



City Manager Weekly Report
July 12, 2024

Summer Concert Series begins!

Next week kicks off our Summer Concert Series! [General Mojo's](#) will start our series. They are a dynamic alternative rock band featuring a rotating cast of Seattle area musicians. Come on down to the Beach Park for excellent music, delicious food, and great company. Summer is in full swing!

- Date: Wed, July 17
- Time: 7–9 pm
- Location: Beach Park

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Heroes Unite - A Light-hearted Engagement Campaign Between DMPD and SKFR!

In our bustling city, two groups of everyday heroes work tirelessly to keep us safe and sound – our Des Moines Police Department (DMPD) and South King Fire and Rescue (SKFR). They are always there when we need them, and now, they are teaming up for a little something extra.

Stay tuned as we showcase the unique skills and camaraderie between our PD and Fire teams. This campaign isn't just about who can solve crimes or put out fires faster—it's about celebrating their teamwork, spirit, and overall dedication to our community. We will have some laughs while also learning just how often and how much these departments respond to the community when in need.

Speaking of our excellent PD, we received the following commendation from a Des Moines community member, which speaks to the high level of professionalism and commitment to service our officers' display on a daily basis.

"On June 25th, the Des Moines Police Department pulled me over and stopped me. My car had been listed as stolen on June 23. On the 25th, the police in Sea-Tac recovered it and returned it to me. Unfortunately, their report of the return was not as fast as the actions of the DMPD.

While it is strange to be pulled over, experience spike strips being thrown in front of my car, handcuffed, and treated as a dangerous person, I was not concerned at all. My reason for writing is pretty simple. I wanted you and your colleagues to know how good it is to know that our police are not just effective; they are completely amazing. I had only been on the road for five minutes, they recognized the car I was in was reported as stolen, and they took strong and effective action to solve the problem. What was really significant is that every one of your officers was unbelievably professional and just plain nice. I wanted you to know that I shared my experience on social media, and many were impressed with how effective and excellent all of your officers were. It did not seem right not to share this with you or others in your department. Frankly, all of you were awesome.

I don't think people always appreciate how important it is to have good people as police officers. It builds confidence to know that one of our most important organizations is populated with many good people. Thank you for the way you treated me and thank you for being an excellent example of a great officer. Please let your colleagues know I appreciate them all."

Nick Sweeney

Principal Valley Christian School



Adopt a Storm Drain Program

We need you for our Adopt-a-Drain program! This program launched in January 2024, and we currently have 32 adopted drains. Help us get to **50!**

Why Adopt a Storm Drain?

- **Protect Our Waterways:** Prevent pollutants and trash from reaching our rivers and oceans.
- **Reduce Flooding:** Help keep streets clear to avoid localized flooding.
- **Beautify Our Community:** A clean storm drain is a step towards a cleaner, more beautiful neighborhood.

How You Can Help:

1. **Adopt a Drain:** Choose a storm drain near you for which to take responsibility.
2. **Regular Maintenance:** Clean the drain of leaves, trash, and debris regularly.
3. **Report Issues:** Let local authorities know if you spot any problems or potential blockages.

A graphic for the "Adopt a Storm Drain" program. It features the text "ADOPT A STORM DRAIN" in blue, with a brown drain cover icon and blue wavy lines representing water. Below the graphic is a text box with the following content:

Volunteer fifteen minutes, twice a month, for cleaner waterways and healthier communities. Storm drains flow directly to our creeks and the Puget Sound, acting as a conduit for trash and organic pollutants. Adopt-a-Drain asks residents to adopt a storm drain in their neighborhood and keep it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris to reduce water pollution and help prevent localized flooding.

How to Participate:

1. Visit wa.adopt-a-drain.org.
2. Use your address to find unadopted drains in your neighborhood.
3. Create an account and claim your drain.
4. Receive tools and supplies from the City of Des Moines.

For more information, contact Michael Posey at mposey@desmoineswa.gov

The logo for Des Moines, WA, featuring a sailboat icon and the text "Des Moines WA The Waterland City".



Stop the Bleed Course – Emergency Management

Take the [STOP THE BLEED](#) training course with our Emergency Management Director, Shannon Kirchberg on Thursday, August 8th, 6–9 pm at our Des Moines Senior Activity Center and be prepared to save a life!

Stop the Bleed is a hands-on medical training that encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. This class is available to anyone, at no cost, no matter your prior first aid training experience. More info and to sign up click here:

[STOP the Bleed Tickets, Thu, Aug 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)

City Council Summary

The City Council met on Thursday, July 11th, for a Regular Meeting. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

Highlights from the meeting included introducing and talking with Police Chief Ted Boe, who is slated to start mid-August, and an introduction to Public Works Director Michael Slevin, who began on July 1st. Additionally, Council approved the naming of the Marina District alleyway from South 223rd Street to South 227th Street 'Backstage Alley' and establishing a commemorative name of 'Waterland Way' for the portion of South 223rd Street between Marine View Drive and Cliff Avenue. The Redondo Restroom Replacement Project was also approved.

The [Environment Committee](#) also met on Thursday. The agendas and materials can be found in the links.

City Council does not meet next week, as they do not typically meet on the Third Thursday of the month.

Sports Update

"Just when I thought I was out.... They pull me back in." The Mariner's bats are finally heating up a bit, as they won three in a row this week while scoring 21 runs in those games. Let's hope this trend continues as the M's are in Anaheim for three more this weekend against the struggling Angels while we still hold a narrow two game lead on first place in the AL West. Dueling soccer tournaments continue to capture the attention of the globe, with the Copa America Final set to take place Sunday evening, with Argentina taking on Columbia. Across the pond, Spain is slated to face England in the Final of the Euro Championship on Sunday at noon. The Sounders play Austin on Saturday night, the Storm battle it out with the Lynx tonight, and the Dream on Sunday. Stay cool!