

DeSoto City Lights

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Chattey Road Reconstruction Project

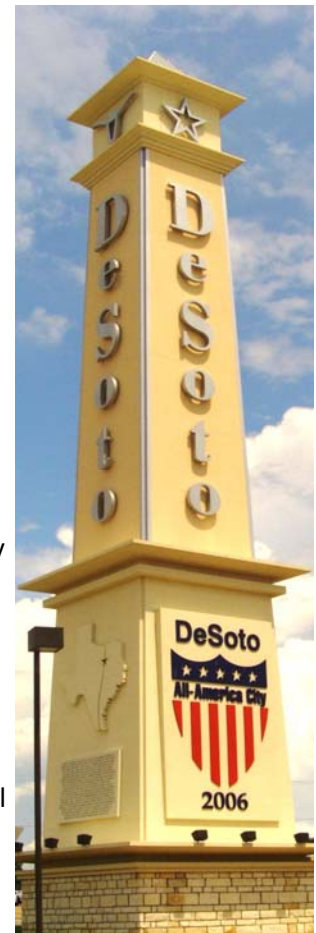
The reconstruction of Chattey Road is included in the City of DeSoto's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Currently, Chattey Road is a two-lane asphalt roadway located within a residential community. There is with heavy pedestrian school traffic along Chattey Road and there are no sidewalks. Chattey Road will be reconstructed from Pleasant Run Road to Belt Line Road and will include a 25 foot residential concrete roadway with curb and gutter, closed underground drainage, sidewalks, retaining walls, landscaping and lighting.

The design phase of the proposed project is complete. The proposed horizontal alignment will have few changes. However, the new vertical alignment will improve sight distances when traveling along the street.

In order to accommodate the proposed construction, additional street right-of-way and easements were necessary. All needed right-of-way and easements have been acquired from private property owners.

Before construction, franchise utility companies such as phone, cable, electric are being relocated outside of the proposed roadway surface and proposed infrastructure improvements. These relocations are expected to be complete by January 2019. Bids for reconstruction of Chattey Road were received in October, 2018 and construction is expected to begin in February, 2019.

Public meetings will be held in the coming weeks designed to provide information about the actual construction phase of the project and how it will affect the surrounding neighborhoods. Watch this newsletter for future updates. For more information, please call 972.230.7309.



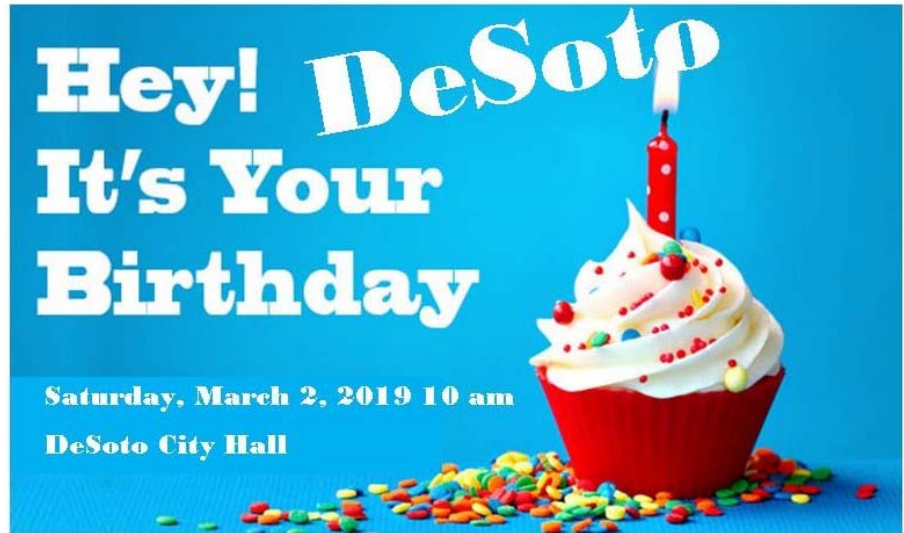
City Calendar

January

1 City Facilities Closed –New Year’s Day
 1 City Council Mtg. Canceled
 3 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
 3 KDB Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6:30 pm
 7 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. 6 pm
 8 Planning & Zoning Mtg.- City Hall -7 pm
 10 Historical Foundation Mtg. City Hall 6pm
 15 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
 21 City Facilities Closed for MLK Holiday
 22 Planning & Zoning Mtg. - Civic Ctr. -7 pm
 25 A Night In The French Quarter - Corner Theatre
 28 DEDC Board Mtg. - City Hall - 9 am

February

2 Daddy Daughter Dance Civic Ctr. 7 pm
 4 Arts Commission Mtg. Civic Ctr. - 6 pm
 5 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
 7 Library Board Mtg. Library - 7 pm
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 19 City Council Mtg. - City Hall - 7 pm
 22 Dallas Black Dance DHS Auditorium 7pm
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Settlers came to our area in 1847. After World War II, DeSoto and surrounding areas began to grow. In order to improve an inadequate water distribution system, residents felt the need to incorporate the town. On February 17, 1949, a petition signed by 42 eligible voters was presented to the Dallas County judge requesting an election for incorporation. The vote took place on March 2nd. Of the 52 people who cast ballots, 50 voted in favor of incorporation and 2 were opposed. The results were entered into the records of the Dallas County Commissioners Court, thereby creating the City of DeSoto. Almost 70 years later, DeSoto is a thriving and vibrant community with more than 53,000 residents.

The DeSoto Mayor and City Council and members of the DeSoto Historical Foundation invite you to join us at DeSoto City Hall, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road on Saturday, March 2, 2019 at 10 am to celebrate 70 years of progress in

DeSoto with history exhibits, a recognition ceremony, storytelling of our history and more. If you have memorabilia or history items you'd like to share, please contact Kathy Jones at 972.230.9648. Please mark your calendar and make plans to help us celebrate our 70th birthday on March 2nd.

Storytime
at the
DeSoto Public Library

Wednesdays
Toddler Storytime
Ages 0-3
10:30 am

Thursdays
Preschool Storytime
Ages 4-6
10:30am

For more information, please visit the DeSoto Public Library or call 972.230.9666.



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

City of DeSoto Will Hold a Regular Municipal Election on May 4, 2019

The City of DeSoto will hold a Regular Election on Saturday, May 4, 2019. The following places will be voted on in this election:

- Mayor - Place 1
- Councilmember Place 3 (unexpired term)
- Councilmember Place 5

DeSoto residents who are interested in filing for one of these city council seats must live within the bounds of the district to be eligible with the exception of Place 1 - Mayor. However, all candidates are elected at large.

Candidate Filing Information Packets can be requested by sending an email to the City Secretary at

kmorris@desototexas.gov. Please include your name, address, email address and contact phone number. Packets can also be picked up in the City Secretary's office during regular business hours.



Filing for a place on the ballot will take place from January 16, 2019 through February 15, 2019 between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon and from

1 pm to 4 pm in the City Secretary's office. On February 15, 2019, the office will close promptly at 5 pm and no filing will be accepted after that time.

Please visit the City of DeSoto website at www.desototexas.gov for updates on the municipal election.

A Message From Code Enforcement

The City's Garbage, Trash and Refuse Ordinance specifies a timeframe for when trash and recyclables can be placed at the curb for pickup. In order to minimize wildlife disturbing the refuse or other elements coming in contact with plastic bags or containers, residential refuse and recyclables shall not be placed at the curb before 6 pm the day before collection day.

"This amendment addresses problems resulting from trash being put out at the curb or in the alley for pick-up a day or more prior to the actual collection time," said Tracie Hlavinka, DeSoto Deputy City Manager. "When trash is allowed to sit on the curb, it attracts animals who tear into the bags and scatter it."

To guarantee your trash is not missed by Republic Services, please have your trash and recyclables at the curb or placed in the alley no later than 7 am on the day of collection. All residents who live west of Hampton Road have their trash collected on Tuesdays and Fridays. Those living east of Hampton Road have their trash collected on Mondays and Thursdays. All recycle bins, throughout the City, are emptied on Wednesdays.

If you have large/bulky items such as furniture, mattresses and appliances they should be placed out for pick-up with your regular trash on the second collection day of the week. Tires, batteries and other hazardous waste are not allowed in our landfill and must be disposed of properly. Construction materials are not accepted. Loose brush and fencing material must be placed on your front curb for pick-up. If you have any questions or would like to report a code violation, please call 469.658.3075.



The DeSoto Recreation Center has reopened again with a new look. The gym floors have been refurbished, the indoor walking track has a great new surface and there are new activity rooms. Start your workout program in the New Year at the DeSoto Recreation Center.



THE DESOTO ARTS COMMISSION
PRESENTS



Friday,
Feb. 22, 2018
7 pm

**DALLAS BLACK
DANCE THEATER**
FRED NICKLES AUDITORIUM
DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL

For the February Fourth Friday concert/event, the DeSoto Arts Commission is pleased to present the Dallas Black Dance Theater on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7 pm at the DeSoto High School - Fred Nickles Auditorium, located at 600 Eagle Drive. Before the historic dance company takes the stage, there will also be a special performance by the DeSoto High School A Capella Choir. This outstanding evening of entertainment is underwritten by the DeSoto Arts Commission, City of DeSoto and DeSoto ISD and, as a result, we can offer special pricing. General Admission tickets are just \$10 each. All students and seniors 60+ may attend the performance for just \$5 per person. Tickets are available for purchase online at ArtsDeSoto.com or by calling 972-230-9648.

DESOTO'S MOST GIFTED VISIT DPL

by Matt Smith, Communications Manager

The DeSoto Public Library seemed busier than the North Pole during the recent holiday season, and unlike Santa's workshop, our young participants brought all of their gifts with them. DPL organizers expected the arts and crafts classes to be a popular item and were pleasantly surprised when more than 300 youth turned up eager to artistically express themselves.



"It is always rewarding for us to experience a good turnout at our events, but the large number of talented and eager participants that joined us during the holidays was both heartening and inspiring," said Kerry McGeath, Managing Director of the DeSoto Public Library. "The energy and creativity that we witnessed during the holidays bodes well for the arts and for the future of DeSoto."

One of the more popular artistic choices was this painting class which attracted close to 20 youths. It was called "Painting With A Twix" because participants were given candy while they painted. Their artistic challenge was to create a beautiful winter landscape, and this photo proves that they lived up to the challenge. The DeSoto Public Library is well known for their fun and constructive special events and all DeSoto residents are encouraged to join in to the events that best meet their interests. For more information on what DPL has to offer, please visit their website at <https://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/110/Library> or their Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/desotolibrary/>.