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DeSoto City Lights

DeSoto's Public Utilities Division Offers Free Water Conservation Courses

The DeSoto Public Utilities Department has partnered with Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center to offer a series of water efficiency and landscape maintenance classes focused on techniques to conserve water and reduce monthly water bills. These classes are free of charge to DeSoto residents, but will require registration. Classes are limited to 75 attendees. You will want to sign up early to guarantee your seat.

The first class, **Lawn Care Maintenance** took place on April 14, 2016. The speaker discussed proper lawn care maintenance needed to establish and maintain a healthy lawn, basic lawn maintenance practices, turf grass selection, and recommendations to reduce water, fertilizer, and pesticide use. A video of this presentation is available for viewing at www.desototexas.gov. Scroll down on the homepage and you will find a link to the video in the News & Events section.

The second and third classes in the series will be offered on Saturday, June 11, 2016 from 9 am to 12:15 pm in Bluebonnet Room II located in the Civic Center at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, TX 75115. The **Water Efficient Landscape** class, slated for 9 am to 10:30 am, will identify methods to give your landscape a facelift on a budget. You will be provided instructions on basic landscape design principles, plant placement, and hardscape. The classes are designed to provide a level of instruction that helps you with "DIY" (Do It Yourself) landscape projects around your home just in time for summer. The **Sprinkler System Quick Fixes and System Operation** class which will take place from 10:45 am to 12:15 pm, is an excellent introduction for new home owners and all users of automated residential sprinkler/irrigation systems. The "budget savvy" will learn how to optimize water usage by programming and reprogramming your sprinkler controller. The "mechanically-minded" will learn how your sprinkler system operates and its components. The "fixers" will learn how to identify leaks or broken sprinkler heads, and make very basic hands-on repairs to your sprinkler system. Everyone who attends will learn how to save time, money, and water.

Online registration is now open for both classes.

Saturday, June 11, 2016, 9 am - 10:30 am: Water Efficient Landscape : <https://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/2016/june-11-2016-water-efficient-landscape-part-1-desoto/>

Saturday, June 11, 2016, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm: Sprinkler System Quick Fixes – Hands On: <https://dallas.tamu.edu/courses/2016/june-11-2016-sprinkler-system-quick-fixes-hands-on-desoto/> (This class is limited to 30 participants.) If you are unable to register online, please contact the Utility Billing Office at 972.230.9627 for assistance.



City Calendar

May

2 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr.- 6 pm
2 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
3 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
5 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
5 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
5 Historical Foundation Mtg. - 6 pm
11 DPD Senior Symposium - Civic Ctr.- 9 am
17 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
19 Don Diego Concert Amphitheater - 7 pm
21 R.L. Griffin Concert Amphitheater - 7pm
23 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am
24 Planning & Zoning Mtg. City Hall - 7 pm
26 IvorY Jean Band Amphitheatre- 7 pm
27 Taylor Pace Concert Amphitheater-7 pm
30 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

June

4 Crawfish Festival - Amphitheater - 6 pm
6 Arts Commission Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6 pm
6 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
7 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
8 Library Summer Reading Kick-off - 1 pm
9 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
9 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
11 Landscape Classes - Civic Ctr. - 9 am
14 Planning & Zoning Mtg. -City Hall -7 pm
18 BSW Juneteenth - Grimes Park - 6 pm
21 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
24 Natural Change Concert Amphitheater 7p
27 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am
28 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm

Would You Like to Attend the Next DeSoto Civic Academy?

The City of DeSoto wants your participation in this year's Civic Academy, which is scheduled to begin in August.

The Civic Academy is a series of eleven educational sessions designed to teach DeSoto citizens about their local government. Participants will learn about DeSoto's history, tour City facilities, get a behind-the-scenes look at each department and the services offered, and experience first-hand the equipment used to provide these services. The Civic Academy also affords the opportunity to meet department heads one-on-one. (Contd. Page 4)

Protect yourself and your loved ones
from Zika virus.

Zika virus is found in regions such as
Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

If you are diagnosed with Zika virus,
protect yourself from more mosquito bites.

Getting bit makes local spread possible
because the mosquitoes that transmit
Zika virus are in Dallas County.

DEET: DEET All Day, Every Day: Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.

Dress: Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.

Drain: Drain or treat all standing water with EPA-approved larvicides in and around your home or workplace.

Dusk & Dawn: Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

Travel Precautions: Choose a hotel or lodging with air conditioning or screens on windows or doors. Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are outside or in a room that is not well-screened.

Sexual partners can protect each other from Zika virus by abstaining from sex or using condoms consistently and correctly during sex.

ZIKA VIRUS PREVENTION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

Pregnant women and women trying to get pregnant can protect themselves from Zika virus by taking the following precautions:

- Pregnant women in any trimester should consider postponing travel to the areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing.
- Pregnant women who do travel should talk to their doctor or other healthcare provider first and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites during the trip.
- Pregnant women should discuss their male partner's potential exposures to mosquitoes and history of Zika-like illness.
- Women trying to become pregnant or who are thinking about becoming pregnant should consult with their healthcare provider before traveling and strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during the trip.



DCHHS
Safe families, healthy lives.

Dallas County Health and Human Services

214.819.2000

The DeSoto Arts Commission and
ReunionCapitalOfTexas.com present

BENEATH THE STARS

A NIGHT OF POETRY + MUSIC AND LYRICS
AT THE DESOTO TOWN CENTER AMPHITHEATER

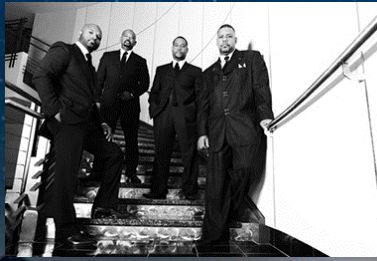
FREE EVENT
Bring your
lawn chairs!

8 pm

7 pm Open Mic Poetry Slam
To participate call
972.224.3565.

Natural Change Band in Concert

Concessions for sale
by event sponsor:



DeSoto Parks & Recreation
Discover, Experience, Play!

DESOTO TOWN CENTER / 211 EAST PLEASANT RUN ROAD
DESOTO, TX 75115 / Ph: 972.230.9650 / Fax: 972.230.5796
desototexas.gov/parks facebook.com/desototex

Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration

Free
Entry

18TH
JUN

DRINK & FOOD
LIVE MUSIC

4:30 p.m. Gates Open | 6 p.m. Performances Begin
GRIMES PARK, 501 E. WINTERGREEN ROAD, DESOTO, TX

After 7



The Inspiration Band

CEDAR HILL
WHERE OPPORTUNITIES GROW NATURALLY



Municipal Court Now Offers E-Court Appearance

The DeSoto Municipal Court now offers an E-Court Appearance option! E-Court Appearance allows defendants to dispose of eligible cases via a video conference with the judge through the use of ZOOM



either on your computer or wireless device. E-Court Appearance is **completely voluntary** and is offered to defendants who do not want to or cannot come to the DeSoto Municipal Court in person to dispose of their case(s).

E-Court Appearance is available every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10:00am with the exclusion of every 4th Wednesday of the month and any City Holidays. No appointment is necessary, simply click the link below and type in the Meeting ID Number.

<https://zoom.us/join>

Meeting ID: 582-661-129

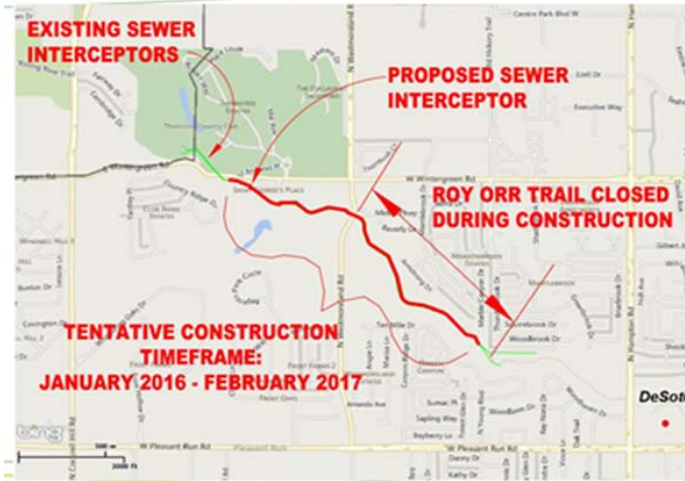
If you have any questions, please contact the DeSoto Municipal Court at 972.230.9676.

A Message from Code Enforcement:

City Ordinances require that weeds and grass be kept below twelve inches in height. As the owner or occupant of the property, you are required to maintain the property from the street in the front to the middle of the alley in the back (or the property line). This includes the front, back, side yards, the right-of-way (the area between the sidewalk and the curb) and the alley and easement.

If you have any questions or would like to report a code violation, please call the City of DeSoto Code Enforcement Department at 469.658.3076.

Map showing area of Roy Orr Trail that will be closed during construction.



DeSoto's Parks & Recreation Department announced recently that the west section of the Roy Orr Trail from Thunderbrook to Mirkes Parkway will be closed to the public for construction of a wastewater improvement project that will take place along Ten Mile Creek. The construction contractor has placed signs at both ends of the trail designating the closed area. Final completion of the project is anticipated for March, 2017. The public is asked to observe this closure and please enjoy using the east side of Roy Orr Trail from Thunderbrook to Murphy Hills Park. If you have any questions, please call DeSoto's Parks & Recreation Department at 972-230-9650.

Would You Like to Attend the Next DeSoto Civic Academy? *Continued from Page 2*

Any DeSoto resident, 18 or older, willing to commit the time necessary to complete this informative, interesting, and intense program is eligible to participate. The sessions are FREE and include all supplies and dinner for participants. The sessions will be held on eleven consecutive Thursday evenings from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m beginning in August. To attend, simply complete the Civic Academy Application and return it via mail, fax to 972.230.5793, email, or bring to the DeSoto Town Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, DeSoto, Texas 75115. The Civic Academy is open to the first 25 DeSoto citizens who return their applications. To request an application or for more information, please contact Nelda Bond at 972.230.9643 or by email nbond@desototexas.gov.

Summer Reading Club June 2016

The Summer Reading Club will be June 8th - July 30th.

Read this summer!

Sign-Up for the Summer Reading Club at the Children's Desk.

- June 13th - Storytime at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 13th - Art 'n' Crafts at 1:30p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 14th - Tinker Tuesday at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 14th - Financial Literacy For Kids (ages 10-12) at 6:00p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 15th - Mad Science of the Greater Dallas Area at 1:00p.m.
- June 16th - Anime Club at 1:00p.m.
- June 17th - Cedar Hill State Park at 3:00p.m.
- June 20th - Storytime at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 20th - Art 'n' Crafts at 1:30p.m. (reservations are required)

- June 21st - Tinker Tuesday at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 22nd - Dallas Puppet Theater at 1:00p.m.
- June 23rd - Anime Club at 1:00p.m.
- June 27th - Storytime at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 27th - Art 'n' Crafts at 1:30p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 28th - Tinker Tuesday at 1:00p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 28th - Financial Literacy For Kids (ages 10-12) at 6:00p.m. (reservations are required)
- June 29th - Storytelling at 1:00p.m.
- June 30th - Anime Club at 1:00p.m.

For more information visit the Children's Desk in the library or call 972-230-9666.

