

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of March 8th,
2010 through March 12th,
2010

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.



Creekiest 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 Creekiest!! 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 Creekiest, please call Carolyn Campbell at 972.230.9651.



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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 in February has resulted in 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 affected, that collection has proven to be more than they can handle alone in a timely manner. It is estimated that we have more than 30,000 cubic yards of brush to be removed. After a careful assessment of the situation, the City and Republic have called in extra resources. Republic has brought in a tree service contractor from Florida with eight additional boom trucks to assist with the removal of brush. These extra resources will only be available for the next two weeks but are making an impact on getting our City back to normal. The Florida contractor will work on the west side of Hampton, which has a greater volume of brush to be removed, allowing Republic to operate their own boom truck on the east side in addition to their regular duties. Republic will also continue to remove smaller piles with their rear-loaders.

Republic has split the City 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 or cut it into smaller sections
- Don't block sidewalks with brush piles
- Don't put brush in streets or cause a sight problem for motorists

Please be aware that once a sector has been cleared, Republic and the contractor will move on to the next sector. If more brush is placed out after the initial collection has taken place, it will not be picked up until all the remaining sectors have all been cleared which may stretch into April. The City of DeSoto asks for your patience as we work hard to resolve this issue and please be assured that we won't stop until the job is done.

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

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Slate of Candidates for the May 8, 2010 City of DeSoto Municipal Elections

Mayor, Place 1

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Councilmember Place 5

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Would You 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.

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You Too Can Soar Series Author Inspiring Women To Thrive In Difficult Times

In celebration of March as Women's History Month, Phyllis J. Bedford, author of *A Personal Journey "Finding Wings with Shattered Pieces,"* will offer a free five-week ***You Too Can Soar Series***. It is designed to help women become managers of their lives, giving them tools to connect with their inner power to manage change and loss. The series will be held on Tuesdays, March 2 – March 30, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. at the DeSoto Library.

Phyllis J. Bedford has over 15 years of experience in managing change and loss and will engage women with personal concepts from her book and the companion workbook, Recovering with RESPECT: Realizations, Encouragement, Spirituality, Purpose, Empowerment, Courage and the will to Thrive. Phyllis lost her only daughter, on September 11, 1992. She is a living example of surviving the worst life has to offer, and learning to thrive in a new and different world. Her goal is to inspire women to believe that simply surviving is not enough; they too can deal with their misfortune and loss, and develop the strength to soar. "I believe every woman has the inner ability to find her own personal path to manage life's challenges," says Phyllis J. Bedford.

Energizing women to reach beyond their current trials or setbacks to find meaning in their lives, the highly interactive series, from a survivor's perspective, will include personal stages, life lessons, and helpful insight on self discovery, inner courage, letting go, spiritual rebirth, closure, and much more. Phyllis inspires hope in those who are hurting to grow beyond being victims and survivors to living victoriously.

To register, call the DeSoto Public Library's Information Desk at 972.230.9661. The DeSoto Library is located at 211. E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is located in the nearby parking garage.

Log on to www.pjbedford.com to purchase a copy of Phyllis' book, A Personal Journey "Finding Wings With Shattered Pieces," and receive a free copy of her Recovering with RESPECT Workbook: a \$10.99 value.

"The library is excited to celebrate Women's History Month" with this series of empowering programs," says Angela Alford, Adult Services Librarian.

For more information, contact the library at 972.230.9661 or Phyllis J. Bedford at phyllis@pjbedford.com or 972-849-2442.