

DE SOTO

KANSAS

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News for Residents



UPCOMING DATES

August 31st - September 2nd
De Soto Days

September 2nd, 8am - noon:
Brush Site Open*

*Must take Edgerton Road to Access

September 4th:
City Hall Closed for Labor Day

September 4th, 10am-noon
Aquatic Center Doggie Plunge

September 7th, 7pm
Budget Public Hearing
Revenue Neutral Public Hearing

September 9th, 6-9pm
Adult Paint Along-
Palettes & Pumpkins
\$25 | Senior Center

September 11th, 6:30-8pm
Kids Paint Along-
Great Gobblers
\$20 | Senior Center

September 16th, 8am-noon:
Brush Site Open

September 16th, 7:45pm:
Movie @ Riverfest: Super Mario Bros.

October 14th, 5pm:
Halloween at the 'Fest
5pm-7pm: Trunk-or-Treat
7pm: Halloween Movie

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Slide, jump, or warp pipe your way to our next movie night in the park! You bring a chair and we'll provide the popcorn for a super-powered showing of The Super Mario Bros. Movie at Riverfest Park on **September 16th @ 7:45pm.**

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Sign up for the City's email newsletter!



BUDGET & RNR PUBLIC HEARING

It's budget season for all jurisdictions (i.e. the city, county, school district, state, fire district), and that means public hearing time! Come learn where your tax dollars are at work at the September 7th City Council Meeting. In addition to our annual budget hearing, there will also be a Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Public Hearing.

Revenue Neutral Rate Overview

- City Council has expressed intent to lower the mill levy rate from 20.91 mills to 19.8 mills, however, that mill rate still exceeds the revenue neutral rate, triggering a public hearing
- Being revenue neutral would require the City to provide next year's services with this year's budget, regardless of increased costs
- If approved, the City would use the modest increase in revenue to help pay for things like street maintenance, parks & recreation, and public safety

For more details, check out our Revenue Neutral webpage!

desotoks.us/Revenue-Neutral



ADULT & KIDS ART EXPERIENCES

Sign up for our newest Parks & Recreation art program! Our expert instructor will guide the one-night class, step by step, through the process of creating a work of art that the artists can take home.



Adult Paint Along: Palettes & Pumpkins

- **Date:** Saturday, Sept. 9th
- **Time:** 6-9pm
- **Where:** Senior Center
- **Cost:** \$25



Kids Paint Along: Great Gobblers

- **Date:** Monday, Sept. 11th
- **Time:** 6:30-8pm
- **Where:** Senior Center
- **Cost:** \$20



CITY HALL RECYCLING DUMPSTERS

Due to the ongoing issue of trash dumping, City Council (at Staff's recommendation) chose to permanently remove the recycling drop-off dumpsters from the Community Center parking lot at the end of August.

Concerned about having excess recyclables? There are a few things you can do:

1. Feel free to place broken down boxes (cut into approximately 2'x3' sections) - or a separate container of recyclables - next to your recycling bin; there's no limit to how much you can recycle!
2. If you regularly require additional recycling capacity, you can request an extra recycling cart for an additional \$3 per month.
3. Alternatively, you can utilize the Johnson County Recycling Centers for bigger drop-offs.

