



City Manager Weekly Report May 3, 2024

Happy Senator Karen Keiser Appreciation Day!

If you weren't already aware, the Des Moines City Council has proclaimed today (May 3, 2024) as Senator Karen Keiser Appreciation Day! Recently the most senior member of the Washington State Senate, and our City's representative, Karen Keiser announced that she will be retiring from the Senate later this year. Senator Keiser has served the people of the 33rd Legislative District and the people of the State of Washington for the last 29 years. Her accomplishments are too many to list here but more information on her enormous contributions to our community can be found [here](#). On behalf of those of us at City Hall, thank you for your service and enjoy your retirement!

Marina Paid Parking Update

This upcoming week, City staff will be training on the new paid parking equipment that has been installed at the Marina. Starting Monday May 20th the gates will drop but parking will remain free. This will be an exercise to get the public used to operating the systems even though no payment will be required. It is anticipated that payment will be required starting Monday, June 3rd. Marina staff has created signs that they will display prominently informing the public of the trial period and the live date. We will also be advertising on the City website and social media.

Food Truck's Returning to Des Moines!

Starting this week, food trucks will be at the Marina for lunch on Tuesdays between 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. On Thursdays and Sundays, food trucks will be there from 4:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

We are seeking community members to support StormFest, an interactive stormwater festival for Highline Public Schools 6th-grade students from June 4-6 at the Des Moines Beach Park. Educators and volunteers are needed. We offer stipends for participation as an educator! No experience is necessary as training will be provided. More information about the event and how to volunteer can be found [here](#).

CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday

Registration is still open for the Des Moines/Highline CROP Hunger Walk this Sunday, May 5. This event is literally taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. More info on this great cause and event can be found [here](#).



Teach with Parks and Recreation!

Do you have a hobby, interest, or unique area of specialty that you'd like to share with the community? We are looking to hire recreation instructors who can teach a variety of classes for kids or adults to build an enriching schedule of activities. Contact Recreation staff at 206-870-6527 or email recreation@desmoineswa.gov today!

Protect the Puget Sound!

Did you know that the City offers Car Wash Kits for community fundraisers? These kits are designed to aid citizens in organizing car wash events while simultaneously combatting water pollution. Let's work together to keep our City clean and protect the Puget Sound for generations to come! Contact Michael Posey at mposey@desmoineswa.gov for more information.

Senior Activity Center Open!

The Senior Activity Center reopened on Wednesday May 1st following an extended closure due to a pipe burst and water damage during our winter freeze. We are happy to be back open and look forward to returning to our regularly scheduled programming!

Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues. I met with Mayor Buxton and Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to prepare for the City Council meeting. I attended the Mariner game on Wednesday afternoon with my three year old daughter. I met with representatives from the Department of Commerce to discuss parameters of a grant the City recently was awarded for passenger ferry studies. On Thursday evening, I attended the two Council Committee meetings and the City Council meeting.

City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council met on Thursday May 2nd for a Study Session. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#). Highlights from the meeting included recognition of Senator Karen Keiser (details above) as well as a City Manager Recruitment update.

The [Finance Committee](#) and the [Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee](#) also met on Thursday. The agendas and materials can be found in the links.

The City Council will meet again next Thursday May 9 for a Regular Meeting. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

Also on May 9, the [Transportation Committee](#) will meet at 4p.m. and the [Environment Committee](#) will meet at 5p.m. The agendas and materials can be found in the links.



Sports Update

Another weekly report and another week I am beyond pleased to report the Seattle Mariners are still in first place! I know it's early but I had a gut feeling this was going to be our year! (see prior Weekly Reports). This weekend we head to Space City to take on the sputtering Astros. Hopefully Houston will be shouting they have a problem after the M's sweep the series. The NBA playoffs continue and I continue to root for any team not from Oklahoma. Unfortunately the Thunder looked really good in the first round, but the competition is just starting to heat up. The NHL playoffs are also in full swing with our favorite neighbors to the north looking to close out their series against Nashville tonight at 4. Let's go Canucks! Finally the Sounders take on the Galaxy in Los Angeles this Sunday at 3:45.

Have a great weekend!
Tim George
Interim City Manager

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