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City Lights DeSoto, Texas



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Foreclosure Crisis

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Are You Ready For An Emergency? Register for **Smart911 Today!**

Southwest Regional Communications Center (SWRCC), the 911 call center for DeSoto, Cedar Hill and Duncanville and Rave Mobile Safety, a leading provider of software safety solutions, recently announced the purchase of Smart911. Smart911 allows citizens to enter information online that they want to have delivered automatically to the emergency operator in the event they call 9-1-1. The additional data provided is far more extensive than what is typically available to 9-1-1 telecommunicators and helps to improve incident outcomes.

"Smart911 strengthens and expands our current 911 service by providing us with critical information about callers, while enhancing our ability to locate and communicate with them. This will help us provide more information to 9-1-1 call takers, as well as first responders, before they arrive on the scene," said SWRCC Managing Director, Dona Fernandes.

SWRCC encourages you to go online to Smart911.com and register today. Once you've signed up, first responders will be provided important information that will help them address your emergency.

prevention event in DeSoto," announced Mayor Carl Sherman. With one in every 281 Texas homes in foreclosure, and Dallas and Tarrant Counties ranking second and third in the state for the highest foreclosure rates, Fannie Mae is reaching out to thousands of local homeowners to

City Partners with Fannie Mae to Address Local

"These are tough economic times and we have citizens who are struggling

to pay their mortgages. As a result, the City of DeSoto is partnering with

Fannie Mae's Dallas Mortgage Help Center to offer a free foreclosure

help resolve their mortgage situation by partnering with the City of DeSoto to offer a Foreclosure Prevention Event on Friday, June 17th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DeSoto Civic Center located in Town Center. This free event is designed to educate and assist homeowners who may be having trouble meeting their monthly mortgage payments and other housing-related financial obligations.

"Struggling homeowners facing economic hardships of varying degrees should know that free counseling is available. I hope they will take advantage of it by attending this important event," said Mayor Sherman.

Distressed homeowners will meet directly with dedicated on-site English and Spanish-speaking staff and experienced housing counselors to discuss their mortgage situation. These face-to-face meetings will help borrowers better understand the range of foreclosure prevention options available, advise them on how to resolve their mortgage situation, accelerate servicer response time and provide financial counseling.

If you are not able to attend the DeSoto event, help is also available by calling the Dallas Mortgage Center at 214.416.0200 or by e-mail at dallas mhc@fanniemae.com. Appointments are available on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m and on the 2nd Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fannie Mae's Mortgage Help Center offers in-person and telephone support. You can meet directly with dedicated on-site staff and experienced housing advisors to discuss your mortgage situation and options that may be available. All services offered are free.

"If you are having difficulty paying your mortgage, now is the time to act," said Mayor Sherman. "I urge all to get the help they need!"

Foreclosure Prevention Event Friday, June 17th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. DeSoto Civic Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road



To Register: Call 214.416.0200 or F-mail: Dallas_mhc@fanniemae.com



Help EMS treat you:

Tell Smart911 about your family's medical issues - like heart conditions, allergies and stoke history. This way when 9-1-1 receives a call, EMS will arrive with the appropriate equipment. For those who have a family member with Alzheimer's, Autism or who is deaf, this service helps as well. Instantly 9-1-1 knows the caller's condition and location without having to rely on verbal communication.

Help Police protect you:

Smart911 information can help police in numerous ways. Today when a child goes missing, it takes time for police to obtain a photo of the missing child. With Smart911, police will have that photo instantly if a photo has been added to the database and can begin a wide scale search sooner. Additionally, this service helps police locate you if your 9-1-1 call drops for any reason.

Help the Fire Department rescue you:

With Smart911, call takers can notify firefighters of exactly how many people live in your house - including pets - to ensure that everyone is rescued during a fire. Additionally, if you live in an

apartment building, firefighters will not only know the address, but the floor and apartment number as well.

Your Information is 100% private.

Your family's profile information is completely private and secure. The details you enter on our secure and protected website are only shared with 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders in the field, and only when you or your family members dial 9-1-1.

Help us better serve you!

"By entering critical information online before an emergency, you can help ensure that first responders are better prepared to serve you when you call 9-1-1," said DeSoto Mayor, Carl Sherman. "Help Southwest Regional Communications Center help you. Register today."

Sign up today at Smart911.com

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What Can Residents Do To Prevent Storm Water Pollution?

We can all work together to reduce and prevent storm water pollution. Some activities are federal government responsibilities, such as ensuring that federal lands are properly managed to reduce soil erosion. Some are state responsibilities, for example, developing rules to govern certain activities to protect waterbodies. Others are best handled by your community, such as by developing zoning or erosion control ordinances. Individual residents can also play an important role by changing certain everyday habits. For example:

- Please don't feed the storm drain! Do not dispose of used cooking oil and grease by dumping it into the storm drain.
- Select native and adapted plants for your landscape. These plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides to thrive, making your yard a Texas SmartScape.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly and according to directions.
 Never apply lawn chemicals before a rain event.
- Keep litter, pet wastes, leaves, grass clippings and debris out of street gutters and storm drains. Never blow grass clippings into the storm drain. Outlets blocked by excessive debris, such as leaves and grass clippings, could lead to street flooding. Compost or mulch lawn debris instead.
- Dispose of used motor oil, antifreeze, paints, and other household chemicals properly, not in storm drains. The City of DeSoto participates in the Dallas County Household Hazardous Waste Program and DeSoto residents are encouraged to contact the Home Chemical Collection Center at 214.553.1765 for information on proper disposal of household chemicals.
- Deck the Halls, not the Creeks. By recycling litter and disposing of trash properly, you can help keep it out of the waterways.
- Clean up spilled brake fluid, oil, grease and antifreeze. Do not hose them into the street where they go down storm drains and can eventually reach local streams and lakes.
- Control soil erosion on your property. Plant ground cover and stabilize erosion-prone areas. This can be done by using mulch for soil stabilization.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash facility. Washing cars on
 driveways or streets will result in the cleaning products flowing directly
 into the storm drain and into a nearby stream, lake, or river. Washing
 your car on your lawn allows the soil to remove some of the pollutants.
 Using a commercial car wash facility will ensure that the water and
 pollutants go to a water treatment facility before entering local water
 bodies
- Learn to recognize what types of discharges to the storm drain system are allowed and not allowed. Report any signs of illegal discharge to your municipal storm water management service by calling 972.230.9600.

Look for storm drains in your neighborhood marked with this logo which indicates that this storm drain flows to the creek. These drains are meant for rain water only and are not connected to a water treatment facility. It is vital that grass clippings, fertilizers and other pollutants are not washed down these drains to prevent pollution of our creeks and rivers.



CITY CALENDAR

June

- 2 Special Council Mtg. H.O.T. Fund FY2012 Budget
- 2 Keep DeSoto Beautiful Board Mtg. City Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Library Advisory Board Mtg. Library Conf. Room 7 p.m.
- 3 DAC Salsa Showcase & Class Civic Ctr. 7 p.m.
- 4 Creekfest DeSoto Town Ctr. Amphitheater 3 to 10 p.m.
- 6 Park Development Corp. Mtg. City Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 6 Poetry In Progress Mtg. Library 6 p.m.
- 7 City Council Meeting City Hall 7 p.m.
- 9 Town Hall Mtg. CDBG Program City Hall 6 p.m.
- 13 DeSoto Arts Commission Mtg. City Hall 6 p.m.
- 14 Planning & Zoning Commission Mtg. City Hall 7 p.m.
- 16 Free Concert w/Jeff Aycock Corner Theatre 8 p.m.
- 17 Fannie Mae Foreclosure Workshop Civic Ctr. 9 a.m. 4 p.m.
- 15-18 2011 Texas Police Games
- 18 BSW Juneteeth Celebration Cedar Hill 5 p.m.
- 21 City Council Mtg. City Hall 7 p.m.
- 25 Concert w/Sherel Riley & David Carr Corner Theatre 6 p.m.
- 27 DEDC Board Mtg. City Hall noon
- 28 Planning & Zoning Mtg. City Hall 7 p.m.

July

- 4 Independence Day Holiday City offices & facilities closed
- 4 DeSoto/Lancaster Fireworks Show Meadowcreek Park 6 p.m.
- 5 City Council Meeting City Hall 7 p.m.
- 7 Keep DeSoto Beautiful Board Mtg. City Hall 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Library Advisory Board Mtg. Library Conference Room 7 p.m.
- 8 Beehive, The 60's Musical opens in Corner Theatre
- 8 DAC Movies In The Park Town Ctr. Amphitheater 8:30 p.m.
- 11 DeSoto Arts Commission Mtg. City Hall 6 p.m.
- 12 Planning & Zoning Commission Mtg. City Hall 7 p.m.
- 19 City Council Mtg. City Hall 7 p.m.
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Buttons Jazz Café is now open in DeSoto Town Center. Pictured above from left, Cammy Jackson, DeSoto Chamber President, Buttons General Manager Charles Scott, Chef Keith Hicks and Mayor, Carl Sherman at Button's grand opening in April. Join them for dinner Monday through Friday beginning at 4pm, Saturdays 5 pm to 2 am, Sunday Brunch from 11 am to 4 pm and Sunday dinner from 5 to 10 pm.

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Summer Fun for Kids and Teens



Summer Program Schedule

Majisty Mime Academy Camp

Majisty Mime Academy features creative expression using the art of mime. Students will be trained in the gift, art, and skill of mime and dance while building self-esteem and leadership. Snacks will be provided. Ages: 6 - 15

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday; 8am - 1pm

Session I - June 6 - June 30

Session II - July 5 - July 28 Session III - August 2 - August 23

\$150 per student; discounts available for multiple children Contact 469-235-9136 or 972-230-9655

Handwriting Clinic

Handwriting Without Tears is a developmentally based curriculum designed to instruct educators/therapists to identify specific handwriting problems and help with handwriting mechanics. Grades: K - 3rd

Monday, Wednesday & Friday; 4:30pm - 5:30pm June 6 - July 15

Contact the recreation center for pricing - space is limited Contact 972-230-9655

Walsh Jordan's Boys & Girls Basketball Camp

Fundamentals of shooting, passing, dribbling, quickness. Each camper will receive a T-shirt, Gatorade and Prizes. Ages: 5 - 18

Monday thru Friday; 8am - 5pm Session I - June 6 - June 10

Session II - August 15 - August 19 \$125 per camper; discounts available for multiple children Contact 972-230-9655



Summer Time on Beltline

Get ready for an action packed program to keep teens engaged in summer fun with all traditional summer camp activities. Lunch is provided! Ages: 13 - 17

Monday - Thursday 1pm - 7pm; Friday 1p - 6p June 13 - August 5

\$10 recreation pass required Contact 972-230-9655

Junior Players Theatre Camp

We hope you are ready for a great summer with Junior Players Discover Theater Camps. These camps are offered free to the community and your recreation center. Children from your summer camp program may participate but you must also offer the camp to the community. We will offer two sessions of Discover Theater Camps with a final performance at the Festival of Plays at the end of each 2 week session. Ages: 7 - 14

Monday thru Friday; 10am - 12pm

June 13 - June 24

Contact 972-230-9655

Dallas Mavericks Hoop Camp

Young basketball players of all skill levels learn the game from the best camp coaching staff in Texas. Our professional coaches are handpicked for their basketball knowledge and their proven ability to work well with kids. The Dallas Mavericks Hoop Camp delivers valuable lessons and plenty of fun! Ages: 8 - 18 Monday thru Friday; 9am - 4pm

July 25 - July 29 \$235 per camper

Contact 214-747-MAVS or 972-230-9655

Looking for a Great Way to Spend Your Summer? Then Become a Teen Volunteer at Your Library



The DeSoto Public Library is looking for teen volunteers who are at least 15 years old for its Teen Summer Volunteer Program. The Teen Summer Volunteer Program is an eight week program that provides

teens with confidence-building volunteer experience, practical job skills, customer and public service experience and an introduction to possible careers in libraries. Teens can volunteer at the library by assisting at the check out desk, shelving library materials, assisting with the Summer Reading Club Program, or tutoring children ages 6-9 in reading. They can also apply for our Teen Techie Program that assists teens in learning a variety of new computer technologies and assists library users in the library's computer room. Our special project this summer will give teens an opportunity to help create, produce and film a new television show made by, for, and about teens. The TSVP begins June 13. Teens may complete an application and return it to the check out desk at the library or apply online at www.ci.desoto.tx.us/library. For more information call Marq Runnels at 972.230.9663.

Library Summer Reading Programs For Kids & Teens Tune 8th through July 29th

Programs for Kids **Summer Movies**

Mon., Tues, Thurs., begins June 14

Book Buddies (ages 6-9)

June 20-July 25 Mon. 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Chess Club

Tues. 1-2 p.m. Registration begins June 14 Reservations Required (no voicemail registrations, please)

Wii Time at the Library (ages 6-11)

June 21, July 5, & July 19

Pre-School Crafts (ages 3-6)

Wed. 1 p.m. begins June 15 Reservations Required (no voicemail registrations, please)

Crafts for Kids (ages 7-12)

Wed. 1 p.m. begins June 15 Reservations Required (no voicemail registrations, please)

Anime Club Thurs. 4:30-5:30 pm, begins June 16

Programs for Teens **Book Buddies**

Mon. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Wii Time in the Library

(ages 12-17)

June 28, July 12, July 26

Art Theater

Wed. 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. For Teen Volunteer Program

Book Trailers

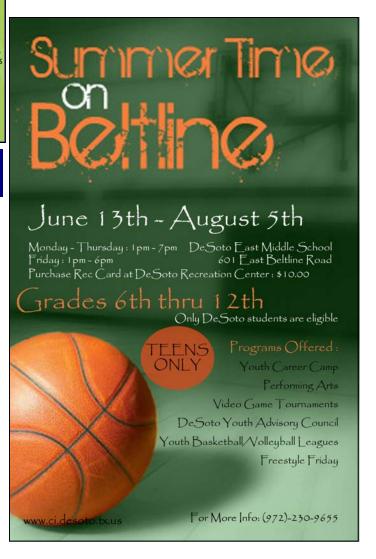
Thurs. 1 - 3 p.m.

For Teen Volunteer Program **Teen Produced TV Show**

Fri. 11—1 p.m.

For Teen Volunteer Program

For more information on the Summer Library Programs for kids and teens, please call 972.230.9666.



MOSELEY POOL 2011

ADMISSION

** RESIDENT with ID CARD **

Adult (18-54 years) \$4.00 Child (3-17years) \$2.00

Note: DeSoto Seniors (55+) & Children (0-2years) are FREE

** NON-RESIDENTS **

Adult (18-54 years) \$5.00 Child (3-17years) \$4.00

SWIMMING LESSONS SCHEDULE

Monday—Thursday (Levels 1, 2, 3 & 4) 9:20 am - 10:00 am

\$50 per session

10:10 am - 10:50 am 11:00 am - 11:40 am 7:10 pm—7:50 pm (Limited Space Available)

- Session I June 6 thru June 17
- * Session II June 20 thru July 1
- * Session III July 11 thru July 22
- * Session IV July 25 thru Aug 5

Note: Make-Up Sessions per Instructor —
* Mom and Tot classes offered at each time slot.





Official Opening Day

June 4

Pool Closes August 20th

Hours of Operation: Mon-Thur: 12:00pm to 7:00pm

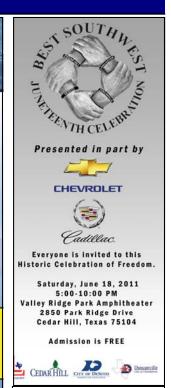
Fri-Sat: 11:00am to 7:00pm CLOSED SUNDAY Carolyn Campbell

(972) 230-9651

Recreation Center
(972) 230-9655

Tel: (972) 228-3553

1300 Honor Drive DeSoto, Texas 75115



Juneteenth Entertainment:







