

# DE SOTO

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MAY 2025

News for Residents

## UPCOMING DATES

### May 30th, Rhythm & Roots Market Downtown

5pm-8pm: Market  
6:30pm-9:30pm: The Calvins

### June 1st, 1pm-4pm:

Bike Rodeo @ Miller Park

### June 6th, Rhythm & Roots Market Downtown

5pm-8pm: Market  
6:30pm-9:30pm: The Suburbans

### June 7th, 8am - noon:

Brush Site Open

### June 7th, 10am:

Touch-a-Truck @ Miller Park

### June 7th, 8:30pm:

Movie @ Miller: Mufasa - The Lion King

### June 13th, Rhythm & Roots Market Downtown

5pm-8pm: Market  
6:30pm-9:30pm: Landrush

### June 14th, 7:30pm-9:30pm:

Splash-N-Play Night Swim | \$1

### June 20th, Rhythm & Roots Riverfest Park

5pm: Market  
7pm: Missouri with Tyler Lyon

### June 21st, 8am - noon:

Brush Site Open

### June 25th, 6pm:

State of the City | Community Center

### June 27th, Rhythm & Roots Market Downtown

5pm-8pm: Market  
6:30pm-9:30pm: The Instamatics

## PARKS & RECREATION

### Upcoming Programs



- **June** Yoga
- **June - August:** Swim Lessons
- **June 11, 1pm-2pm:** Senior Bingo
- **Every Wednesday, 8:30am-10:30am:** Toddler Time (gym)

## RHYTHM & ROOTS MARKET



De Soto's new weekly event series, Rhythm & Roots, is already bringing energy—and foot traffic — into our downtown.

Held every Friday from May through September, the series combines a local farmers and makers market with live music and food vendors for a relaxed, community-focused evening. Bring your lawn chairs, bring your people, and settle in — it's a summer rooted right here in De Soto.

**NEW UPDATE**

- **Farmers, Bakers, & Makers Market (all locations):** 5pm-8pm
- **Live Music & Food Trucks:**
  - **Downtown De Soto Events:** 6:30pm-9:30pm
  - **Riverfest Park Events:** 7pm-10pm



Rhythm & Roots Webpage

## RIVERFEST PARK MASTER PLAN

De Soto Parks & Recreation is working to update the Riverfest Park Master Plan, which will help guide future improvements and ensure the park continues to meet the needs of the community.

As part of the planning process, residents are invited to complete an online survey by **May 30th**. The survey includes questions about how often you visit the park, which activities you enjoy, your satisfaction with current amenities, and any barriers to use. Survey results will help inform the development of updated design concepts, cost estimates, and priorities for future upgrades.



Riverfest Park Plan Survey Due May 30th

## SOUTHWEST GROWTH AREA PLAN

The Southwest Growth Area (SGA) Plan was approved by the City Council at the second May meeting — establishing a long-term vision for how more than 1,500 acres south of 95th Street will grow over time.

The plan lays out future land use, road networks, utility infrastructure, and housing options to help guide development in a way that's coordinated, thoughtful, and community-driven. Most importantly, it emphasizes preserving De Soto's small-town character while welcoming new opportunities for residents, businesses, and public amenities. More details, and the full plan, are available on the City website.



Southwest Growth Area Page

## NEW PODCAST EPISODE: FIRE STATION

In the latest Hall Monitors podcast, the team chatted with Fire Chief Todd Maxton about the new Sunflower Fire Station – a modern, purpose-built upgrade designed to better support the firefighters who show up for us every day.

Find out how the downtown station has shaped De Soto's fire service, what's changing (and what's not), funding, specialized training, and how this new station sets the stage for the future of public safety.

**THE HALL MONITORS**  
PODCAST

Ep. #4:  
Sunflower Fire Station

