

Around Town

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**De Queen Mayor**

Students will be returning to school on Monday, Aug. 20, and the De Queen Police Department will be helping to get the school year off to a safe start.

Here are a few reminders from police about traffic situations around the school.

The speed limit is 20 miles per hour on all city streets surrounding schools and extra officers will be on duty to watch for speeders during the first few weeks.

On school campuses, the speed limit is 10 miles per hour.

Parents should expect delays and plan on arriving early for the first few days of school. For new students or those going to a new school, parents should find out the drop-off and pick-up points for students before school begins.

Parents who have pre-school students at the Park Hill Kindergarten, should know that East Vandervoort Avenue in front of the school is one-way eastbound during the time school is starting and letting out. You cannot turn around in the church parking lot and drive back west to Lakeside Drive.

At Park Hill, you must park in designated parking spots and not on the street. Parking violators can expect to receive a citation or they may have their car towed for illegal parking.

Drivers who are headed west on Coulter Drive and hoping to turn left onto Treating Plant Road should be aware that this is almost impossible during morning and afternoon peak times. Please plan your route to avoid being held up at this location, or be prepared to wait.