

De Soto Newsletter

August 2021



De Soto Fun Day

Little Bridge Park

September 18, 2021

11 am to 5 pm

10:15 = Parade line-up (school parking lot)

11:00 = Parade (down Dallas St to Elm St)

11:30 = Food Trucks, Bouncy Houses, Zoomers

12:00 - 1:00 = Magician

12:00 - 2:00 = Kids Crafts (De Soto Library)

12:00 - 2:00 = Car Show (Olson's Body & Paint)

12:00 - 3:00 = Balloon Artist

12:00 - 5:00 = Dunk Tank & Kids Water Fights (DS Fire Depart)

1:00 - 3:00 = Bingo with prizes (Betterment Committee)

3:00 - 5:00 = Live Music - Exit 113 Band

GAMES *** FOOD ***** MUSIC**

De Soto City Hall

405 Walnut St.
PO Box 100
(515) 834-2233

De Soto Public Library

405 Walnut St.
PO Box 585
(515) 834-2690

De Soto Public Works

(515)834-2502

De Soto Police Department

Emergency—911

Non-Emergency
Dispatch

(515)993-4567

Mayor Butch Ostrander

Council Members

Karen Wilson
(515) 991-0711

Pam Bach
(515) 834-2122

Josh Minton
Ted Hansen

(515) 834-2316

Dustin Padgett

(515) 250-7856

De Soto News to Know

The City of De Soto has expanded our water loss coverage through our new Servline Program and providing our residential customers the opportunity to add water line and sewer line repair and replacement coverage. For more information contact City Hall @ 515-834-2233.

De Soto Betterment Committee update:

Save the Date: ----- Sept 18th ----- De Soto Fun Day

Due to Covid, this year we will celebrate De Soto Fun Day on Sept 18th.

Some of the planned activities include: parade, balloon artist - zoomers - magician - kids games - bingo - car show - Exit 113 Band

******* NEWS FROM THE CAN MAN *******

From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, De Soto has raised \$2306.65. This = 46,133 cans/ bottles. We surpassed our goal of \$1500.00. 21/22 year is off to a **GREAT** start with \$234.75 for 1 month. Thank you DeSoto for your donations!!

2019 = \$ 925.57 raised from can redemption

2020 = \$1278.55 raised

2021 = \$2306.65 raised

Did you know that as a De Soto/ Rural resident, you can use your De Soto Public Library card to get FREE tickets to the Blank Park Zoo and Science Center of Iowa?

Give us a call at 515-834-2690 to find out how!



Did your child participate in the summer reading program at the library this year? Stop by the library for free Home Run Reader tickets to the Iowa Cubs game on August 8th!

City of DeSoto Water Treatment Plant Project Update for July 2021



As seen in the photos the Water Treatment Plant building has come a long way in the last month. Interior walls are now framed. The interior of the building has had conduit lines for electrical and data systems installed. Grating on the floor trenching is being installed. The chemical feed room walls are framed as well. Stoops have been poured for access doors. Work continues on the electrical as well as the interior of the building. Several deliveries are received each day that are all part of the R.O. equipment being supplied by the manufacturer. The contractor and crews are doing an excellent job for the city as they continue to pay very close attention to detail and have been helpful and courteous as small issues or concerns arise.

A question that was brought up per the last update was: "What qualifications do our employees have to operate our facility".

Answer: In addition to 16 years' experience working for this community, I hold a State of Iowa Grade 2 license in both Water Treatment and Water Distribution. Nick Eckstein, 13 years' experience, holds a Grade 1 in both Water Treatment and Water Distribution which is what our current treatment plant requires to operate. Our new plant is a Grade 2 treatment plant. These licenses are acquired by having "X" amount of years' experience/on the job training as well as testing that has to be passed through the Iowa DNR. Each year "X" amount of hours are required in continuing education credits or CEU's to maintain our license/certifications. The classes that we are required to attend are approved by the Iowa DNR and pertain to water treatment or water distribution.

Both Nick and I hold a license to operate the Wastewater Plant as well and the same requirements apply to maintain those.

Interesting facts that many of you may not know:

In 2012 The Public Works Department received the "Exemplary Source Water Protection for Small Systems" Award by the AWWA (American Water Works Association) a national organization, for our work on protecting the City's wells/source water by working with and educating area property owners as to the importance and impact of chemical application of crops. In part, due to their cooperation in removing row crop and adding CRP fields our program has been very successful. This was awarded to one small system in the nation that year.

In 2013 The Public Works Department was awarded the "Community Water System of the Year" In recognition of the dedication, commitment and professionalism exhibited in the provisions of the water and waste water service to its citizens by the Iowa Rural Water Association.



City Election in November – City Council and Mayor Positions

Ready to get involved?

There will be 3 City Council positions as well as Mayor on the November 2nd Ballot. Currently serving in those 3 Council seats are Dustin Padgett, Josh Minton, and Pam Bach. Dustin was appointed to fill Kelly Summy's seat and Josh was appointed to fill Terri Golightly's seat until this Election. Terms for Pam Bach and Mayor Ostrander both end this year.

If YOU want to be on the Ballot this Fall, now's the time to get started! All you need to do is:

- Print out the Affidavit of Candidacy and Nomination Petition from the website: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/electioninfo/cityelections.html> or ask City Clerk Marcia Thomas or me for copies.
- Talk to 10-15 of your De Soto friends and neighbors, asking for their signature on your nomination petition. It only takes 10 but it's always good to fill all 15 spots just in case.
- Return the completed documents to the Dallas County Auditor's Office between Monday, August 23rd and Thursday, September 16th by 5PM. They're located at 210 N. 10th Street in Adel. Their phone number is 515-993-4751.
- Then, get your name out there! Talk to people. Post it on your Facebook page so local friends can share it. Encourage people to vote this Fall.
- Vote on Tuesday, November 2nd between 7AM and 8PM.
- Go home and wait for the results!

There is no better way to learn the "inside scoop" and how much is involved in the day-to-day work of our City Hall, Public Works, Police, Fire, and Library Departments.

Other Benefits include:

- Serving our community and getting to meet so many Residents and Business Owners
- Getting to know our truly phenomenal Staff and much of what is involved in their jobs
 - I'm now 100% confident I do not have the skill set for any of their positions. 😊
- Working with other Council Members and the Mayor
 - Bringing your ideas to the table for consideration
 - Being open to projects and ideas outside your comfort zone
- Opportunities to meet Developers/Property Owners and see proposed plans for new residential or business construction
- Learning so much about the Budget Process, how much everything costs and how our money is spent
- You don't do it for the money—but \$35 per meeting adds up over the course of the year. Getting that check in time for Christmas shopping is always nice.

I will always be grateful for the opportunity to have served but it's a great time for someone else to bring their ideas and energy to the table. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks--Pam Bach, phone 515-508-1350 or email pambeasleybach@gmail.com