

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of Dec. 21st,  
through Dec. 28th, 2016

**THE DESOTO RECREATION AND FITNESS  
CENTERS REOPENED DECEMBER 19, 2016  
FOLLOWING REMODELING OF THE CONTROL  
CENTER. COME BY AND TAKE A LOOK!**



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## ***Holiday Trash Schedule & Live Christmas Tree Recycling***

Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year. As a result, there will be no interruption in trash service. The City's solid waste contractor, Republic Waste, will be collecting live Christmas trees for recycling on Wednesday, December 28th and Wednesday, January 4th. Place your tree on the curb in 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. Trees with flocking or artificial trees cannot be recycled. Place them with your regular trash for pick up.

If you have any questions regarding your trash service or tree pickup, please call the City of DeSoto Action Center at 972.230.9600.



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City of DeSoto Offices and Facilities will close on Friday, December 23, 2016 and Monday, December 26, 2016 in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

City of DeSoto Offices and Facilities will also close on Monday, January 2, 2017 in observance of the New Year's Day Holiday.

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DeSoto Parks  
& Recreation



Monday, December 19, 2016 - Thursday, December 22, 2016 - 4:45 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
Friday, December 23, 2016 - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (**Civic Center** - 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.)  
Saturday, December 24, 2016 - **CLOSED**  
Sunday, December 25, 2016 - **CLOSED**  
Monday, December 26, 2016 - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 27, 2016 - Thursday, December 29, 2016 - 4:45 p.m. - 10 p.m.  
Friday, December 30, 2016 - 4:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday, December 31, 2016 - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Sunday, January 1, 2017 - **CLOSED**  
Monday, January 2, 2017 - 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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DeSoto  
Public Library  
*Friendly Service, Empowered Futures.*

## HOLIDAY HOURS

The Library and Computer Lab will be open regular hours during the holidays EXCEPT for the following dates and times:

### **THURSDAY, DEC. 22**

Library and Computer Lab close at 6 pm.

### **FRIDAY, DEC. 23 - MONDAY, DEC. 26**

Library and Computer Lab are closed.

### **SUNDAY, JAN. 1 - MONDAY, JAN. 2**

Library and Computer Lab are closed.

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## **DESOTO TOWN CENTER PARKING GARAGE WILL CLOSE TEMPORARILY**

The City of DeSoto is partnering with the DeSoto Town Center Apartments on pressure washing and restriping of the DeSoto Town Center parking garage. As a result, the garage will be closed beginning Wednesday, December 28, 2016 through Saturday December 31, 2016.

Patrons and guests to the DeSoto Public Library, the DeSoto Civic and Recreations Centers and City Hall are asked to use the parking lots located on the south and east sides of City Hall that can be entered from Pleasant Run Road as well as the perimeter parking spaces of the Apartment complex.

Thank you for your patience as we work to maintain our facilities.

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## DeSoto's Public Utilities Division Offers Free Water University Classes

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. Here's the schedule for the coming year:

### January 31 – Vegetable Gardening 6:30 to 8:30pm

Know where your food comes from by growing your own vegetables. Learn proper soil preparation, garden design, disease and insect identification, and the proper time to germinate vegetable seeds and/or when to transplant vegetables into your garden for the season.

### April 25 – Rainwater Harvesting 6:30 to 8:30pm

Come learn the basics and benefits of rainwater harvesting and the effects stormwater has on the environment. Participants will learn how to collect and utilize rainwater at home and have the opportunity to construct their very own 55 gallon rain barrel. This class is hands on "DIY" and each participant will take home a barrel. There may be a small fee to cover the cost of the barrel.

Registration for this class will be handled by the City of DeSoto. Please email [scarmichael@desototexas.gov](mailto:scarmichael@desototexas.gov). Deadline to register is Friday, April 21, 2017. We will have a maximum of 25 barrels available however, you may bring someone with you to help you with the project.

### August 22 – Composting 6:30 to 8:30pm

Is your trash can full at the end of the week? Did you know that you can reduce the waste carried to landfills by composting more and throwing away less? This program teaches the composting process, the different types and methods of composting, as well as how to compost and its importance.

All Classes are free and take place in the DeSoto Civic Center Bluebonnet Room 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd DeSoto, Texas 75115



To attend any of these classes please register online at

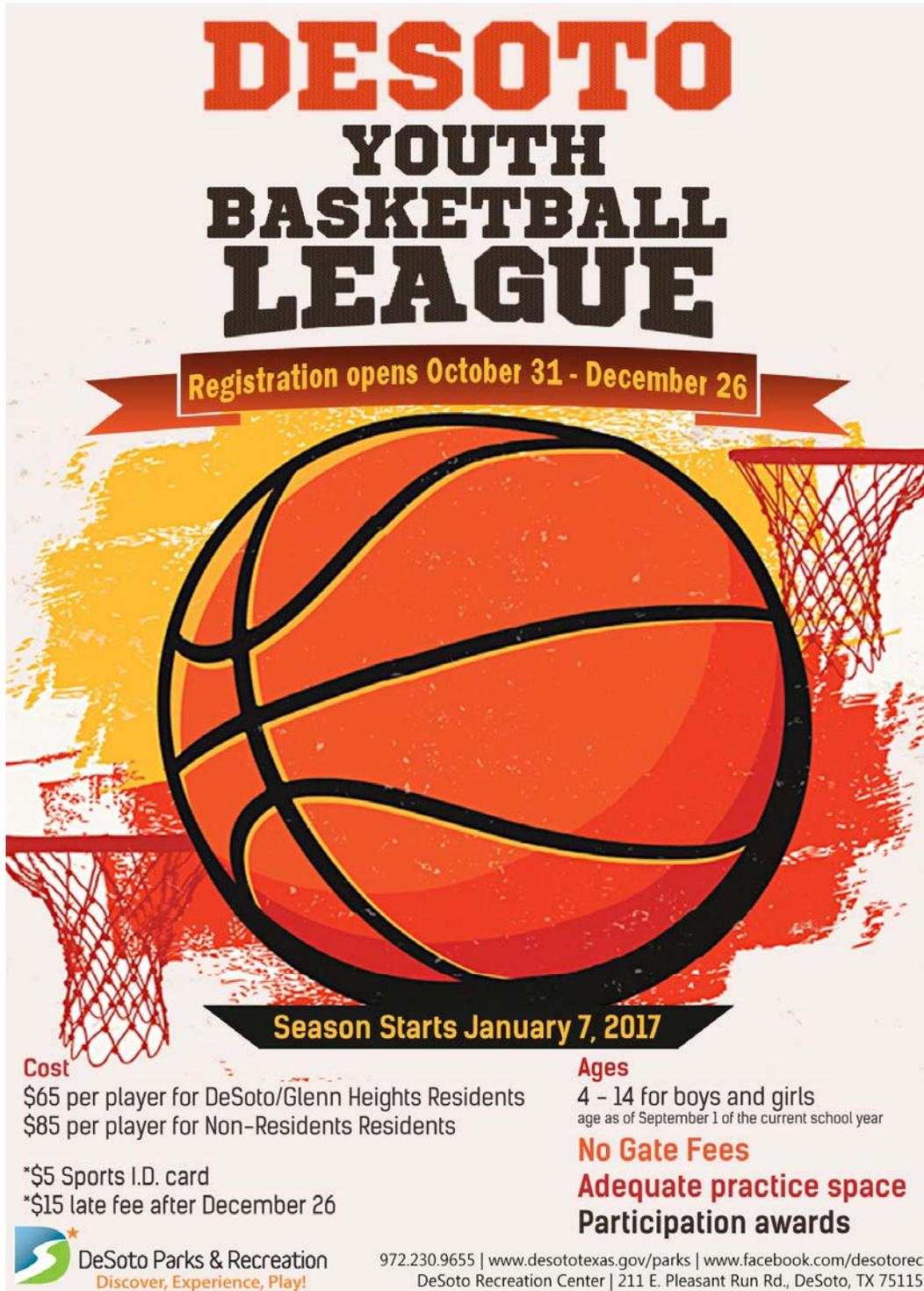
<http://www.desototexas.gov/1769/Water-Conservation-Classes>

If you are unable to register online, please contact the Utility Billing Office at 972.230.9627 for assistance.



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## DESOTO YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration opens October 31 - December 26

Season Starts January 7, 2017

**Cost**  
\$65 per player for DeSoto/Glenn Heights Residents  
\$85 per player for Non-Residents Residents

\*\$5 Sports I.D. card  
\*\$15 late fee after December 26

**Ages**  
4 - 14 for boys and girls  
age as of September 1 of the current school year

**No Gate Fees**  
**Adequate practice space**  
**Participation awards**

 DeSoto Parks & Recreation  
Discover, Experience, Play!

972.230.9655 | [www.desototexas.gov/parks](http://www.desototexas.gov/parks) | [www.facebook.com/desotorec](http://www.facebook.com/desotorec)  
DeSoto Recreation Center | 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd., DeSoto, TX 75115

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the DeSoto Arts  
Commission presents

**FREE EVENT**

Join the **DeSoto Arts Commission** for a beautiful evening reception of music, art, culture as we introduce our 2017 grant partners to the community.

**BACK TO ART**

**WITH MUSIC BY**  
STEPHANIE SALLIE

**JANUARY**  
**27**

6PM | DESOTO CIVIC CENTER  
**BLUEBONNET ROOMS**

[artsdesoto.com](http://artsdesoto.com)

RVSP IF ATTENDING TO 972-230-9648

PLUS ONE JAZZ BAND

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## Connected! A Special Needs Parent Support Group



Come join us on the first Thursday of each month at the DeSoto Public Library as we provide support and share resources for parents of individuals with intellectual and physical differences.

### What to Expect:

Monthly meetings, speaker workshops, information about community resources, parent-to-parent networking, social family events, & more including education advocacy.

Location: DeSoto Public Library  
211 E. Pleasant Run Rd. Suite C  
DeSoto, Texas 75115 (Teen Room)

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Group Coordinator: Beverly Rowden, LMSW  
Email: [Beverlyrowden9@gmail.com](mailto:Beverlyrowden9@gmail.com)

Friend us on Facebook! Search for “Connected!” to join the group and stay up to date on the latest news, including upcoming speakers, events, and more.

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## FOOD FOR FEES DRIVE

November 1, 2016 through December 30, 2016



**One item = \$1.00 reduction in fines\***

*BENEFITTING THE DESOTO FOOD PANTRY*



\* ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR OVERDUE FINES ONLY, NOT FOR REPLACEMENT FEES FOR LOST OR DAMAGED LIBRARY ITEMS.

PLEASE CALL THE CIRCULATION DESK AT 972.230.9665 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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For the Week of Nov. 15th,  
through Nov. 22nd, 2016

**WORKFORCESOLUTIONS**  
GREATER DALLAS



**What: Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas Job Search Assistance**

**When: Tuesdays from 4 pm to 8 pm**

**Where: DeSoto Public Library**



Each Tuesday evening from 4:00 PM–8:00 PM, we will have a representative of Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas assisting job seekers at the Library with resumes, interview skills, WorkinTexas.com registration, and information about workforce programs and career pathways.

**DeSoto Public Library • 211 E Pleasant Run Road, Suite C • DeSoto, Texas 75115**

Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.  
Relay Texas: 711 | TDD: 1-800-735-2989 | Voice: 1-800-735-2988