

# Would you like to serve on a City Board or Commission? Application Deadline Extended to October 5th

Would you like to be a part of the decision making process in your community? If so, why not apply to serve on one of the city's standing boards or commissions. Most board and commission appointments are made by members of the City Council through an interview process, however, some appointments are place specific. To be eligible to serve, applicants must be residents of the City of DeSoto for at least one year prior to their appointment and remain in the city during their tenure.

Applications are currently being accepted for the following:

- Building and Standards Commission
- DeSoto Economic Development Corporation
- Library Advisory Board
- Park Development Corporation
- Planning & Zoning
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

There are also vacancies on the following boards that are place-specific appointments made by individual Councilmembers and will not be appointed through the Council interview process:

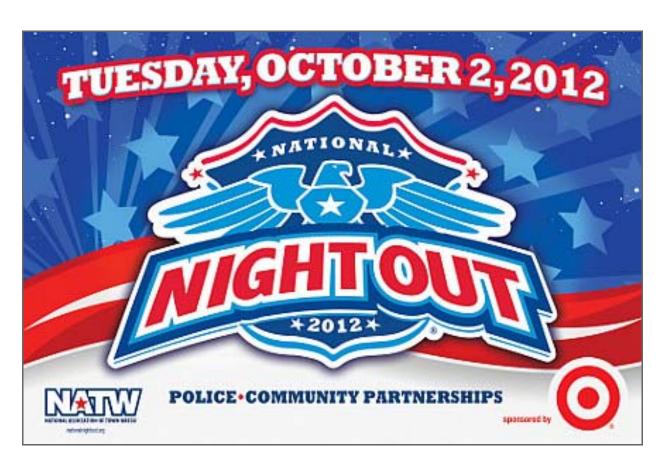
- DeSoto Arts Commission
- DeSoto, Texas Historical Foundation
- Keep DeSoto Beautiful

Applications are also being accepted for these positions.

Applications are available on the city website at www.desototexas.gov or by calling the City Secretary's office at 972.230.9664. The deadline to receive completed applications has been extended to October 5, 2012.











Do you need to get your gift shopping done?

Or even buy yourself a little something.

Then Join us for the



# Harvest Craft Fair & Market

Saturday, November 10, 2012

9 am to 3 pm at the DeSoto Public Library breezeway.

The Blue Cow Coffee Co.
Will be open!
Offering lattes, cappuccinos,
paninis, sandwiches, salads and
cold beverages for you to
purchase and enjoy!



This event is a fundraiser for and sponsored by the Friends of the DeSoto Public Library



For an Exhibitor Application or more information contact us at www.desototexas.gov/friends 972.230.9662 Enter to win! One of three gift baskets to be given away!

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# Fire Prevention Week: Is Your Family Prepared?



# **Protect Your Family From a Fire Emergency**



### Create your free Safety Profile for 9-1-1

You can include:

- All household members including pictures
- Bedroom locations
- Utility shut off information
- Home access information
- Pet information

Your private Safety Profile is delivered to 9-1-1 only when you make an emergency call

Give the Fire Department and First Responders the information they need to help you.







### 5 Fire Safety Tips to Help Protect Your Family:

- 1: Cooking fires are the #1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Make sure to stay alert and keep a fire extinguisher close by when cooking or grilling.
- Regularly check the function and batteries in your smoke alarms. Alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries.
- 3: Make sure to check the wiring and plugs on portable heating devices. Never leave them on while you are not at home. Half of all home heating fires occur in December - February.
- 4: Map out an escape plan for your family. Fire can spread rapidly through a home, leaving you as little as two minutes to escape safely once the alarm sounds.
- Do not leave burning candles unattended or under the attention of a child. Candles can cause both home fires - and home fire deaths.







# What's Going On At The DeSoto Public Library?

### Kids celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at the DeSoto Public Library!

Come to the DeSoto Public Library, on Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, from 5 pm – 6 pm to enjoy a craft to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. There will be a festive craft for children of all ages. The craft will show kids a brief history of Hispanic influences in America through culture and music. This program is free and open to the public. The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is available in the nearby parking garage. For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9666.

### The DeSoto Public Library is offering FREE computer classes!

Classes will be taught on Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the Library's Venable Training Room.

October 16<sup>th</sup> Computer Basics – **Register on or after October 9th** 

October 23<sup>rd</sup>
Basic Word I (create and print documents, edit and print documents, edit, move,

copy and format text) - Register on or after October 16<sup>th</sup>

October 30<sup>th</sup> Basic Word II (toolbar, shortcuts, workbooks & worksheets – **Register on or** 

after October 23<sup>rd</sup>

November 6<sup>th</sup> Internet Basics – Register on or after October 30<sup>th</sup>

## Registrations for each class can only be made the week before each

<u>Class</u>. Participants must bring their valid DeSoto Public Library card and a flash drive to the classes. Because space is limited, registration is required. Please call the Information Desk, 972.230.9661 to register for these classes. If you find you cannot attend a class after you've registered, please call the library to cancel your registration.

The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is available in the nearby garage.



The DeSoto Recreation
Center will be closed
October 1st through 3rd
for their annual deep
cleaning. The center will
resume normal operations
on Thursday, October 4th.