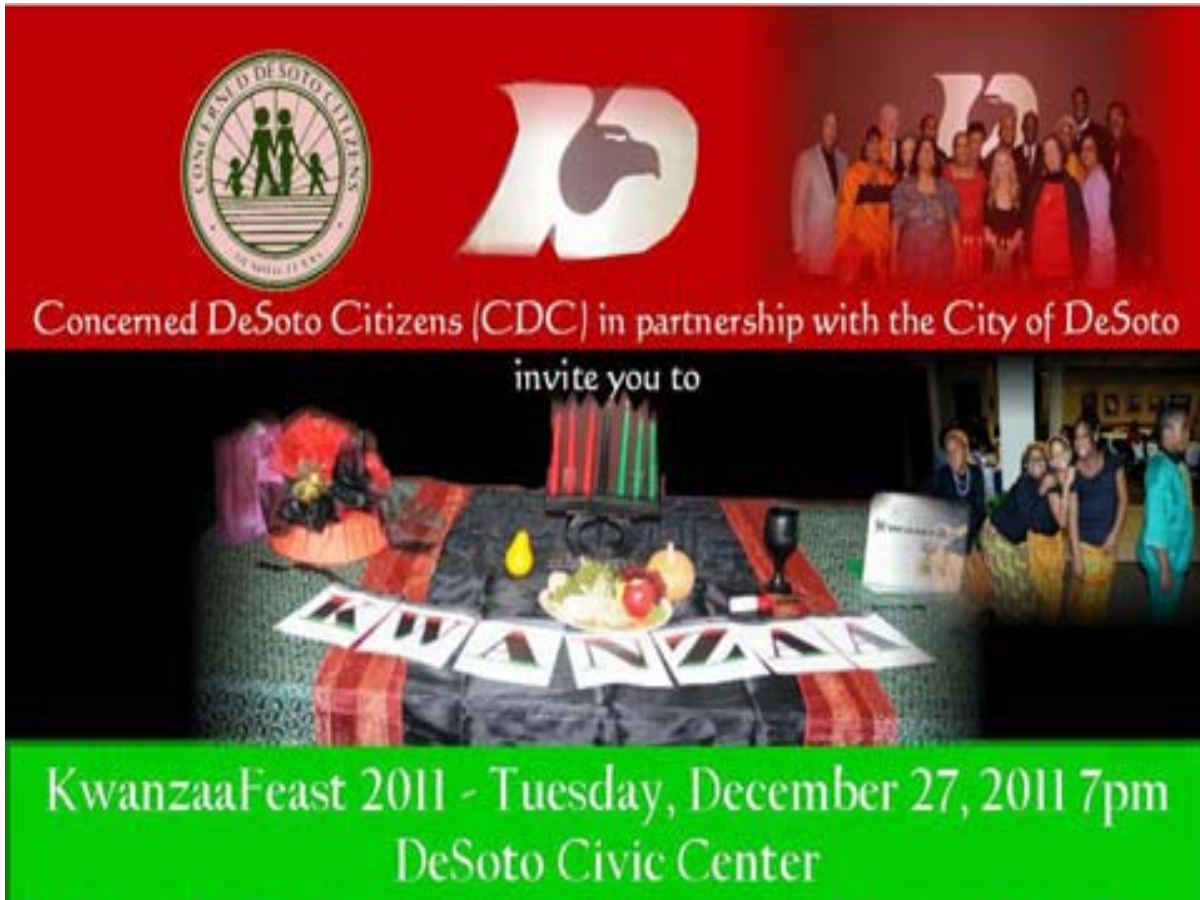
City officials are looking for input from the community as they begin the search for a new police chief and have posted a blog at blog.desototexas.com to receive comments. The blog will be available through January 20, 2012.

"I hope our residents will take a few minutes to give us their thoughts on qualities they would like to see in a new police chief," said DeSoto City Manager, Tarron Richardson, Ph.D. "We will formulate interview questions based on the information provided through this blog," according to Dr. Richardson.

If you have questions regarding DeSoto's search for a new Chief of Police, please contact the Human Resources Department for the City of DeSoto at 972-230-9601.

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Bluebonnet Room Admission is FREE

For The Entire Family

Bring canned foods and/or non-perishable food items as donation to the DeSoto Food Pantry.

**Dinner Served Immediately Following
Kwanzaa Entertainment and Program**

RSVP to concernedesotocitizens@yahoo.com

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"Connecting Neighbors!"

Do you know your neighbors?

Do you feel connected to the DeSoto Community? Have you ever attended a DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event? If your answer to any of these questions is no, please take this as personal invitation to attend our next free dinner event on January 28, 2012. Adults who live or work in DeSoto and care about our community are encouraged to attend. High School students and their parents are also welcome to attend. We offer 6 hours of Community Service Credit for students who attend because their input is vital to the program. As a guest, all you have to do is attend and join in on the discussion.

Topic: NO MORE!!

violence, Drugs, Fighting, Failing

We ARE our brothers' keeper.

Come hear what initiatives DeSoto Police and Clergy have in place to begin to address violence in our community and how you can help.

Join us for dinner and discussion:

Saturday, January 28, 2012

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

For more information and to register go to:

www.desotodd.org

or call Kathy Jones at

972-230-9648

Deadline to register is Jan. 13th!

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is a volunteer-run organization that provides individuals of all ages, who live or work in DeSoto, the opportunity to get to know one another at private dinner events. These dinners are held three times a year in homes all over town. The discussion is lead by a trained facilitator who guides participants through questions designed to elicit thoughts and opinions on issues facing our community.

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is primarily successful because families are willing to open their homes and host a dinner for a diverse group of citizens at their own expense. Facilitators and other volunteers willingly give of their time and expertise because they believe in the program. However, we need continuing community participation to keep the program strong. Join us in building a strong community.

Please feel free to forward this invitation to anyone who lives and/or works in the City of DeSoto!

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Tiffany



Jackson

Holiday Camp

**5th Overall Pick in 2007 WNBA Draft
12.4 PPG with WNBA Tulsa Shock in 2011
All-American at University of Texas**

Time: 9AM—4PM

Date: 12/22 & 12/23



**3rd Annual Tiffany
Jackson Holiday
Basketball Camp
5th to 12th Girls
Cost: \$75**

**Shooting
Ball Handling
Post Moves
Guard Moves**

**Appearances from
area's top collegiate
players home for the
Holiday.**

Contact person: 214-293-5649

WWW.DFWELITEBASKETBALL.COM

**Desoto Recreation Center
211 East Pleasant Run Road
Desoto, TX 75115**

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Since Christmas Day and New Year's Day Fall on Sunday this year, there will be no interruption in our regular trash service.

Republic Waste Offers Live Christmas Tree Recycling

The City's solid waste contractor, Republic Waste will be collecting live Christmas trees for recycling on Wednesday, December 28th and on Wednesday, January 4th. Place trees on the curb in the front of your home for recycling. Trees placed in the alley will go to the landfill. Be sure to remove all decorations and lights for recycling.



If you have questions regarding your trash service, please call the City of DeSoto Action Center at 972.230.9600.

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Holiday Hours City Hall

- City Hall will be closed on December 23rd and 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday and also on January 2nd in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday

Civic Center

The Civic Center will observe normal operation during the holidays except as follows:

- Christmas Eve - closed
- Christmas Day - closed
- New Year's Day - closed

Recreation/Fitness Center

- Christmas Eve - 7 am to 1 pm
- Christmas Day - closed
- December 26th - 7 am to 1 pm
- New Year's Eve - 7 am to 1 pm
- New Year's Day - closed
- January 2nd - 7 am to 1 pm

Library Computer Lab

- December 23rd - 9 am to 5 pm
- Christmas Eve - 9 am to 5 pm
- Christmas Day - closed
- December 26th - 9 am to 5 pm
- New Year's Eve - 9 am to 5 pm
- New Year's Day - 9 am to 5 pm
- January 2nd - 9 am to 5 pm

The main library will observe normal hours except that they will be closed on December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, and January 1st and 2nd.