

Yes, All the Facilities at Town Center are Open For Business

Are you having trouble finding your way around now that the construction fences are up at Town Center? Here's some information that may help you.

 The south parking lot which faces Pleasant Run Road is still open. It can be accessed from Pleasant Run Road. You can park here and walk along the sidewalk on the west side of the building to reach City Hall, The Corner Theatre, Recreation Center, Civic Center and Library.



• The new parking lot on the east side of City Hall is available as well. It is also accessed from Pleasant Run Road. Take the first right to enter the parking area. Handicap parking is available against the east side of City Hall. Follow the signs from the parking area to enter City Hall or the Recreation Center. Once inside, there will be signs to direct you to your destination.



 To reach the Recreation Center, Civic Center, Corner Theatre or Library, park in the east parking lot and follow the exterior signs to the doors on the east side of the Recreation Center near the racquet ball courts. Once inside, follow the signs to your destination.



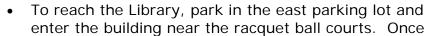






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For patrons using the Civic Center, a loading area has been designated near the outdoor Amphitheater. Center patrons can park here, quickly unload their vehicles and park in the east parking lot.



inside follow the corridor ahead and make a left turn in front of the Control Center. If you are unsure how to proceed, just ask a Recreation Attendant in the Control Center or continue walking west through the Recreation Center and Civic Center exiting





to the outdoor courtyard. Signs on the construction fence will direct you around to the main entrance of the Library. Benches are available along the way if you need take a break.

The Library staff realizes that this walk may be too much for elderly or handicapped patrons and they are willing to help. If you need extra assistance, please call the Library at 972.230.9656 in advance. Library staff will collect the materials you need and arrange to meet you at their service entrance located on the north side of the Library facing Ten Mile Creek. Just ring the bell on this door when you arrive.



The Library has also installed a new book drop on the north side of their building facing Ten Mile Creek. You can access the book drop from Pleasant Run Road by following the pavestone drive around the building. Once you've dropped off your materials, continue out on the new asphalt drive which exits on Hampton Road.





Week of February 11th through the 16th, 2008

Celebrate Black History Month at the **DeSoto Public Library**

The DeSoto Public Library invites families to experience "Voices: A Black History Celebration" with Master Storyteller Esther Malone on Thursday, February 21 at 6:45 pm in the Library Assembly Hall. Ms. Malone tells stories that move you... body and soul. "Voices..." begins with an invitation to contemplate our own family experiences. You are then invited to "hear the voices of those who have come and gone before us. Feel the heartbeat of the Underground Railroad. Break bread together by sharing stories and making personal connections."

Imagine a symphony with no instruments, a book with no words, & a people with no history! That's hard to imagine. Just as a symphony needs instruments, & a book needs words, people need to know history, all history! In her telling of African American history, Ms. Malone encourages audiences to celebrate the human drive we all possess to simply "Be," and invites each participant to share history through the art of the telling of stories.

The DeSoto Library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center. Because of construction at Town Center, please park in the lot on the east side of Town Center. Come in through the Recreation and Civic Centers to reach the Library Assembly Hall. For more information, please call 972.230.9656, visit the library page on the city website, www.ci.desoto.tx.us, or come by the library.

Police Chief Brodnax Needs Your Help

DeSoto Police Chief, Mike Brodnax is asking citizens to be his "force multiplier" by reporting suspicious activity in your neighborhood. "When you see an unfamiliar vehicle or person and you suspect that all is not right, call 911 and report it," said Chief Brodnax. "The quicker suspicious activity is reported the faster our response".

Chief Brodnax outlines his "force multiplier" program in a new video on the city's website. Go to www.ci.desoto.tx.us and select the My Neighborhood tab on the left and go to "A Message From Police Chief Brodnax".

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Week of February 11th through the 25th, 2008

THING TO THING TO THING One-Woman Show at DeSoto's Corner Theatre Shines Bright Light On Healing Autism

Autism and comedy might seem like unlikely bedfellows until you experience the

play THING TO THING TO THING-From Crazy To Sane With Biofeedback, Autism And The Brain, a one-woman force (think Lily Tomlin does The Monologues with a splash of music) written and performed by Lynette Louise. The show will be in town for one night only at the Corner Theatre in DeSoto on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased online at www.plays411.com/thingtothing, by phone at (888) 868-4559, or at the door one hour prior to the show. Disabled adults and parents of autistic children will be admitted free at the door.

A courageous mom who raised eight children—six adopted from abusive or neglectful situations, four of whom were on the autism spectrum— Lynette's life reads like an adventure novel with the underlying theme of "anything's possible!"

A colorful composite of triumphant and heartbreaking stories told monologue style and interspersed with music and brain science, THING TO THING is the tale of Lynette's 20-year search for ways to help her autistic children develop into independent adults, a journey that takes her from fiercely determined mom to international autism expert. Medication, diet, play therapy, auditory integration, neurofeedback, and even home schooling her brood in an RV on the road for two years—this woman has tried it all. The show is an inspiration to those of us who know the challenges of raising any child, with or without a disorder or a disability.

Told with brutal honesty and a lot of humor (yes, special needs parents need to laugh too!), Lynette shares what she's learned about healing her children and along the way healing herself from her own troubled childhood. Her story reveals the wisdom that has led to overwhelming success not only with her own children today, all but one of them live independently—but with hundreds of others as well.

Show clips and information about other upcoming performance dates, times, and locations can be found at www.lynettelouise.com.



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A Celebration of African American Contributions

The City of DeSoto Parks and Leisure Services will join with the DeSoto Wal-Mart, 951 W. Belt Line Road to celebrate Black History Month on February 16, 2008. The celebration is scheduled to start at noon with a proclamation from Mayor Bobby Waddle. Mayor Pro Tem Thelma Clardy and Councilman Carl Sherman are scheduled to speak. Rachel Simone Webb will sing the National Negro Anthem. Nine-year old Dalton Sherman is also scheduled to speak.

The Community Missionary Church will entertain with the Pearls of Wisdom, G Ph G, Anointed Praise and Mystical Mimes, and special guest appearance from Special Forces. There will be health screenings, food give-aways and much more. For more information you can contact Carolyn Campbell at the City of DeSoto, 972.230.9651, or contact the DeSoto Wal-Mart, 972.223.1711.