



DeSoto City Lights

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Council Corner, A Message from Mayor Carl O. Sherman



Freedom Isn't Free. I encourage everyone to keep this in mind during the month of November as we honor our veterans.

I believe God has blessed us with an abundance of freedom in our country. The scriptures say, "faith without works is dead." That said, I believe that everything we have today is the result of the sacrifices made by many of our neighbors who have served in our military, often being called to the battle lines of war. War is the ultimate sacrifice. Simply put, freedom is never free. Our soldiers along with their families should be saluted and honored for their

unselfish sacrifice and service to this great country of ours. We have our way of life, our unfettered economy, and many opportunities because of the freedom the men and women of the military have fought, lost limbs, and died in foreign lands to protect. And I for one am very grateful and believe we can do more as an All-America city to salute the heroes of our community. Therefore, as your Mayor, I am honored to proclaim and declare November 9, 2013 as Veteran's Appreciation Day in DeSoto, Texas USA.



On Saturday, November 9th, the City will host the second annual Veteran's Appreciation event at City Hall from 9 am to noon. This event is designed to acknowledge the sacrifice made by veterans and their families with an Appreciation Ceremony at 10 am in the City Council Chambers featuring remarks by Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. There will

also be representatives from Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Advocate Group, the VA North Texas Healthcare System and others available to help veterans take advantage of benefits they are entitled to receive as a result of their service.

Help us pay tribute to our veterans and their families for their works and sacrifices as we bestow them with all the benefits and honor they are due.

One People. One Vision. One All-America City.

Carl O. Sherman, Sr. Mayor



The DeSoto High School ROTC Honor Guard will salute our Veterans as they enter City Hall for the Veteran's Appreciation Event on November 2nd.

City Calendar

October

1 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm 3 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm 3 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm 7 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. 6 pm 7 Poetry In Progress - Civic Ctr. - 5:45 pm 7 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm 8 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm 15 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm 22 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm 28 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am

November

2 DAC 5K Walk & Roll - Amphitheater 4 Poetry In Progress - Civic Ctr. - 5:45 pm 4 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm 4 Arts Commission Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6 pm 5 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm 7 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm 7 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm 7 Friends of the Library Mtg. - 6 pm 9 Veteran's Event - City Hall - 9 am 9 Library Day - Town Center - 9 am 12 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm 19 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm 25 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am 26 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm 28 Thanksgiving City Facilities Closed 29 Thanksgiving City Facilities Closed

Did you know???

That Thanksgiving is one of five holidays observed by our solid waste contractor, Republic Waste, each year? There will be no trash collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th. Customers with regular Thursday service will have their trash collected on Friday, November 29th. Regular Friday customers will be collected on Saturday, November 30th. The normal schedule will resume on Monday, December 2nd. If you have any questions regarding your trash service, please call the Action Center at 972.230.9600.

New Sewer Rate Takes Effect October 1, 2013

The City of DeSoto's sewer volume rate will change from \$5.63 to \$6.47 per 1,000 gallons. The base rate for sewer will remain the same at \$6.51 for the first 1,000 gallons. The new rate goes into effect October 1, 2013 and will be reflected on November utility bills.

Annual sewer averages are calculated for each residential customer using the water consumption shown on the previous December, January, February and March bills. The highest two months of water consumption for December through March are discarded and the average of the remaining two months is used to establish the maximum volume of sewer, for which each customer will be charged monthly. This winter

average for sewer will be used from April through the following March.

The City of DeSoto's water rates will remain the same. The City uses a three-tier rate structure which encourages water conservation, by charging those who use less water a lower rate. The structure also allows those who choose to use more water the ability to do so, with the understanding that they will pay more. The volume rate per 1,000 gallons of usage is:

 \bullet 1,001 - 15,000 \$3.10 \bullet 15,001 - 30,000 \$3.85 • 30,001 and above \$4.60

If you have questions regarding your water/sewer service, please call the Utility Billing Department at 972.230.9627.

DeSoto Firefighters Receive Lifesaving Award

On October 16, 2012 Fire Fighter (FF) Scott Busby and FF Weston White responded to a call for a person who was having difficulty Saving Awards at the September 17, 2013 breathing. The person making the call was a family member at the scene. Between

the time of the first call for help and the arrival of fire units, the patient died. First responders found the patient lying on the floor without a pulse and not breathing. FF Scott Busby and FF Weston White, along with the help from the Engine Company began to work

on the patient. After 18 minutes of CPR and treatment a pulse was regained. One week later, the patient was released from the hospital alive and well but with some speech issues resulting from this

incident. The DeSoto Fire Fighters involved in this incident were recognized with Life DeSoto City Council Meeting.



Fire Fighters, Brandon Kennedy, Scott Busby, Steve Eldred, Bryan Southard, Reid Bentley (above from left) receiving Life Saving Awards. Also pictured on the right, Chief Jerry Duffield.

What's New At The DeSoto Public Library?



Affordable Care Act Info

The DeSoto Public Library is offering free classes intended to introduce you to this new comprehensive health care reform law. They will cover implementation, what qualifications are needed and how to apply. These classes take place on October 18th from 10 to 11:30 am and on October 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Venable Training Room. There's also a Saturday classes from 10 am to noon on October 26th. Please call the Information Desk at 972.230.9661 one week prior to the class to register your attendance.

Computer Classes in Beginning and Intermediate Word

Intermediate classes in Microsoft Office Word will be offered at the library Monday through Thursdays from October 21st through October 24th and October 28th through 31st from 10 to 11:30 am in the Venable Training Room at the Library. Learn how to use Word templates for resume writing, cover letters and essays. Participants need a valid DeSoto Public Library card, flash drive and folder for handouts for the class. Call 972.230.9661 to register.

FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE LIBRARY. CALL 972.230.9661 OR VISIT WWW.DESOTOTEXAS.GOV/

Come Celebrate "Library Day 2013" Donate a \$1.00 and support the Desoto Public Library. Saturday, November 9, 2013 Activities take place in 9:00 am to 3:00 pm the south parking lot at We will be located outside of City Hall DeSoto Town Center, Event will be cancelled in the event of rain. 211 E. Pleasant Run There will be: Road. Call 972.230-9661 for vendor info. Come do your **Holiday shopping** with us!!! ENTERTAINMENT

SWRCC Dispatcher Receives Recognition for a Job Well Done

Nori Kelly, the evening shift supervision at Southwest Regional Communications, DeSoto's 911 Call Center was recently honored by the State of Texas 911 Local Heroes and the 911 for Kids Association for her 12 minute call held during the multiple homicide, that occurred in DeSoto and Dallas a couple months ago.

During the call, Nori helped encourage, guide and reassure a wounded 14 year old boy who was hiding in a closet with his siblings while an active shooter stalked his home. Both Nori and the young man, Chris Myles, acted in a selfless and protective manner which undoubtedly kept the boy from suffering additional injuries and protected the lives of others.

"Every public safety employee working that night handled the horrific incident tactfully and with well-trained vigor," said Karima Dash, Managing Director of SWRCC. "I am proud of our community. It is great that our hard work at SWRCC is being recognized." she said.





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BY GABRIEL FAURE (1845 - 1924) AND OTHER WORKS

Saint Anne Episcopal Church, 1700 N. Westmoreland Rd., DeSoto, Texas, is hosting a performance of Gabriel Faure's Requiem and other works on October 27, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m. Faure's Requiem will be performed by a community choir comprised of singers from a number of area churches of varying denominations, including - of course - our own St. Anne Choir. The performance will feature professional choral and instrumental soloists and guest conductors. St. Anne's own Dr. "V" is the "conductor - in - charge" and will be conducting The Community Choir and the chamber orchestra in the performance of Faure's Requiem. Please join us at the Concert Reception beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Anne Parish Hall.

In special recognition of this occasion, Dr. V. has composed an original work which will premier at this performance.

Adult tickets are \$15.00; seniors and students, \$10.00. Donations and ticket proceeds will help fund the St. Anne Choir Ministry's efforts to engage, through music, our neighbors in the life of St. Anne Episcopal Church.

Funded in part by the DeSoto Arts Come



Veteran's Appreciation Event Saturday, November 9th 9am to noon Jim Baugh Government Ctr. 211 E. Pleasant Run Road

Veterans and their families are invited to join Mayor Carl Sherman for a special appreciation event featuring representatives from the Veterans Administration and other organizations providing information on how to apply for benefits and receive what you have earned through your service to America. For more information, please call 972-230-9648.