

DeSoto News Flash

Week of October 27th
through October 31st, 2008

Residents Along Parkerville Road Are Invited to Celebrate It's Completion

The widening of Parkerville Road is finally complete and the City of DeSoto wants to celebrate the completion. The city has invited residents along Parkerville Road to join them on Thursday, October 30th for a hot dog cookout as a thank you for their patience throughout the construction project.

Parkerville has been expanded to a four-lane divided roadway with new lighting, median landscaping and sidewalks. Funding for this project was approved by voters in the 2003 bond referendum.



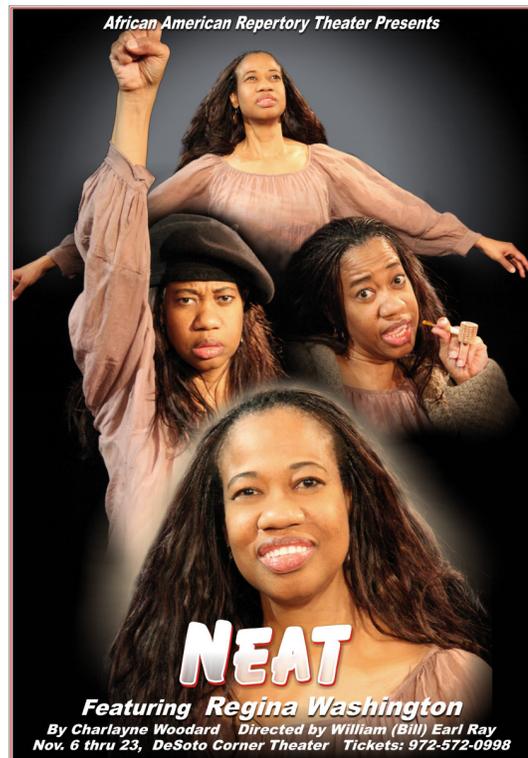
"Neat" by Charlayne Woodard Opens at the Corner Theatre on Nov. 6th

In the oral traditions of West Africa, DeSoto's African American Repertory Theater will present "**Neat**" on a bare stage. "**Neat**" is the magnificent story of the remembrance of Charlayne Woodard's real-life brain damaged Aunt, Neat, and the profound change she brought to her life. Aunt Neat, with her enormous love, energy, simplicity and magnificent clarity, teaches the young Charlayne what it is to cherish life. A magical, compelling, portrait of a young woman's coming of age, "**Neat**" is the story of an urban African-American girl bursting into adulthood, experiencing first love, and embracing both black-pride and feminism. An evening of pure joy, compelling insight and hopefulness, "**Neat**" is an inspiration for every family.

THE REVIEWS: "Powerful, heartbreaking and beautiful..." —NY Times. "Neatly done... Engaging..." —NY Post. "Radiant, exuberant and gorgeous..." —NY Newsday.

"Dazzling..." —LA Times. "Affectionate, funny and moving..." —Associated Press. "Joyous...winning...will touch your heart." —Newhouse Newspapers. "Extraordinary..." —Gannett Newspapers.

The preview of "**Neat**", directed by Bill Ray, will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the preview are \$10. The play opens Friday, November 7, 2008 and continues through November 23rd on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays at DeSoto's Corner Theatre next door to the Recreation Center. Tickets for evening performances are \$20 and matinees are \$15. To purchase tickets or for more information on the African American Repertory Theater, visit their website at www.aarepthheater.com or call 972.572.0998.



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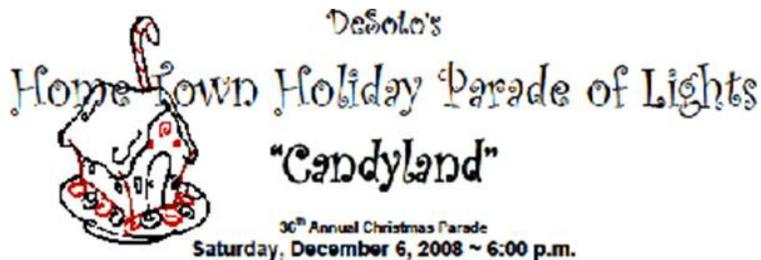
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Planning is Underway for the Holiday Parade of Lights on Dec. 6th

There's a touch of fall in the air which means that planning is underway for the 36th Annual Holiday Parade of Lights. The parade is always on the first Saturday in December and signals the beginning of the Holiday Season. It will take place this year on December 6th at 6pm. The parade is going back to it's traditional route and line-up will take place behind the DeSoto ISD Administration Building at 200 E. Belt Line Road. The parade will travel west on Belt Line and turn north on Hampton Road eventually turning east on Pleasant Run at DeSoto Town Center. The theme this year is Candyland.

The DeSoto Chamber and City of DeSoto are partnering to host the parade but we need your participation to make it a success. Parade applications can be downloaded from the city's website at www.ci.desoto.tx.us or by calling the DeSoto Chamber at 972.224.3565. We invite churches, scouts, youth sports associations, school groups and anyone who loves a parade to submit an application and start making plans to participate. The deadline for early bird registration is Friday, November 14, 2008.

The City of DeSoto is also looking for citizen volunteers who would like to help with the parade line-up on December 6th. If you an help, please call Kathy Jones at 972-230-9648.



- Theme:** Candyland – all entries should have lights - the more lights, the better!
- Line-up:** Line-up will be at the corner of North Hampton Road and Beltline Road (behind DeSoto ISD Instructional Support Center). Your line-up number and instructions will be provided by parade officials the week prior to the parade.
Route: The parade will run north on Hampton Road beginning at Beltline. The parade will turn right on Pleasant Run Road and will end at Chadsey Road.
- Judging:** Judging will take place along the parade route; trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Best Theme-Related * Most Unique * Best Sound & Appearance * Most Appealing to Children * Best Marching Unit

Early Bird Deadline for entry is Friday, November 14, 2008
**SANTA CLAUS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHAMBER NO OTHER SANTAS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE
 CANDY CANNOT BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES; YOU MUST PROVIDE WALKERS TO THROW CANDY**

Parade Entry Form
 Please provide accurate form for each vehicle entry

Group Name	Contact
Address	City, State, Zip
Contact Name	Phone
	Email Address

Registration Type

- FREE! Early Bird (Form must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 2008)
- \$25 Registration (Forms received between November 15 and November 26, 2008)
- \$100 Late Registration (Forms received after November 26, 2008)

**PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM, NO EXCEPTIONS!
 Make checks payable to: DeSoto Chamber of Commerce**

Please check the category that most closely applies to your entry:

- Motor Vehicle with trailer
- Marching Unit (Walkers)
- Motor Vehicle Only
- Equestrian Unit
- Choir or Band



Please provide a brief explanation of your entry, including number of individuals and/or animals participating, and approximate length of entry if pulling a trailer: _____

Return form to:
 Sheila Harris ~ DeSoto Chamber of Commerce ~ 2010 N. Hampton Road, Suite 200 ~ DeSoto, Texas 75115
 Phone: 972-224-3668 ~ Fax: 972-364-1872 ~ Email: info@desotochamber.org

Early Voting Continues for the General Election through Friday, October 31st

Early voting in person may be easier than you think. You don't have to stand in long lines on Election Day. If you are registered to vote in Dallas County, you may vote early at any Dallas County Early Voting location that is convenient to you. Early voting in person continues through Friday, October 31st.

DeSoto East Middle School, 601 E. Belt Line Rd. is one of 23 early voting locations in Dallas County. Early voting will take place on the following schedule:

Monday, Oct. 27th - - Friday, Oct. 31st 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If you are voting by mail, your ballot must be received by October 28, 2008. Voting on the General Election Day, November 4th will take place at local precincts. If you have questions about voting, please contact the Dallas County Election Department at 214.637.7937 or check out their website at <http://www.dalcoelections.org>.

