

DeSoto City Lights

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DeSoto Is Seeing Benefits One Year After Receiving Prestigious ISO 1 Rating

In April 2016, the Texas State Fire Marshal's office announced that the Insurance Services Office (ISO) recommended that DeSoto's Public Protection Classification be changed to Class 1 for all properties located within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant or water supply suction point and within 5 miles of a fire station and Class 1X for all other class-rated properties.



“From a private development standpoint, the ISO 1 rating means that businesses who choose to invest in our city will have an increased level of confidence that the City of DeSoto is doing everything possible to protect and improve their investment,” said

DeSoto Fire Rescue Chief Jerry Duffield.

“A year after receiving the rating upgrade, we are seeing companies look at DeSoto favorably as they plan where they will build their new facility and the ISO 1 rating is a prime reason they are choosing DeSoto,” said Murphy Cheatham, CEO of DeSoto Economic Development Corporation.

“Being accredited as an ISO Class 1 fire department places DeSoto Fire Rescue in an elite group of about 200 fire departments, out of the 48,000 nationwide, who have attained the rating,” said Chief Duffield. “This validates and affirms City of DeSoto's commitment to providing the best services at all levels.”



Here is DeSoto Fire Rescue's new quint during a recent nighttime training.



City Calendar

April

3 Arts Commission Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6pm
3 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
4 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
6 Historical Foundation Mtg. 6 pm
6 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
6 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
8 Candidate Forum - City Hall - 10 am
8 Recycling Event-Service Ctr.- 9 am
8 Everything Teen Event- Library
8 Easter Egg Hunt Zeiger Park 11 am
11 Planning & Zoning Mtg. -City Hall -7 pm
14 City Offices Closed for Good Friday
18 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
22 Briarwood Youth Fishing Day 9 am
25 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am
26 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
28 DHS Jazz Band Concert - Civic Ctr. 7:30p

May

1 Arts Commission Mtg. - Civic Ctr. 6pm
1 Park Board Mtg. - Civic Ctr. 6:30 pm
2 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
4 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
4 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
4 Historical Foundation Mtg. 6 pm
6 Mother Son Dance - Civic Ctr. 7 pm
9 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall -7 pm
16 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
23 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
26 Richmond Punch Concert City Hall
7:30pm
29 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am



May 13, 2017 9 am - noon
620 N. Westmoreland

This Annual Household Hazardous Waste Event is for DeSoto residents only, proof of residency is required. Only residential household hazardous waste will be accepted, commercial waste or electronics are not allowed. Due to limited space, those who would like to participate must register prior to the event. DeSoto residents may sign up by calling the Action Center at 972.230.9600.

A Message from Code Enforcement

Did you know.....that the City of DeSoto has an Ordinance pertaining to Animal Nuisances?

According to Article 2.600 of the City of DeSoto Code of Ordinances, the following are deemed public nuisances and it is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person to cause, suffer or permit:

- The keeping of any animal which causes loud or unusual or frequent barking, howling or other noise that disturbs the peace and quiet of any person of ordinary sensibility.
- The keeping of any animal in such a manner as to endanger the public health; the accumulation of animal wastes which cause foul and offensive odors, or which is considered to be a hazard to any other animal or human being.
- The keeping of bees in such a manner as to deny the lawful use of adjacent property or endanger personal health and welfare or the keeping of any animal in such a manner as to deny the lawful use of adjacent property, public property or to endanger personal health and welfare.
- Any animal pens, stables or enclosures and property not kept free from carrion or any putrescible material.
- The keeping or harboring of a wild or vicious animal, except when a permit is issued by the local animal control authority.
- Any house, building, business, lot, yard, pen, enclosure or ground in which an animal is kept that is unsanitary or offensive to a person of ordinary sensibility residing in the vicinity thereof, or to the public at large.
- Keeping of a dog or cat kennel in any residential district within the City.
- The performance or carrying out of any inhumane treatment against any animal.
- Any animal, except a domestic house cat, to run at large within the City.
- Any owned animal to deposit excreta on public property or private property of another.
- Any condition injurious to public health caused by the lack of improper disposal of animal waste will be considered a violation of this section.

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



To **anonymously** submit information on potential City policy violation or unethical or fraudulent behavior, please visit:

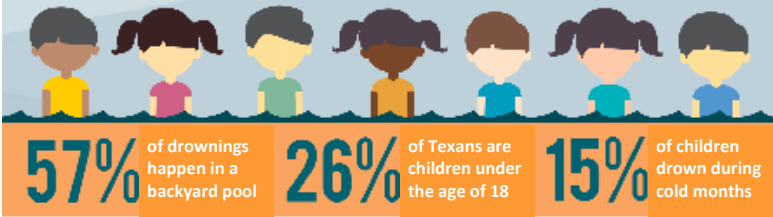
www.DeSotoTexas.gov/hotline

You can also call our automated phone hotline **24** hours a day, **7** days a week.

Anonymous
855.858.3344

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REPORT

All children are at risk of drowning, regardless of demographic background. However, those who swim in a backyard or community pool are at greatest risk of drowning.



FAST RESIDENTIAL GROWTH

Texas has the highest suburban growth rate in the US. As more homes are built, there are more backyard pools. Texas has among the fastest growing child population. With more children, and increased access to pools, the risk of drowning remains high in the state.

YEAR-ROUND ATTENTION

Drowning can happen any time of the year, not just in warm weather. About 40% of children who drown are not actively swimming. Having and maintaining proper barriers year-round may help reduce unintentional falls into pools.



CREATING BETTER BARRIERS OF SAFETY



Homeowners with pools have the greatest responsibility to be champions of safety



Doors should be properly locked to keep children from going outside unnoticed



Pool owners must have working barriers that are checked year-round

Safe Kids of Greater Dallas

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The 66th Annual National Observance
May 4, 2017
FOR YOUR GREAT NAME'S SAKE!
 HEAR US... FORGIVE US... HEAL US!



Join us at DeSoto City Hall, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road at 7 am as we pray for our City, State and Nation.

Upcoming Election Information

The DeSoto City Council approved an Ordinance at their March 7, 2017 meeting to accept the Certification of Unopposed candidates and declared unopposed candidates for Councilmember Place 2, Virgil Helm and Councilmember Place 4, Rachel Proctor elected to office. As a result, the municipal election called for May 6, 2017 will be canceled. If you have any questions, please contact the City Secretary's office at 972.230.9646.

DeSoto ISD will hold a Board of Trustees election on May 6, 2017 for Member of Board of Trustees Place 3, 4 and 5. For more information, please contact DeSoto ISD Administration at 972.223.6666.

The polling location for DeSoto is Disciple Central Community Church, 901 N. Polk Street. Here are the early voting dates and times for Dallas County:

April 24th-April 28th	8 am - 5 pm
Sat. April 29th	8 am - 5 pm
Sun. April 30th	1 pm - 6 pm
May 1st & May 2nd	7 am - 7 pm


Election day is May 6th and the polling locations will be open from 7 am to 7 pm.

DeSoto Police Accepting Applications To Test For New Officers

DeSoto Police are currently accepting applications to test for new police officers. The test is scheduled for May 13th from 9 am to noon at the DeSoto ISD Freshman Campus Cafeteria, 620 Westmoreland Road. Applicants are encouraged to attend one of two study sessions at the DeSoto ISD Admin. Bldg. 200 E. Belt Line on April 22nd and May 6th from 8 am to noon to prepare for the test. Go to the **Careers** tab on the City of DeSoto website at www.desototexas.gov for more information.

artsdesoto.com

For more info call
972.230.9648




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DESOTO ARTS COMMISSION

FOURTH
MUSIC SERIES *fridays*

free concert

05/26 7:30
DESOTO CITY HALL ATRIUM



 DeSoto Parks & Recreation Presents:

Mother/Son Dance for Mother's Day

The DeSoto Parks & Recreation Department invites you to join them on May 6, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm for the Mother/Son Dance. This will be a special evening for mothers and sons to dress up, dance, and share a cherished memory for years to come. More than 200 individuals are expected to enjoy this fantastic evening. Attire is dressy casual (suits optional).

Tickets are \$30 per couple; \$15 for each additional son. They are available for purchase at the DeSoto Recreation Center or by calling 972.230.9651. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

FREE CONCERT **Crawfish Festival**  desotorec

Performing Live **Cupid** Multi-Platinum Selling Artist

Saturday, June 3, 2017
5 P.M. to 10 P.M.

DeSoto Amphitheater | 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd. | 972-230-9655



 DeSoto Parks & Recreation Discover, Experience, Play!     

DeSoto ISD CORNER **SUMMER 2017 BRAIN GAIN**

SUMMER SCHOOL, PROGRAMS, AND CAMPS
Visit the DeSoto ISD website for all the available summer camps, programs, and summer school opportunities for students! We have camps for elementary students including enrichment, Camp Explore, a writer's camp and more! Middle school offers Field Trip Fridays, magnet bridge programs, choir and writing camps, STEM/iSTEAM and TSI prep programs. High school student can sign up for academic and test prep classes, magnet bridge camps, band and writing camps, plus 9th graders can attend the new Freshman Orientation on August 3! All students can participate in the Summer Reading Challenge for great prizes and check out the Eagle Sports Camps.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 1-3, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Pre-K and Kinder Round-Up, Civic Center
- May 5, 5 p.m. - DeSoto ISD Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony, DHS
- May 6, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Election Day
- May 18, 6 p.m. - Volunteer and Partner Appreciation Reception, DHS
- May 29 - Memorial Day Holiday
- May 30, 7 p.m. - DHS Graduation, Eagle Stadium
- June 1 - Last Day of School
- Summer Programs begin June 5!

