

DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of April 5,
2010 through April 9th,
2010

The Concerned DeSoto Citizens and the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce Host Candidate Forums

On Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 10 a.m., Concerned DeSoto Citizens will host a Candidate Forum in the City Council Chambers at DeSoto City Hall. The public is invited to attend this forum to meet the candidates who are running for Mayor and open places on the DeSoto City Council and DeSoto Independent School District Board of Trustees. Candidates will be allowed to offer a short statement and will be asked to respond to written questions submitted by the audience. This forum will be broadcast live and replayed on the city's government access cable channel 16 for Time Warner subscribers and on the City website through election day on May 8, 2010.

On Thursday, April 29th, the DeSoto Chamber of Commerce will also host a Candidate Forum at the TownePlace suites by Marriott, 2700 Travis Street, from 6 to 8 pm. The format for this forum will be different from the CDC forum. Candidates will be seated at tables and will speak one-on-one with voters in five minute segments. Voters will be able to rotate through all the candidates and speak to each one individually. For more information on the DeSoto Chamber Candidate Forum, please call the Chamber at 972.224.3565.

Do You Need to Revise Your Resume? If so, The DeSoto Public Library can Help!

The DeSoto Public Library is sponsoring a FREE resume webinar workshop, "Happy About My Resume: 50 Tips for Building a Better Document to Secure a Brighter Future" on Wednesday, April 14th from 3 to 4 pm at the library. Barbara Safani, resume expert, author, and owner of Career Solvers, will teach attendees how to write an effective resume that gets attention—and interviews. The webinar will cover: writing powerful profiles and skills summaries; transforming a list of job tasks into powerful success stories; using education and internships to prove you have "the right stuff"; and using resume design templates to help you stand out from the crowd.

The DeSoto Public Library is located at 211. E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is available in the nearby parking garage. For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9661

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DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Needs You!!

Do you know your neighbors? Do you feel personally connected to the DeSoto community? Have you attended a DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event? If your answer to these questions is no, please consider this your personal invitation to attend the next DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

For the last six years, DeSoto Dining and Dialogue has brought together people of various ages and backgrounds to discuss making DeSoto a more vibrant place for all. By connecting neighbors, the program seeks to build relationships among people from different backgrounds with the ultimate goal of sharing experiences and building a strong community; regardless of color, culture or class.

The purpose of DeSoto Dining and Dialogue (DDD) is to bring together a group of strangers who all have something in common. They all live or work in DeSoto and care about their community. DDD is a volunteer-run organization that provides individuals the opportunity to get to know one another at dinner events with 8 to 10 participants. These dinners are held three times a year in private homes, churches or restaurants all over town on the same night. The discussion is lead by a trained facilitator who guides participants through questions designed to elicit thoughts and opinions on issues facing our community.

To keep the program strong, we need new guests to attend the next dinner on May 15th. High School students who live in DeSoto are also invited to participate and can receive five hours of community service for attending. As a guest, your only obligation is to attend the dinner and participate in the discussion. We also invite previous guests to join us on May 15th. All you need to do it go to desotodininganddialogue.org and register or call Kathy Jones at 972.230.9648 to register by phone. We must receive your registration by May 3rd to participate in this dinner.

Make a commitment to build a strong community by attending DeSoto Dining and Dialogue.



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DeSoto Cavalier's Win State T.A.A.F Championship

Congratulations to the DeSoto Cavalier's 10-under Youth Basketball Team for winning yet another T.A.A.F. State Championship. That's 3 in a row.....yes a 3-Peat. Over the past 4 years these young men have combined record of 132-14 with 3 State Titles ; 3 Region 7 Titles; 2 OCBF Titles; 2 DeSoto Rec League Titles and 1 PrimeTime National Title.

The team consists of three 5th Graders and nine 4th Graders pictured below: bottom row left to right Ta'Jon Starks, Jaylon Jackson, Quinten Joseph, Mon'tre Gipson, Keilon Elder; Top row Coach Shawn Feggett, Donavan Burks. Larry Wise, Mar'Qualen Grant, Coach Marcus Grant, Tariq M., Jaylan Hunter, Shawn Feggett II, Coach Joe Joseph and not pictured Nick Savage.



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**211 E. Pleasant Run
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Earth Month Activities

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday, April 10, 2010 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
DeSoto Pump Station - 620 N. Westmoreland Rd.

If you have household hazardous waste that cannot be discarded along with the regular trash such as paint, oil, fertilizer, acid, gasoline, or pesticides, you can bring it to the event with a voucher. Vouchers can be obtained from the City of DeSoto Action Center located in City Hall or by calling 972.230.9600. We have a limited number of vouchers available. Only DeSoto residents will be allowed to participate and you will be asked to show proof of residency in order to obtain your voucher.

Document Shredding/Recycling Event

Saturday, April 24, 2010 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
DeSoto Service Center - 809 W. Spinner Road

Avoid identity theft by bringing your discarded household documents for shredding to the annual document shredding event. You can also recycle old electronics free of charge. There is a small fee to recycle CRT monitors and televisions based on size. For more information, please call Tracie Hlavinka at 972.230.9689.

Mother/Son Black & White Ball - Sat. May 1st

Hey Moms!! It's your turn to have a great night out with your son. The Mother/Son Black & White Ball will take place on Saturday, May 1st from 7 to 9 pm at the DeSoto Civic Center. Mothers and sons are invited to join the Parks & Leisure Services Dept. for an evening of dancing and fun. Every couple receives a 5 X 7 photo to remember the event. Tickets are \$30 per couple and \$15 for each additional child. They go on sale April 15th at the DeSoto Recreation Center. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, call 972.230.9651.