



# The Candidate Filing Period is Currently Underway for the February 16, 2013 Special Election for City Council Place Four

A Special Election has been called for February 16, 2013 to fill the unexpired term of Deshaudra Lockhart Jones, Councilmember Place Four, who has resigned because she no longer lives within the boundaries of District Four. Persons interested in becoming a candidate for Place Four can request a Candidate Guide from the DeSoto City Secretary's office or through their website at www.desototexas.gov.

Applications will be accepted through Monday, January 7, 2013. All members of the City Council run by place but are elected at large. This means that they must reside in the district for which they are seeking election but voters who live anywhere in DeSoto may cast ballots for that position.

For more information or to request a Candidate Guide, please call Kisha Morris at 972-230-9645.

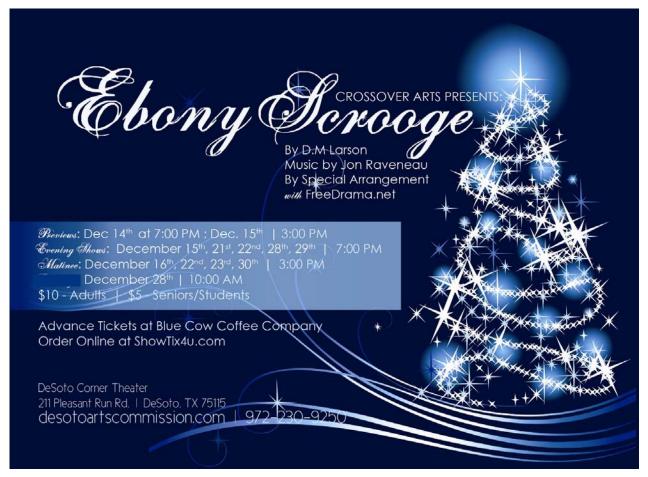


#### LIGHT UP DESOTO AWARDS

DeSoto City Councilmembers will be riding neighborhood streets in their districts looking for the best holiday lighting displays during the week of December 10th through the 17th for the Council's Choice Light Up DeSoto Awards. The Mayor will judge all commercial properties in the city. Winners will have a sign placed in their yard and will be announced on the City's Facebook page and Government Channel during the week of December 18th.







Ebony Scrooge is a fun-loving parody of Charles Dickens's A Christmas Carol. The overall thrust of the story is the same as usual, but in this version, Ebony Scrooge is a miserly female restaurant owner, and some of the Christmas ghosts are different, too. This rendition has been enhanced to include several wonderful original arrangements of traditional Christmas carols along with contemporary dance.





## ATTENTION:

IF YOU HAVE A STABLE WORK HISTORY WITH FORKLIFT EXPERIENCE AND WANT TO WORK FOR A GREAT COMPANY

## **WE WANT YOU**

to join our Winning Team

Job Fair in DeSoto, TX – Town Center Library Assy Hall, 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd

Friday & Saturday December 21 & 22, 2012 From 9:00 am till 3:00 pm

Find out why you should join the "Winning" Ryder Team?

Medical / Prescription / Dental / Vision
Short and Long Term Disability
Life Insurance
401k
Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Paid Vacation Days
Paid Company Holidays
...and many, many more benefits!



#### **City Hall Holiday Schedule**

The Jim Baugh Government Center and DeSoto City Hall will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Holiday. They will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1st for the New Year's Day holiday. There will be no City Council meeting on December 18th or January 1st and no Planning & Zoning meeting on December 25th.

#### **Holiday Trash Schedule**

There will be no trash service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Regular Tuesday pickup will shift to Wednesday, recycling will move to Thursday, regular Thursday service will shift to Friday and Friday trash will collected on Saturday for both weeks. The normal trash schedule will resume on Monday, January 7, 2013.

#### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

The City's solid waste contractor, Republic Waste will be collecting live Christmas trees for recycling on Wednesday, December 26th and on Wednesday, January

2nd. 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.





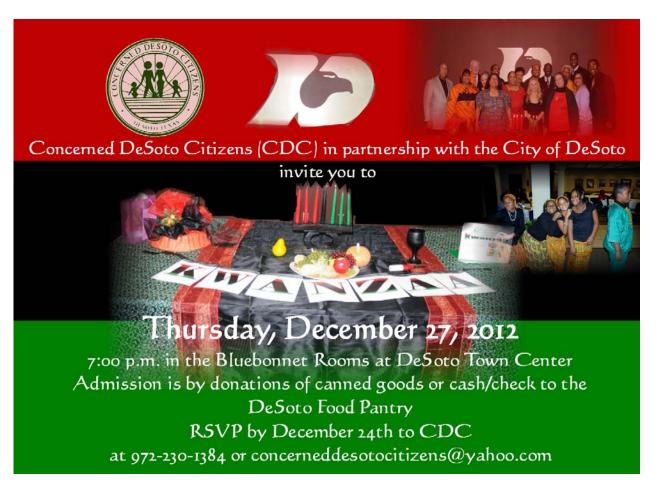
# Library/Computer Room Hours for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays <a href="Library: Library: Library: "Library: Library: "Library: Library: Library: "Library: Library: "Library: Library: L

Monday, Dec. 24	Closed
Tuesday, Dec. 25	Closed
Wednesday, Dec. 26	10 am – 8 pm
Thursday, Dec. 27	10 am – 8 pm
Friday, Dec. 28	10 am – 6 pm
Saturday, Dec. 29	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, Dec. 30	Closed
Monday, Dec. 31	10 am – 6 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 1	Closed

#### **Computer Room:**

Monday, Dec. 24	9 am - 5 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 25	Closed
Wednesday, Dec. 26	8 am - 10 pm
Thursday, Dec. 27	8 am - 10 pm
Friday, Dec. 28	8 am - 6 pm
Saturday, Dec. 29	9 am - 5 pm
Sunday, Dec. 30	1 pm - 5 pm
Monday, Dec. 31	8 am - 6 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 1	9 am - 5 pm







## Parents Night Out!

Parents, enjoy a night out while your kids are having the time of their lives with us at Fun Time Live!

Live DJ Sports Games Inflatables



Concessions Prizes Friends Wii Games

Fun Time Live provides fun, safe, supervised environment for kids in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade from 7-11pm Friday nights for only \$10! That's only \$2.50 an hour! An off duty Police Officer is on site for every event for your child's safety!

For more information:
214-492-9279
FunTimeLive.com – Facebook.com/FTLDesoto
Desoto Recreation Center
211 East Pleasant Run Road





"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 26, 2013. 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 5 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. Repeat guests are also welcome. Please register your attendance at www.desotodd.org.

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 led 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 DeSoto!

## Topic: Are you involved in your local government?

The Municipal Election of 2013 will bring change to our city. Two councilmembers have reached their term limit and another recently resigned because she no longer resides in the district. As a result, there will be new faces on the DeSoto City Council and new opportunities for civic involvement. Local government has the most direct effect on our daily lives. Join us to discuss future leadership opportunities for DeSoto.

Saturday, January 26, 2013 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

The deadline to register to attend the free dinner event is Jan. 14th!