

# DeSoto News Flash

Week of June 16th  
through the 20th, 2008

## The DeSoto Public Library Expands Its Foreign Language Materials Collection

In an effort to expand its foreign language materials collection, the DeSoto Library has added electronic books to the library catalog. Ebooks are available from the Texas State Library to read on a computer. Eaudiobooks are available from a subscription with Recorded Books to download to a listening device, such as a MP-3 player (but currently not an IPOD). Hundreds of titles are available, covering dozens of languages. Patrons can choose an "interface language" if they prefer to search the electronic books catalog in a language other than English. A catalog of these materials is available through the library page on the city website, [www.ci.desoto.tx.us](http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us). Patrons must come into the library to register to use these electronic books, much like getting an electronic library card. Once a patron is registered, the books can be searched, downloaded, viewed, heard, and renewed from any Internet accessible computer.

The library also has foreign language sound recordings, including English as a second language. Many of the library's DVDs have a language selection option, usually English, French, or Spanish, including subtitles. The library continues to build its foreign language book and magazine collection, most of which can be checked out. If the library doesn't have the needed materials, patrons can request items through Interlibrary Loan, which is a nationwide search to borrow materials from lending libraries across the country.

So, whether you're planning a trip to a faraway land, studying for a class, or just having fun learning another language, the DeSoto Library has the materials and formats you need! For more information, please come by the DeSoto Public Library at 211 E. Pleasant Run, call the library at 972-230-9665, or use the "Ask a librarian" link on the library webpage on the city website, [www.ci.desoto.tx.us](http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us).

## DeSoto Now Offers Recycling to Commercial Solid Waste Customers

The City of DeSoto began going green a couple of years ago and is now encouraging other corporate citizens to follow their lead. DeSoto's solid waste contractor, Duncan Disposal is now collecting recycling from commercial businesses in basically the same manner as they have been collecting residential recycling for many years. Here are the procedures:

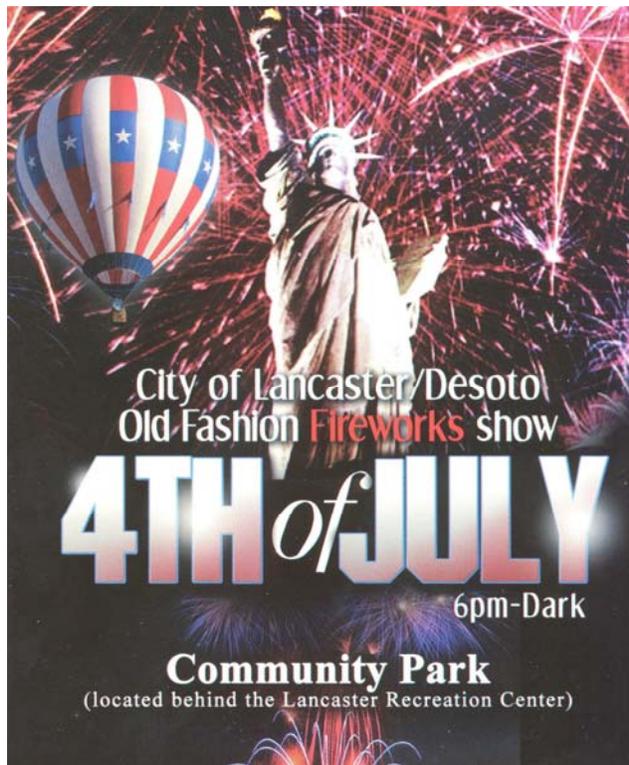
- If you are currently a commercial customer for solid waste and you would like to have your recycling collected, please call 972.225.5252 to request the service.
- Once initiated, you will receive information about the initial set-up, billing and pricing information. You'll also be provided with one 95 gallon Polycart to hold your recycled items. The basic recycling charge is \$30 per month for the first cart. Additional carts can be provided at a fee of \$10 per month/per cart.
- Customers are responsible for bagging their recycled material in a clear or blue bag (available at local stores) prior to placing it in the cart for collection. Bagged contents must weigh less than 35 lbs. per bagged unit. Bagging of the materials to be recycled helps avoid contamination problems.
- Wednesday is the designated day for recycling throughout DeSoto and materials must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. for collection.
- Items acceptable for commercial recycling include:
  1. Newspaper (should be tied & bundled)
  2. Mixed paper or high-grade office paper
  3. Corrugated paper (boxes have to be flattened or cut to a maximum size of 3X3 ft. tied and bundled.
  4. Glass bottles (should be rinsed)
  5. Plastics & Aluminum (should be rinsed)

The City of DeSoto has offered desk side recycling to our staff for several years and in October, began recycling glass and plastics. We hope other businesses will follow our lead.

For more information on the Commercial Recycling Program, please call Tracie Hlavinka at 972.230.9689.

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**The City of Lancaster  
Invites DeSoto  
To The Joint  
Fireworks Show  
Friday, July 4th beginning  
at 6pm  
At Lancaster's  
Community Park  
1700 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.  
Just off of N. Dallas Ave.**

**Live Music featuring the Andre  
Edmonds Band & the Triple Lindy  
Band**

**Free Hot Air Balloon Rides - 6:30 -  
8:30 pm**

**Clowns, Magicians, Food and Fun**

**Spectacular Fireworks to Music  
Show at Dark**