

DeSoto News Flash

Week of July 7th
through July 11th, 2008

Recreation Center Opens New Youth/Teen Activity Room

Xbox 360, PlayStation 3 and Nintendo Wii are just a few of the games available in the new Youth/Teen Activity Room located in the DeSoto Recreation Center. There is also a 40" plasma TV, two hockey tables, a foosball table and two Dance Revolution games.

Use of the Youth/Teen Activity Room is an added benefit for anyone with an active DeSoto Recreation Center membership ID card. (Please see schedule for use of the Youth/Teen Activity Room by age at the right.) ID cards are \$10 per year for DeSoto residents aged 6 to 54. Passes for residents 55 and older are \$5 annually. In addition to use of the Youth/Teen Activity Room, ID cardholders can use the basketball gym, walking/jogging track and other game areas. For more information on obtaining a Recreation Center membership, please call 972.230.9655.



DeSoto Recreation Center Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday	5 am - 10 pm
Friday & Saturday	5 am - 6 pm
Sunday	1 pm to 5 pm

Youth/Teen Activity Room Hours of Operation by Age Monday - Thursday

8 am - noon	Ages 3 to 7 with an adult
12pm - 4 pm	Ages 8 to 12
4pm - 9:30 pm	Ages 13 - 18

Friday & Saturday

8 am - 11 am	Ages 3 - 7 with an adult
11 am - 2 pm	Ages 8 - 12
2 pm - 5:30 pm	Ages 13 - 18

Sunday

1 pm - 2 pm	Ages 3 - 7 with an adult
2 pm - 3 pm	Ages 8 - 12
3 pm - 5 pm	Ages 13 - 18

DeSoto Will Celebrate National Night Out On Tuesday, August 5, 2008

This year's National Night Out event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 7 to 9 p.m. Crime watch groups, homeowners associations and neighborhood groups are encouraged to come outside their homes that evening and join together for a show of community support. This year, why not help "take a bite out of crime" by joining your neighbors in planning a block party on National Night Out?

If your neighborhood group would like to organize a block party and would like to schedule a visit by a City official or police officers, please contact Officer Cindy Mendez at 469.658.3055 or Tracie Hlavinka at 972.230.9689.

Are you looking for ideas for your National Night Out Block Party? Here are some examples of what some neighborhood groups have done.



The South Meadows HOA hosted a Hula Hoop contest.



Residents in Club Parc enjoyed an ice cream



Candle Meadow had a 3-on-3 basketball contest.

Dallas County Health & Human Services is Assisting With Salmonella Investigation

Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is assisting with a multi-state investigation of an outbreak of a relatively rare species of *Salmonella* bacteria known as the Saintpaul strain. The outbreak was tied to the consumption of raw red plum, Roma and red round tomatoes. The specific source of the infected tomatoes is still under investigation. The CDC has recently broadened its investigation to also include food items that are commonly consumed with tomatoes.



DCHHS epidemiologists are investigating cases locally, as well as working in partnership with multiple federal, state and local agencies to identify the source of the outbreak. To date, there have been 810 cases of the Saintpaul strain of the *Samonella* bacteria nationwide with 330 cases being reported in Texas. DCHHS has confirmed 14 cases in Dallas County.

Most people infected with *Salmonella* develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven days, and most people recover without treatment. Some people may need hospitalization due to severe diarrhea and dehydration. The elderly, infants and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness. If you think you may have been exposed to a food-borne illness, DCHHS recommends you see your doctor or health care provider in order to rule out *Salmonella* as the cause.

This information is provided by the Dallas county Health and Human Services Department and DeSoto's Environmental Health specialists, Jimmy Stephens. If you have any questions, please call him at 972 230-9601.