

CITY MANAGER REPORT

MAY 23, 2025

CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP



The following Council Meeting was held on May 22, 2025:

City Council Regular Meeting:

- National Public Works Week Proclamation
- LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation
- Pet Licensing Program Presentation
- Capital Projects Update (Marina Steps, Redondo Pier, Memorial Triangle)
- Alarm Systems and False Alarms
- Lakehaven Utility District Franchise Update and Extension – 2nd Reading
- Barnes Creek Trail/South 240th Street Improvements Project Interlocal Agreement
- Public Defense Services Contract Extension
- Discussion on Appointive Committee Reorganization

Great News! The City just received word that the permits for the Redondo Pier have been approved by the National Marine Fisheries Services. This means we will be going out to bid very soon! Stay tuned, but very exciting news!

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

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



NORTHWEST MARINE TRADE ASSOCIATION TAKES NORTHWEST BOATING CONCERNS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Northwest Marine Trade Association (NMTA) members recently spent two days in Washington, D.C., meeting with lawmakers to talk about important issues facing the Northwest's recreational boating industry. Led by NMTA Vice President Jay Jennings, the group included Ken and Alden Hey from Sunstream, Assistant Harbormaster, Katy Bevegni from Des Moines Marina, and Tarin Todd from Foss Harbor Marina. They met with senators and representatives from both parties to share real-world concerns about things like the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Nearshore Calculator, which could hurt small marinas, high aluminum tariffs affecting local businesses, and the need to update laws to help Chinook salmon and endangered Orcas. The lawmakers were interested and open to learning more.

This trip showed how committed NMTA is to protecting boating in our region and supporting the jobs and communities that depend on it.



BOARDWALK BEATS BRINGS LIVE MUSIC TO REDONDO THIS SUMMER

Celebrate summer with Boardwalk Beats, a free live music series on the Redondo Boardwalk, featuring local singers and songwriters in a beautiful waterfront setting. Join us on the first Friday of each month—June 6, July 4, August 1, and September 5—from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy performances by Blowhard Orchestra, Symphony of Creatures, David Landin, and more. It's the perfect way to kick off your weekend with music, community, and coastal vibes.



WATERLAND CHILDREN'S EVENT — MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Friday, July 18, from 1 to 5 p.m., families and community members will gather at Fieldhouse Park for the annual Picnic in the Park, a free event hosted by the Des Moines Area Food Bank and supported by the Des Moines Legacy Foundation and Des Moines Parks & Rec Camp KHAOS. Guests will enjoy a free lunch and snacks, along with a wide range of fun activities including bounce houses, games, balloon art, bubbles, face painting, and hydroplane painting. A magician will wow the crowd, and kids will get creative with art projects and parade float decorating. Free bicycle helmets will also be handed out to promote safety.

DES MOINES LEGACY FOUNDATION
AND CITY OF DES MOINES PRESENT

WATERLAND 2025 CHILDRENS FESTIVAL

FREE EVENT
FRIDAY • JULY 18 • 1-5pm
Fieldhouse Park • 1000 S 220th St

Picnic in the Park/FREE lunch & snacks
Sponsored by Des Moines Area Food Bank

FREE bicycle helmets
Des Moines Parks & Rec Camp KHAOS

- Magician
- Bubbles
- Balloon art
- Popsicles
- Art activities
- Face painting
- Hydroplane painting
- Bounce houses/slides
- Games, games, games
- Jr Parade float decorating

Special thanks to these sponsors

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LA FUNDACIÓN DEL LEGADO DE DES MOINES
Y LA CIUDAD DE DES MOINES PRESENTAN

WATERLAND 2025 FESTIVAL DE LOS NIÑOS

EVENTO GRATUITO
VIERNES 18 DE JULIO 1-5pm
Parque Fieldhouse • 1000 S 220th St

Picnic en el parque/Almuerzo y refrigerios gratis
Patrocinado por el Banco de Alimentos del Área de Des Moines

Cascos de bicicleta GRATIS
Campamento KHAOS de Parques y Recreación

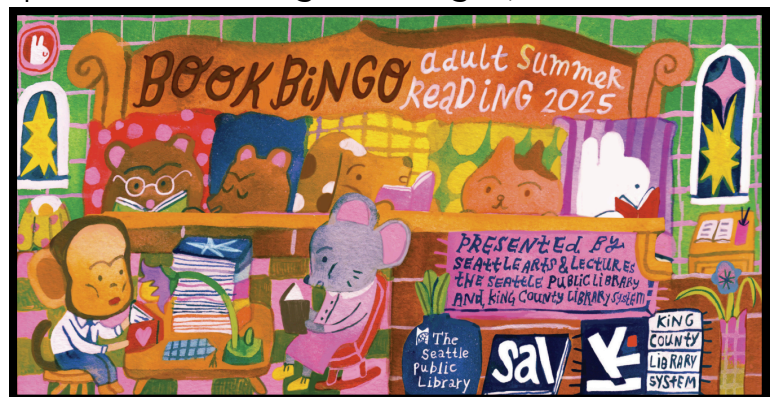
- Mago
- Burbujas
- Arte con globos
- Palatas heladas
- Actividades artísticas
- Pintacaritas
- Pintahidroaviones
- Castillos inflables/toboganes
- Juegos, juegos, juegos
- Decoración de carrozas para desfiles infantiles

Un agradecimiento especial a estos patrocinadores

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JOIN THE FUN WITH SUMMER BOOK BINGO!

This summer, the King County Library System is teaming up with The Seattle Public Library and Seattle Arts & Lectures for Book Bingo! Read your way to a bingo—or go for a blackout—for a chance to win great prizes like a tote bag or a Create Your Own Series subscription to the 2025/26 Seattle Arts & Lectures season. Ready to play? Visit their [website](#) to download your bingo card, explore the reading challenges, and find book recommendations to get you started!



YOUR CITY - YOUR NEWS, SIGN UP TODAY!

Be in the Know!

Get updates straight from the City Manager, Mayor, and more—delivered right to your inbox! Stay informed about local news, events, and initiatives happening in your community.

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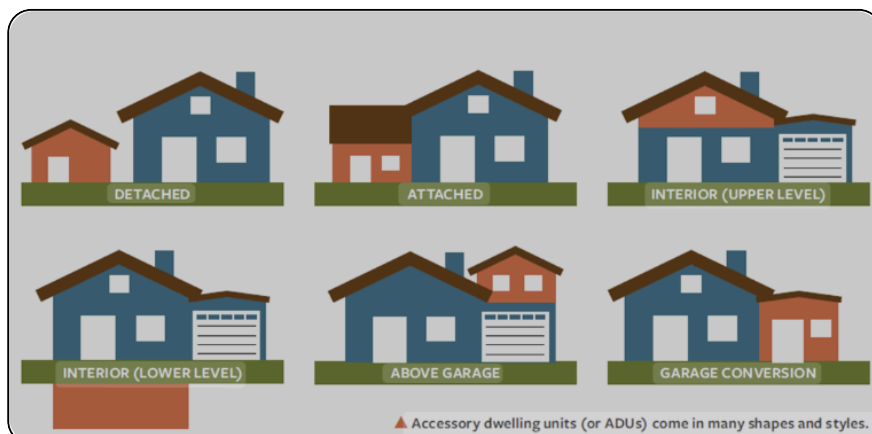


ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS UPDATE

The City of Des Moines is working on implementing new House Bill EHB 1337 - Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Bill in addition to Middle Housing Bill HB 1110. The purpose of HB 1337 is to expand housing options by easing barriers to the construction and use of ADUs.

An ADU is a dwelling unit situated on the same lot as a single-family home, duplex, triplex, townhome, or other housing unit. ADUs are referred to by various other names, including Mother-in-Law Suites, backyard cottages, Attached Accessory Dwelling Units (AADUs), and Detached Accessory Dwelling Units (DADUs).

It is required by state law that cities and counties in Washington State update their ADU and Middle Housing regulations to comply with [HB 1110](#) and [HB 1337](#) by June 2025.



PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION... MEET OUR STAFF!

During the month of May, we will highlight a few of our hardworking City staff.

Earlier this month, it was Public Service Recognition Week, and as part of that, I want to share a few of our staff with you.

Public Service Recognition Week is an annual event held during the first full week of May to honor individuals who serve our nation as government employees. It's a time to recognize and thank these public servants for their dedication and contributions. The last two weeks you met the friendliest Court Marshal ever, Tunde and one of our longest-serving employees...Terryann. This week meet Sam! Sam is our Sr. Maintenance Lead in the Public Works Department...without those folks, we can't do our work!

As a bonus, May 18-24 is also National Public Works Week!

National Public Works Week, celebrated each May, honors the essential contributions of public works professionals who keep our communities running smoothly and safely. From constructing roads and bridges to providing clean water and managing waste, their work is the backbone of everyday life. At last night's Council meeting, we proudly recognized the dedication of the men and women who serve our City with a formal proclamation, expressing our gratitude for their invaluable service.



ANCHORED IN EXCELLENCE

MEET OUR STAFF

During Public Service Recognition Week (May 5–9), and throughout the month of May, we're proud to highlight the incredible work our staff do every day for our City. Through their dedication, they embody what it means to be Anchored in Excellence—putting people first, communicating clearly, using resources wisely, and supporting one another.



Sam G.

Position: Sr. Maintenance Lead

Department: Public Works

Started with the City: April 2021



What do you love most about your job in public service?

What I love most about working in public service, especially with (Public Works) Parks Department, is the opportunity to make a positive impact on my community by preserving natural spaces, enhancing public enjoyment, and creating environments where people can connect with nature and each other.



What is a moment on the job that made you feel especially proud of fulfilled?

One of my proudest moments came from a group of residents that were walking around the City and noticed all of the work we put into the City. Commenting on new areas and old ones that have been revitalized and cleaned up.



If your job had a theme song, what would it be?

A great song that reflects hard work, a friendly nature, and strong leadership is ***“Hall of Fame” by The Script***. It's empowering, positive, and speaks to leading by example, striving for greatness, and inspiring others - qualities that match our dedication in public service.



STAFF KUDOS

"Hi Katherine,

I would like to recognize the GREAT work from the Public Works traffic team (Tommy, Adam & their Team). I sent an email to Mike Slevin, Public Works Director, regarding a parking safety issue with incorrect signage, he responded quickly and asked his traffic team to evaluate my concern. Two days later, he sent an update with the resolution and approximately when the work would be completed. The work was completed in less than a month from when I first contacted Mike. Thanks for the great communication and service that Mike and his team provide to our community!"

Carol Stream

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:

- **Civil Engineer I - Plan Reviewer, Surface Water Management**
- **Seasonal Harbor Aide**
- **Seasonal Maintenance Workers**
- **Facility Attendants**

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

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](#).



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 23 - Sound Healing, Guided Meditation, Restorative Yoga
May 24 - Live Music @ Quarterdeck
May 24 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
May 24 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
May 25 - Live Music @ Quarterdeck
May 26 - Live Music @ Quarterdeck
May 26 - Memorial Triangle Ribbon Cutting
May 27 - Trivia Nights @ Quarterdeck
May 28 - Tea & Silent Reading @ Marina Mercantile
May 29 - Live Music @ Quarterdeck
May 30 - Live Music @ 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
May 31 - Plant & Flower Auction @ Grace Lutheran Church

JUNE

June 3 - Pacific Middle School Groundbreaking & Farewell
June 4 - Tea & Silent Reading @ Marina Mercantile
June 5 - City Council Study Session @ Des Moines City Hall
June 5 - Live Music @ Quarterdeck
June 7 - Des Moines Farmer's Market @ Des Moines Marina
June 7 - Discovery Day @ MaST Center
June 7 - Des Moines Creek Park Run @ Des Moines Beach Park
June 7 - Des Moines Historical Society Open 1-4
June 10-12 - Stormefest
June 10 - Trivia Night @ Quarterdeck
June 11 - Tea & Silent Reading @ Marina Mercantile
June 12 - City Council Meeting @ Des Moines City Hall
June 14 - Des Moines Farmer's Market @ Des Moines Marina
June 14 - Music in the Market @ Des Moines Marina
June 15 - Live Music @ the Quarterdeck

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

**CLICK TO
VIEW THE
CITY
CALENDAR**

Have an upcoming event you want to share?

Email BWilkins@DesMoinesWA.Gov and we'll get it on our calendar!

