

# DeSoto News Flash

Week of March 10th  
through the 14th, 2008

## Local Scam Alert

DeSoto Police have recently worked a couple of cases where scam artists are pretending to be realtors. They are "selling" vacant homes. The complainants or victims don't actually receive title to the home and they lose their money. This scam is not exclusive to DeSoto. Recently Channel 8 News featured a story on the same scam which happened in Cleburne, Texas.

DeSoto Police urge anyone considering a home purchase to make sure they are working with a reputable realtor. Don't hesitate to verify their identification and confirm that they are actually affiliated with a reputable company. In one case, the scammer listed affiliation with an existing company, however, that company deals with commercial properties only... they did not handle residential properties. If you think you may be the victim of a scam, please report it to the DeSoto Police by calling 469-658-3000.

## DeSoto to Host Super National/USA Cycling National Championship

DeSoto is home to Metroplex BMX, the first covered facility built exclusively for BMX racing in the nation. National BMX races have taken place in this facility since 1999, but during the weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup> the eyes of the nation and the world will turn to DeSoto as they host the Super National/USA Cycling National Championship. 2,000 racers in all age categories will converge on DeSoto beginning on Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

BMX has been added as an Olympic event in 2008. The national championship in DeSoto is the only direct automatic qualifier for Challenge Class riders to earn a spot on the U.S. National Team for the 2008 UCI BMX World Challenge in Tiayuan, China, May 27<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>. America's top racers will be competing in DeSoto.

"We're extremely excited to have been selected to host the USA Cycling BMX National Championship and we are happy that ABA has rescheduled their Super Nationals to take place on the same weekend," commented Gary Elmore, race director for Metroplex BMX. "Our facility was specifically designed to host top-level national events and none reach the level of prestige that the Super National/USA Cycling National Championship will bring. We are very pleased to have been given the opportunity to host world class racers of all ages and abilities."

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Here's the race schedule:

**Thursday, March 27, 2008**

Gates open at noon  
Practice 1pm to 6pm  
Race 6pm to 9pm

**Friday, March 28, 2008**

Gates open at 6 am  
Practice 10:15am to 2:30pm  
Race 3pm to 9pm

**Saturday, March 29, 2008**

Gates open at 5am  
Practice 6:30am to 10:45am  
Race 11:30am to 9pm

**Sunday, March 30, 2008**

Gates open at 6am  
Race 8am to 4pm



If you'd like to see the U.S. qualifiers in this newest Olympic sport compete, Metroplex BMX invites you to Grimes Park DeSoto, 501 E. Wintergreen Road, March 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Admission to all races is free, however, there is a fee for parking. For more information, call Gary Elmore at 817.714.8094 or go to the Metroplex BMX website at [www.metroplexbmx.org](http://www.metroplexbmx.org).

## Toll Tags are Now Available for Purchase at DeSoto City Hall

The City of DeSoto is now selling Toll Tags from the North Texas Tollway Authority. These tags are available at City Hall through the DeSoto Municipal Court window. You can also fill out the application online at [www.ci.desoto.tx.us/court](http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/court) and then pick up your Toll Tag at the Municipal Court window in City Hall. The cost for the Toll Tag is \$40.00 for up to three vehicles. Payments must be made by credit card only.

The Toll Tag can be used anywhere in the state of Texas. Please call DeSoto Municipal Court at 972.230.9674 if you have any questions or need further information.