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UPCOMING DATES

September 4th:

City Hall Closed for Labor Day

September 4th, 10am-noon

Aquatic Center Doggie Plunge

September 7th, 7pm

Budget & RNR Public Hearing

September 9th, 6pm-9pm

Palettes & Pumpkins: Adult Paint Along

September 11th, 6:30pm-8pm

Great Gobblers: Kids Paint Along

September 16th, 7:45pm:

Movie @ Riverfest: Super Mario Bros.

September 21st, 5:30pm-6:30pm:

Every Open House, City Council Chambers

October 14th, 7pm:

Halloween at the 'Fest

Trunk-or-Treat & Halloween Movie

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE CITY

From Hall to Home, here's your gateway to being in the know!

The City of De Soto is striving to bridge the gap between the residents of De Soto and City Council & staff, AKA Hall to Home. We understand the importance of reaching you through various channels that best suit your preferences and needs and want to ensure that you stay connected and informed every step of the way. From traditional print communication methods to digital platforms, we are committed to providing you with a multitude of ways to effortlessly engage with your City.



Email Newsletter

Sign up for our email newsletter, delivered the first and third Fridays following City Council meetings. desotoks.us/newsletters



Notify JoCo

Sign up for De Soto's Notify JoCo and receive tailored, real-time text, phone, or email updates on road projects, utility outages, severe weather, events, and more in your neighborhood. notifyjoco.org



Social Media

Follow us on popular social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, to stay connected and receive real-time updates.



Quarterly Newsletter

This past July we started mailing a quarterly newsletter to every household in the 66018 zip code!



Utility Bill Newsletter

You'll find this monthly one-pager, in both English & Spanish, in your utility bill or online.



desotoks.us/newsletters



City Website

Visit our user-friendly website, where you can find comprehensive information about City services, public announcements, important documents, and more. desotoks.us



Citizen Request Form

Fill out the online citizen request form to report non-emergency items like a pothole, broken traffic signal or street light, or property code violation. bit.ly/DeSotoRequest



Community Events

You'll see us tabling at your favorite summertime events; come say hi! **Upcoming: De Soto Days & Halloween at the 'Fest**



Public Meetings

Join us for in-person open houses and City Council meetings where you can connect with City Council & City Staff!

Upcoming: Public Budget Hearing September 7th @ City Hall

HALLOWEEN AT THE FEST
Riverfest Park

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00PM - 7:00PM
TRUNK-OR-TREAT
FACEPAINTING

7:00PM
HALLOWEEN MOVIE

MISSION STATEMENT

"The City of De Soto delivers big adventure and lifelong opportunities to its residents. Civic pride, inclusiveness, and collaboration are hallmarks of our welcoming city where responsible growth is a goal, and government is responsive, accountable, and works in the best interest of the people."

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The City hosted its second Designing De Soto Open House July 12, connecting residents with the many public and private organizations working on growth and development initiatives around the City and region.



GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT OPEN HOUSE | JULY 12TH

At the event, residents had the opportunity to hear directly from project leaders on a range of topics. **Some highlights include:**

EVERGY

Evergy is rebuilding and expanding its transmission and distribution facilities around De Soto to increase the capacity and reliability of power to be delivered to the area.

Evergy is constructing two new substations for the Panasonic facility and reconfiguring its local grid to improve energy flow from these substations. These improvements will also increase the reliability and load capacity in the entire De Soto area and beyond.

Timeline/Milestones

- **Underway:** Distribution line construction from K-10 South to Panasonic site
- **Fall 2023:** Vegetation clearing along 95th Street
- **Spring 2024:** Transmission and appurtenant distribution line construction along 95th Street

Evergy is hosting an additional "mini open house" from 5:30pm-6:30pm before the September 21st City Council meeting.

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Kansas Department of Commerce is working on attracting Panasonic suppliers to Kansas, assisting with workforce development efforts for the project, and collaborating with area communities to make sure they are positioned to grow as they desire in relation to the community's workforce.

JOHNSON COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Johnson County Parks & Recreation (JCPRD) is working to kick off master plan updates for Kill Creek Park, Sunflower Nature Park, and Kill Creek Streamway, including the ~2000 additional acres JCPRD will be receiving from Sunflower Redevelopment.

DE SOTO SCHOOL DISTRICT - USD 232

As public educators, USD 232 is working with the education consortium to help prepare and train the local/regional workforce so they're well-equipped for potential employers like Panasonic.

JOHNSON COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Johnson County Planning & Development is planning for broadband infrastructure in the unincorporated area.

CITY OF DE SOTO

The City is working to balance quality of life while expanding and upgrading utilities, roads, and services.

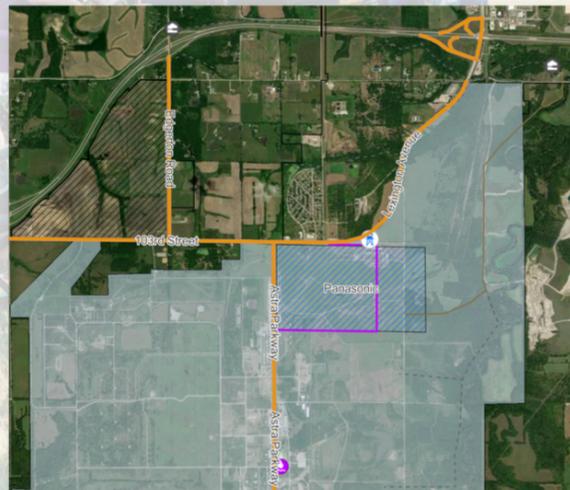
Current Initiatives

- **Designing De Soto Strategic Plan:** Development of a community vision, goals, strategies, and actions. This effort has included a series of surveys, open houses, and meetings with stakeholders and elected officials.
- **Construction News Hub:** If you've seen some construction work going on around town and wondered what was happening, visit our new construction project news hub!



- Access construction updates and timelines
- Read all about City projects
- View an **online interactive map** highlighting current projects

desotoks.us/projects



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS | INTERACTIVE MAP

KDOT TRAFFIC PROJECTS

103RD STREET WIDENING

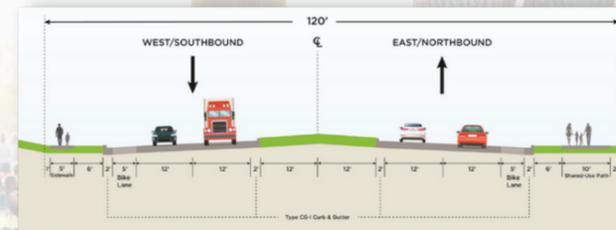
The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has committed to delivering the transportation infrastructure improvements necessary to support the newly announced Panasonic Energy Co. electric vehicle (EV) battery manufacturing facility in De Soto.

The infrastructure improvements, scheduled for completion in late 2024, include updating about 4.5 miles of the current two-lane asphalt road to a new divided 4-lane roadway with curb, gutter, and sidewalks.

The work will generally be along the existing footprint of 103rd St. between Evening Star Rd. and the Lexington Ave./K-10 interchange, and about one mile of the section on Astra Parkway (formerly Main Ave.) from 103rd St. south to the new project site.

These road improvements will:

- Increase safety for vehicles and pedestrians
- Improve travel times for commuters
- Improve response times for emergency services



103RD STREET | CONCEPT DESIGN

Timeline

- **June 2023: Road Closures Began**
 - **Closed/No Through Traffic:** 103rd St. from Evening Star Road to String Town Road
 - **No Access:** To 103rd St. from Edgerton Road or Sunflower Road
 - **Closed Remainder of Project:** Sunflower Baseball Fields & Sunflower Nature Park
- **June 2024:** Open 103rd Street from Astra Parkway to Edgerton Road
- **December 2024:** Open 103rd Street from Edgerton Road to Evening Star Road / **substantial completion**
- **May 2025:** Completion of remaining permanent seeding and striping



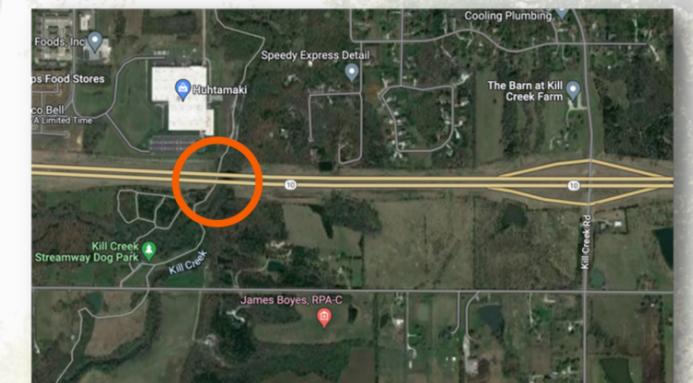
103RD STREET | FINAL IMPROVEMENT



103RD STREET | CLOSURES

KILL CREEK BRIDGE REDECK

KDOT is redecking the Kill Creek Bridge throughout the rest of the year.



K-10 KILL CREEK BRIDGE | REDECKING LOCATION

Timeline

- **Early July 2023:** Traffic modifications began, including the reduction of K-10 to a single lane in both directions for the duration of the project
- **Mid-July 2023:** Demolition began
- **September 2023:** Concrete decking pours begin
- **November 2023:** Concrete decking pours complete and traffic fully opens
- **Spring 2024:** Completion of bridge steel painting



K-10 KILL CREEK BRIDGE | REDECKING IN PROGRESS

For additional information and updates regarding this project, please visit: desotoroadimprovements.ksdot.gov/



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Non-emergency 913-782-0720 emergency 9-1-1

NORTHWEST CONSOLIDATED FIRE DISTRICT

Non-emergency 913-583-3886

HONEY CREEK SANITATION

Randy Weldon 785-423-1809 Cell

City Hall Hours:

Monday-Friday

8:00am-4:30pm

DE SOTO PARKS & RECREATION

www.desotoks.us/151/Parks-Recreation

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- **In-person:** De Soto City Hall 32905 West 84th St.
- **Online:** <https://bit.ly/DeSotoParksActivities>
- **Mail In:** PO Box C, De Soto, KS 66018
- **After Hours Drop Box:** 32905 West 84th Street

2023 YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Great Gobblers: Kids Paint Along

Date/Time: Monday, Sept. 11th from 6:30pm-8pm

Registration Fee: \$20



Youth Basketball Clinic

Girls & Boys Grades K-6 | Fee: \$20

Begins: Saturdays, November 4, 11, & 18



Tiny Basketball

Girls & Boys Grades 1-2 | Fee: \$30

Registration Deadline: November 5th



Youth Basketball

Girls & Boys Grades 3-6 | Fee: \$45

Registration Deadline: November 5th



Toddler Time

Date/Time: Every Wednesday from 8:30am-10:30am

Location: Community Center | **Fee:** \$1

2023 FALL ADULT ACTIVITIES



Palettes & Pumpkins: Adult Paint Along

Date/Time: Saturday, Sept. 9th from 6pm-9pm

Registration Fee: \$20



Senior Bingo & Games

Date: Every Monday & Wednesday starting Sept. 11th

Time: 9am-11:30am

Location: Senior Center

DE SOTO AQUATIC CENTER



August 14 - September 3

Open: Saturdays & Sundays

Closed: Monday - Friday & September 2



Doggie Plunge (Dogs-Only Swimming)

Date/Time: Monday, Sept. 4th | 10am - NOON

Entrance Fee: \$1/ dog

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Youth Soccer Officials
- Youth Baseball Umpires
- Youth Basketball Officials
- Youth Softball Umpires
- Youth Volleyball Officials
- Fitness Instructors

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