



City of DeSoto Development Services

Construction Connection

Cockrell Hill Road Widening Project (Belt Line Road to Parkerville Road)

The City of DeSoto has been fortunate to partner with Dallas County to improve transportation infrastructure by way of Dallas County's Major Capital Improvement Program (MCIP). MCIP is a transportation commitment program in which funding for transportation projects are budgeted on a year-to-year basis, but commitments



are made over a longer time frame. The Cockrell Hill Road Project is an example of MCIP in action.

The general scope of this project involves water and sanitary sewer line replacements, building two lanes of concrete pavement in each direction, drainage improve-

ments, pedestrian improvements, median lighting, and landscaping.

Currently the north bound lanes are substantially



complete including meandering sidewalks, and the south bound lanes are approximately 95% complete. The contractor is constructing the medians and side street tie-ins. Remaining items to be completed include sidewalks along the south bound lanes, lighting and landscaping for the entire project. The newest section of Cockrell Hill Road will be consistent with the portion of Cockrell Hill Rd. that was completed from Belt Line Road to Wintergreen Road, thereby improving regional mobility.

Motorists are reminded that this area is considered a construction zone, and are encouraged to observe all posted construction signs in order to maintain a safe environment for construction workers and any pedestrian traffic.



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Just a Reminder

It is very important to keep our storm drains clean and clear of trash and debris! Storm drains are used to channel away excess rain and water from areas that would otherwise become flooded. Without storm drains, there would be far more hazardous and dangerous situations each year; however, they do become clogged by leaves, grass clippings and other debris that wash through the channels.

Besides helping keep debris/trash picked up that collects along sidewalks and roadways, here are a few things you can do to help keep drains and inlets clear.

- ◆ Never blow grass clippings and leaves into the street. When this occurs, the clippings will catch on other debris and often gets clogged in the grates as well as the pipes. When the grates and pipes get too clogged, it limits the amount of water that can flow, causing puddles of water to form around the inlets.
- ◆ Use a mulching mower, leaving grass clippings on the yard.
- ◆ Consider using a mulching mower for leaves in the fall.

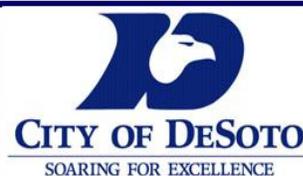


4th of July Safety Tips

June to July 4th is National Firework Safety Month. Some of you are probably laughing and saying, are you kidding me? No, I am not kidding! Firework safety (or lack of) is a big problem. The Consumer Product Safety Commission states there are about 9,000 to 10,000 people treated a year for firework related injuries. These are only the injuries that are reported by hospitals, and does not take into factor the injuries that are not reported.

Before you do anything, make sure you are following your state, county, and city laws. Just because someone sell's certain fireworks does not guarantee they are allowed. Here are some basic safety measures you should take when purchasing and using fireworks:

- Buy fireworks from reliable dealers; buying from a guy that is selling them from the trunk of his car is not a good idea!
- Make sure to read all directions and follow them.
- I know this sounds silly but...use fireworks outside only!!! People have tried on several occasions to create "light shows" indoors.
- Make sure to have an adequate source of water nearby (more than just a bucket of water).
- DO NOT allow children to play with fireworks. Always have a responsible adult present.
- DO NOT point or throw fireworks at people or animals.
- DO NOT carry fireworks in your pocket, purse or backpack.
- When you dispose of fireworks, make sure you soak them in water first.
- When lighting fireworks, wear eye protection.
- DO NOT light multiple fireworks at once; this can be very dangerous. If something goes wrong with more than one, you will be outnumbered.
- **HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL 4TH OF July!!!**



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