

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of June 1st
through June 5th, 2009

How do you feel about a cost increase to continue the city-wide beautification efforts provided by the City's Sanitation Fund?

Trash and brush collection in DeSoto is provided by Duncan Disposal, the city's solid waste contractor and includes:

- Twice a week household garbage pick-up
- Once a week recycling pick-up
- Once a week bulky item pick-up
- Once a week brush pick-up

Residents have paid \$13.04 a month for solid waste collection since 1999. In 2002, the contract was put out to bid and awarded to Duncan Disposal at a rate of \$9.34 a month. This resulted in a monthly per-customer savings of \$3.70 when compared to the previous contractor's price. At that time, the City Council and Keep DeSoto Beautiful Board were looking for a new revenue stream to finance other beautification efforts in the community. When the \$9.34 rate was received from Duncan, a decision was made with public input, to maintain the existing residential rate of \$13.04 and place the savings of \$3.70 monthly per customer in the Sanitation Fund to finance following community beautification efforts:

- A four person Litter and Median Maintenance Crew
- Street Sweeping
- Household Hazardous Waste Program
- Adopt-A-Street Program and Earth Month Activities such as document shredding and electronics recycling events
- The construction of monument signs at the entrances to the city
- Landscaping of Belt Line Rd. and the intersections of Wintergreen at I-35 and Pleasant Run at Hampton

For several years now, we have enjoyed the benefits of the additional services mentioned above which have been paid for by the Sanitation Fund. The Fund has also paid for several one-time expenses such as the purchase of new entry monuments, approved at the May 5th Council Meeting, that will match the landmark monument on Pleasant Run and I-35. It has also covered additional costs resulting from the contract with Duncan Disposal which allows them to adjust their rate on an annual basis to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index. Unfortunately over the years, the balance in the Sanitation Fund that has

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absorbed rate increases and the costs for the beautification efforts is now all but depleted. As a result, we as a community, have a decision to make.

One of the reasons DeSoto is an All-America City is that it is our practice to discuss issues with the community before making major policy decisions. Please take a moment to consider the following questions which will be posted in a blog on the city's website and let us know your thoughts:

- 1. Do you feel that the beautification efforts paid for by the Sanitation Fund for the last seven years such as street sweeping, enhanced landscaping and the litter and median maintenance crew have had a positive effect on the appearance of our community?***
- 2. Because of rising costs, the Sanitation Fund will no longer have the revenue to support these beautification efforts after October 1, 2009. How do you feel about an increase of three dollars per month for solid waste collection to continue these beautification efforts?***

We need your thoughts on these two important questions. Beginning June 15th, please go to the city's website at www.ci.desoto.tx.us and post your comments in response to these questions. If you prefer a face to face dialogue, the city will hold a special Town Hall Meeting to discuss this issue on Saturday, June 20, 2009 in the City Council Chambers at DeSoto City Hall. Join us at 9 a.m. for donuts and coffee. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until all have been heard.

If you'd like more information on the activities and projects funded by the Sanitation Fund, tune into Time Warner Cable Channel 16 to view a segment of Focus On DeSoto Today on the subject. Panel members will discuss the history of the Sanitation Fund, how we arrived at the current situation and explore where to go from here. This program will be broadcast daily at 1 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. beginning June 10th and will also be available for viewing on the city website.

For more information on the city's Sanitation Fund, please call Tracie Hlavinka at 972.230.9689.

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Join the DeSoto Public Library Summer Reading Program

Come to the Children's Desk in the library **ANYTIME** from June 10 to July 31 to pick up your reading form **or** beginning June 10, log on to our website at: www.ci.desoto.tx.us/library to sign up and print your reading form.

A **FREE** "Reading with Ringling Bros." circus ticket will be given to children (ages 2 to 12 years) after five books are read. For more information call Children's Librarian, Kim Boyd at 972.230.9666.

Free Summer Performances at the DeSoto Public Library

Library Assembly Hall

June 17	1pm	Wednesday "Snake Encounters"
June 23	10am	Tuesday Storytime - Ringling Bros. "Ambassadors of Laughter" Dave & Cherie Gregg
July 22	1pm	Wednesday "Magical Mysterious Suitcase Science Show"

The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center complex. The nearby parking garage is now available. For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9666.

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Summer Movies at the Library

Summer movies at the DeSoto Public Library will begin on Monday, June 15. The movies will be shown in the Library Assembly Hall every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. There is no charge, and they are open to the public.

Beverly Hills Chihuahua	Monday, June 15	PG
Tale of Despereaux	Tuesday, June 16	G
Tinker Bell	Thursday, June 18	G
Aquamarine	Monday, June 22	PG
Camp Rock	Tuesday, June 23	G
Horton Hears a Who	Thursday, June 25	G
Bolt	Monday, June 29	PG
Lady and the Tramp	Tuesday, June 30	G
Incredibles	Thursday, July 2	PG
Wall-E	Monday, July 6	G
Space Chimps	Tuesday, July 7	G
Twitches	Thursday, July 9	PG
Space Buddies	Monday, July 13	G
Wizard of Oz	Tuesday, July 14	G
Flushed Away	Thursday, July 16	PG
Speed Racer	Monday, July 20	PG
Ant Bully	Tuesday, July 21	PG
Monsters, Inc.	Thursday, July 23	G
Madagascar 2	Monday, July 27	PG
High School Musical 3	Tuesday, July 28	G
Nim's Island	Thursday, July 30	PG
City of Ember	Monday, August 3	PG
Prince Caspian	Tuesday, August 4	PG
Harry Potter (Order of the Phoenix)	Thursday, August 6	PG-13
Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl	Monday, August 10	PG
Kung Fu Panda	Tuesday, August 11	PG
Race to Witch Mountain	Thursday, August 13	PG

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Civic Center Rates Will Increase Beginning June 1, 2009

A new fee schedule for rental of the Blue Bonnet and Pecan Rooms in the DeSoto Civic Center will go into effect beginning June 1, 2009 as follows:

Rooms	Mon.— Sat. 7am - 4pm	Mon. - Thurs. 6 pm - 10 pm	Fri. - Sat. 6 pm - 12 am	Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm
1 Pecan Room	\$95	\$120	\$180	\$140
2 Pecan Rooms	\$190	\$240	\$360	\$280
3 Pecan Rooms	\$285	\$360	\$540	\$420
1 Bluebonnet Room	\$150	\$200	\$230	\$150
2 Bluebonnet Rooms	\$300	\$400	\$460	\$300
3 Bluebonnet Rooms	\$450	\$600	\$690	\$450
Kitchen	\$40	\$50	\$75	\$45
Library Assembly Hall	\$190	\$250	\$305	\$195

These rental fees apply to both residents and non-residents of the city as well as commercial businesses or enterprises and non-profit groups. For more information on booking a room for your next event in the DeSoto Civic Center, please call 972.230.9655.

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Fun for the Summer Schedule 2009

JUNE 8 - 12

WALSH JORDAN'S
NEXT LEVEL

Xtreme Basketball Training

Telephone: (214) 924-7041

Email: wjnextlevel@yahoo.com

Website: www.nextlevelbball.net

Registration Fee

\$25 per camper

Ages 7-13

Summer Camp I

August 3-7

8am - 5pm

Summer Camp II

June 8-12

8am - 5pm

Back 2 School Camp

August 10-14

8am - 5pm

JUNE 16-19

Volleyball Summer Camp

Ages

8 - 15

9am - 1pm

\$85

All Skill Levels

For more information and registration please contact Stephanie Murray @ 214-869-1088 or email llsacamp09@gmail.com

Leading Ladies Sports Association



JUNE 15-27

junior players



Boys and Girls

Ages 7 - 14

June 15 - 27

Time

1pm - 3pm

FREE

Classes culminate in The Festival of Plays where students will perform an original play for other camp sites. You will learn theater games and techniques.

Free programs. Priceless experiences.

Free t-shirt and certificate of completion for students that attend!

www.juniorplayers.org

Limited space 25 max.

JUNE 22 - 26



Camp Fee

\$235

9am - 4pm

Monday - Friday

- Voucher for 2 tickets to Mavs preseason game
- Photograph and personalized trading cards
- Camper notebook
- Daily awards for each camper
- Reversible camp jersey
- Camp certificate
- Progress report
- And much more!

For additional information please call

214-747-MAVS or e-mail hoopcamp@dallasmavs.com

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Best Southwest Juneteenth Celebration

The Cities of Lancaster, Duncanville, Cedar Hill, and DeSoto
have collaborated to organize the

"Celebration of Change"

Activities include Free Helicopter Rides, Petting Zoo, Bounce Slide, Face painting, Music Performance by Konnect 4.

JUNETEENTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

\$250 Per Team

9u-14u

15u-18u

(Open Bracket)

When: Saturday, June 13, 2009
Where: Lancaster Community Park
1700 Veterans Memorial Parkway
Lancaster TX, 75146
Time: 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Best Southwest Cities of Cedar Hill,
DeSoto, Duncanville & Lancaster