

TOWN HALL MEETING Saturday, June 20th 9 a.m. DeSoto City Hall - Council Chambers

As an All-America City it is our practice to discuss issues with our community before making major policy decisions.

The City of DeSoto invites you to join us for donuts and coffee and to share your thoughts and opinions concerning the city's Sanitation Fund which pays for beautification projects around the city. (See article below.) This fund is nearing its useful life and decisions must be made regarding it's future.

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



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- 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 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



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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.

New Assistant City Manager will start June 22, 2009



City Manager, Jim Baugh, announced recently that he has offered the position of Assistant City Manager to Tarron J. Richardson, Ph.D. He will assume the position on June 22, 2009 which was vacated by Lynda Humble, now serving as City Manager for City of Rowlett.

Richardson is currently the Deputy Director for the City of Richmond (Virginia) Department of Public Utilities. He works in collaboration with a strategic management team that oversees the daily operations of 600 employees and four multi-million dollar enterprises that include the gas, water, waste water and electric utilities. Richardson also

served as Acting City Manager for the City of Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

"We are looking forward to having Tarron join our Management Team," said Jim Baugh. "His previous work experience and education will be a great asset for our community."

Richardson holds a Doctorate of Philosophy Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, a Masters of Education Degree from Temple University and a Bachelors of Science Degree from Lincoln University in Lincoln University, PA.



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 <u>or</u> beginning June 10, log on to our website at: <u>www.ci.desoto.tx.us/library</u> to sign up and print your reading form.

A **FREE** "Reading with Ringling Bros." circus ticket will be given to children (<u>ages 2</u> <u>to 12 years</u>) 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

Story time - 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.



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 Tale of Despereaux	Monday, June 15 Tuesday, June 16	PG 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		
Bolt	Monday, June 29	PG	
Lady and the Tramp	Tuesday, June 30	G	
Incredibles	Thursday, July 2 P		
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 C		
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	Thursday, August 6	PG-13	
(Order of the Phoenix)			
Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl	Monday, August 10PG		
Kung Fu Panda	Tuesday, August 11	PG	
Race to Witch Mountain	Thursday, August 13	PG	





Serving Christ Together to Build Community

DeSoto, Texas June 20 & 24-27, 2009

A cooperative effort between community volunteers and partner churches exercising faith to help neighbors in DeSoto.

Great Days of Service comes to DeSoto again in 2009 after having served hundreds of people in our city the past five years. Volunteers from the partner churches and community worked side by side to . help their neighbors. Once again we ask for your help.

Please commit your time and talents to make the projects listed below a great success in 2009!! For information call 972-223-5070.

Forms can be mailed to: GDS, c/o HRBC, 400 N. Hampton Road, DeSoto, TX 75115

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are • members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

10 PARTNER CHURCHES

- UM Church of the Disciple
- Community Missionary Baptist Church
- Crossroads Covenant Church
- Dallas First Church of the Nazarene (Youth Project)
- DeSoto Presbyterian Church
- First Christian Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Hampton Road Baptist Church
- Johnson Chapel Community Church
- St. Luke Community UMC South Campus

Mark Your Calendars for the Prayer Breakfast.

Set the tone for the week by attending a prayer breakfast at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 24 at First United Methodist Church, 310 Roaring Springs, DeSoto, TX 75115.

PROJECTS FOR 2009

Home Improvement: We will rehab selected homes in DeSoto. Scraping, painting, and odd jobs will be done to the outside of homes by "Crew" members. We also need "Site Supervisors" and "Work Team" skilled carpenters for minor repairs. On-going all week.

Operation Eden: We will clean yards of identified homes in the community. Volunteers are needed to mow, prune, weed, supervise, and clean up. Some community beautification. Ongoing all week.

Nursing Home Visitation: Teams of volunteers are needed to visit the residents of all of the nursing homes in DeSoto throughout the week. Commodity Drive: We will collect specific food items, baby items, paper goods, school supplies. Volunteers needed to help transport these items on Wednesday, June 24.

Sewing: Volunteers make items for local nursing homes & hospitals. Sewing from now until GDS week...

Public Servant Meal: Lunch is served to all government employees in DeSoto from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 25 at Belt Line Administration Building, 200 E. Belt Line Rd, DeSoto. Volunteers are needed to prepare food, serve & clean-up.

Exercise your faith. Sign up on reverse side by Sunday, June 7, 2009



Great Days of Service

Ues! I'll exercise my faith this summer as a ...

Great Days of Service Volunteer

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Prayer Breakfast: All volunteers are invited to attend, Wednesday, June 24, 7:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 301 Roaring Springs, DeSoto, Texas.

(Please cut off bottom portion and return to your Church Coordinator or HRBC, 400 N. Hampton Road, DeSoto, TX 75115)

Registration Form				
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NAME:		T-Shirt Size		
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CHURCH (See reverse side):				
-OR- CHECK IF YOU ARE A COM	MMUNITY VOLUNI	EER		
MISSION PROJECTS				
Please check the mission projects in which you would like to participate. Project descriptions appear above. If you are willing and able,				
please feel free to participate in several projects.				
Operation Eden (yard crews) 7:00				
Nursing Home Visitation:W				
Public Servant Meal(6/25) Serve cook food Prayer Breakfast(6/24) Serve cook food Sewing (5/1-6/24) Box and deliver items for Commodity Drive(6/24)				
Prepare & deliver Lunch to work crews) Wed Thur Fri Sat				
Work at Supply Depot Wed				
Home Improvement -Please check the dates and times you are able to work				
Skilled Carpenters Site Supervisor Crew(scrapers, painters,etc).				
Morning-(8:00-12:00) Afternoon (12:00-4:00) Evening (4:00- dark)				
	urs., June 25	Fri., June 26	Sat., June 27	
Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	
Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	
Evening	Evening	Evening		

YOU WILL BE CALLED OR E-MAILED YOUR WORK ASSIGNMENT BETWEEN SUN 6/14 AND TUES 6/16