

# De Soto Newsletter

September 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

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### 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

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!



## Family Night @ The Library

September 9th//6-8PM

Bring a picnic blanket and come to the library to make your own wooden wiggly snake!

All ages welcome & all materials provided.

Registration required-call the library at 515-834-2690 to reserve your spots!



## Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program

The Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund (DCLHTF) has a mission "to provide and expand safe and affordable housing to low income residents of Dallas County." The Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund has an Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program to assist homeowners within Dallas County with housing repairs and correcting code violations.

*To qualify for assistance from this program, the homeowner must meet all of the following requirements:*

- The property to be assisted must be located within Dallas County.
- Income limits of the household must fall at or below 80% of the median family income.

Number of Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
Maximum Total Gross Household Income for Program	\$73,040	\$73,040	\$83,996	\$83,996	\$83,996	\$84,750	\$90,600	\$96,450

- The property must be a single family residence.
- The property must be owner occupied.
- The property to be assisted must be the homeowner's primary residence.
- Property taxes and/or mortgage payments must be current and paid-to-date and there cannot be any mechanics liens on the property to be assisted.

### **WHAT ARE THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS TO THE HOMEOWNER?**

The work is paid for by the Program through funding from the Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund, Inc., the participating cities and other contributors. The financial assistance from the Program is in the form of a forgivable loan. The maximum loan is \$10,000 and the minimum loan is \$500 per household. The loan will be recorded as a mortgage to the property, with a term of five (5) years, decreasing proportionately with the passage of time, bearing no interest. The loan only comes due if the homeowner sells the house in the five years following the time of participation.

### **Program Eligible Activities Include:**

- 1) Basic structural repairs: (a) Exterior walls; (b) Roof and roof structure; (c) Foundation; (d) Floor joists and ceilings
- 2) Building Systems: (a) Electrical; (b) Plumbing; (c) Heating
- 3) Weatherization: (a) Insulation; (b) Windows; (c) Siding
- 4) Handicap accessibility: (a) Exterior ramp; (b) Bathroom facilities

If you have questions or would like to request an application, please contact Christine Gordon or Kay Schoon at 515-273-0770.

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot. Currently serving in those 3 Council seats are Dustin Padget, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> by 5PM. They're located at 210 N. 10<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:pambeasleybach@gmail.com)