

DE SOTO

KANSAS

OCTOBER 2025
News for Residents

UPCOMING DATES

Saturday, Nov. 1st, 8am - noon:
Brush Site Open

Tuesday, Nov. 4th, 7pm:
Election Day

Thursday, Nov. 6th, 7pm:
City Council Meeting

November 11th:
Veterans Day – City Offices Closed

Saturday, Nov. 15th, 8am - noon:
Final Brush Site of the Season

Thursday, Nov. 20th, 7pm:
City Council Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 25th, 6pm
Planning Commission Meeting

November 27th & 28th:
Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed

December 6th:
Dashing Through De Soto with
Santa & the NWCFD

December 6th:
Mayor's Annual Deck the "Hall"
and Tree Lighting

PARKS & RECREATION

bit.ly/DeSotoKSRecRegistration

Toddler Time

Every Wednesday, 8:30am - 10:30am
Fee: \$1 | Community Center

Senior Games

Oct. 29th, 1pm | Senior Center

November 2nd

Tiny & Youth Basketball League
Registration Deadline
Tiny League (Grades: 1st & 2nd) | \$35/
Youth League (Grades 3rd-6th) | \$40/

Adult Yoga Classes

Tuesdays or Thursdays, Nov.-Dec.,
6:30pm-7:30pm
Fee: \$6-\$9/ month

Senior Bingo

Nov. 12th, 1pm
Senior Center



Program
Registration

RHYTHM & ROOTS FEEDBACK



End-of-
Season
Survey

Our very first Rhythm & Roots Market season has officially wrapped! From May through September, Friday nights were filled with live music, local vendors, and a whole lot of hometown energy.

As we look ahead to next year, we'd love your input to help make the series even better. Take our quick end-of-season survey by **October 30th** to share what you loved, what you'd change, and your ideas for the future.

NEW SUNFLOWER TRAIL

The new 10-foot-wide paved trail along the east side of Sunflower Road (91st to 103rd Street) is officially open for use! This north-south route improves walkability, expands bike access south of K-10, and connects westside neighborhoods—including historically disconnected areas like Clearview City.

The \$1.06 million project was funded through a Transportation Alternatives Program Grant, with a 20% local match from the City.



RIVERFEST PARK DISC GOLF COURSE



Disc Golf
Course Page

It's been a big month for De Soto's newest attraction! This October, we celebrated the soft launch with a ribbon cutting and then held our first ever disc golf tournament!

In less than three months, the course has brought 700+ unique players into De Soto and has been played almost 2k times. In September, it was the 4th most-played course in Kansas! (Data from popular disc golf score tracking app, UDisc.)

A huge thank you to the businesses and individuals who donated time, services, and resources to the course; this community passion project would not be possible without you!

Course Sponsors: Nexus Disc Golf & Panasonic Energy

- **Ace Sponsors:** KS Flying Disc Association, Bedrock Concrete, Geiger Ready-Mix, TriCentury Bank, Kissick Construction Company, Residences at Lexington, Merck Animal Health, Kansas Tourism
- **Eagle Sponsors:** Burns & McDonnell, HDR Engineering Inc
- **Birdie Sponsors:** De Soto Upholstery & Honey Creek Disposal Service
- **Par Sponsors:** K Ten Place Apartments, Hike Properties, Great American Bank, Mayor Rick & Monica Walker

NEW RIVERFEST PARK MONUMENT SIGN

Construction is underway on the new **Riverfest Park Monument Sign**, an entry feature that will define the park's entrance and celebrate De Soto's connection to the Kansas River.



In the mid-1800s, steamboats like the Lightfoot once traveled the Kaw, linking De Soto with nearby cities before railroads replaced river travel.

The 21-foot monument features inset lettering, a halo-lit steamboat design, and a historical plaque honoring the city's steamboat era and the creativity of lifelong resident and educator Darrel Zimmerman, whose original concept inspired the design.

The project is expected to be complete by the end of December, weather permitting, and is funded through the City's Capital Project Fund.