

City Manager Weekly Report October 4, 2024

Field House Playground Update

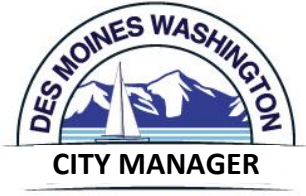
Progress continues at the Field House Playground, as the slide that created the delay has now been completed. Finishing touches are still in progress but we have a goal of opening to the public in the next week or two!



Redondo Docks Update

The seasonal Redondo Floating Docks were removed this week for the season to prevent damage during inclement weather and winter storms. Three service staff members came in early morning to pull the docks and tow them back to the marina. The docks will be reinstalled at Redondo next year as the weather warms up.

City staff is continuing to work on securing a grant for a second float string to install on the North-side of the boat launch. When complete, this will allow multiple boats to use the Redondo ramp at one time, as well as increase overall safety.



Fall Into Action: Help Prevent Flooding in Des Moines!

As the leaves start to fall, they can quickly block storm drains, leading to standing water and flooding on our streets. You can make a big difference by keeping the catch basin near you clear of leaves and debris.

How you can help:

1. **Clear:** Safely remove leaves and debris from the storm drain.
2. **Bag It:** Collect the leaves and dispose of them in yard waste bins.
3. **Stay Safe:** If the drain is heavily clogged, report it to the City.

A little effort goes a long way in preventing flooded streets and protecting your neighborhood. Let's work together to keep Des Moines safe this fall!

Club Khaos Break Camp – October 11th

Sign up your Elementary Schooler today for Break Camp on October 11th! Arts & Crafts, Gym Games, Science Projects and more await them on their day off!

For more information and to sign up click [here](#).

A promotional poster for Club Khaos Break Camp. The poster is framed with a decorative border of leaves and pumpkins. In the top left corner is the City of Des Moines logo. The main text reads "CLUB KHAOS Break Camp" in a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts. Below this, it says "OCTOBER 11TH" in a bold, orange font, followed by "8:00am-6:00pm". The text "Registration is now OPEN!!! Register before spots fill up!!" is in a bold, black font. Below that, it says "To register online go to: www.desmoineswa.gov/daysmart or call the Field House at (206) 870-6527". At the bottom, a reminder says "Reminder: Please send a sack lunch with your child." and there are illustrations of pumpkins.



Free Veteran Legal Clinic

King County and the University of Washington School of Law announced a new partnership to open a free civil legal services clinic for veterans, service members, and their families.

Starting in early 2025, law students will work with the Veterans Clinic to provide free legal advice, representation, and services to veterans seeking benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other legal assistance.

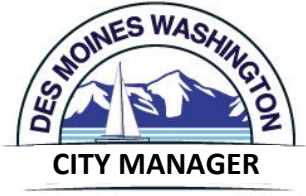
The Veterans Clinic is funded by the [Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy \(VSHSL\)](#). This new investment will help meet the increasing need for legal assistance in obtaining veteran benefits. [Learn more about the new veteran civil legal clinic here.](#)

Thunderbirds Soar - A Highline Experience

Highline College Foundation's annual 'signature event' is coming up on Saturday, November 2, at 5:30 PM in the Highline College Student Union (Building 8). Connect with friends, colleagues and Thunderbirds from throughout the community as you check out displays of Experiences you can sign up for over the next year. Experiences may include opportunities like enjoying a sailing excursion on Lake Union, an afternoon on the South Sound learning about marine life, 'sipping and painting -or writing' a poem- in a scenic setting, enjoying a spirits tasting, or attending a sporting event among Seattle's finest fans.

*Tickets are \$75, and sponsored tables (of 8) are also available for \$750. [Visit this site to purchase your ticket\(s\) today!](#) All net proceeds go to furthering our Highline College students' pursuing and reaching their educational goals. **Questions?** Email Foundation@highline.edu or call 206-592-3774.*





City Council Summary

The City Council held a study session on Thursday October 3rd to discuss the 2025/26 budget. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

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

The City Council will hold a regular meeting next week on Thursday October 10th. Agenda and materials can be found [here](#).

The Environment Committee will also meet at 5pm on October 10th. The agenda is [here](#).

Sports Update

The baseball playoffs took center stage this week as the Wild Card round came to an exciting finish on Thursday night with the Mets knocking off the Brewers via a Polar Bear homerun in the ninth. Only eight teams remain with the Divisional Rounds throwing out the first pitch on Saturday. We have officially entered that glorious time of the year where for the next 53 straight days there will be either a college football or NFL game on TV. No days off. The Huskies hope to rewrite history on Saturday as we host the National Champion* Michigan Wolverines in a rematch of the CFP Final from last year. Go Dawgs! The Seahawks return from an exciting yet disappointing loss to Detroit on Monday night to host the Giants this Sunday. Go Hawks! The Cougars are off this weekend and the Sounders head to Colorado for a Saturday night game.

Have a great weekend!

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