

CITY MANAGER REPORT

THE WATERLAND CITY

FEBRUARY 21, 2025

CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP



There were no Council or Committee meetings this week. Here are the meetings scheduled for February 27, 2025:

Economic Development Committee Meeting

Packet materials can be found here

City Council Regular Meeting

Packet materials can be found here

CITY CURRENTS MAGAZINE

The Spring issue of the Des Moines City Currents should have been delivered to you by the time this report is out! Inside you will find information on what's happening in the City, Park & Recreation classes and programs and things to do if you are a Senior! Check out the full issue [here](#).

From the City Manager

Dear Des Moines Community, By the time this issue of Currents reaches your mailbox, I will have been on the job for just over three months. It's been a whirlwind since I started, and I'm already beginning to feel a bit settled—an ongoing deepening on GPS to get around, which feels like a superpower. Over the past few months, I've enjoyed meeting community members and listening to your ideas and needs. One of the most significant concerns I've heard of has been the need for better communication and transparency. My ultimate goal is for you to feel informed, heard, and involved in the decisions making government that shape our city. To this end, we are implementing several measures to connect with you better and

provide more accessible and more opportunities for engagement. For each item, we will be providing and including the contact information and updates, also being easy to navigate. Whether you need details about city services, upcoming events, or public projects, our goal is to make this information easy to find. The inclusion will include options for you to provide feedback by reporting concerns or sharing suggestions by the community. In addition to utilizing digital we recognize how valuable face-to-face interactions can be. Last fall, we hosted "Coffee with the City Manager"



ACTIVITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT

Starting March 3, 2025, the Activity Center roof replacement project begins! The City applied for a Department of Commerce Solar Grant opportunity in the Spring of 2024. The grant will cover the cost of solar panel installation on the roof of the Senior Activity Center, and the tie-in to the existing electrical system. The removal of the old, existing roof is scheduled to start March 3rd. During this time, some classes and programs may be impacted, but staff will do all they can to minimize these interruptions. The Center will also continue with lunch service. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this time! The roof replacement project is scheduled to take about 3 weeks to be completed.



DID YOU KNOW....?

Looking for expert guidance to grow or start your business? The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers free resources and personalized support to help you succeed.

The SBDC, in partnership with Highline College and the South King County Economic Development Initiative (SKCEDI), helps strengthen Des Moines' economy by supporting local small businesses. Located on the Highline College Campus, the center provides free, confidential one-on-one counseling, along with training, research services, and seminars to help your business thrive. Services include help with marketing strategies, financial management, loan applications, hiring, and more. They also assist entrepreneurs with startup plans, cash flow projections, and financing strategies. Click [here](#) for more information



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Have a passion for sports and want to learn how to officiate? Do you have direct knowledge of the game and league rules of soccer? Then this is a great part time, seasonal opportunity for you! The City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation is hiring **referees for the upcoming Youth Soccer Season**. These positions would start in April through Mid-June in evenings and weekends.

Visit www.desmoineswa.gov to all open positions!



WE'RE
HIRING!

STAFF KUDOS

"My husband and I really appreciate the fact that there was treatment done for the snow and ice recently on our road which is S 242, coming down toward the sound. We had had some issues with that in the past where it wasn't being treated but so far so good and I wanted to commend whoever had taken the initiative and was making sure that our road was taken care of. We appreciate it."

Cheryl Stefanic

Thank you, as always, to our wonderful and hardworking staff. This Staff Kudos section will serve as a way to recognize and celebrate the hard work and dedication of our City of Des Moines employees, volunteers, Council Members, and more.

SUBMIT YOUR STAFF KUDOS
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE KUDOS TO STAFF?

If you want to share a staff kudos with me, email me at KCaffrey@DesMoinesWA.Gov



KATHERINE'S FUN STUFF

This was a super busy week for our family...so I relied on one of my favorite slow cooker recipes...**Slow Cooker Beef Ragu.**



Easy peasy! And enough for leftovers.

Ingredients

- 1/2 yellow onion (diced)
- 1 1/2 pounds flank steak
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 large carrots (peeled and diced)
- 2 ribs celery (trimmed and diced)
- 4 garlic cloves (minced)
- 1 - 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes
- 1 - 28-ounce can diced tomatoes

FOR SERVING

Whole-wheat pasta
Parmesan and ricotta cheeses

Instructions

1. Layer all the ingredients in the slow cooker, starting with the onion and ending with the canned tomatoes. Turn on high for 5 or 6 hours, or low for 8 to 10 hours. You can take the lid off for a bit at the end to help reduce the sauce down to make it thicker (or spoon some liquid off the top).
2. Divide the sauce evenly over beds of cooked whole-wheat noodles, top with parmesan and ricotta cheeses (if desired), and serve.

DONE!!! Dinner success.



FEBRUARY

- February 21 Attack the Block @ Waterland Arcade
- February 22 Bring Your Kids to College Exploration @ Highline College
- February 22 Sound Healing, Gentle Yin, Guided Meditation @ Shiva Yoga
- February 22 Des Moines Creek Park Run
- February 22 Non Profit Symposium, 9-noon @ Des Moines Activity Center
- February 24 Vinyasa to Yin with Live Sound Bath @ Shiva Yoga
- February 25 Trivia Night @ the Quarterdeck
- February 27 Cornhole @ the All Star Sports Bar
- February 27 City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- February 27 Economic Development Committee Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- February 27 Phyla Training @ MaST Center

MARCH

- March 1 AcuYoga Workshop @ Shiva Yoga
- March 1 Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
- March 1 Des Moines Historical Society Open 1-4
- March 4 MINGO Nights @ Marina Mercantile
- March 6 City Council Study Session @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 6 Public Safety Committee Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 8 Inversion Workshop Arm Balances @ Shiva yoga
- March 8 Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
- March 11 Trivia Night @ Quarterdeck
- March 13 Transportation Committee Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 13 Environment Committee Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 13 City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 13 St. Patrick's Day Paint Party @ Jamar's Sports Bar
- March 14 Ian Jones @ the Quarterdeck
- March 15 Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
- March 18 MINGO Nights @ Marina Mercantile
- March 18 Bingo Night @ Quarterdeck
- March 19 Paint Nite @ Tuscany Restaurant
- March 22 Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
- March 25 Trivia Night @ Quarterdeck
- March 27 Municipal Facilities Committee Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 27 Economic Development Committee Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 27 City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 29 Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park



Have an upcoming event you want to share? Email us and we'll get it on our calendar!

