

Join Us for the Board and Commission Fair on Monday, August 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Are you looking for a way to become an active participant in our All-America City? Serving on a Board or Commission is a great way to become involved in DeSoto. Each year, the city hosts a Boards and Commissions Fair to provide you with the information you need to make an educated decision regarding volunteer service to your community. This year the Board and Commissions Fair will take place on Monday, August 30, 2010 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the atrium of City Hall, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road. Representatives from each of the city's standing boards and commissions will be on hand at this event to provide specific information about their responsibilities and activities and to answer any questions you may have.

All appointees to City of DeSoto Boards, Commissions, and Committees must be residents of DeSoto for at least one year prior to their appointment, and remain in the city during their tenure. All Board and Commission appointments are made by the city council through an interview process. However, there are two boards whose members are appointed by city council by place. Interviews are held annually, although other interview sessions may be scheduled as openings occur. Applications are accepted year-round.

Currently openings exist on the following boards or commissions:

- DeSoto Economic Development Corp. Board
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Arts Commission
- · Park Development Corp. Board
- Civil Service Commission
- Library Board

Detailed information regarding duties and requirements for serving on all the city's standing boards and commissions can be found on our web site at www.ci.desoto.tx.us. Just click on City Hall on the homepage and then Citizen Boards and Commissions. Once there, you will also find information on how to submit an application. You can also to contact the Office of the City Secretary with questions regarding service on a city board or commission by calling 972.230.9664.

For the Week of August 23rd, 2010 through August 27th,

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue

JAZZ BENEFIT CONCERT With Joseph Vincelli

DeSoto Corner Theatre 211 E. Pleasant Run Road Saturday, August 28th 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue invites you to join us at the Corner Theatre for an evening of cool jazz featuring saxophonist, Joseph Vincelli. Vincelli's signature is his passion towards his music. It is evident on the stage, in his recording, with his speeches and in his books. What sets him apart from other smooth jazz artists is his ability to create music from an array of sources that many others would consider stretching the limits.

This concert benefits the DeSoto Dining and Dialogue program. Tickets are \$25 and include a reception at intermission with drinks and hot hors d'oeuvres. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Kathy Jones at 972.230.9648 or kmaples@ci.desoto.tx.us.





Connecting Neighbors.

DeSoto Dining and Dialogue is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Ronald Radford Thursday, September 2nd 7:30 pm DeSoto Corner Theatre

American Master of the Flamenco Guitar

The DeSoto Arts Commission invites you to the DeSoto Corner Theater for an evening of Flamenco Guitar with Ronald Radford "equal to those on any Flamenco stage in Madrid, Seville, or Andalusia." Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Seating is limited.

To purchase tickets or for more information call 972.230.9648 or email kmaples@ci.desoto.tx.us. See www.ronaldradford.com for more info.

Special funding for this concert has been provided by:









Register Now to Attend the Next DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner Event on Saturday, September 25, 2010

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 free DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event on Saturday, September 25, 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 free dinner events with eight to ten 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 September 25th. High School students 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. There is no cost to the guest. We also invite previous guests to join us on September 25th. 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 September 10th to participate in this dinner.**

Make a commitment to build a strong community by attending DeSoto Dining and Dialogue. Our community, along with the rest of the country, is facing some big challenges. Let's come together to share thoughts and opinions. We owe it to ourselves.





