Gingerbread Workshop

Do you have kids? Are you a kid at heart yourself?
Call library at 834-2690 to register for our Gingerbread House Workshops on Thursday, December 5th! 6:15 & 7:00PM
Registration required
All materials provided

Holiday Bingo

Drop by the library to play bingo and win holiday prizes!
December 19th—6-8PM
Fun for all ages—no registration required
News to Know

December 6th at 9:00 AM at City Hall- Healthy Hometown is hosting a Walking Audit to access De Soto’s walkability and how to improve our sidewalk system.

December 12th 6:30 at City Hall- Betterment Meeting - Come join in planning De Soto Days celebration!

January Healthy Hometown meeting –Date TBA - interested in discussing ideas to improve our community? Call City Hall for date/time info!

Please consider joining our committees to explore new ideas and help make positive changes to our community.

City Offices will be closed November 27-29 for Thanksgiving and staff vacation time.

Need fresh produce? Stop by City Hall on December 10th from 4-6 to stock up!

American Mini Storage
12 Ellefson Dr.
De Soto, IA 50069
515-991-1502
Call about our monthly specials!

Debbie’s Family Daycare
Debbie’s Family Daycare in De Soto
Celebrating 31 years in Dallas County
Full time opening
Call Debbie @ 515-834-2544

Soup & Cards
Looking for something fun to do in your community?
Come to the library December 11th at 11:30 for lunch and cards with friends!
You are Invited!
Annual Holiday Party
December 7th
10:00AM-Noon
De Soto Intermediate School

Come visit Santa, decorate cookies and make some crafts with the De Soto Public Library & De Soto Fire & Rescue!

All Ages Welcome
Sumpter PHARMACY

Free Vitamins
Keep kids healthy!

Caring, Friendly and LOCAL staff

NOW a PREFERRED PROVIDER
for most MED-D Plans including
Silverscript+ Wellcare Cigna
AND MORE!

Convenient Drive-Through

FREE DELIVERY

Easy Fexer keep you on track

Bee Wise Immunize!
Walk In Immunizations

UPS Shipping and Amazon Drop Off

FREE $25 GIFT CARD
when you transfer and fill your prescriptions.
Limit one per customer. Some restrictions apply.

We make a difference... Come see how!

SAVE FUEL, SAVE TIME, SAVE $$ KEEP IT LOCAL!

515-993-1119
628 Nile Kinnick Dr S in Adel
Across from ADM High School
Mon-Fri 9-6 and Sat 9-1
www.sumpterpharmacy.com
CITIZEN MASTER PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE
The city of De Soto and local citizens are working with Wellmark’s Healthy Hometown. This division of Wellmark collaborates with cities to improve the overall well being by encouraging moving more, eating better and improving the social opportunities available to our residents. Last year the city started collecting Local Option Sales Tax, we would like to use part of this money and grants we apply for to move forward with some improvements in our town. We would like to take this opportunity to get feedback about what is important to you as we start the planning stages for an overall master plan for the next 5 years. Please turn this into city hall when you are finished. Thank you for your support.

DEMOGRAPHICS
Please check all that apply
   Resident
   Business owner
   Property owner
   Home based business owner
How long have you lived in De Soto?
   Under 5 years
   5 - 10 years
   10 - 15 years
   15 - 20 years
   Over 20 years
Age Range
   Under 18
   18 - 24
   25 - 35
   36 - 50
   51 - 65
   Over 65
How many people live in your home and what are the ages?

Reasons for living in De Soto (Please check all that apply)
   Quality of Life
   Affordability
   Long time resident
   Educational Systems
   Location/ Proximity to Des Moines/Interstate
   Sense of Community
   Business opportunity
   Employment opportunity
   Proximity to your place of employment
   Other
What actions should the city focus on to improve the quality of life for residents?
- Attraction of more businesses
- Attraction of more housing developments
- Create town center
- Build Community Center
- Invest in Recreation such as parks, trails
- Revitalized/beautification of Highway 169
- Infrastructure Improvements (streets, water, sewer)
- Community events and festivals
- Community garden/Public access to fruits such as fruit trees
- Other
- None

Would you support a beautification project on Highway 169?
- Yes
- No

What changes would you encourage to create an inviting city? (Please check all that apply)
- Appearance
- Lack of town square
- Parking
- Lighting
- Lack of Signage
- Affordability
- Lack of Art
- Other
- No barriers

How important is attending and supporting community events to your family?

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GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

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What public facility improvements would you support? (Please check all that apply)

- Increase size of city hall including public space for city council meetings
- Build new fire department facility
- Increase size of library
- Increase size of police force
- New police facility
- Sidewalks/trail system
- Improve streets
- Improve overall infrastructure (water/sewer)
- Build community center
- Other
- None

Importance of investing in services

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Does Little Bridge Park serve the needs of your family?  Yes  No

What amenities do you use at Little Bridge Park?
- Baseball field
- Playground Equipment
- Volleyball Court
- Basketball net
- Shelter
- Free Internet

What amenities would you like added to a future park project?
- Bike and Walking trails
- Open Space
- Tennis/Basketball/Pickleball Courts
- Playground Equipment for older children (Example - Ninja warrior equipment)
- Amphitheatre
- More athletic fields
- Community fruit trees
- Community gardens
- Ice skating rink
- Dog park
- Frisbee golf
- Other

Do you believe De Soto should invest in a sidewalk/trail system?  
Yes  No

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

What type of commercial development would you like to see in the next 5 years?
- Restaurant  sit down or fast food
- Hotel
- Car Wash
- Grocery Store
- Services (salon, laundromat)
- Health Clinic
- Large employer
- Light industrial/manufacturing
- Recreational employer
- Professional offices
- Boutique Stores
- Other

Are you a business owner?
What type of changes would you like to see?

How many employees do you employ?

CONCLUSION

My favorite thing about De Soto?

The one thing I would improve in De Soto?

My biggest concern about De Soto is...