

# De Soto Newsletter

March 2022



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PO Box 100  
(515) 834-2233

## **De Soto Public Library**

405 Walnut St.  
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(515) 834-2690

## **De Soto Public Works**

(515)834-2502

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Dispatch

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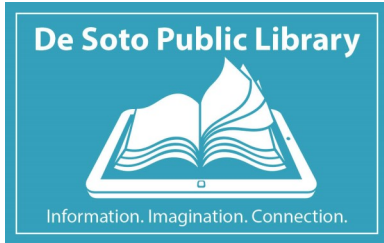
(515) 493-8724



# De Soto News to Know

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!



Spring Cleanup is May 21st.

Follow the De Soto Public Library Facebook page to stay in-the-know on upcoming programs, events, holiday programs, contests & more!

Scan the QR code below to follow!



Don't forget to renew your pet licenses at City Hall!

## DeSoto Betterment Committee

The Betterment Committee would like to thank everyone that participated in our flag program in 2021. It is now time to renew that service for 2022. If you have not participated in the past but would like to participate in our flag service for 2022, a form is included in this newsletter. This is another Betterment Committee fundraiser.

The Committee would like to thank Jim & Vicki Westfall for storing & repairing our flags and for organizing the flag routes.

The Betterment Committee also has DeSoto History Books (150 years) for sale....\$20 each. If interested, a book can be purchased from Marcia at the city hall.

## SAVE THE DATE --- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DeSoto Fun Day is scheduled for ----- Sat, Sept 17, 2022

In December Shortly after Eric Hansen from KCCI channel 8 in Des Moines released a story about Christmas Acres here in Le Mars, I received a message from Dan Van Langen your Public Works Director. He was very impressed with our story and what we do with all the money that is donated during our Christmas season. This money is all given to our local Christian Needs Center in Le Mars to buy food and clothes the less fortunate. In 2020 we received \$41,000.00 last year we took in \$27,000.00 since 2012 we have given \$130,00.00 to the Center.

In our story Eric mentioned that we are always looking for Christmas decorations and that several area towns have donated their old street pole decorations to us.

Dan mentioned in his message that the city of DeSoto has several old pole decorations and if we are interested that they would like to donate them to us here at Christmas Acres.

We could not turn down the offer, so last week Thursday I drove the 3 hour trip and we loaded them up and I made it back home with no problems.

I just want to say Thank You to Dan, your city council and to all the residents of DeSoto for this very generous donation. I will start working this summer to convert them to LED lights and they will all become a part of Christmas Acres for many years to come.

For those that are familiar with Christmas Acres. We are the largest outdoor country Christmas display in the area. Last year was our 25<sup>th</sup> year. People travel several mile and hours to visit us every year. We have now become an Iowa travel destination for Christmas.

We estimate 250,000 lights, around 1000 plastic blow molds, lighted wire decorations, music, walking paths and more. Some nights the traffic is lined up a mile for 5hrs. People park and walk and Tour busses stop from all over.

We have a bake shop on Friday and Saturday nights.

You can follow us on our Facebook page Christmas Acres - neighborhood.

Thanks Again

Rob-Joyce -Shaunna Scheitler



American Mini Storage  
12 Ellefson Dr.  
De Soto, IA 50069  
515-991-1502

Call about our monthly specials!





## 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.



De Soto received funds for our participation in the flag program organized by the Lions Club. We will reinvest these funds into community. We want to invite all residents to participate in the flag program. We will put up a flag at your home on 5 holidays each year—if you have any questions, give Dave Voll a call at 515-834-2099!

# Holiday FLAGS Signup Form



The Adel Lions, in conjunction with the Adel Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, will place a flag on your property on five holidays and remove it at the end of the holiday. Please show your patriotism by signing up now for these holidays: *Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day.*

**Yes, I want the Flag Service for \$25 annually**

**NEW**

**RENEWAL**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please advise of any underground utilities in the lawn such as sprinkler systems or gutter drains. The flag & staff remain the property of the Adel Lions and will be removed at the end of each holiday. For questions, please call: 515-577-5642.

Please make check payable to: Adel Lions Club    Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: **Adel Lions Club**  
P.O. Box 103  
Adel, IA 50003

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**Sign Up Online at: [www.AdelLionsClub.org](http://www.AdelLionsClub.org)**