

# CITY OF DESOTO CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE WEEKLY UPDATE

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June 12, 2020

## Projects of Community Interest

**DESOTO RANCH NATURE TRAIL** | Construction continues on the DeSoto Ranch Nature Trail with the installation of wood cribbed steps, drainage swales, and erosion control mats started on Wednesday, June 10. The project is scheduled to be completed by Tuesday, June 23.

**GRIMES BASEBALL RENOVATIONS** | This project improves each baseball complex including leveling playing surfaces for improved play and upgrading drainage. The renovations on fields 2 and 3 started on May 26 and are now complete. Grimes Park soccer renovations started on June 10 and are scheduled to be completed by July 15.



**REOPENING OF CITY FACILITIES** | Beginning Monday, June 8, park outdoor pavilions, the walking track, park restrooms, park playgrounds, practice fields, and Desoto BMX reopened to the public. The facilities at the Rec Center such as the gymnasium, personal training, group exercises, and indoor leagues opened to the public with a modified schedule and additional safety guidelines in place including signing up for designated time slots. Attendance has been consistently around 100 members a day since the re-opening. The DeSoto Senior Center continues to deliver meals to members. This week, staff served over 100 members per day.



**2020 RENOVATION AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT** | The construction contract for the 2020 Renovation and Replacement Project is scheduled to begin in June. The construction will include replacement of water and sewer lines and pavement reconstruction.

**VIRTUAL JUNIOR PLAYER THEATRE CAMP** | The Junior Player Theatre Camp for youth between the ages of 7 through 14 started this week. Thirty participants are participating virtually.

**SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM** | The City accepted small business grant applications through 4:00 PM today. A total of 87 applications were received and are being reviewed by staff for completion. Staff will be reviewing applications for completion and qualifications the week of June 15 through June 19. The following week, June 22 through June 26, the Small Business Grant Scoring Committee will score the completed and qualified applications. After all applications have been scored, there will be a live lottery of the qualified applications on July 2 at 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Funding will be available upon completion of the contract and all business documentation has been received.

# Project Updates

**CITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19** | Ellis Davis, the American Airline Center and mobile testing teams have surpassed 50,000 administered tests. Walmart is offering drive through testing daily 7:00AM through 9:00AM. DC3 Church opened a testing site on Wednesday June 10, and will remain open for testing every Wednesday 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM. Methodist Charlton drive through testing is by appointment only Monday through Friday 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM. Dallas County is reporting that DeSoto Nursing and Rehab has 10 residents and 1 staff who tested positive with two of the residents hospitalized earlier this week. As of today, there are 145 identified DeSoto addresses with positive cases and 233 individual positive cases. Dallas County reported a new daily high of 312 new cases on Wednesday.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING** | The next phase of the strategic planning process will be community dialogue sessions scheduled for Thursday, June 18. The sessions will be small, in-person events consistent with safe social distancing practices. Facilitators, recorders, and staff will meet Tuesday June 16 to review the focus group format. Invitations to the Dining and Dialogue were sent out to invite participants.

**RENTAL REGISTRATION ORDINANCE** | Based on City Council input received at the May 18 Topical Work Session, staff is finalizing the rental registration ordinance. The next step will be hosting a public meeting no later than the first week of July. Staff anticipates that the ordinance will be ready to consider at the July 21 City Council Meeting.

## Weekly Events & Meetings

June 15 City Council Topical Work Session at 6:00 PM (Economic Development Type A/B Structure & Moseley Pool Audit)	June 18 Strategic Planning Dine & Dialogue Event – Multiple locations in City building at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
June 15-19 Juneteenth Virtual Event at 7:00 PM each day through social media and City website.	June 22 DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Regular Board Meeting – 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Council Conference Room
June 16 City Council Work Session & Meeting at 5:30 PM (Council Chambers)	June 23 CIP Budget Review Meeting at 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM (Council Chambers)
June 18 Virtual DeSoto Works Job Fair – This event will be an all-day event	June 26 Fourth Friday Concert location TBD, virtual broadcast at 8:00 PM Natural Change Band
June 17 Virtual DeSoto Works Job Fair – This event will be an all-day event	

## Upcoming Work Session Time Schedule

1. REVIEW OF MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS | **5:30 PM TO 5:35 PM**
2. REVIEW OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS | **5:35 PM TO 5:45 PM**
3. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATES | **5:45 PM TO 6:15 PM**
4. DISCUSS THE SMOOTHIE KING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH STRETSAM, LLC | **PRESENTATION 6:15 PM TO 6:25 PM / COUNCIL DISCUSSION 6:25 PM TO 6:45 PM**

# New Hires, Promotions & Recognitions

## NEW HIRES

NAME	START MONTH	DEPARTMENT	POSITION
Mansfield, Kelton	June	Fire	Firefighter/Paramedic
Smith, Steven	June	Fire	Firefighter/ Paramedic
Fagan, Whitlee	June	Fire	Firefighter/Paramedic