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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.

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AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Friday, January 11, 2013

at

7:00 pm

DeSoto Civic Center
Blue Bonnet Rooms
211 E Pleasant Run Rd
DeSoto, TX 75115

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For more information:
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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 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!

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City of DeSoto Job Postings for the Week of January 7th

- **Part Time Library Clerk**
- **Senior Building Inspector**

- To apply for these jobs go to: www.desototexas.gov and click on Employment on the left side of the homepage.

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What's New at the DeSoto Public Library?

Storytime at the Library

Beginning January 8th, the DeSoto Public Library will have Baby Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30 am, for ages newborn to two years. Pre-School Storytime will resume on Wednesdays at 10:30 am, for ages three to six years of age. For more information call the Children's Department at the DeSoto Public Library at 972.230.9666.

E-book Lending Just Got Easier!!!

Did you know that the DeSoto Public Library offers the 3M Cloud Library, an easy to use e-book lending system? Library patrons can browse, check out and read the titles they want with this system. Using the latest mobile technology, the 3M Cloud Library offers a seamless experience that lets readers explore and borrow e-books in their library, at home, and on-the-go. Patrons use personal accounts to access e-books on their devices. The Library's 3M Cloud Library works with PC and Mac, iPad, Nook, IPhone and Android devices. Just go to the Library's homepage on the City's website at http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/index.aspx?nid=110 to download the 3M software to your device. If you don't have a device, you can check one out at the Library. For more information, call the Library at 972.230.9661.

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African American Repertory Theater Announces Fifth Season at the Corner Theatre

2013 is the fifth full year of operation for the African American Repertory Theater Company whose goal is to create opportunities for African American artists and performers and to produce quality, cross cultural theater that will enhance the values of the African American community. This organization's founders; Irma P. Hall, Regina Washington and Vince McGill, have been offering great entertainment at DeSoto's Corner Theatre since 2008. In celebration of their fifth year, AART is offering season passes for three shows in 2013 at a reduced price. If purchased separately, evening performance tickets would cost $75, but the season pass price is $60. Here's what they have planned:

February 1 - 24 ***The Nacirema Society Requests the Honor of your Presence at a Celebration of their First One Hundred Years***, starring Irma P. Hall is a romantic comedy about the tradition of cotillion featuring a group of African American debutantes who are preparing to meet society in 1964 in Alabama.

April 5 - 28 ***A Lesson Before Dying*** takes place in the 1940's South when an African American man is wrongly accused of the killing of a white store owner. In this production, Ms. Hall will reprise the role she made famous in the movie version.

May 24 - June 9 ***Fences*** by August Wilson is the story of a former star of the Negro baseball leagues who is now working as a garbage man in 1957 Pittsburgh. Excluded as a black man from the major leagues during his prime, bitterness takes its toll on his relationships with his wife and son who now wants to play professional ball.

Performances are offered on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm and on Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30 pm at the DeSoto Corner Theatre located in DeSoto Town Center at 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd. To purchase a season pass go to www.aareptheater.com or call 972.572.0998.

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