

Are you waiting to have the brush from the recent winter storm picked up? The City of DeSoto asks for your patience as we work to clear all the brush.

The record snowfall we experienced a couple of weeks ago caused mounds of broken trees limbs throughout our city. As a part of our solid waste contract, Republic Waste has been working hard to collect all this brush and storm debris, but because every neighborhood in DeSoto has been effected, that collection has proven to be more than they can handle alone in a timely manner. After a careful assessment of the situation, the City and Republic have decided to call in extra resources. Republic has contacted an outside contractor to come and assist with the removal of brush. These extra resources will only be available for a very short time, but should make a drastic impact on getting our City back to normal. The outside contractor will begin work on Monday, March 1st and Republic will continue to operate their own boom truck and rear-loaders along with them.

The City has been split into 17 sectors and they are collecting all the brush, sector by sector as quickly as they can. They would like to ask you to follow these instructions to make that process go more smoothly:

- Place all brush on the front curb of your residence for pickup
- Please don't put other trash in the brush piles
- Park cars away from the curbs so that the brush trucks have plenty of room to work
- It is not necessary to bundle or tie the brush
- Don't block sidewalks with brush piles
- Don't put brush in streets or cause a sight problem for motorists
- If you hire a private tree company to cut or remove a tree from your property, that company must remove the tree from the residence at the time they perform the work. The cost to remove the tree is generally included in the cost to cut it and they should not be placing it at the curb for pickup by the city's contractor.
- Republic will have the boom truck pick up large brush piles, the size of a car or larger. Smaller piles will be picked up by a rear loader.

If you have any questions, please call the Action Center at 972.230.9600.



Here's Important Information Regarding our Upcoming Municipal Election

The next DeSoto General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 8, 2010. The following council positions will appear on the ballot:

Mayor - Place 1, Councilmember - Place 3 Councilmember - Place 5

At the regular City Council Meeting on February 16, 2010, the City Council will call a Special Election on May 8, 2010 to fill vacancies in the following places:

Councilmember - Place 6
Councilmember - Place 7



If you are interested in running for any of these positions on the City Council, please visit the City Secretary page of our web site at www.ci.desoto.tx.us to access a City Council Candidate Guide, which contains all the information needed to file.

Applications for a place on the City of DeSoto General Election ballot will be accepted Monday, February 8th through Monday, March 8th between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the Office of the City Secretary at City Hall.

Applicants for City Council must meet the following qualifications as outlined in the DeSoto City Charter, Article II, City Council, Section 3:

- U.S. Citizen at least 18 years of age,
- Registered qualified voter of the State of Texas,
- Shall have resided for at least one year next preceding the election at which he/she is a candidate within the Council-represented district to which he/she seeks election, except for the Mayor, who may be a resident of any district in the City. Councilmembers are elected "at large" by voters of the entire city,
- Candidates shall not be in arrears in the payment of any taxes or other liability due the City.

For more information, please call DeSoto City Secretary, Laura Hallmark at 972.230.9664.



Would Like to Serve on a City Board or Commission?

If you have always wanted to be a part of the decision-making process in your community, the City of DeSoto would like you to consider volunteering your time to serve on one of our standing boards or commissions. Due to resignations, the following vacancies currently exist:

- Park Development Corporation Board 1 vacancy
- Tri-City Animal Shelter 1 vacancy
- DeSoto Economic Development Corporation 1 vacancy
- Planning and Zoning Commission 1 vacancy

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010

For an application or more information on serving on a City Board or Commission, please follow the link on our home page under News and Events or call the City Secretary's office at 972.230.9664.



The DeSoto Arts Commission Presents:

Keith Anderson - In Concert

Saturday, March 13th 8 p.m. DeSoto Corner Theatre - Tickets \$10

Saxophonist Keith Anderson has performed with Roy Hargrove, Erykah Badu, Bobby Lyle, and Kirk Franklin and was called "the newest of the Texas Tenors" by Cab Calloway. He has recorded with Al Jaereau and Kanye West on his "College Dropout" CD. The DeSoto Arts Commission invites you to join us for a great evening of jazz featuring Keith Anderson at the DeSoto Corner Theatre located in Town Center. For tickets call, 972.230.9648.



Creekfest is Back!!

Now that the construction at Town Center is complete and the new shade cover has been installed on the Outdoor Amphitheater, its time to bring back Creekfest!! This great community event is back on the calendar and scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 2 to 10 p.m. at DeSoto Town Center. The event will include lots of food, children's activities and great entertainment with a new twist.

The DeSoto Urban Challenge sponsored by the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce will take place on the same day. The DeSoto Urban Challenge is similar to CBS's Amazing Race and will host 75 two-person teams who work together to solve 12 crazy challenges scattered throughout our city. Registration takes place at the Blue Cow Coffee Shop at 2 p.m. Check out their website at http://desotourbanchallenge.com for more information.

While Urban Challenge contestants race around DeSoto, there will be free entertainment on the stage of our Outdoor Amphitheater at Town Center along with food and vendor booths and children's activities. You'll want to bring a lawn chair and get a good spot to enjoy local group **5 Second Rule** featuring DeSoto resident, Paul Dryer on lead guitar at 6 p.m. followed by the cool jazz sounds of **Fingerprints** at 7:30 p.m.

If you'd like vendor information for Creekfest, please call Carolyn Campbell at 972.230.9651.

