

DeSoto News Flash

Week of March 3rd
through the 7th, 2008

Important Information Regarding Our Upcoming City Election

The DeSoto General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2008. If you are interested in running for a place on the City Council, please contact the Office of the City Secretary to request a City Council Candidate Guide, which contains all the information needed to file. **Available council positions for the May 10th ballot are Place 2 and Place 4.** Candidate filing began Monday, February 11, 2008 and continues during normal business hours until Monday, March 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

The DeSoto City Charter mandates a geographical district plan that requires City Council candidates live within the boundaries of the district they represent for one year prior to election day and during their entire term, if elected. Candidates for the position of Mayor may live anywhere in the City. Mayor and Councilmembers are elected "at large" by voters of the entire city.

For more information on the City Election, please call DeSoto City Secretary, Anell Shipman at 972.230.9646.

March 4th Primary Election Information

The Democratic and Republican Presidential primaries are March 4, 2008. On election day March 4th, you must vote in your precinct. Check your voter registration card for your precinct number and log on to the Dallas County Elections website at <http://dalcoelections.org> to find your precinct voting location.

Would You Like to Be Able to Get A Cup of Coffee at the Library?

The DeSoto Library is considering adding a Coffee Bar to their lobby and they would like your opinion. Would you like the opportunity to sip a nice cup of coffee while reading your favorite book in the library's lobby? Is comfortable seating and soft music important to you? What kinds of snack do you prefer? These are just a few of the questions included in the on-line survey. The DeSoto Library would like to ask you to go to the homepage of the city's website at www.ci.desoto.tx.us and under the News & Events column click on the item titled "We Want to Hear From You" and answer their on-line survey. Your opinions matter.

Planning Is Underway for the BSW Juneteenth Celebration

On June 14, 2008, the Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration returns to the city where it got its start. DeSoto will host this year's event at Moseley Park, located at 1300 Honor Drive and the planning is underway. A committee made up of representatives from the cities of DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster and Cedar Hill in addition to citizens from each of the cities has begun the process of planning the event. Activities will include the Tea Cake and Sweet Potato Pie Cook-off, a 3 on 3 Basketball competition, children's activities, swimming at Moseley Pool and a health fair, just to name a few. You can also expect a great entertainment line-up. Gospel music is the theme and the entertainment committee is looking for the best gospel choirs to perform. If you would like to help with the planning, can suggest a great choir or just want more information on the event, please call special events coordinator, Carolyn Campbell at 972 230-9651.

City Easter Eggstravaganza March 22, 2008

Join the Easter Bunny and the DeSoto Parks & Leisure Services Staff for DeSoto's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Zeiger Park, 400 Eagle Drive on Saturday, March 22nd. The hunt begins at noon and will be separated by the following age groups 3 and under, 4 to 7 and 8 to 10. Admission is free. Kids, be sure to bring your Easter baskets. For more information call, 972.230.2950.

