

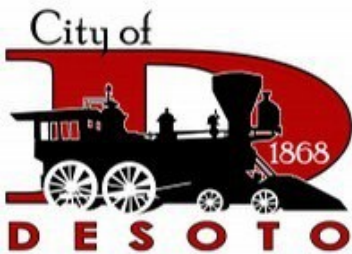
# De Soto Newsletter

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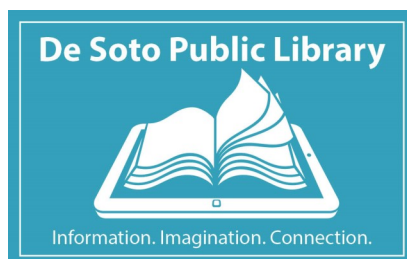


Did you know you can find out the most recent developments on city projects, issues and updates on the City of De Soto Facebook page?

Scan the QR code below to follow!



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



## **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**  
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**Josh Minton**

**Ted Hansen**  
(515) 834-2316

**Dustin Padgett**  
(515) 250-7856

# 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!



## Looking for 9 volunteer readers at One-Hundred Acre Woods childcare in DeSoto

Book Buddy is a 1:1 reading program that pairs each volunteer with preschoolers for regular reading. A caring adult reads aloud to the same student once or twice a week for 30 minutes. Book Buddy helps children build the pre-reading skills they need for a strong start in school. This year, 100 Acre Woods Child Development Center in De Soto is participating and is in need of volunteers. Adults age 55+ may be eligible for mileage reimbursement to/from the reading site.

Please visit our website to read more about Book Buddy <https://www.unitedwaydm.org/book-buddy>. The website has a link for signing up to be a reader. You may also email [bookbuddy@unitedwaydm.org](mailto:bookbuddy@unitedwaydm.org) for more information.

## New & Upcoming Movies @ the De Soto Public Library

Black Widow

Old

Paw Patrol: The Movie

Respect

Jungle Cruise

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.



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# 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.

# DOES YOUR HOME NEED REPAIRS?

Contact Region XII Council of Governments and ask about the availability of

## HOUSING PROGRAMS

If you live in:

**Audubon County**

**Carroll County**

**Crawford County**

**Greene County**

**Guthrie County**

**Sac County**

**City of Adel**

**City of DeSoto**

**City of Ogden**

**City of Perry**

**City of Redfield, or**

**City of Woodward**

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You may be eligible to receive funds for home repairs which may include, but are not limited to:

- **Roof Replacement**
- **Door & Window Replacements**
- **Replace/Update Mechanical & Electrical Systems**
- **Siding Replacement**
- **Down Payment Assistance**

**Certain income limits and restrictions apply.**

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If interested in these programs, please contact  
**JoAnn Olberding, Executive Secretary at**  
**[jolberding@region12cog.org](mailto:jolberding@region12cog.org) or (712) 792-9914**

More information on the housing programs can be found by visiting [www.region12cog.org/housing](http://www.region12cog.org/housing)

More information about COG Housing and its goals visit [www.region12cog.org/cog-housing](http://www.region12cog.org/cog-housing)



1009 East Anthony Street, PO Box 768, Carroll, IA 51401



# Get to Know the Candidates!

Our City Election for Mayor and City Council will be held Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will vote for Mayor and 3 City Council Seats. Here's a little bit about each candidate to consider when determining your ballot choices. See you at the polls!

**We have six City Council Candidates to consider.**

## **Jenni Arnold**

My name is Jenni Arnold, and I have been a De Soto resident for 14 years. My husband Mark is a firefighter and EMT with the De Soto Fire Department, and currently serves as the Assistant Chief. We have four adult children age 20-26 that we are incredibly proud of.

I am a Project Manager for Farm Bureau Financial Services in West Des Moines and have been there since 2009. In this role, I manage many company initiatives and am responsible for making sure the initiative's scope, schedule and budget all remain on track. I feel that my experience in this role would be an asset to a Council position.

On a personal note, I have been involved in many volunteer activities over the years, including: Parent/Teacher Organization, ADM Athletic Booster Club, ADM After Prom (co-chair), Team Parent, Volunteer Youth Coach, Girl Scout Leader, Children & Families of Iowa, United Way, Variety Of Iowa, & Women United. In the De Soto community, I am currently a member of the De Soto Betterment Committee, the De Soto Fire & Rescue Non-Profit, and am a member of the De Soto Fire Department in a clerical position.

Now that my kids are grown, I am very much interested in getting more involved in our community. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve the residents of De Soto!

## **Steve Jones**

My name is Steve Jones. I have lived in De Soto since June of 2014. I have 2 children, and have been married 23 years to my amazing wife Billie Jo Jones. My hobbies are photography. Watching movies, and hanging with friends when I can around the fire.

Since I moved to De Soto I have been an active member of the community. I am on the Library Board of Trustees, and the Board of Adjustments. I was also one of the founders, and an active member of the De Soto Betterment Committee that helped put on the De Soto Fun Days celebrations including the sesquicentennial celebration, along with other events in town.

I know I am a long shot candidate. I am autistic, but I consider that a strength as it allows me to see things in ways that others may not. I am not rich. I do not have money for signs, and things like that at the moment. What I do have is a desire to help De Soto be all that it can be. I want to help show that De Soto exists at the crossroad of possibilities. I want to listen to everyone, and help make decisions that are good for the people of the town who vote for me, and to make sure their tax money is being used wisely.

I ask for your vote, and your support on Election Day. Thank You.

## **Josh Minton**

Hi, my name is Joshua Minton. I have an amazing wife and 3 children that call De Soto home. I also own a small business here in this community. I am running for city council as I want to help our community grow and still have the small town feeling. I was appointed a few months ago to fill the rest of the year for an open Council position. It has allowed me to get some experience and knowledge of how everything works. I want to work with the community to make De Soto the best it can possibly be. I cannot wait to share my ideas and hear yours to help our small town dreams become a reality!

## **Mark O'Leary**

I am 64 years old, retired, and have lived in De Soto area for over 20 years. I am married to Misty O'Leary. We have four children, five grandchildren and one on the way. Before retiring, I worked for CEC Entertainment opening up new stores and remodeling existing stores. I worked in several different states before coming back to Iowa. I now work with and volunteer for AHeinz57 Pet Rescue and Transport. I am the company Vice President in charge of construction, security, and facilities. I am very excited to be a candidate for De Soto City Council. The city is going to continue growing. I would like to see the growth done in a proper way that benefits both the city and the citizens.

## **Dustin Padget**

I've lived in De Soto for 7 years. My wife and I have a 15-year old son and a 13-year old daughter. I love our small town feel. Our community really has potential to draw people. A lot of progress has been made so far: completion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and the approaching completion of the Water Treatment Plant to name two huge projects. I value being self-sufficient. I'd like to see De Soto grow in ways to help us be more self-sufficient, including reliable small businesses offering goods and services to add convenience.

I was appointed to fill the Council Seat after we experienced the loss of long-time Council Member Kelly Summy. I have enjoyed serving and look forward to building on what I've learned.

## **Mat Sanders**

I'm Mathew Sanders and I am running for city council. I work for FedEx Ground. I have 2 daughters: The oldest graduated from ADM and is attending Iowa State University and my youngest is a sophomore at ADM. I have lived in De Soto for the past 9 years and served on City Council from 2016-2018. I currently sit on the Board of Adjustments. In my time on council, the city brought in numerous businesses and began to grow again. I would love to see our town grow to more than just the bedroom community we are believed to be. I am running for council again because of my love for our town and desire to see us prosper. Thank you.

## **Mitch Crozier is the only candidate for Mayor.**

Most everyone knows me by Mitch. I'm running for Mayor. I'm married to Ginger and have lived in De Soto for 35 years. We have two children and six grandchildren. I have 8 years past experience on De Soto's City Council. I would like to see us continue with the growth we have now, while the City has control. I'm aware of what's going on and projects in progress. I attend most Council Meetings and currently serve on the Board of Adjustment. I raised a family here in town and don't plan to leave any time soon. I'm retired and can devote the time needed to serve as Mayor. Questions? Feel free to call me at 515-979-3132.