

# DeSoto News Flash

Week of April 21st  
through the 25th, 2008

## **Please Join Us at a Town Hall Meeting To Discuss the 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 eligible to make application for \$104,877 that would be available October 1, 2008. We are interested in hearing your opinion on participating in this program along with your suggestions for projects. Community Development Block Grant funds can be used for a variety of purposes as long as they eradicate blight, principally benefits 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. Time Warner subscribers can view the meeting live on the city's government access cable channel 16.

## The DeSoto Ministerial Alliance Invites You to the National Day of Prayer Observance at City Hall

The DeSoto Ministerial Alliance invites you to attend the National Day of Prayer observance on Thursday, May 1, 2008 in the Council Chambers at DeSoto City Hall from 7 to 8 a.m. This event will be filled with prayer for our nation, governmental leaders, churches, and families.



The annual National Day of Prayer was established by federal law in 1952 when the United States congress passed a joint resolution which was signed by President Harry Truman. The law, amended in 1988 and signed by President Ronald Reagan, specifically designated the first Thursday in May as the official National Day of Prayer.

*The Annual*  
**NATIONAL  
DAY OF  
PRAYER**  
*First Thursday of May*

## Now Accepting Applications to Fill an Opening on the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Board

The DeSoto City Council is currently accepting applications from volunteers interested in filling an unexpired term on the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. This board is composed of 5 members serving three-year terms which expire on December 31st. The board meets on the third Monday of each month at noon at DeSoto City Hall. The board's primary function is to promote quality development within the City of DeSoto and oversee funds earmarked for improving and developing DeSoto's commercial and industrial base.

The City Council will consider an individual's experience, accomplishments, and educational background when appointing members to the Board. The Board may also make recommendations of individuals to the City Council for appointment to the Board. Each Director shall meet at least one (1) of the

following four (4) qualifications and must be bondable:

- Serve, or have served, as Chief Executive Officer of a Company; or
- Serve, or have served, in a position of Executive Management of a Company; or
- Serve, or have served, in a professional capacity; or have experience equivalent to any of the above qualifications

If you would like to request an application to serve on the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors or for more information, please call the City Secretary's office at 972.230.9646 or it can be downloaded on the city's website at [www.ci.desoto.tx.us](http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us). Completed applications must be received by May 2, 2008.

## African-American Repertory Theater to Present Staged Reading of Pearl Cleage's *Flyin' West*

Set in 1898, Pearl Cleage's *Flyin' West* is the story of a small group of Black women, full of vitality and humor, whose lives changed forever when The Homestead Act opened up the American West for people wanting to build new lives for their families. Don't miss this gripping and inspirational performance presented by the African-American Repertory Theater.

Performances will take place on Saturday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. and May 4th at 3 p.m. at DeSoto's Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road located in DeSoto Town Center. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased through the African-American Repertory Theater website at <http://www.aarepthater.com>



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**Show Dates & Times**  
Saturday May 3, 2008 @ 7:00 PM  
Sunday May 4, 2008 @ 3:00 PM

**Location:**  
DeSoto Corner Theatre  
DeSoto Town Center  
211 E. Pleasant Run Road  
DeSoto, TX 75115

**Ticket Price: \$10.00**

Tickets may be purchased online @ [www.aarepthater.com](http://www.aarepthater.com)  
Tickets are also available at the door.  
Box office opens one hour before show time.

**Parking:** Parking for Corner Theatre patrons will be in the newly completed east parking lot off Pleasant Run Road. Enter the facility on the east side of the Recreation Center. Follow the signs through the Recreation Center to the courtyard area outside and enter the main entrance of the Corner Theatre on the west side of the building.