

DeSoto News Flash

Week of April 14th
through the 18th, 2008

Give Us Your Saturday Morning And We'll Help You Improve Your Neighborhood

Information is a key element in effective involvement. The city will host the third annual HOA Involvement Workshop on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to provide you the information you need to make your neighborhood a better, safer place to live.

Consisting of two general sessions and one break-out session, this free workshop will provide information on organizing a Community Emergency Response Team, neighborhood security, code enforcement, beautification/curb appeal tips and the city's Capital Improvement Plan. Members of all registered DeSoto homeowner's associations are encouraged to attend whether your association is new or well-established. We'd also like you to attend if you are considering starting an association in your neighborhood. To register or for more information, please call Tracie Hlavinka at 972.230.9689 or by e-mail at thlavinka@ci.desoto.tx.us.

The DeSoto Chamber Invites You to "Meet The Candidates"

In anticipation of the upcoming City Election, the Government Committee of the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce will host a "Meet the Candidates" forum on Thursday, April 24th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the DeSoto Senior Center, 204 Lion Street. Late arrivals will be accommodated.

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The forum will be a round table format where voters are seated in small groups, having the opportunity to hear each candidate speak their platform with time for questions. Candidates vying for School Board Trustee positions and uncontested City Council positions will be represented.

DeSoto ISD Place 3 candidates are Kenzie Moore III, Margie Riley, and Roosevelt Williams. Place 4 candidates are Sharon Sternes (Incumbent) and Jerry Hall. Place 5 candidates are David Stillwell, and invited but not yet confirmed, Dee Trimble (Incumbent). City Council Member-elect Patricia Ledbetter and Deshaundra Lockhart will also be present.

Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be served. For information on the forum, please contact the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce at 972.224.3565 or info@desotochamber.org.

City To Host Town Hall Meeting To Discuss Community Development Block Grant Program In DeSoto

DeSoto qualifies for the Community Development Block Grant Program offered by Dallas County. As a result, the City of DeSoto will hold a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at DeSoto City Hall to elicit public input on the program.

The City of DeSoto is interested in hearing your opinion on participating in this program. Funds received can be used for a variety of purposes as long as they either eradicate blight, principally benefit low/moderate income people, or eliminate a community-threatening condition. Cities in the program typically use grant funds for capital improvement projects such as street reconstruction, installing new water lines, replacing bridges or renovating parks.

Citizen input is a vital part of the process and we hope you will attend this important meeting to share your thoughts and ideas. For more information, please call City Administration at 972.230.9643.