



MAY 19, 2023

WEEKLY UPDATE



CITY MANAGER'S  
OFFICE





# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

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## MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY: OFFICE CLOSED



We will be  
**CLOSED**  
on  
**MEMORIAL DAY**



**In honor of Memorial Day,  
City Offices will be closed.**

Garbage collection services will continue  
without any disruption.



## PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

### DESOTO HONORS FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS

The DeSoto Police Department held its annual Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony at 9:00 am, Wednesday, May 17 in front of DeSoto Police Headquarters, 714 E Belt Line Road.

Approximately 70 people attended the morning ceremony including DeSoto Mayor Rachel Proctor and several City Councilmembers, DeSoto City Manager Brandon Wright and senior City officials, DeSoto Police Chief Joe Costa, Assistant Chief Ryan Jesionek, and a large contingent of DeSoto's Police force and Citizens Police Academy Alumni, DeSoto Fire Chief Bryan Southard and his command staff, and members of first responder agencies from other Texas cities including Police Chief Nick Bristow of Glenn Heights, Former DeSoto & Rowlett Police Chief Mike Broadnax who is now with Midlothian Police, and Bag Piper and Trumpeter Doug Compton of the Irving Fire Department.



Mayor Rachel Proctor greeted the attendees and issued a proclamation for National Police Week and the Police Memorial Ceremony. Before she shared the proclamation, Mayor Proctor stated, "As your Mayor, I'm very proud to be able to stand with our community to honor and remember brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. This week we're coming together to show our support for our law enforcement and the families of those who have fallen and to thank them for all their sacrifices and for all the things they do to serve our community with honor and distinction."



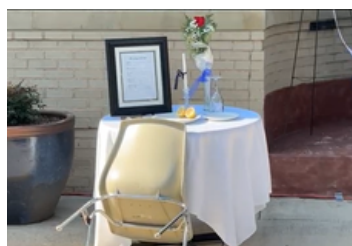


## PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

### DESOTO HONORS FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS, CONTINUED...

DeSoto Assistant Police Chief Ryan Jesionek conducted Wednesday morning's ceremony on behalf of Chief Joe Costa and explained to the gathering the solemn nature of the occasion. He noted that Texas led the nation in peace officer deaths in 2022 with 35, and pointed out that the greatest number of deaths were from COVID-19.

Assistant Chief Jesionek explained to those in attendance the poignant symbolism of the unoccupied table set for a peace officer who has made the ultimate sacrifice. He noted that the table was a symbol of the officers and what they left behind. It was set for one but the number was many. The chair was empty because the fallen could no longer join us. The white tablecloth symbolized the purity of the officers intentions to serve their communities. The candle symbolizes their spirit to serve. The glass is inverted; they cannot drink nor toast with us this day. A slice of lemon on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate.



You can view footage of Assistant Chief Ryan Jesionek's comments on the Memorial Table for Fallen Peace Officers and see the moving conclusion of the ceremony, which includes the lowering of the flags, the playing of bagpipes and "Taps" on a bugle, and a 21-gun salute here. <https://app.box.com/s/g36u8kbn9ljvck2xef41i4cve4iao63>.

The City of DeSoto would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the nation's peace officers who made the ultimate sacrifice while safeguarding their communities. Our deepest condolences and appreciation go out to their families for their losses.





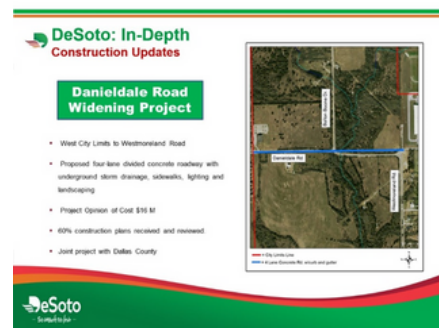
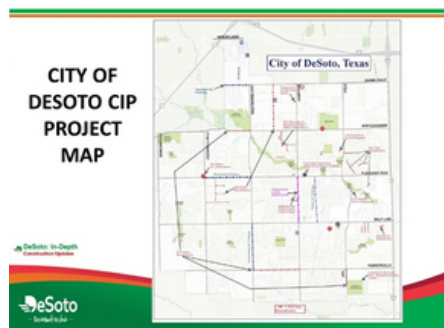
# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

## DESOTO: IN-DEPTH: ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The City is in the midst of multiple roadway & infrastructure projects and Assistant Director of Development Services Elizabeth Quilici and City Engineer MD Hossain joined program host Matt Smith on Thursday to provide several project updates.

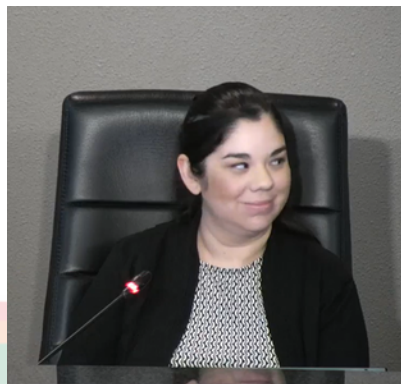


To get the details of these projects you can view this week's DeSoto: In-Depth on our [Facebook Page](#). You can also view the summary slides that are included with this story.



Nobody likes being caught in construction-related traffic delays or detours and that includes our project managers. During this program Elizabeth Quilici not only thanked DeSoto motorists for their patience but made it know that she also “feels their pain.”

Said Quilici, “I just want to thank everybody and thank the residents mostly for being accommodating during construction. I know I’ve been driving through it and sometimes I forget a road is under construction and I know it’s a pain to drive through, so I just wanted to thank you for your patience as we work to improve our roadways.”







# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

## DESOTO: IN-DEPTH, CONTINUED...

For residents who want to know the status of projects that impact them, City Engineer MD Hossain observed “We have a web page on the City website that provides quarterly updates of all the projects.” Visit DeSoto's website to view this page at:

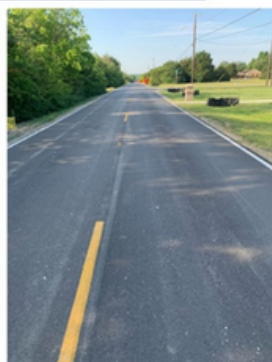
<https://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/1954/Capital-Improvement-Projects-CIP>



### DeSoto: In-Depth Construction Updates

#### 2020 Street Reconstruction

Street Names	Street limits	
	From	to
Keyville Ave	Silver Creek Drive	Pleasant Run Road
Stinnett Place	Keyville Ave	Peggs Street
Reedsport Place	Keyville Ave	Peggs Street
Old Hickory (Alt 1)	Wintergreen Road	Centre Park Blvd
Old Hickory (Alt 2)	Centre Park Blvd	Danielsdale Road
Silver Creek Drive	Cockrell Hill Road	Peggs Street



### DeSoto: In-Depth Construction Updates

#### 2021 Renovation & Replacement

Street Names	Street limits	
	From	To
Greenbrook Dr	Mantlebrook Drive	Alley North of Shadybrook Dr
Briarbrook Dr	Mantlebrook Drive	Alley North of Shadybrook Dr
Shadybrook Dr	Greenbrook Drive	Briarbrook Drive
Shadybrook Drive W.	Greenbrook Drive	Wintergreen Road
Adam Place (Loop Street)	Shadybrook Drive W.	Shadybrook Drive W.
Shadybrook Cir (Cul-De-Sac)		
Cassandra Cir (Cul-De-Sac)	Shadybrook cir	



Phase 1: Water/Sewer, Completed  
Phase 2: Road Surface, Started 5/8/2023



### DeSoto: In-Depth Construction Updates

#### 2021 Alley Reconstruction

Street Names	Street limits	
	From	to
Belclair Alley	The Meadows Parkway	720 The Meadows Parkway
Briarbrook Alley	Greenbrook Dr	N Hampton
Live Oak Alley	N Polk St	Waterview Lane
Oak Meadow Alley	Sherod Dr	The Meadows Pkwy
Westlake Alley	Cottonwood Dr	1020 Pine Tree Lane



### DeSoto: In-Depth Construction Updates

#### 2021 Street Reconstruction



Street Names	Street limits	
	From	To
Parkerville Road	Westmoreland Road	Hampton Road
Parkerville Road	Mulberry Lane	Kemper Dr
Wintergreen Road	St Andrews Place	N. Westmoreland Road
UHL Road	Cascade Dr	E Parkerville Road
The Meadows Parkway	N. Polk Street	Pleasant Run Rd







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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES COUNCILMEMBER BYRD SWORN IN FOR ANOTHER TERM

On Monday, May 15, Mayor Pro Tem Andre Byrd, who was recently re-elected to the DeSoto City Council, was sworn in for another term in office at the conclusion of Monday's Special Meeting of the DeSoto City Council. Councilmember Byrd was sworn-in by long time friend and neighbor Judge Danielle Diaz who lived behind Byrd when he was growing up. Immediately following his swearing-in, participants were invited to a reception immediately following in the Bluebonnet Room.

The City of DeSoto would like to wish Councilmember Byrd all the best as he begins his new term in office!







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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### RUN OFF ELECTIONS

A Special Runoff Election is hereby ordered to be held on June 10, 2023 to elect: **Councilmember Place 2**. Early Voting will only be conducted at Disciple Central Community Church (Youth Room) located at 901 North Polk Street, Suite 101, DeSoto, Texas 75115, and Belt Line Conference Center located at 200 E. Belt Line Road, DeSoto, Texas 75115.

[Please visit the Election Page on the City's Website for more information.](#)



#### RUN-OFF EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

##### Locations:

Disciple Central Community Church (DC3) - 901 North Polk Street, 75115

Belt Line Conference Center - 200 E. Belt Line Road

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	7am-7pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10am-4pm	7am-7pm	7am-7pm				<b>Election Day!</b> <b>7am-7pm</b>



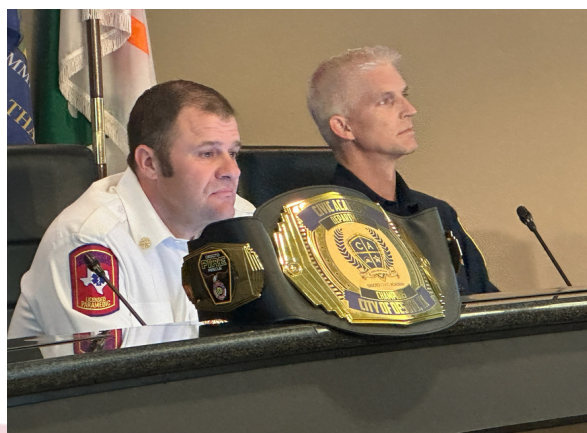
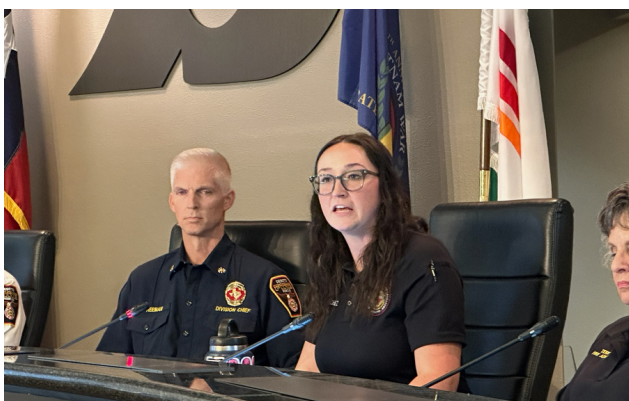


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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### DESOTO FIRE ANNUAL FIRE TOWNHALL

DeSoto Fire rescue held its annual Fire Townhall meeting on Thursday evening and gave an overview of their organization, discussed their partnership with other cities in the region, talked about the importance of emergency management, and still had the energy to raise "The Belt" and celebrate their selection by civic academy students as the best City department presentation two years in a row. Other departments say attendees are persuaded by the department's homemade barbecue, which doesn't bother our firefighters!





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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### CITIZEN FIRE ACADEMY

Click the flyer to learn more about the Citizens Fire Academy, a free course designed for residents to gain an inside look into the workings and everyday life of the Fire Department!

**Sign up today!**

### FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

#### **Fire Run Report: May 7 – May 13**

The Fire Department responded to 227 emergency calls for service, involving 153 medical calls and 74 fire/rescue calls. Included were 8 major vehicle accidents, 3 structure fires, and 1 trash fire. Additionally, 63 of the 153 medical calls required additional assistance/manpower from a fire engine.

**DESOTO FIRE RESCUE**

**DeSoto TEXAS**

# CITIZENS FIRE ACADEMY

<https://www.desototexas.gov/CitizensFireAcademyS23>

The DeSoto Citizen Fire Academy is a free comprehensive course designed to give an inside look at the workings of the fire department to those who live in the City of DeSoto.

The goal of the program is to provide the opportunity to learn about the workings of our fire department, to ask questions, and to express any concerns.

### FAQs:

- WHEN DOES THE FIRST CLASS START?
  - 7/13/2023
- WHO CAN ATTEND?
  - If you are 18 years of age or older and are a resident of DeSoto, you are eligible to apply.
- HOW LONG IS EACH CLASS?
  - Each evening class begins at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude most evenings at 8:00 p.m. The class is 6 weeks and will include a graduation ceremony and dinner.
- WHAT NIGHT WILL IT TAKE PLACE?
  - The class will take place on Thursdays.
- WHEN CAN I ENROLL?
  - April 30th
- IS THERE A DEADLINE TO APPLY?
  - Last day to apply is July 1st
- HOW DO I APPLY?
  - Complete and sign the application and turn it in either by Fax (972-230-5817) or Email [tkordsmeier@desototexas.gov](mailto:tkordsmeier@desototexas.gov)

**Scan to Apply Today!**

### POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

#### **Police Call Volume Report: May 7 – May 13**

The DeSoto Police Department reported 2,156 calls with the most being neighborhood patrol calls at 635 calls followed by directed patrol at 331. DeSoto reported 255 traffic stops and 238 business contacts calls. Police responded to 64 animal-related calls, 53 welfare check or concern calls, and 11 accident-related calls.





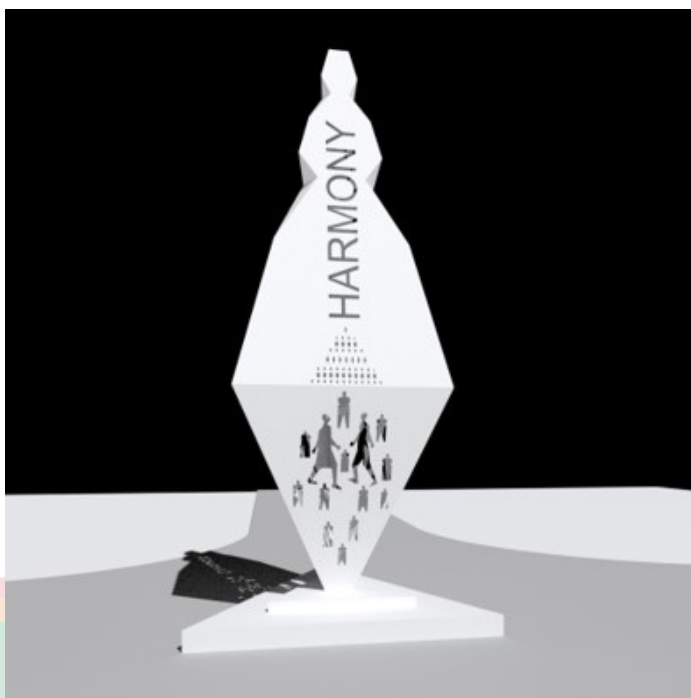
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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### PUBLIC ART MOVING FORWARD, MOSTLY

The City Council directed that the subject for the FY 2022 call for art should reflect DeSoto's unique experience with the social justice or Black Lives Matter movement. A call for proposals from artists to design and produce an original public art installation as a Reflection Walk to be located along the Roy Orr Trail was issued under the guidance of the City's Arts Commission. Two pieces of sculpture rose to the top of the selection process. The highest rated proposal includes an archway that will cost more than the \$30,000 budget, and the Arts Commission is exploring funding options including grants.

Under the leadership of the Arts Commission, both pieces were selected to proceed to design utilizing resources from both the FY 2022 and FY 2023 programs. The obelisk project, designed by artist Akirash, that is slotted for Ernie Roberts Park has completed design and been given a notice to proceed to fabrication. The base is being installed and the work is scheduled for installation this August. The design includes one change reflecting feedback received during the public engagement process. The original design for this piece is three sided and featured the words "Harmony, Respect and Tolerance." The word "Tolerance" was replaced with "Acceptance" based on community feedback.





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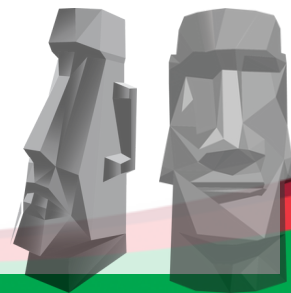
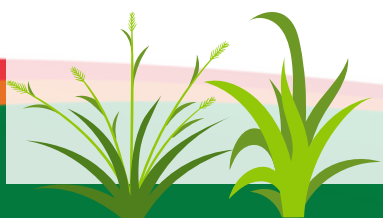
## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

### PUBLIC ART MOVING FORWARD, CONTINUED...



Opportunities for future fabrication of the second art piece, designed by artist Maxwell Emcays, continue to be explored by the Arts Commission. This gateway arch is programmed to be installed at the entrance to the Roy Orr Trail next to the Outdoor Amphitheater at Town Center. Below is a picture of the proposed design at the proposed location. Mr. Emcays has developed a more detailed design allowing him to provide more accurate feedback regarding the cost of materials and fabrication for the piece. Based on detailed design, the total estimated budget for the piece will be approximately \$100,000.

Staff presented the updated budget estimates regarding the expected cost of the work proposed by Mr. Emcays to the Arts Commission at their regular meeting on May 1. Staff will be following the Commission's direction to work with the artist to seek supplemental resources through applying for grants.







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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

# Crystal Chism

Councilmember Place 6

## District 6

# Community CONVERSATION VIRTUAL Meeting



### Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83435755117>

Webinar ID: 834 3575 5117

Dial in: 1 346 248 7799

### Discussion Topics:

- District 6 Parks Updates
- District 6 Street Improvement Projects
- Post Election Charter Changes

### Special Guest:

- Texas State Representative, Carl Sherman, will provide a legislative update.

**Tuesday  
May 23, 2023  
6 PM**





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### DEPARTMENT UPDATES

CITY OF DESOTO

# Document Shredding & E-Recycling Event

Sat. May 20th  
9am to noon

**DeSoto Service Center - 809 W. Spinner Rd.**

**Proof of DeSoto Residency Required for Participation**

#### DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Documents can be brought to the DeSoto Service Center located at 809 W. Spinner Road for shredding. There will be a mobile document shredding unit on-site to shred your personal household documents at no cost. **PROOF OF DESOTO RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION.** (Commercial documents will not be accepted.) You must follow the guidelines below.

##### **GUIDELINES:**

- Place all documents in file size boxes.
- Do not bring documents loose in bags; they must be placed in boxes ready for shredding.
- Do not tape the lid on top of the boxes.
- You will be able to watch your documents being shredded.
- No more than 5 boxes per resident.
- Boxes will be turned over to the Goodwill truck for recycling.

**IF RAINING, THE COLLECTION SITE WILL BE CLOSED FOR SAFETY REASONS.** Once the event is over, any documents left at the location unattended will be considered illegally dumped.

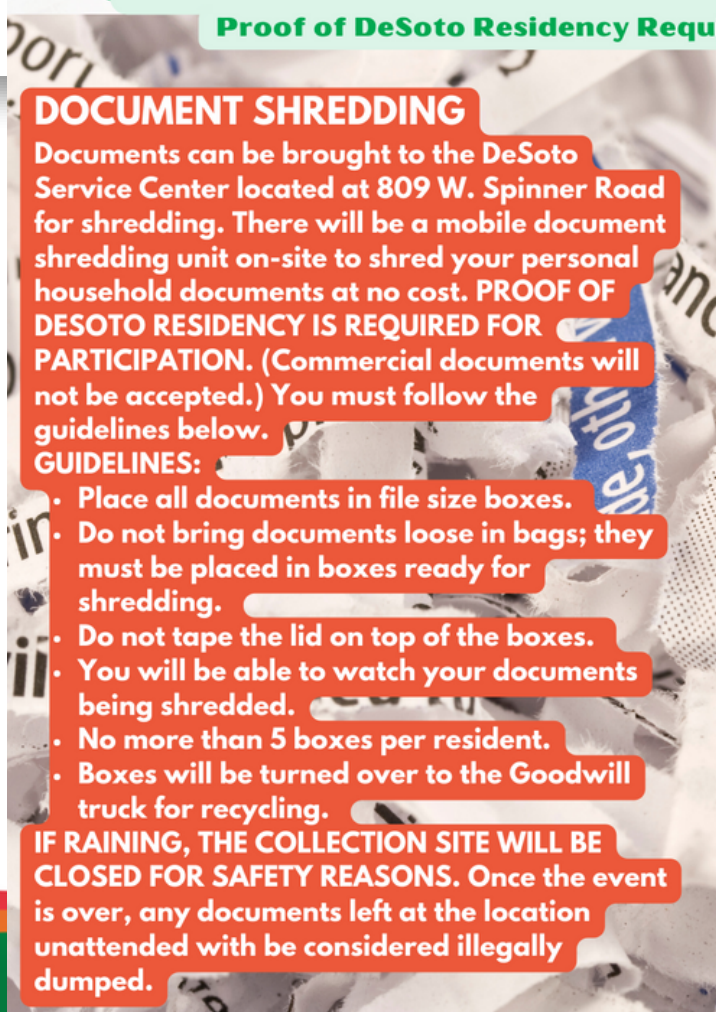
#### ELECTRONICS WASTE RECYCLING

The City of DeSoto is partnering with Goodwill Industries of Dallas to divert donated computers and related electronics from area landfills. All items collected **FREE of Charge!**

##### **Accepted Items Include:**

- Computers
- Speakers
- Hard Drives
- Monitors
- Gaming Systems
- Webcams
- Cords & Cables
- Keyboards
- Servers
- Printers
- Cell Phones
- Scaners
- **NO TV's Please**

**For more info call 972.230.9600**







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## DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Calling ALL JOB SEEKERS...

# DESOTO WORKS! JOB FAIR

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023 | TIME: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**DISCIPLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

901 N. POLK STREET #101, DESOTO, TX 75115

[HTTP://TINY.CC/DESOTOWORKS2023JOBSEEKERS](http://tiny.cc/desotoworks2023jobseekers)



Eventbrite

**Looking for a job and want to return to work?**

Want to switch careers? Attend the DeSoto Works!  
**IN PERSON** Job Fair on Wednesday, May 24th.

Over 40 employers onsite to discuss their current job openings  
and employment opportunities. They are **OPEN FOR HIRE**.

To pre-register, sign-up online: **SCAN QR CODE**



For more information, e-mail [prosperity@dc3online.org](mailto:prosperity@dc3online.org)

**WORKFORCESOLUTIONS**  
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## PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS GET READY FOR THE 2023 MAYOR'S SUMMER READING CLUB!

DESOTO PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:  
2023 MAYOR'S SUMMER READING CLUB

***All Together Now***

Little Ones 0 - 4      Kids 5 - 12      Teens 13 - 17      Adults 18+

**ALL AGES**  
Registration starts  
May 22nd, 2023 @  
[www.desotolibrary.readsquared.com](http://www.desotolibrary.readsquared.com)  
**June 5th - July 31st**

For more information:  
Library website  
972-230-9661



It's never too early to start making your summer plans, especially at the DeSoto Public Library! This year, the Library invites everyone to join the 2023 Mayor's Summer Reading Club, "All Together Now", starting June 5 and running through July 31. Mark your calendars because pre-registration starts on Monday May 22. The program officially begins on Monday June 5. June 5 is also the date for the Kick-Off FOAM Party from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Library breezeway!

Get ready for reading, prizes, and free activities all summer long for all ages! This program is free and open to the public. For more information visit the DeSoto Public Library, check the Library website [www.desototexas.gov/library](http://www.desototexas.gov/library), or call (972) 230-9666.





# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

### TWO SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION



**ATTENTION PARENTS!**

**Summer Book Buddies Program**

**Schedule:**

**June 13th - July 18th**

Every Tuesday  
10:15am - 11:30am  
*Sign your child up today!*

For children  
ages  
3-11

\*Note: Parents must stay in library during program. Drop-off is not allowed.

For more info:  
Marq Runnels  
972-230-9663

This is an all volunteer program where teen volunteers from the community will read with a child (buddy) for 45 minutes and do enrichment activities for the last 30 minutes. Space is limited and registration is required.

[desototexas.gov/1140/teen-services](https://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/1140/teen-services)

Parents, are you ready to register your child for the summer Book Buddies program? This all-volunteer program matches teen volunteers from the community with a reading buddy (child). Teens also do enrichment activities with the children!

Register your child at

<https://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/FormCenter/Library-5/2023-Summer-Book-Buddies-Program-234>

**Space is limited and registration is required. Please don't delay. Sign-up your child today!**

Teens can also sign up for the annual Teen Summer Volunteer Program (TSVP). This seven-week program gives teens confidence building volunteer experience, practical job skills, customer and public service experience, and more!

Teens may apply at

<https://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/FormCenter/Library-5/2023-Teen-Summer-Volunteer-Application-233>.

**Space is limited. APPLY TODAY!**

Questions? Contact Marq Runnels at (972) 230-9663.



**June 12th - July 28th**

For ages 13 to 18

Earn community service hours!

**Opportunities:**

- Become a **Book Buddy** and read with small children.
- Become a **Teen Techie** and assist customers in the Computer Lab.
- Assist with **Summer Reading Club** programs and crafts.
- **Shelve** library materials.

Sign-up May 1st through May 27th. Space is limited! Registration is required. Must attend orientation and pass background check.

[desototexas.gov/1140/teen-services](https://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/1140/teen-services)

For more info:  
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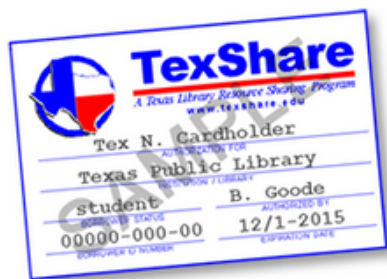
#### YOUR LIBRARY CARD IS ALSO THE KEY TO OTHER LIBRARIES

With a DeSoto Public Library card, you can borrow items from these libraries in the Best Southwest area:

- Duncanville Public Library
- Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library
- Zula B. Wylie Public Library



Your library card travels even further, thanks to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's TexShare programs! With a TexShare card, you can borrow from nearly 500 participating libraries across the State.



To get started: Get your TexShare card at the DeSoto Public Library check-out desk. Locate a participating library with the [TexShare Find-A-Library page](#). Bring your TexShare card, a photo ID, and your DeSoto Public Library card with you to the new library. You will be issued a library card and can borrow their materials.

Participating TexShare card members include Dallas Theological Seminary, University of Texas at Arlington, the Plano Public Library System, and many more! Be sure to call in advance to the library you want to visit for hours and participation details.

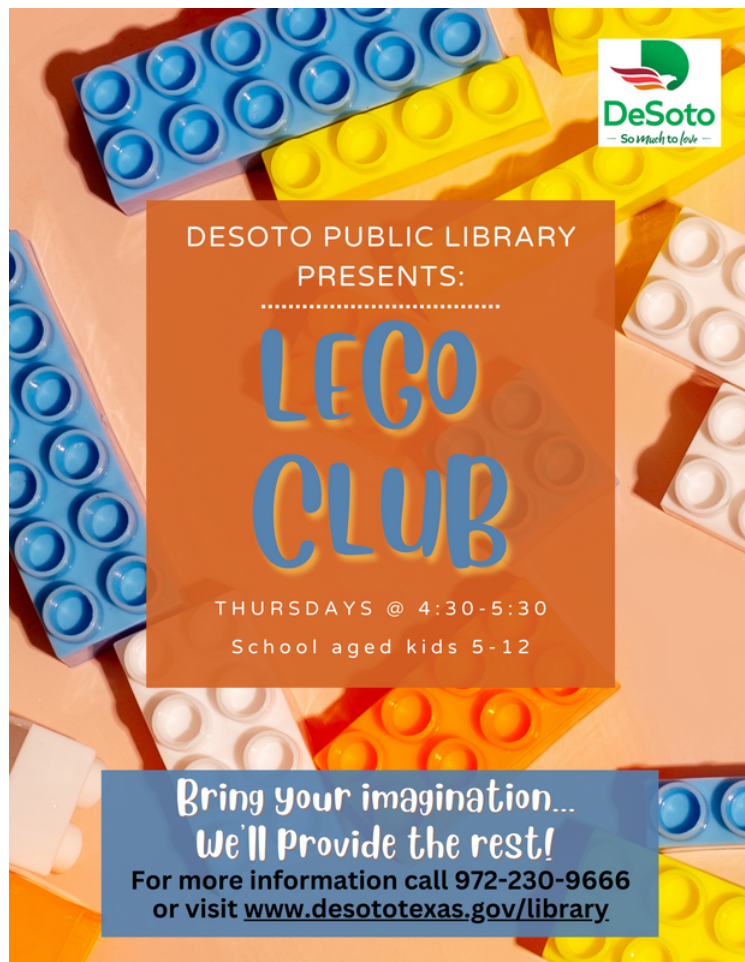
The other TexShare program available to DeSoto Public Library cardholders is Interlibrary Loan. Don't want to drive to another library to borrow a book that is not in our collection? Request it through Interlibrary Loan! Use the online form to place a request [HERE](#). Questions? Visit the DeSoto Public Library Check-Out Desk or call (972) 230-9665 for more information.





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## LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS



DESOTO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
PRESENTS:

**LEGO CLUB**

THURSDAYS @ 4:30-5:30  
School aged kids 5-12

Bring your imagination...  
We'll provide the rest!

For more information call 972-230-9666  
or visit [www.desototexas.gov/library](http://www.desototexas.gov/library)



*Pom Poms Craft*

**TEEN TUESDAYS**

Tuesday, May 23rd  
6:30 to 7:30pm  
at the DeSoto Public Library

No registration is required.

For more information:  
972-230-9663

AGES 13 - 18

LED BY  
MICHELLE PRYOR,  
DeSOTO ARTIST LAB

Earn community service hours

<https://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/1140/Teen-Services>

### DESOTO *Artists* LAB

## FELICIA FISHER

### Embroidery for Adults Workshop Series

- Learn the basics of embroidery
- Create your own embroidery designs
- Discover the art of stitching for a throw pillow

**Saturday, May 20**

**Saturday, May 27**

**Saturday, June 3**

Register online at:

<http://www.desototexas.gov/FormCenter/Library-5/Embroidery-for-Adults-Workshop-Series-235>  
or stop by the DeSoto Public Library Information Desk. Questions? Contact 972-230-9661.

Sessions are from 11 AM - 1 PM.  
Sessions are free, but registration is required.  
Participants must sign up for *all three sessions*.  
13 spots available, so sign up today!









# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS



**1** Human Trafficking & Dating

**2** No Bullying & Cyber Bullying

**3** Say No to Drugs

**4** School Shootings

**Presents**

### Situational Awareness

Are you aware of your surroundings?

Officer Jessica Ryan with the Desoto Police Department will share hidden signs we never consider when we're in different situations. Teen girls ages 13 to 18 invite your friends for this special session. Please contact Marq Runnels for more information at 972-230-9663.

**WHERE:**  
Desoto Public Library

**WHEN:**  
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023  
12:00PM TO 2:00PM

**Earn Community Hours**



### Teen Sewing Camp

FOR AGES 13-18

### SEWING CLASSES



Thursdays  
JUNE 1, 8 & 15  
3:00 - 5:00 PM



DESOTOArtistsLAB

DO YOU LOVE FASHION? ARE YOU CREATIVE? DO YOU LIKE TO EXPRESS YOURSELF? IF SO, JOIN DAL ARTIST CHELITA LENICE TO LEARN THE SKILLS OF DESIGN SKETCHING, OPERATING A SEWING MACHINE, AND CONSTRUCTING A GARMENT. YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND ALL SEWING CLASSES TO PARTICIPATE. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. SPACE IS LIMITED AND REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MARQ RUNNELS AT 972.230.9663.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
[ci.desoto.tx.us/1140/Teen-Services](https://ci.desoto.tx.us/1140/Teen-Services)




### TEEN BROADCAST CLUB

**Desoto Public Library**

Mass Media Mondays - 5:00pm-6:00pm  
Filming Footage Fridays - 5:00pm-6:00pm  
Show-Stopping Saturdays - 2:30pm-4:30pm

**STARTING MAY 22**

ARE YOU A TEEN FILMMAKER, VIDEO EDITOR, ACTOR, OR JUST SOMEONE WITH A CREATIVE SPIRIT? JOIN THE TEEN BROADCAST CLUB AND LEARN ABOUT THE FILMMAKING PROCESS TO INCLUDE STEPS TO PRODUCTION AND EQUIPMENT, HOW TO INTERVIEW, PODCASTING, CREATIVE SET DESIGN AND MORE! FOR MORE INFO CALL 972.230.9663.



LED BY  
**ALEXUS FERRELL**

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### LINDA LEE

PUPPETEER | VENTRILOQUIST | SINGER

Everyone may not have a desire to be a ventriloquist but can relate to Linda's story and apply it to everyday life!

**"Aspire to Inspire"**

**THURSDAY, MAY 25**  
6:00PM - 7:00PM

PUPPETEERING WORKSHOP

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**  
11:00AM - 1:00PM

ARTIST TALK

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**  
11:00AM - 1:00PM

PERFORMANCE



Linda Lee has been singing since the age of 5 yrs old. She is originally from Memphis, Tennessee and started singing in the church choir at the tender age of 5. She will share her journey and show you different techniques of singing and how she became a ventriloquist.



Questions? Contact the Information Desk at 972-230-9661





## PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

### PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

#### ADA SIDEWALK PARK PROJECTS

Staff began completing some of the ADA sidewalk repairs and created more functional entry points to new playgrounds this month. Ernie Roberts Park now has two new easy excess points to the zip line and swing areas.



Grimes Park now has cross over bridge areas level for safe and easy maneuvering.





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### PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

#### TOWN CENTER RENOVATIONS

Staff has been working on updating the landscaping around Town Center this month. New grass areas have been created along the Library and in the breezeway. Shrubs in front of the Black Box Theater have been replanted to create a new improved look.







# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

### PARADE OF HATS TEA PARTY TIME!

Friday, May 19 at 10:00 am

Ladies, the Month of May brings extravagant hats and flashy tea cups. Join us for a fun time complete with tea and conversation!







# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

### TEXAS WINDS MUSICAL OUTREACH

**Wednesday, May 17 at 10:00 am**

Come out and enjoy a FREE concert with Sentimental Journey (Guitar Duo) from The Texas Winds Musical Outreach



**LIVE**  
*Music*



Guitar Duo  
Paul Demer  
& Graham Jones

Wednesday  
May 17th, 2023  
@10:00am

DeSoto Senior Activity Center  
204 Lion St. DeSoto, TX 75115  
972-230-5825







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CLICK ON THE FLYERS TO  
VIEW MORE INFORMATION



# MOSELEY POOL

## OPEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

**FOR INFORMATION VISIT  
DESOTOTEXAS.GOV/MOSELEYPOOL**

**SATURDAY - 11AM - 6PM**  
**SUNDAY - 1PM - 6PM**  
**MONDAY - 12PM - 6PM**

**1300 HONOR DRIVE | 972-228-3553**



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— So Much to Love —

**OFFICIAL OPENING DAY MAY 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**POOL CLOSES AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>**

**MOSELEY POOL  
SUMMER FUN**

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday - Friday: 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Facility Address**  
1300 Honor Drive  
Desoto, TX 75115  
(972) 228-3553 (During operation hours)

**For More Information**  
Recreation Center (972) 230-9655

**desototexas.gov/parks**  
**facebook.com/desotorec**

**Moseley Pool will be closed  
during the week of  
August 7 - 11**

**2023**

**DESOTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**★ MOSELEY POOL SUMMER FUN! ★**  
REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE AT **DESOTOTEXAS.GOV/REGISTER**

**SCHEDULE**

**Swim Session Dates**  
Session 1 - June 6 - 16  
Session 2 - June 20 - June 30  
Session 3 - July 11 - July 21  
Session 4 - July 25 - August 4

**Youth Session Times**  
Days: Tuesday - Friday  
Levels: 1, 2, 3, 4 and Parent & Tot  
9:20 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
10:10 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.  
6:20 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.  
7:20 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Evening Classes are limited in size  
\$50 per session

**Adult Session Time**  
Days: Tuesday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
8:10 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.  
\$50 per session

**Water Aerobics**  
Days: Tuesday and Thursday  
Session 1 - June 6 - June 23  
Session 2 - June 27 - July 14  
Session 3 - July 18 - August 4  
8:10 p.m. - 8:50 p.m.  
\$50 per session  
\$10 per drop-in

**Lap Swimming**  
Tuesday - Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
7:50 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**ADMISSION**

**Resident Rate**  
(Proof of residency is required)  
Adult - 18 - 54 years: \$7  
Child - 3 - 17 years: \$5  
Desoto Seniors - 55+ years: FREE  
Ages 2 & under: FREE

**Non-Resident Rate**  
Adult - 18 - 54 years: \$10  
Child - 3 - 17 years: \$7  
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Cash and all major credit cards will be accepted.  
Proof of residency is required to receive residential rates. Please present your pool ID card or a driver's license.  
Spectators must pay to enter the facility!

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**PARTIES**

**KID BIRTHDAY PARTY RENTALS**  
Let Moseley Pool help make your next birthday party a blast! Have your birthday party at the pool this summer. We provide a choice of pizza and drinks or hot dogs, chips and drinks. You may bring your own cake and party favors.

**Available Days and Time to Book**  
Birthday Party Rentals are available from  
June 3 - August 5  
Saturday | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Rental Rates**  
Indoor Party Room Package - \$250  
10 Party Guests admission (Birthday Child is included in the 10)  
\$25 per additional guest (up to 10 additional guests)  
Admission for 2 chaperones  
Two-hour time slot to swim and use the pool party room  
Unlimited swimming for partygoers  
Tables, chairs, refrigerator, and tv provided  
Weekends only

**Outdoor Party Package - \$150**  
10 Party Guests admission (Birthday Child is included in the 10)  
\$15 per additional guest (up to 10 additional guests)  
Admission for 2 chaperones  
Two-hour time slot to swim and use outdoor covered pavilion  
Unlimited swimming for partygoers  
Reserved Outdoor Covered Pavilion  
Weekends only

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# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

### BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

**Friday | May 26 @ 10:00 am**

Join our thrilling Billiards Tournament! Showcase your talent and compete for glory in this high-stakes event.



### TRIBUTE TO THE LADIES OF SOUL WITH A TASTE OF COMEDY

**Saturday | May 27 @ 7:00 pm**

Enjoy Chadney and Friends as they provide the sounds of contemporary and jazz music and comedians Andromeda and Avie Mac.



### MOSELEY POOL: OPENING DAY

**May 27 | 11:00 am - 6:00 pm**

Dive into summer fun as the gates of Moseley Pool swing open, inviting families and friends to splash, swim, and create lasting memories under the warm sun.







# PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

## PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

### NOW OFFERING NEW MEMBERSHIP RATES



Take your workout to the next level with our new low membership rates for you and your family. DeSoto Recreation Center is the ideal gym for working on your health and fitness goals. Now available to non-residents. [Click here](#) for more information.

### BMX WORLD SERIES QUALIFIER



June 3 | 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Join us as young riders take center stage, showcasing their awe-inspiring tricks, lightning-fast speed, and impressive skills on two wheels in an exhilarating BMX tournament that will leave you breathless!

### MALCOLM X FESTIVAL



June 3 | 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

This family-friendly event will celebrate with children's activities live cultural entertainment, speakers, food, and fabulous vendors. [Click here](#) for more information.

### CRAWFISH FESTIVAL



June 3 | 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Come out and enjoy tons of delicious spicy crawfish, great food, live music, vendors, and games. Revel in the best blues and funk and enjoy the infectious rhythms. This will be a family-friendly, relaxed, and fun community event. [Click here](#) for more information.



## MAY/JUNE 2023

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### DESOTO, TX CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING | COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM

6:00 PM

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### CITIZENS POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING | DESOTO POLICE DEPT (TRAINING ROOM)

6:30 PM

23

### PLANNING & ZONING MEETING | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

6:00 PM

23

### PLACE 6 VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION | VIRTUAL

6:00 PM

24

### UPDATE ON CONSTRUCTION OF UHL ROAD | VIRTUAL

ALL DAY

25

### EYES & EARS PROGRAM MEETING | DESOTO POLICE DEPT (TRAINING ROOM)

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

DESOTO PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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June 12th - July 28th

For ages 13 to 18

Earn community service hours!

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**Opportunities:**

- Become a **Book Buddy** and read with small children.
- Become a **Teen Techie** and assist customers in the Computer Lab.
- Assist with **Summer Reading Club** programs and crafts.
- Shelve** library materials.

**DeSoto Public Library**

**Teen Summer Volunteer Program 2023**

Sign-up May 1st through May 27th. Space is limited! Registration is required. Must attend orientation and pass background check.

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For more info:  
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972-230-9663