



CITY MANAGER REPORT

THE WATERLAND CITY

MAY 2, 2025

CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP



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The following Council Meeting was held on May 1, 2025:

City Council Committee of the Whole:

- Alarm Systems and False Alarms Chapter 9.10 DMMC Updates
- Middle Housing

City Council Study Session:

City Logo Discussion
Comprehensive Plan Update

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

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

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NORTH HILL PROJECT UPDATE

The project team is in the final stage of engineering design and right-of-way acquisition for the North Hill Elementary Walkway Improvements Project. The project proposes to construct approximately 800 linear feet of new sidewalk, curb and gutter, bike lanes, illumination, and storm drainage along both sides of S 200th Street, from 8th Ave S to 10th Place S. The project will also enhance the pedestrian crossing in front of North Hill Elementary School near the entrance on 8th Ave S. The completion of this project will significantly enhance safety for pedestrian and non-motorized users, encouraging more students to utilize a safe walking route to and from school. The City received a \$3,000,000 Safe Routes to School Grant from WSDOT to implement the project.

The construction of the project was planned to begin in the summer of 2025 and conclude by summer of 2026. However, due to unresolved utility conflicts, the construction phase of the project will now be postponed until spring of 2026. This delay provides franchise utilities with the additional time to identify and relocate utility facilities in conflict with the City's project before construction begins, avoiding delay claims and minimizing disruptions to the North Hill community. City staff will continue coordinate with the utilities, aiming to keep the project on schedule.



AMERICAN FORESTRY IS HIRING!

American Forests is hiring a Director of Urban Forestry for the Pacific Northwest and West Coast. This role is central to advancing Tree Equity in Washington State and beyond, and will work closely with initiatives like the Washington State Tree Equity Collaborative to deliver resources, build partnerships, and support cities in implementing effective urban forestry strategies.

This is a great opportunity for someone passionate about equitable urban forestry, coalition-building, and strategic program delivery across the West Coast.

For more information, click [here](#).

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CALLING ALL DES MOINES ENTREPRENEURS!!

Applications for #ComcastRISE are now open through May 31! @Comcast is providing grant packages to 500 small businesses, including 100 here in King County. Apply to get the resources to help your small business thrive. Apply now [here](#).



MT. RAINIER HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC IS PROUD TO PRESENT BACKYARD BARBEQUE

A Community Event Featuring Live Music, Art Galleries, Games, Crafts, Auctions, Raffles, and so much more at Mount Rainier High School Fri, May 16, 2025 (6pm-9pm). All Donations and proceeds go to supporting the Mt. Rainier High School music department boosters.

More information can be found [here](#).



STAFF KUDOS

"A huge shout out to Jon Elfstrom who was manning the gas dock today. While we know he does so much for the Marina, his help today went above and beyond. Not only did he help with fueling, he took the time to walk us through pump out, providing numerous tips we've never been told. His thorough knowledge was only matched by his patience and graciousness. Thank you Jon - you're great!"

Lisa & Duane Stangland
Marina Tenants

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

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



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a fulfilling career with competitive pay and excellent benefits? The City of Des Moines is hiring for several positions, including:

- Seasonal Maintenance Workers
- **Summer Day Camp Staff - Counselors, Lead Counselors, and Directors**
- **Facility Attendant**



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Applying for a job with the City of Des Moines is simple!

- Browse current Job Openings
- Click on a job title to learn more
- Apply
- Need help? Call Human Resources at 206-878-4595 or email HR@DesMoinesWA.Gov

Your next opportunity starts here.

FIELD HOUSE ACCESS & ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSITION

Effective Monday, May 5, the Field House will no longer be available for walk-in public access. The building will remain open for scheduled programs and activities only. Community members who need in-person support such as program registration or facility rental inquiries should visit the Activity Center at 2045 S 216th St during regular business hours of 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. This change is part of our broader effort to consolidate Parks, Recreation, Senior Services, Events, and Facility Rentals into a single, more unified department.

As part of this transition, you will begin to see the new department name: **Community Enrichment Services (CES)**. The CES team brings together services that have historically operated in parallel, allowing us to better coordinate and deliver meaningful programs and enrichment opportunities for the community. While Public Safety keeps us safe and Public Works supports our infrastructure, CES is about connection and creating opportunities for people to engage and build community. We chose this name because it better reflects what this team actually does. CES creates the spaces, programs, and events that bring people

Contact Information: 206-878-1642 or 206-870-6527



KATHERINE'S FUN STUFF

A recipe from guest contributor...Jeff Schneider! Jeff is in our Human Resources Department, and told me had some good recipes...so I'm sharing one of Jeff's favorites. This is so kid-friendly I'm definitely going to try it in my house.



From Jeff: *"Ever been driving home and realize you don't have anything for dinner? For those moments I like to have a bag of Chicken Nuggets and Cauliflower Bites in my freezer. Easy to drop them in the oven and have a homemade healthy dinner in just 30 minutes that will even make picky eaters happy."*

From Scratch Chicken Nuggets

Ingredients:

- 1 pound raw chicken, cut into chunks (picky eaters prefer chicken breast but thighs are my favorite)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- 1 egg
- ½ cup breadcrumbs (plus more for coating)
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese (optional, but delicious)

For coating:

- ½ cup flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup breadcrumbs (regular or panko)

Instructions:

Blend it:

- In a food processor, add the raw chicken chunks, salt, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder, egg, ½ cup breadcrumbs, and Parmesan (if using). Blend until it forms a sticky, slightly chunky paste — not totally smooth, but well combined.

Shape Nuggets:

- Wet your hands (the mixture is sticky) and form small nugget shapes, about 1-2 inches each. Place them on a parchment-lined tray.

Set Up Breading Station:

- Set up three bowls: one with flour, one with the beaten egg, and one with breadcrumbs.

Bread the Nuggets:

- Roll each nugget in flour, tap off excess.
- Dip into egg.
- Coat in breadcrumbs.





KATHERINE'S FUN STUFF, (CONT.)

Freeze or Cook:

- Option 1: Air Fryer
 - Spray nuggets with oil and air fry at 400°F (200°C) for around 15 minutes, flipping halfway, until golden and cooked to an internal temperature of 165°F.
- Option 2: Oven
 - Preheat oven to 400°F. Place nuggets on a greased or parchment-lined baking sheet. Lightly spray with oil. Bake 25 minutes, flipping halfway, until golden and internal temperature hits 165°F.
- Option 3: Freeze it for later

Crispy Cauliflower Bites

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head cauliflower, cut into bite-sized florets
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup chickpea flour (you can sub in a different flour)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water (plus a little more if needed)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 teaspoon seasoning mix (I like Johnny's)
- 1 cup breadcrumbs (panko or regular)

Instructions:

Prepare Batter:

- In a large bowl, whisk together chickpea flour, water, olive oil, and seasoning mix. The batter should be about the consistency of pancake batter — thick enough to coat the cauliflower but not so thick it clumps. Add a tablespoon or two of extra water if needed.

Coat Cauliflower:

- Add cauliflower florets into the batter and toss to coat well.

Bread Cauliflower:

- Roll the coated cauliflower pieces in breadcrumbs, pressing lightly so they stick. (You can do this step quickly by tossing them in a bowl of breadcrumbs.)

Cook:

Air Fryer:

- Preheat air fryer to 400°F .
- Place cauliflower in a single layer (work in batches if needed).
- Lightly spray with oil.
- Air fry for **10–15 minutes**, shaking halfway through, until golden and crispy.

Oven:

- Preheat oven to 425°F.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment and lightly oil it.
- Spread cauliflower in a single layer.
- Spray tops lightly with oil.
- Bake for **25–30 minutes**, flipping halfway, until crisp and browned.



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](#).

MAY

May 3 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center

May 3 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park

May 3 - Des Moines Historical Society Open 1-4

May 3 - Uncle Ernie @ Arturos

May 4 - Vin to Yin with Live Sound Bath

May 8 - City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall

May 9 - Level Up Your Yoga Practice

May 9 - LiUNA Ribbon Cutting

May 10 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center

May 10 - Sip and Shop

May 10 - Mrs. Roper Romp

May 10 - South Sound Opening Day Boating Celebration

May 10 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park

May 11 - Live Music @ the Quarterdeck

May 12 - Porto Vino Ribbon Cutting

May 13 - Trivia Nights @ Quarterdeck

May 17 - Spring Pop Up Yoga @ the Des Moines Theater

May 17 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center

May 17 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park – Sponsored by LighthouseB Northwest

May 20 - Bingo Night @ Quarterdeck

May 21 - Paintnite @ Tuscany

May 21 - So You Want to Get Into Birding? @ Woodmont Library

May 22 - City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall

May 23 - Sound Healing, Guided Meditation, Restorative Yoga

May 24 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center

May 24 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park

May 26 - Memorial Triangle Ribbon Cutting

May 27 - Trivia Nights @ Quarterdeck

May 31 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center

May 31 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park

May 31 - Des Moines Historical Society Open 1-4

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EVENTS

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