

DE SOTO

KANSAS

JULY 2025

News for Residents

UPCOMING DATES

Friday, July 25th, 6:30pm

Rhythm & Roots Market - Downtown
Superstar Mafia

Friday, July 25th, 8pm-10pm:

Splash n' Play Night Swim | \$1

July 28th-30th:

Kids Painting Camp | \$50

Friday, August 1st, 6:30pm

Rhythm & Roots Market - Downtown
Landrush

Saturday, August 2nd, 8am - noon:

Brush Site Open

Thursday, August 7th, 7pm:

City Council Meeting

Friday, August 8th, 6:30pm

Rhythm & Roots Market - Downtown
Chasing Grace

Saturday, August 9th, 8:30pm:

Movie @ Miller: *Wicked*

Wednesday, August 13th, 1pm:

Senior Bingo | Senior Center

Friday, August 15th, 7pm

Rhythm & Roots Market - Riverfest
Opener: Sounds of Santana
Headliner: Selekt Show

Saturday, August 16th, 8am - noon:

Brush Site Open

Thursday, August 21st, 7pm:

City Council Meeting

Friday, August 22nd, 6:30pm

Rhythm & Roots Market - Downtown
Mikey Needleman Band

Tuesday, August 26th, 6pm:

Planning Commission Meeting

August 28th-30th:

De Soto Days

Monday, September 1st:

City Office Closed for Labor Day

Monday, September 1st,

10am-noon:

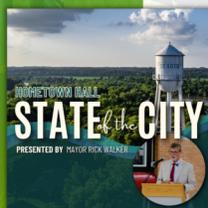
Doggie Plunge | \$3/ dog



City Calendar



Program Registration



HELP PRIORITIZE CITY PROJECTS

We're updating the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)—which guides how we prioritize major investments like road upgrades, parks, utilities, public spaces, and future amenities. Help decide what we should focus on in the next few years by taking the 2025 CIP Update Survey **by July 31st!**



2025 CIP Update Page



CIP Update Survey

SUNFLOWER RECREATIONAL TRAIL

Construction is underway on a new 10-foot wide paved trail along the east side of Sunflower Road, stretching from 91st to 103rd Street.

Once complete, this north-south connection will improve walkability, expand bike access south of K-10, and link neighborhoods across the west side of De Soto. This trail is funded through a \$1.06 million Transportation Alternatives Program Grant, with a 20% local match from the City.



ESTIMATED TAX NOTICE

In early August, Johnson County will mail all property owners an Estimated Tax Notice. This is not a bill. The notice tells you which taxing jurisdictions—such as the state, county, city, school district, and fire district—plan to exceed their revenue neutral rate (RNR) and when/where public hearings will be held.



Revenue Neutral

The notice shows the **City of De Soto plans to exceed the RNR for 2026**. However, this **does not mean your City property taxes are going up**; De Soto intends to decrease the City's mill levy so that most homeowners will pay about the same amount in City property taxes in 2026 as they did in 2025. **Here's why:**



Understanding Your Property Taxes & Mill Levy

The Revenue Neutral Rate is the tax rate that would bring in the same dollar amount of property tax revenue next year as this year. The calculated RNR for De Soto is artificially low because it includes Panasonic's property taxes in the formula. While the City collects those taxes, they are almost entirely directed to infrastructure improvements through a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement—and not available for general City use. Because the formula assumes the City keeps that money, the RNR is much lower than it would otherwise be. Exceeding it allows us to set a realistic, sustainable rate.

Even so, the City does not need to collect more from residential property owners; sales tax revenue has grown significantly because more people shop in De Soto and new businesses have opened, helping offset costs for residents.

City of De Soto Public Hearings: September 18th | 7pm | Council Chambers

2025 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Missed the State of the City Address in June? We've got you covered! Tune in to our special podcast episode, "Hometown Hall Pass: State of the City 2025."

Highlights include De Soto's historic property tax cut, local investments and economic growth, housing developments, and outdoor recreation.



State of the City Video