

## DESOTO WILL HOLD A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 6, 2023

The City of DeSoto will hold a General Election on May 6, 2023. Here are the candidates:

### City Council Place 2

Gilbert Graim, Jr.  
Pierette Parker  
Emmanuel Johnson

### City Council Place 4

Andre' Byrd, Sr.  
Erika Estes

All members of the City Council run by place but are elected at large. This means that they must reside in the district for which they are seeking election for at least one year. However, all registered voters who live anywhere in DeSoto may cast ballots for that position. The Mayor may reside anywhere within the City limits and is also elected at large. If you would like more information on the City Council districts, a map is available on the City's website at [www.desototexas.gov](http://www.desototexas.gov) under the Government tab at the top of the page.

#### Important General Election Dates:

- Last day to register to vote - April 6th
- First day to early vote - April 24th
- Last day to receive an application for ballot by mail (ABBM) in the Dallas County office (not postmarked) - April 25th
- Last day to receive federal post card application (FPCA) - April 25th
- Last day to Early Vote - May 2nd
- Election Day - May 6th
- Last day to receive ballots by mail is Election Day by 7 pm - May 6th

Early voting takes place from April 24th to May 2nd at Disciple Central Community Church

(DC3), located at 901 North Polk Street, DeSoto, Texas on the following dates:

Monday – Friday, April 24-28, 8 am to 5 pm

Saturday, April 29th, 8 am to 5 pm

Sunday, April 30th, 12 pm to 6 pm

Monday & Tuesday, May 1st & 2nd 7 am to 7 pm

DeSoto registered voters can also vote at any Dallas County Early voting location. Please check the City's website for a list of other Dallas County voting sites.

Meet the Candidates for Mayor and City Council at the CDC/Chamber Candidate Forum on April 8th from 10 am to noon in the Blue Bonnet Rooms at the DeSoto Civic Center.

For more information on the upcoming election, visit our website at [www.desototexas.gov](http://www.desototexas.gov), scroll down and follow the link to Municipal General Election information.

*Information on the propositions included in Home-Rule Charter Election that will also take place on May 6th is available on page 2.*



*GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION cont.*

The May 6th ballot for the General Election will also contain a significant number of propositions regarding changes to DeSoto’s Home Rule City Charter for voter consideration. A home-rule city charter is the fundamental law of a home-rule city. Its relationship to the city is similar to the Constitution and the laws of the State. However, a city charter may not contain any provision inconsistent with the Texas Constitution or state law. Tex. Const. Art. XI, §5.

DeSoto’s Home Rule Charter calls for its review once every five years by a Commission of citizen volunteers appointed by the City Council. The last Citizens Charter Review Commission was appointed in October 2017. This year’s Citizens Charter Review Commission was appointed in August 2022 and spent eight hours in four separate meetings to discuss recommended changes to the Charter. The overwhelming majority of these changes were required in order to be consistent with state law. The City Council reviewed those recommendations and determined items to be voted on in the May 6, 2023 General Election.

A booklet has been prepared that outlines all the propositions that will appear on the ballot and explains their significance. The propositions are listed and categorized in order to provide a better understanding of the changes being recommended. The three overarching categories are changes made to Comply with State Law, changes made to Correct Language, and all Other proposed changes. The booklet includes more in-depth information to explain propositions that fall in the Other category.

This booklet can be found on the City of DeSoto website at [www.desototexas.gov/charterreview2023](http://www.desototexas.gov/charterreview2023). Printed copies of the booklet will also be available for pick up at City Hall, the DeSoto Public Library and the DeSoto Senior Center.

CITY OF DESOTO

# Household Hazardous Waste Dropoff



## Drop Off Your Hazardous Waste

DeSoto residents bring your household hazardous waste to the DeSoto Pump Station located at 620 N. Westmoreland Rd. (next door to West Middle School) on Saturday, April 8 from 9 am to 12 pm.

Proof of residency is required.

Only residential household hazardous waste will be accepted. Commercial waste and electronics are not allowed.

A registration voucher is required to participate in this event. To obtain a voucher, please call (972) 230-9600 or register in person at the Action Center in DeSoto City Hall.

## You Can Bring

- Chemical products for Home Use
- Paint & Home Repair Products
- Lawn & Garden Chemicals
- Aerosol Sprays
- Pool Chemicals
- Craft & Hobby Supplies
- Cleaners & Polishes
- Batteries of All kinds
- Auto Fluids & Oil Filters
- Fluorescent Light Tubes

## Please Honor Our Veterans By Observing These Special Days

**March 29th - 12 noon National Vietnam War Veterans Day** - The DeSoto Veterans Affairs Committee would like to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans. We are inviting the public to join us for this observance on March 29th at 12 noon at the Corner Theatre in DeSoto Town Center. Lunch provided, please call 972.230.9648 for info.

**April 5th - Gold Star Spouses Day**

**May 1st - Military Appreciation Month**

**May 13th—National Military Spouse Appreciation Day**

**May 21st—National Armed Forces Day**

**May 29th - 10 am Memorial Day Observance** at DeSoto's Military Monument at Nance Farm - Public Invited

The DeSoto Veterans Committee is planning a special event to honor our local veterans. Please save the date of October 7th for DeSoto's First Annual *Salute to Veterans Gala*. This black tie event will honor our veterans with dinner, live music, dancing and more. Local employers, please consider sponsoring a table to honor your veteran employees. Call 972.230.9648 for more information or email [Kathy.jones@desototexas.gov](mailto:Kathy.jones@desototexas.gov).

# Public Safety Town Hall Meeting

THURSDAY  
APRIL 27, 2023

6 -7:30 PM  
CITY COUNCIL  
CHAMBERS

## Topic of Discussion



Chief Costa will provide information on the latest crime stats and lead a discussion on efforts to prevent crime in our community.

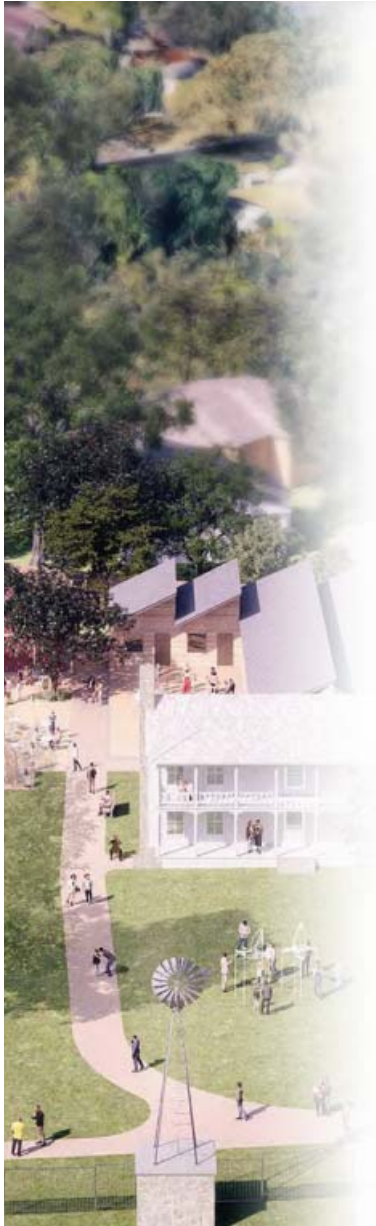


**Joe Costa** DeSoto Police Chief



Join us at  
**DeSoto City Hall**  
211 E. Pleasant Run Rd.





## *New Nance Farm Masterplan*

The City Council approved a new vision for the Nance Farm historic site. That vision is reflective of recommendations from DeSoto's Community Cultural Arts Master Plan identifying Nance Farm as a potential new home for City arts programs. A master planning process embarked on in the summer of 2022 in collaboration with the DeSoto Arts Commission, stakeholders and residents, proposes the restoration and creation of the Nance Farm Arts and Cultural Center. Public feedback directly shaped the repurposing of the historic site to serve the needs and desires of the art community and residents of DeSoto while preserving its history.

The initial Nance Farm Master Plan was completed in April 2009. That plan was to be implemented in four phases to support a small-scale working farm reminiscent of the 1800s. The first phase was partially implemented, but the remaining work has not been undertaken. In recent years, the facility has not been open to the public, and the City Council has been exploring opportunities to better promote the space to align with the interests of the community.

The City Council authorized a contract with Rogers Architects' PLLC (dba Rogers Partners) on May 3, 2022. They completed an assessment of existing conditions at Nance Farm and collected input from the community through a meeting called by the Arts Commission held at Nance Farm, on July 14, 2022, a community survey, and direct conversations with individuals from the neighborhoods adjacent to Nance Farm. This information was used to develop alternative development scenarios presented for City Council consideration on October 17, 2022.

The Council's feedback provided at their October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was incorporated into the proposed master plan. The proposed master plan was presented to the Arts Commission and the public in November for further feedback which resulted in the Council reviewing and approving the final proposal at their February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

The full master plan is available on the City's website here: <http://www.ci.desoto.tx.us/122/Historic-Nance-Farm>

. The next steps to implement the new master plan include:

Issuing a Request For Qualification (RFQ) for design services

- Development of the initial design
- Coordination with the Texas Historical Commission
- Finalizing the design and completing construction documents
- Developing a financing plan
- Advertising for bids
- Project award, and construction

The earliest that the project is expected to be completed is the second quarter of 2025. Stay tuned for more updates on the Nance Farm initiative as we move forward in the process.

JOIN US FOR:

## DeSoto Dining & Dialogue

Sat. April 22nd 7pm at the  
Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd.

REGISTER AT [WWW.DESOTODD.ORG](http://WWW.DESOTODD.ORG) OR  
EMAIL [KATHY.JONES@DESOTOTEXAS.GOV](mailto:KATHY.JONES@DESOTOTEXAS.GOV)