

CITY MANAGER REPORT

THE WATERLAND CITY

MARCH 7, 2025

CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP



The following Council/Committee Meetings were held on March 6, 2025:

Public Safety/Emergency Management:

- Substation Closure
- BWC Upgrades and Grant
- 2023 v 2024 Crime Statistics
- South King Fire 2024 Statistics

For more information, or to review packet information, click [here](#).

City Council Study Session:

- Day to Remember Master Police Officer Steven J Underwood Proclamation
- Discussion on Developing a Strategic Plan
- Discussion on City Council Committees and Appointive Committees

For more information, or to review packet information, click [here](#).

For a listing of all future Committee and Council meeting items, click [here](#).



STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

At last night's study session, the City Council discussed a process to develop a city strategic plan.

A strategic plan is a multi-year roadmap that guides the city's decisions and spending priorities. Unlike a city comprehensive plan, which focuses specifically on land-use decisions, a strategic plan lays out the city's overall goals, priorities and actions. Community input is an important part of the strategic planning process, and I have heard from the community a strong desire to have more opportunities to participate and share your priorities with the City. Due to the City's financial challenges, we will also need to make sure plans for revenue growth and financial sustainability are drivers for the overall Strategic Planning effort. More to come on this....so stay tuned!



CITY OF DES MOINES RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

The City of Des Moines has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This prestigious award recognizes the City's commitment to the highest principles of governmental budgeting. To earn the award, Des Moines met national guidelines for budget presentation, excelling in four key areas: policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications tool. The City's budget documents were rated "proficient" in all categories and mandatory criteria. This achievement places Des Moines among over 1,700 participants in the GFOA Budget Awards Program.

For those of you that love to read a government budget and have seen our budget book, we know we can make it even better in the future. Finance staff are already at work for next year's budget—our goal is for the document to be clear, easy to understand and lay person friendly. More improvements to come!



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
NEWS RELEASE



NOTICE OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

WHEN:

Friday, March 14th to Sunday, March 16th

DURATION:

From 9:00a.m. March 14th To 9:00p.m. March 16th

WHERE:

Redondo Beach Drive South Between Redondo Boat Launch & intersection of Redondo Beach Dr. S and Redondo Way

WHY:

Resurfacing the concrete crosswalk in front of the Redondo Fishing Pier

Detour will be signed

Thank you for your understanding and patience!



SPRING RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT

The Spring Recycling Collection Event is aimed at promoting environmental sustainability within the community. Residents can responsibly dispose of a variety of recyclables, including electronics, TV sets, tires, alkaline batteries, bulky wood, and mattress/box springs. A fee may apply to some items. The event will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, 9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m. at the Des Moines Marina. Enter from the South Lot off South 227th Street. View the full flyer [here](#).

SPRING RECYCLING
COLLECTION EVENT

KING COUNTY WATER TAXI 'SALLY FOX' TESTS POTENTIAL DES MOINES ROUTE

King County Metro's Marine Division conducted a "fit-up trip" aboard the Water Taxi Sally Fox on Saturday, March 1, 2025, to evaluate the vessel's systems, crew operations, and docking procedures for potential future service to the Des Moines Marina.

The test run showcased the vessel's journey from Pier 50 in downtown Seattle to the Des Moines Marina on a foggy morning, providing a preview of what expanded passenger ferry service could offer South King County.

This initiative is a collaborative effort between King County and the local community to explore the feasibility of a new commuter ferry service. While no definitive timeline has been set for service to Des Moines, the test trip marks a significant step toward a more connected future for the region.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We're hiring motivated individuals for various positions across departments. Enjoy competitive pay, great benefits, and the opportunity to make a real impact in our community.

Visit www.desmoineswa.gov to all open positions!



DID YOU KNOW....?

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

On September 22, 1975, the Des Moines City Council (led by Mayor Del Parsons) put an end to the great debate once and for all—the official pronunciation is “Dah Moyne!”

But hey, all you “Dah Moinez” fans out there, don’t come for me! I say tomato, you say... well, still tomato. All I know is that Des Moines is French for “The Moines”—and that’s a fact!

SPRING COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Registration is now open for the 2025 Spring Community Academy, bridging the gap between Law Enforcement and the Community. This will be a one-week academy starting Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28. Each session will run from 6:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. Cost is FREE but space is limited, so register today!! Contact CSO, Tonya Seaberry at 206-870-7619 or TSeaberry@DesMoinesWA.Gov to register today!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Ready to “spring forward” and lose an hour of sleep? Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00a.m. on Sunday, March 9th! Time to set those clocks one hour ahead and enjoy more daylight in the evening. It’s like getting an extra hour of sunshine to soak up every day—just don’t forget to adjust your coffee time!



STAFF KUDOS

I'm taking a little personal privilege with this section of the report because today is Employee Appreciation Day! 🎉

I want to take a moment to give a huge thank you to all City of Des Moines staff for their hard work and dedication. The work you do every day makes a real difference in our community, and I couldn't be more grateful. Your commitment, teamwork, and passion keep this city running strong—Des Moines simply wouldn't be the same without you!

– Me, Your City Manager 😊

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

For more detailed information on the events listed, as well as additional events, please visit the City's calendar on the website by clicking [here](#).

MARCH

- March 8 - Pisces Party @ Jamar's Sports Bar
- March 8 - Inversion Workshop Arm Balances @ Shiva yoga
- March 8 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
- March 8 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
- March 9 - Winter Yoga @ the Des Moines Theater
- March 11 - Trivia Night @ Quarterdeck
- March 13 - Transportation Committee Meeting @ Des Moines City HallB
- March 13 - Environment Committee Meeting @ Des Moines City HallB
- March 13 - City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
- March 13 - St. Patrick's Day Paint Party @ Jamar's Sports Bar
- March 14 - Live Music – Joe Spallino @ Creole Soul
- March 14 - Drag Queen Bingo @ Normandy Park Cove
- March 14 - Ian Jones @ the Quarterdeck
- March 15 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
- March 15 - Scott Losse Comedy @ the Quarterdeck
- March 15 - Yin to Yin with Live Sound Bath

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 15 - St. Patrick's Cookie Class @ Marina Mercantile
March 15 - PINBRAWL at the Waterfront @ Waterland Arcade
March 15 - Estate Planning Best Practices @ Woodmont Library
March 15 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
March 18 - MINGO Nights @ Marina Mercantile
March 18 - Bingo Night @ Quarterdeck
March 19 - How to Resolve Deep Conflict @ Federal Way Library
March 19 - Paint Nite @ Tuscan Restaurant
March 21 - Attack the Block @ Waterland Arcade
March 22 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
March 22 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
March 25 - Trivia Night @ Quarterdeck
March 26 - Watercolor Pansies Paint & Sip @ Marina Mercantile
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 28 - Live Music – Duo Bravo @ Creole Soul
March 29 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
March 29 - MomCo DMGC Bingo Fundraiser @ Des Moines Gospel Chapel
March 29 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
March 31 - Monday Mariner Madness @ Waterland Arcade



**UPCOMING
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APRIL

April 3 - City Council Study Session @ Des Moines City Hall
April 5 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
April 5 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
April 5 - Yin Yoga, Aromatherapy & Gentle Acupressure
April 5 - Des Moines Historical Society Open 1-4
April 8 - Trivia Night @ Quarterdeck
April 10 - City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
April 12 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
April 12 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
April 15 - Bingo Night @ Quarterdeck
April 19 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
April 19 - Eggstravaganza @ the Des Moines Activity Center
April 19 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
April 22 - Trivia Night @ Quarterdeck
April 23 - Community Shredding Event @ the Des Moines Activity Center
April 24 - City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall



**CLICK TO
VIEW THE
CITY
CALENDAR**

**Have an upcoming event you want to share?
Email us at BWilkins@DesMoinesWA.Gov and we'll get it
on our calendar!**

