



# City of Des Moines

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## City Manager Weekly Report March 22, 2024

### Redondo Emphasis Patrols

With the long awaited sunny weather this past weekend, police patrol teams conducted traffic safety emphasis in Redondo near the parks and along the Boardwalk. Police utilized fully marked as well as vehicles with subdued police markings to deter and prevent traffic violations and related crimes. The DMPD will continue to conduct enhanced patrols in Redondo and other areas of the City as needed throughout the Spring and Summer.

### Spring Recycling Event Tomorrow!

Spring is here and you know what that means.... time to clean! To assist you with getting rid of any excess recyclable materials, on Saturday, March 23, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. the City is hosting a Recycling Collection Event at the Des Moines Marina South Lot. Details on the event can be found [here](#).

### Spring Planting Time!

In addition to cleaning, Spring is also the perfect time for planting. Join your fellow green thumbs as the City's Activity Center hosts a senior day trip to Watson's Greenhouse and Nursery in Puyallup! Get ahead of your spring planning and gardening by visiting Watson's Nursery on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-2:00 p.m., cost is \$20 which includes transportation. No-host lunch at Alfred's Café in Tacoma following the tour. Sign up [here](#).

### Spring Break Camp!

Does your child have time off and you don't? From April 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> the City is hosting Spring Break Camp at the Field House. This camp will provide a warm, caring and safe environment where friendships flourish and leadership skills blossom. There will be activities including arts & crafts, games, reading, snacks and more! Register [here](#) today. Hours 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., 3 Day Minimum Required, \$43/Day for Residents, \$47/Day Non-Residents. Parents must provide daily lunch.

### Field House Play Equipment Update

If you have been by the Field House lately, you can see the new play equipment rising from the mud. Although it was delayed earlier this year because of inclement weather, now that the sun has been shining and the ground is no longer frozen our contractor is going full speed ahead and the playground should be open for your kiddos by the end of May!

*The Waterland City*

## Senior Activity Center Pipe Burst Repairs Update

We continue to move forward to reopening the Senior Activity Center following the pipe burst. Water removal and drying remediation processes were completed in January and early February. The new insulation and sheetrock have been installed and painted. The new flooring for portions of the main area is scheduled for the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>, and new flooring for the restroom is scheduled for the week of April 1<sup>st</sup>. After the flooring is completed, we'll get the remaining trim installed and the cabinets and counters in the room where the pipe burst. And then we should be good to go!

## South Link Connections Mobility Project

Des Moines resident input needed! As Link light rail expands farther south with stations at Kent/Des Moines, Star Lake, and Federal Way, the South Link Connections [Mobility Project](#) will address changing mobility needs and improve travel options for communities in South King County. Below are some opportunities for riders and constituents to help shape the future of transit in south King County through South Link Connections:

- [Take a survey](#) about your transit needs – survey deadline is May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Plan to attend one of three upcoming Virtual Community Engagement Sessions on [April 3](#) at noon, [April 21](#) at 10:30am, and [May 6](#) at 6pm.
- [Apply to join the Mobility Board](#) (a paid leadership opportunity) by May 10th and advise Metro on community engagement efforts and the best ways to update our transit network.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Ave Improvements Project Update

Due to utility conflicts with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) and other telecom utilities' overhead infrastructure located within the project limits, construction activities on the 24<sup>th</sup> Ave Improvements Project have been temporarily suspended. The utility conflicts are a direct result of multiple delays from PSE to relocate their existing infrastructure in order to avoid the City's planned improvements. While construction is paused, the contractor and City staff are actively monitoring the area to ensure public safety. However, it is important to note that the construction zone remains active and has rough pavement conditions. Please slow down when traveling in the construction zone or plan for alternative routes if possible. The Project Team is diligently working to resolve the utility conflicts with PSE and resume construction activities as soon as possible.

## Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met individually with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues. I attended the City's Annual Audit Exit Conference with representatives of the Washington State Auditor's Office. I hosted a roundtable discussion with the City's Department Director's to discuss current and upcoming City issues. I also met with Councilmember Harris to discuss topics of interest to him.

## City Council Meeting Summary

There was no City Council meeting this week as the Council generally does not meet on the third Thursday of the month.

The Council will hold a regular meeting next week, Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#). On the same night, there will be a [Municipal Facilities Committee](#) meeting at 4pm and an [Economic Development Committee](#) meeting at 5pm. Agenda and materials can be found in the links.

## Sports Update

March Madness is in full swing and, as anticipated, my brackets are in shambles. Not shambles like I missed a few games, shambles like there's no coming back from this. The Cougars continued to impress with a late comeback to defeat Drake on Thursday night. They play Iowa State on Saturday for a chance to head to the Sweet 16. Gonzaga convincingly beat McNeese and will take on Kansas on Saturday as well. In non-college basketball news, [Shohei Ohtani](#) has some explaining to do. And I thought I was bad at picking winners! The Kraken have lost 6 straight and the Sounders haven't won since 2023 but the Mariners are 6 days away from Opening Day, currently tied for first place!

Have a great weekend!  
Tim George  
Interim City Manager

