



City of DeSoto Development Services

Construction Connection

Estate Lane Paving Improvement Project

Included in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is the Estate Lane Paving Improvements Project. The existing street has noticeable pavement and subgrade failures that have affected the sidewalks, curb and gutters, and driveways on the north end of Estate Lane.

The work will consist of the removal and disposal of 6" of reinforced concrete pavement and related driveways, sidewalks, and curb and gutters on a portion of Estate Lane. The stabilization and compaction of the existing subgrade, and reconstruction of 6" reinforced concrete pavement, driveways and sidewalks per City of DeSoto construction standard details and all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

On March 21, 2017, the City received seven (7) sealed bids, which were publicly opened and read. GRod Construction LLC of Aurora, Texas, submitted the low bid. They were awarded the contract by the DeSoto City Council on April 4, 2017.

This project is scheduled

to begin construction in early May, 2017, lasting approximately 45 days, weather permitting.

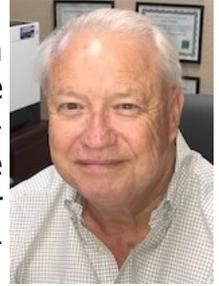
If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Crystal Owens or Corey Lawson, about any project being done by the City.

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Meet Mark Hardin, New Building Official

Mark Hardin is the new Building Official for the City of DeSoto. Mark has been in Building Code Enforcement since 1984. He worked as the Building Official for the City of Terrell for 14 years, and 10 years at the City of University Park and was involved in such projects as the Meadows Arts Museum, Gerald Ford Stadium and the first phases of the George Bush Presidential Library. Also he worked in Sulphur Springs for 5 years where he was involved with the Renovation of the entire downtown area that was a featured story on the Discovery Channel.



Mark has a degree in Construction Management and Technology from Richland, College in Dallas and in 1987 he was the fifth person in the United States to receive the International Building Code, Master Code Professional, and Certified Building Official certification which entails the passing of 22 certification tests in all four areas of Building Inspections. As of today he has 34 certifications and four inspection licenses with the State of Texas. Also he has been appointed to serve as a Texas State Energy Code Ambassador by the State Utility Commission and he is a member of the ICC Committee in writing the new certification test for Fire and Draft-stopping.

He was born and raised in the Dallas, where he was in the first graduating class of Skyline High School. He is currently married and has three grown children that live in the Metroplex area. He enjoys traveling, reading, exercising, and researching and learning about WWII history.



Spring Time Can Mean Severe Weather

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms spawned from powerful thunderstorms! Living in Texas, tornadoes can strike day or night, any place and at any time of the year. Tornadoes and severe storms tend to happen most often in the spring and early summer. They often strike in the late afternoon or early evening when temperatures are highest.

The City of DeSoto has procedures in place to give its citizens as much warning as possible when severe weather threatens. The Cities Fire Chief is the Emergency Management Coordinator. He and the Assistant Fire Chief receive text messages on their cell phones from the Emergency Weather Service (NOAA) when storm watches are being issued. The City also partners with local ham radio groups as storm spotters.

The Warning Sirens are sounded when there are extremely high straight line winds, rotation in clouds, or sightings of an actual tornado on the ground. **When you hear the siren, please take immediate cover!**

When severe weather threatens, stay tuned to your local weather stations on TV or on the radio. The City of DeSoto uses an OUTDOOR Emergency Warning System, that cannot always be heard inside your home. This system is tested on the first Wednesday of each month at 2 PM.