

# DE SOTO

KANSAS

JULY 2024

News for Residents

## UPCOMING DATES

**Friday, July 26th, 8pm:**  
Splash n' Play Night Swim | \$1

**Friday, August 2nd, 8:45pm**  
Movie @ Miller: Barbie

**Saturday, August 3rd, 8am - noon:**  
Brush Site Open

**Friday, August 16th, 7am-10am:**  
Fox4 Zip Trip - Downtown

**Friday, August 16th, 7pm:**  
Liverpool Concert @ Riverfest

**Saturday, August 17th, 8am - noon:**  
Brush Site Open

**August 29th - 31st:**  
De Soto Days

**Monday, September 2nd:**  
City Hall Closed for Labor Day

**Monday, Sept. 2nd, 10am-12pm:**  
Doggie Plunge | \$3/ dog

**Saturday, September 14th, 7:45pm**  
Movie @ Miller: Teenage Mutant Ninja  
Turtles - Mutant Mayhem

**Thursday, September 19th, 7pm**  
Revenue Neutral Rate & Budget  
Public Hearings

**Saturday, September 21st, 7pm**  
Latin Night Concert @ Riverfest

## PARKS & RECREATION

[bit.ly/DeSotoKSRecRegistration](https://bit.ly/DeSotoKSRecRegistration)

**Card Making Workshop**  
Date: August 8th, 6-7:30pm  
Fee: \$15/ person  
Register By: August 5th

**Paper Quilling Workshop**  
Date: August 28th, 6-7:30pm  
Ages: Teens and up  
Fee: \$10/ person  
Register By: August 25th

## HEADS UP: ESTIMATED TAX NOTICE

In early August, all property owners in Johnson County will receive an "estimated tax notice" in the mail. Please note: this is not a bill and does not include information on special assessments that may be charged.

As a De Soto property owner, your property is included in a number of "taxing jurisdictions", aka taxing subdivisions. The state, county, city, school district, and fire district are all examples of taxing jurisdictions.

### The Estimated Tax Notice tells you two main things:

- Which taxing jurisdictions plan to exceed the revenue neutral rate (RNR)\*
- Public hearing notifications for taxing jurisdictions planning to exceed RNR

Out of an abundance of caution, the City **has** "declared an intent" to exceed the revenue neutral rate; this allows us more time to finalize budget numbers. However, due to the ongoing economic development in De Soto, our actual plan is to lower your City property tax burden (in real dollars)!

The City of De Soto's Revenue Neutral Rate and 2025 Budget Public Hearings are on September 19th @ 7pm, in the City Hall Council Chambers.

*\*The revenue neutral rate is the mill levy rate that would generate the exact the same amount of property tax revenue - in dollars - as the year before.*



Revenue Neutral



Understanding Your Property Taxes & Mill Levy

## LEXINGTON & COMMERCE SIGNAL UPDATE

Due to an accident last month, the traffic signals at the intersection of Lexington & Commerce were temporarily replaced with a four-way stop; some of the signals were damaged, but all were removed to avoid confusion and ensure safety.

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) is managing the repairs and, after procuring the necessary materials, plans to restore the signals before school begins.

## 83RD & GARDNER TURN LANES

Road work is underway at the intersection of 83rd & Gardner Road.

The improvements will widen 83rd Street to provide an east bound left turn lane onto Gardner Road in addition to providing an acceleration and deceleration lane for west bound traffic at Gardner Road.

An existing water line along the north side of 83rd Street will also be relocated.



Project Map



## TASTY NEWS

De Soto now has an official ice cream flavor of the year: chocolate chip!

During LearNature's recent Summer Camp "Government Day" at City Hall, the young leaders and future voters participated in a "public hearing" and helped Mayor Walker make this very important decision.

