

DE SOTO

KANSAS

AUGUST 2025
News for Residents

UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday, August 27th, 1pm:
NEW - Senior Games | Senior Center

August 28th - 30th:
De Soto Days

Sunday, August 31st, 12pm-6:30pm:
Last Pool Day

Monday, September 1st:
City Hall Closed for Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 1st, 10am - noon:
Doggie Plunge | \$3/dog

Thursday, Sept. 4th, 7pm:
City Council Meeting

Friday, Sept. 5th, 6:30pm
Rhythm & Roots Market - Downtown
Retroactive

Saturday, Sept. 6th, 8am - noon:
Brush Site Open

Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 1pm:
Senior Bingo | Senior Center

Friday, Sept. 12th, 6:30pm
Rhythm & Roots Market - Downtown
The Instamatics

Thursday, Sept. 18th, 7pm:
City Council Meeting
Revenue Neutral Rate &
Budget Public Hearings

Friday, Sept. 19th, 6:30pm
Rhythm & Roots Market - Downtown
After Party

Saturday, Sept. 20th, 8am - noon:
Brush Site Open

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, 6pm:
Planning Commission Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 1pm:
NEW - Senior Games | Senior Center

Friday, Sept. 26th, 6:30pm
Rhythm & Roots Market - Downtown
Green Shoebox Band



City Calendar



Program Registration

DISC GOLF COURSE – SOFT OPEN

Riverfest Park's new 18-hole disc golf course is now in a soft launch phase—open for play but still under construction. The front 9 is shaping up nicely, and while holes #11–#18 are now playable, additional groundwork is planned to smooth things out and improve overall playability.

The following items are still in progress:

- Millings and grass seed
- Limb trimming
- Marquee and tee sign design
- Lost disc box

You can view the full course layout using our new interactive map. The course is also live on UDisc, so you can track your rounds, log scores, and explore layout details from your phone.

Stay tuned for grand opening details later this summer!



Course Layout



UDisc

ESTIMATED TAX NOTICE

Understanding
Your Estimated
Tax Notice



It's budget season for all jurisdictions (i.e. the city, county, school district, state, fire district) which means you should have already received your Johnson County Estimated Tax Notice. The notice tells you which taxing jurisdictions plan to exceed their revenue neutral rate (RNR) and when/where public hearings will be held.

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.

AVERAGE CITY TAXES OVER TIME, BY HOME VALUE

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	(PROPOSED) 2026 *Estimate
City Mill Levy	25.15	22.402	20.91	19.8	13.77	12.94
Home Value						
\$150,000	\$434	\$386	\$361	\$242	\$238	\$223*
\$250,000	\$723	\$644	\$601	\$569	\$396	\$372*
\$400,000	\$1,157	\$1,030	\$962	\$911	\$633	\$595*
\$600,000	\$1,735	\$1,546	\$1,443	\$1,366	\$950	\$892*

Then why are we exceeding RNR? De Soto's RNR is artificially low because it includes Panasonic's property taxes in the formula. While the City collects those taxes, almost all are 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.

Thanks to a significant growth in sales tax revenue from new businesses opening and more people shopping in De Soto, the City can maintain services without collecting more from most homeowners.

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



Revenue Neutral