

CITY MANAGER REPORT

MAY 30, 2025

PAID PARKING COMING TO REDONDO

The City is preparing to implement paid parking at Redondo, with a free trial period expected to begin early next week. During this time, visitors will take a ticket upon entry and scan it to exit at no charge, with the trial running through the month of June. To support this effort, we're also bringing on a dedicated summer staff member whose primary focus will be Redondo. They will help maintain clean restrooms and parking areas, manage trash removal, and provide on-site parking assistance Friday through Monday. To purchase your parking pass, or to find out more information, contact the Marina Office at 206-824-5700!

REDONDO PIER - GOING OUT TO BID!

The City will soon go out to bid for the long-awaited Redondo Fishing Pier Project. After being closed for an extended period due to structural concerns, the pier is finally slated for much-needed repairs and restoration. Qualified contractors are invited to submit proposals for replacement of this iconic waterfront structure. The scope of work includes structural reinforcement, safety improvements, and the use of environmentally sustainable materials and practices.

All bids must be submitted no later than Monday, July 1, 2025, by 11:00AM. Late submissions will not be considered.

For detailed project specifications and submission guidelines, interested parties can visit the City's website.





2025 FARMER'S MARKET AT THE MARINA OPENING DAY JUNE 7

The City is excited to announce the official opening of the 2025 Farmer's Market, returning to the Des Moines Marina on Saturday, June 7, and running every Saturday through September. The market will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., offering residents and visitors a vibrant selection of fresh produce, handmade goods, and local artisan products.

This year's market promises to be better than ever, with an added bonus: City staff will be hosting a booth every week to connect directly with the community. The booth will offer helpful information about City services, upcoming events, and seasonal programs. It's a great opportunity for residents to ask questions, share feedback, and stay informed.

The Farmer's Market is a cherished summer tradition, providing a space for the community to support local farmers, businesses, and creators—all while enjoying the beautiful Marina backdrop. Whether you're looking for fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade treats, or unique crafts, there's something for everyone.



ACTIVITY CENTER DAY TRIPS - JOIN US!

Join the Des Moines Activity Center for exciting day trips around the Northwest—no driving required! Upcoming adventures include a Tacoma Rainiers baseball game (June 3), the Flying Heritage and Combat Armor Museum (June 5), a whimsical Issaquah Troll Hunt (June 11), a visit to the Tenino Depot Museum with lunch at Lady of the Lake Public House (June 18), a tour of the stunning Amazon Spheres (June 21), and the historic Fort Lewis Museum (June 26). Don't miss out on these fun and easy ways to explore our region!

Contact Des Moines Activity Center Staff at 206-878-1642 to register today!



OVERNIGHT CLOSURES ON SOUTHBOUND SR 99, LOCAL Streets planned June 1-5

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). will have overnight lane closures on along State Route 99 starting Sunday, June 1, for an ongoing sidewalk improvement project.

Right lane closures are planned on southbound SR 99 between South 200th Street in SeaTac and SR 516 in Des Moines from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. nightly Sunday, June 1, until 5 a.m. Thursday morning, June 5.

Overnight closures also are planned on local streets where they intersect with SR 99 during the same times. Signed detours will guide people around these nightly closures.

Nightly closure details

- Sunday and Monday, June 1-2: South 226th Street in Des Moines will close at the intersection of southbound SR 99 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sunday, June 1, through Tuesday morning, June 3.
- Tuesday, June 3: South 216th Street in SeaTac will close at the intersection with northbound and southbound SR 99 from 10 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, until 5 a.m. Wednesday, June 4.
- Wednesday, June 4: South 208th Street in SeaTac will close at the intersection with southbound SR 99 from 10 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, until 5 a.m. Thursday, June 5.

This work is part of a project to upgrade sidewalk ramps to modern American with Disabilities Act standards along a 2-mile section of SR 99 between South 200th Street in SeaTac and SR 516 in Des Moines. Starting in June, WSDOT crews will begin repaving all lanes along this corridor.







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.

Subscribe to the City Mailing List here.



CITY RENTAL FACILITIES NOW AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING

Planning a celebration, meeting, or special event? The City can help with all your rental needs!

From community centers and meeting rooms to scenic outdoor spaces, our facilities offer flexible, affordable options for gatherings of all sizes. Whether you're hosting a birthday party, wedding, corporate event, or club meeting, there's a space to suit your needs.

All venues are well-maintained and equipped with a variety of amenities to help make your event a success. Availability is limited, so early booking is encouraged.

For more information on locations, pricing, and how to reserve a facility, visit our website today or call 206-870-9370.

Let us help make your next event memorable—reserve your space today!





STAFF KUDOS

"Alicia,

My wife and I watched the presentation your team made a few Thursday's ago regarding the Middle Housing initiative. I agree with the council member's comment that it was informative and very well done. I appreciate your team's efforts in keep us informed."

Mac Sauerlender

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



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. Weeks one, two and three you met the friendliest Court Marshal ever, Tunde, one of our longest-serving employees...Terryann, and our Senior Maintenance worker, Sam! This week meet Kelsey! Kelsey is a Program Coordinator for our Community Enrichment Services Department, formerly known as Park & Recreation....without those folks, we can't do our work!



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.



Kelsey C.

Position: Program Coordinator Department: Community Enrichment Services Started with the City: October 2017



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

One of many things that I love about my job is having kids coming to our programs throughout the years and coming back to work for those programs they grew up in.



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

One moment on the job that made me feel especially proud and fulfilled is when parents tell me that their child went home after Summer Camp and fell asleep while eating dinner. Just knowing that the kids had a blast all day and played hard is great to hear.



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

"Sunday Best" by Surfaces



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

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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP



There was no meeting last night. Here is the what's on the agenda for next week!

City Council Committee of the Whole:

- Modera Woodmont Development Agreement
- Draft 2026-2045 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension Update

City Council Study Session:

- Updating Resolution No. 1118, The Process of Public Contracting
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- City Council Protocol Manual Review

For more information, or to review packet information, click here.

For a listing of all future Committee and Council meeting items, click 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

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



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