

DE SOTO

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NOVEMBER 2024
News for Residents

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DEC
5PM-8PM

Mayor's Annual

Deck the Hall & Tree Lighting Event

3PM-4:30PM

NEW Dashing Through De Soto

Santa will be riding through De Soto neighborhoods on a fire truck! Gather your family, step outside, and watch as Santa dashes through De Soto. Check the City website for route details.

5PM-5:45PM

NEW Puppet Show (in the gym) T'was the Night Before Christmas

6PM-6:30PM

Holiday Music
High School Band & Choir

6:30PM

Tree Lighting Ceremony
Mayor Rick Walker

Santa Comes to Town!

6:30PM-8PM

Pictures with Santa!

Get a pic with St. Nick by a local photographer. You'll get a free 4x6 print AND digital copy after the event!

Selfie Wall

Kids Crafts

De Soto Baptist Church

Rotary Club
Community Supper
Soup, chili, & dessert
dinner (donations
appreciated)

Facepainting

De Soto Arts Council Open House
Meet local artists, enjoy treats, &
view artwork

83RD & LEXINGTON CORRIDOR STUDY UPDATE

The 83rd & Lexington Corridor Study consultant team delivered their final recommended plan to the City Council early November, offering a vision for De Soto's infrastructure and future development. This comprehensive plan lays out improvements designed to enhance connectivity, accessibility, and the overall quality of life for our community. **Here's a look at the plan's highlights:**



83rd & Lexington
Corridor Final Plan

- **Smoother, Safer Streets:** Roundabouts at key intersections, designed to reduce congestion and make daily drives easier and safer for everyone.
- **Biking & Walking, Made Easy:** Buffered bike lanes and longer sidewalks mean more room for everyone to get around comfortably — whether on two wheels or two feet!
- **A Welcoming Community Connection:** Thoughtfully planned landscaping and improved access points that create a corridor that supports growth and connects neighborhoods.

This plan lays the groundwork for De Soto to secure funding for these vital improvements, ensuring our community grows sustainably and accessibly!

UTILITY BILL AUTO BANK DRAFT



Auto Draft
Sign Up

The holidays are a busy time! Make life simpler with our Utility Bill Auto Bank Draft — so you can enjoy the season without worrying about due dates. Payments are automatic on the 15th of each month!

Sign up by December 19th to start on January 15th. (On or after December 20th, your first draft will be February 15th, 2025.)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SURVEYS

Residents of De Soto will soon have the opportunity to provide valuable input through two important surveys:

1. The **2024 Community Satisfaction Survey** (mail, phone, and online), conducted by ETC Institute, will assess resident satisfaction with City services and compare the findings to the 2022 results to track progress and identify areas for improvement.
2. The **Community Center Feasibility Study** (phone and online), led by Wiese Research Group, will gauge public support for a potential new community center, featuring amenities such as indoor sports courts, fitness areas, rentable community rooms, and a childcare facility.

Your responses will help City leaders make informed decisions that reflect our community's needs and priorities. Take this opportunity to share what matters most to you!

COOKIE DECORATING CLASS

Register
here!



Join us for a SWEET evening of cookie decorating fun!

- **When:** Monday, December 16th
- **Time:** 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- **Where:** Senior Center
- **Included:** 6 ready-to-decorate sugar cookies
- **Cost:** \$20 per person
- **Deadline:** December 13th @ 4pm