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Rec'n Roll

This issue of City Currents does not contain the usual list of upcoming Senior, Recreation and Summer programs. At the time of this writing, many factors that will enter into the decision about whether future

programming and events can proceed are still unknown. The City will take into account the direction from our federal and state governments, and health officials in deciding when events and programs can resume. The City's primary consideration in these decisions is always the safety of our community. We look forward to celebrating with you once it is safe to do so.

Please check the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov for the latest information related to events and programs.



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2021 Summer

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GET YOUR KIDS IN THE POOL THIS SUMMER!

FREE programming opportunities with scholarships available.

MRP SWIM CLUB

Want to get the kids swimming this summer, but cannot commit to a swim team? This program features endurance training for 45 mins and games/stations for working on specific swim strokes the last 15 mins. This hour is specifically geared towards kids who want to be introduced to what a swim team is like, work on their swim strokes and build endurance. No prior knowledge necessary, all are welcome!

Days of Week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Times: 1-2pm

Dates: 6/21-8/13, No 7/5

Fees: Free to First 20 participants (Donations to scholarship program welcome)

Ages: 9-13

LIFEGUARD PREP

Do you want to lifeguard, but need help getting ready? This program is specifically geared towards helping individuals pass the Red Cross Lifeguard class test and become a lifeguard in a fun and supportive environment. We will focus on endurance and skills, teaching and preparing our next group of lifeguards for the pool. No prior knowledge necessary, all are welcome!

Days of Week: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Times: 2-3pm

Dates: 6/21-8/13, No 7/5

Fees: Free to First 20 participants (Donations to scholarship program welcome)

Ages: 14-18



Registration for both programs begins June 8 at 4:00pm.

Swim lesson and other pool info available at www.mtrainierpool.com.



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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH-APRIL RESOLUTION 1424-1427

Approved the Following Action:

- Day to Remember Master Police Officer Steven J Underwood Proclamation
- Interlocal Agreement with King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) for the Purpose of Pooling RCW 82.14.540 Sales Tax Receipts
- Lease with Satori Solutions LLC, dba Carefree Boat Club of Seattle
- Lease with Mike Rice, dba Puget Sound Sailing Institute, LLC
- Property Acquisition for Midway Park Expansion in Pacific Ridge (22128 and 22120 28th Avenue S)
- Public Defender Services Contract 2021-2023

- Women's History Month Proclamation
- Disposal of Abandoned Vessels within the Marina, Resolution No. 1424
- Sole-Source Contract for the Purchase of Three Gilbarco Legacy Fuel Dispensers for the Marina's Fuel Dock, Resolution No. 1425
- Arts Commission Appointment, Alex Cunningham
- Interlocal Agreement with Water District 54 for 8th Avenue S Water Main Replacement Installation (South 227th Street to South 223rd Street)
- Interlocal Agreement with Lakehaven Water and Sewer District for S 272nd Street and Vicinity Water Main Replacement Project
- Temporary Road Closure Authorization, Resolution No.1426
- Van Gasken Park Landscape Design, Task Order Amendment
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
- Parks, Recreation & Senior Services Plan Update, Consultant Contract with AHBL
- Surplus Property, Vehicles, Resolution No. 1427
- State of the City Presentation
- Contract with EHM Washington, LLC to Provide Electronic Monitoring Services to Municipal Court for Indigent Defendants
- Des Moines Activity Center Interior Flooring
- Amendment 2 to the Washington Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal Agency Interlocal Agreement (FileLocal)
- Addendum No. 1 to the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Dispatch Services
- Surface Water Capital Projects - Construction Contract Award
- Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Agreement

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From the Mayor



By Mayor Matt Pina

AS THE WEATHER TURNS WARMER AND THE DAYS GET LONGER, our City becomes the playground for outdoor activities. While the COVID pandemic is still a great concern, I

encourage you to take advantage of all the wonderful things Des Moines has to offer, while practicing social distancing and wearing your mask!

Walk the Des Moines Creek Trail or beachcomb at the Des Moines Marina, Saltwater State Park or Redondo. Visit one of our many parks and be sure to check out our newest acquisition, Midway Park.

While many of our facilities continue to be closed to the public our Parks,

Recreation & Senior Services Department is looking at ways to offer small group programming to be held outside the Field House. Check out our new pickle-ball court overlay on the Field House tennis courts. I encourage you to continue to check back on the City's website for the most up to date information on all of our summer activities and events as vaccination numbers continue to rise.

Council recently held their annual State of the City address at the April 15, 2021 Council meeting. The presentation was packed with information and exciting things that are coming up! You can watch the presentation on Comcast Channel 21 or 321 every Saturday at 7:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., on the City's website, www.desmoineswa.gov or

on YouTube. On a side note, all our meetings are available on YouTube and our website for streaming at any time.

The City recently advertised for the North Marina Parking Lot Bulkhead and Restroom Replacement Project and a Request for Qualifications for consulting services to provide a long-term conceptual design for the overall Dock Replacement Project. These are just a couple of the many items happening this year.

I am encouraged by the number of people getting vaccinated and because of that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you for your continued vigilance, patience and safe practices.

Matt Pina

*Mayor and Councilmember
City of Des Moines, Washington*

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Des Moines Thanks Area Legislators for Securing Funding for Key Projects

The City of Des Moines thanks and expresses appreciation for the work of 30th & 33rd District State Legislators—Senators Karen Keiser and Claire Wilson, and Representatives Tina Orwall, Mia Gregerson, Jamila Taylor and Jesse Johnson — for their success in including Des Moines’ top priority projects in the 2021-2023 State Capital Budget.

The State Capital Budget includes funding for two important projects in the State’s Capital Budget that passed the Legislature. The Legislature allocated \$2 million for rebuilding the North Bulkhead near the Des Moines Marina and \$900,000 to replace the Redondo Fishing Pier.

Mayor Matt Pina remarked about these allocations, “These projects are regional assets and are very expensive for the City of Des Moines alone to fund. We appreciate the State recognizing this and making this investment in the future of two great projects that will be used by so many King County residents.”

City Manager Michael Matthias added, “We thank all the Legislators in the 30th and 33rd District for their hard work in securing this vital funding. Without their leadership neither of these allocations would have happened. We especially recognize Senator Karen Keiser for her work on the Bulkhead and Senator Claire Wilson for securing funding for the Redondo Fishing Pier.”

Planning for the Bulkhead is very advanced, and this project will go out to bid in the weeks ahead. The City of Des Moines is finishing its design and planning for the Redondo Fishing Pier replacement and is working to obtain all the needed permits for its reconstruction.

The City was also seeking \$3.5 million in Transportation Budget funding for extending sidewalks on Barnes Creek Trail that will help pedestrians and bikers to connect within the neighborhood and to the new Sounder station. The new-project Transportation package did not pass this session, but this project was included in the project list for when the Legislature picks up this issue again – which will likely happen after Congress passes its own infrastructure package.

Beyond funding that comes directly to the City of Des Moines, area residents will also benefit by \$940,000 that is going to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for the Healthy Schools pilot program that is aimed specifically to reduce exposure to air pollution and improve air quality in schools. These funds will help monitor air quality in communities around SeaTac airport.

Mayor Pina summarized, “This was a very good Legislative session for Des Moines and Southwest King County. We truly thank Senators Keiser and Wilson and Representatives Orwall, Gregerson, Taylor and Johnson for their dedication and commitment.”



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Farewells and Welcomes...

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Al Biancalana, Senior Advisor II

Al was born and raised in suburban Chicago and in 1968 his father introduced him to his passion, carpentry; he was twelve years old. For the next seven years, when he wasn't in school or getting into trouble with friends, he was at his father's side, learning the trade that he thought would be his life-long career.

Fast-forward twenty-eight years, when he learned that being a very good carpenter didn't make him a very good businessman. Having already considered the possibility of becoming an inspector when he retired from carpentry, he closed down Biancalana Construction and bought his first code books. He officially "came over to the dark

side" in April of 2002 when the City of Des Plaines, Illinois, hired him to be a Building Inspector.

Time-warp: in 2014, Al and his wife Pati started looking towards their future (retirement), and where they'd like to move.

They eventually settled on Western Washington, but did not expect to move for several years. That is, until he saw that Des

Moines was looking for... him? The ad seemed tailored to his job description. He submitted his application and resume and in the middle of his vacation negotiated his hire with Des Moines Building Official Larry Pickard. They sold their home, moved halfway across the country, bought a home, and he started the last, and by far the most rewarding job of his life.

And now its six and a half years later, Al will get to "ride off into the sunset" on the same day as the man that brought Al and his wife to the Pacific Northwest. He is forever grateful; to Larry, to everyone he's worked with in Des Moines, and to every citizen of Des Moines with whom Al's had the opportunity to speak with.

Thank you Al for your commitment and dedication to the City of Des Moines, you will be missed. Enjoy your retirement!



Lawrence Pickard, Building Official:

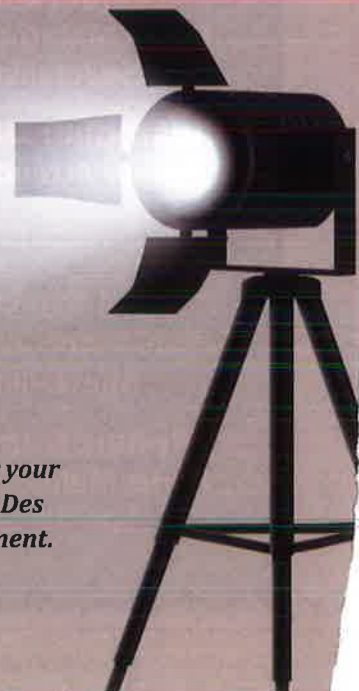
Larry grew up in the West Seattle area. He spent 17 years building high-rise structures in downtown Seattle before getting severely injured on the AT&T Tower, the building that is now owned by the City of Seattle, and which houses all their construction service offices.

Following multiple back surgeries and the recovery, he attained his Associate Degree in Building Technology, achieving a 4.0 grade average, the first ever to do so at the school. Larry was hired directly out of school in January of 1995, thus beginning the many years of service.

The City had just annexed North Hill and was growing. The Building Division began to grow with the times, hand written receipts and hand-drawn permits were the order of the day. The internet was not even a "thing" back then. The City further grew with the Redondo annexation and the pace of permits and new buildings grew exponentially. The building boom from 1999 through 2007 saw the City move forward with new housing tracts and new commercial buildings too numerous to list. Larry has been virtually involved in every new commercial structure since 1995. Notable commercial projects include: the Des Moines Police building, the remake of City Hall, at Highline College; the Central Washington Building, Student Union Center and Child Care Center, the MAST Center at Redondo, all phases of the Des Moines Creek Business Park, the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, the re-build of the Wesley Retirement Center, assisted with the GSO/FAA building, the Adrianna, the Des Moines Theater (underway), the Health Point building, and the nine buildings at WaterView Crossing.



Larry, we are extremely grateful for your service and dedication to the City of Des Moines. Best of luck to you in retirement. You will definitely be missed!



Daniel Hopp, Building Official:

Dan has been with the City of Des Moines Building Department for about 3 1/2 years and has earned his Master Code Professional certification through the International Code Council. Before his time with the City of Des Moines, he was a commercial electrician through the IBEW local 46 for about 10 years. He enjoys the outdoors, spending time with his kids, playing guitar, and photography.



Jamie Weigand, Assistant Building Official:

Jamie Weigand, has been with the building department for nearly 5 years. Before starting with the community development team he worked at Wesley Homes as their lead electrician. Jamie has his Master Electrical certification from the Department of Labor and Industries and has also completed his Combination Commercial Building Inspector certification from the International Code Council. In his free time he finds satisfaction fixing or restoring old things and also vacationing with his family (preferably somewhere hot!).



Ryan Niemi, Building Inspector/Plans Examiner

Ryan grew up in the Kent/Des Moines area and has many fond memories of his childhood here (home sweet home). After graduating from high school Ryan went off to a trade school where he studies Carpentry. He worked in the trade for 20 years and truly enjoyed building throughout the Seattle/Tacoma area. As a hobby, Ryan enjoys woodworking which allows him to be creative through building beautiful furniture and cabinets.



Over the last two years Ryan has enjoyed working for the City of Des Moines, the great people he works with and the community he serves. He is looking forward and excited for many more years to come.

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It is important to dispose of yard waste responsibly. When grass clippings and other yard waste are improperly disposed of or allowed to enter local waterways, they can harm water quality.



Use natural lawn care. Reduce the amount of fertilizers you use by mowing high and mulch mowing. If you do choose to fertilize use organic "slow release" fertilizers.



Avoid using pesticides and Weed-and-Feed products. Overuse of these products damages soil and plant health. Use alternatives such as building healthy soil with compost and mulch, plant pest-resistant plants, and pull weeds before they spread.



As a dog owner, you can lead the way in cleaning up your local waterway by simply picking-up after your dog(s). By being a responsible pet owner, you can set an example for others, and before you know it, our waterways will be clean!



You can reduce bacterial pollution by storing trash cans and garbage out of the rain, and by keeping a lid on trash while it's waiting to be picked up.

Thank you in advance for your efforts in preventing pollutants from discharging to our streams and the Puget Sound.
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THE DES MOINES WATERFRONT

Farmers Market

In the winter of 2005 a daylong meeting was held to discuss the establishment of a Waterfront Market to bring attention to the marina and encourage local residents to take advantage of the waterfront.

15 years later, that early discussion has resulted in one of the oldest and largest farmers markets in the region. An average of 40 vendors greet more than 1,200 visitors every Saturday morning from June through September.

The Des Moines Waterfront Market is a true 'farmers market'. Emphasis is given to food vendors selling all kinds of produce: fruits and vegetables, flowers, meat and wild, sustainably harvested seafood products can be found in abundance. Spices, honey and other local food products are also given preference over crafts at the market.

But there are crafts, too. And as the market continues to grow, breweries and wineries are also becoming more numerous among the weekly offerings from vendor stalls.

A Place for Community Engagement

City councilmembers and local state legislators are frequently seen chatting with constituents from the "Meet Your City Leadership Tent", and the market has traditionally also provided space for environmental, educational and cultural local non-profits to share their work with the community.

During the 2020 market season, the total number of stalls had to be reduced to safely comply with COVID-19 protocols. This resulted in limited space available for non-food selling vendors.

But as the world moves to a 'post-pandemic' world, so too will the market be able to once again offer non-profits the opportunity to engage with the community at the market.

Local music and entertainers help to provide a dynamic festival atmosphere that makes the market a regular stop for many local families every Saturday...and not just from Des

Moines. Visitors from the surrounding communities of Normandy Park, Federal Way, SeaTac and Kent and others are also frequent patrons.

Because our market is on the marina floor, you often see people coming off their boats to join the gathering, and it is not unusual to see visitors from even further away.

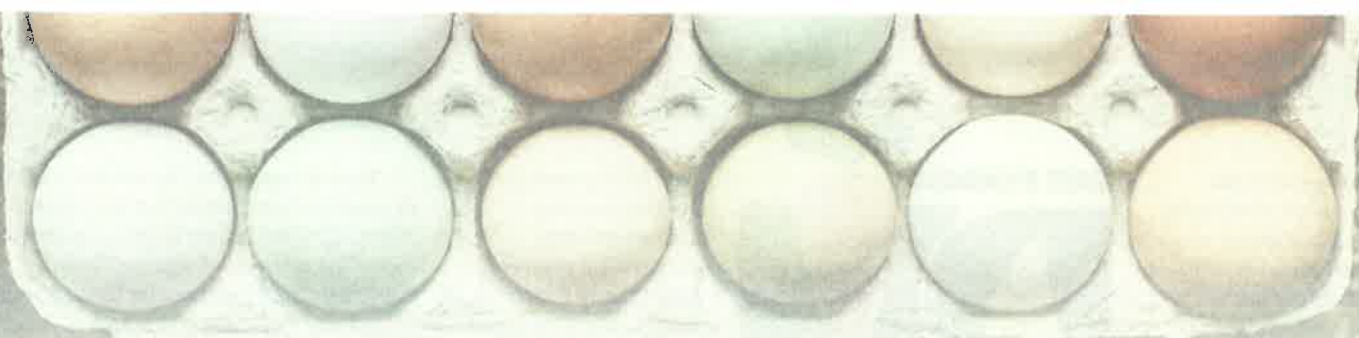
Food trucks were added in 2010, and the new Quarterdeck serves wine, beer and coffee in a family-friendly café with plenty of outdoor space for spreading out.

Outside food from the food trucks and market vendors is welcome at the Quarterdeck and the lawn facing the marina is an excellent place to enjoy your market finds while sipping a drink and communing with friends, families and neighbors.

A Solid Start: History of the Market Administration

The market was formed as a non-profit entity unique among farmers markets by requiring all its farmers to meet a basic set of environmental stewardship principles. All farmers and ranchers selling at the market exercise farming practices that ensure long-term, sustainable farmland and financially viable small farmsteads. These stewardship principles include protecting water quality, use of natural pest control methods and water conservation measures to protect fish and





wildlife habitat and encourage biological diversity.

At that initial meeting in 2005, community member Rikki Marohl was one of the original community members in a group that met for eighteen months before the first market opened. She was hired as the assistant market manager for the first season and became the market manager at the end of the 2006 season until 2018.

A volunteer board of nine local citizens was formed in year four, and Wayne Corey became the first board president, serving in that capacity until 2018.

The mission of the board is "... to create a community space that brings together farmers, producers, craftspeople and community members to support local farms and farm producers and increases access to local and sustainable goods for all people, including vulnerable populations."

Gradually the market transitioned to a fully self-sufficient corporate entity, though the City still provides substantial in-kind support in terms of utilities, storage and discounted rent on the marina space. Marina staff manages parking and is available 'on call' to help with shuttle driving when needed.

Today, the market is fully independent, with all operating revenue generated from local vendor application and stall fees, and from sponsorship support, public grants and community donations.

A Community Gathering Place

See Lee Gardens is a market vendor that has been selling flowers and produce at the market since day one.

See Lee Gardens is a family business that got its start selling flowers from a stall at the Pike Place Market in 1983. Scott Chang remembers the original market managers approaching his parents in 2005 with an offer of a booth at their new

market on the Des Moines Waterfront.

"We lived in Kent, and Des Moines was a lot closer than the Pike Place Market, so that intrigued us. We also liked the ethnic makeup of the demographic in the South King County region. We thought it might be a good place to sell our produce as that part of our business was trailing off at Pike Place Market."

Scott remembers those first days when the market was squeezed into a small parcel near Anthony's Restaurant. As the market gained in popularity it grew out of the south end of the marina and moved to the north end where it is today.

"The Waterfront Market is a real community," says Scott. "We have a lot of regular customers who do all their produce shopping with us. The market has become 'an event'. You see your neighbors every week and you develop generational connections.

One day you hear of a new baby being born and before you know it, we are providing the flowers for her wedding!"

The Market Today: A True Community Asset

As the market grew and prospered the board was able to reinvest in the community. Vendors contribute fresh produce throughout the season and adding events like the annual Des Moines Waterfront Chili Cook Off allowed the market to contribute cash to the Des Moines Food Bank.

The market is also a collection point for the Food Bank's Weekend Backpack Program.

Many of the farm vendors accept Senior and Women, Infant and Children (WIC) vouchers for fresh fruits and vegetables, contributing to the overall health of local populations most at risk.

In 2016, the market was awarded

\$40,000 in grant funds from King Conservation District and the City of Des Moines to help educate low-income seniors and families and provide them with healthy and fresh produce. The market also participated in State EBT/Fresh Bucks programs to match fund food assistance programs. These programs continue today.

The Next Generation of Leadership

Wayne Corey and Rikki Marohl were long time managers of the market and imbued the market with a unique cultural dynamic; a vibrancy that helped to cement the market as a community staple, thus ensuring the long-term popularity of the market. They left the market on solid financial footing and their good work has assured the market a permanent place in the cultural fabric of the community.

Current manager Susie Novak took over from Wayne and Rikki in March 2018. A former small business owner with a background in organization, event



Our stunningly beautiful farmers market is a place for us to connect with our neighbors, to support our seniors and families in need, as we enjoy local produce and delicious meals.

Tina Orwall, State Representative, Des Moines

management and television production, Susie has the experience and skill set to take the market to the next level.

"The previous team really built a quality market, so going forward, the goal is sustainability. Not just building a solid foundation in the community but being constant in the support of the small farmer. Many are training up the next generation and they are busy farming.

If we can keep them up to date by providing information on current practices, grant availability and regulations we can keep them coming back."

As it did in every aspect of our lives, COVID affected the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market as well.

City Manager Michael Matthias said "it has been challenging and rewarding to provide access to the market during



To celebrate the anniversary of the market, the board commissioned local designer Gene Achziger to design this new logo

the COVID pandemic but this has been accomplished by cooperation between King County Public Health, City Emergency Operations and market leaders to assure the highest degree of safety."

Early in the pandemic there was concern that the market may not have happened at all in 2020. Board President Kim Richmond credits Susie with doing what was necessary

to bring all the pieces together under the restrictive regulations governing public gatherings last year.

"Susie did a great job under very trying conditions. We received quite a bit of feedback from last year's customers, saying they felt very safe shopping at the Market, and we plan to continue in that direction by following current federal, state, county and city guidelines."

Susie is happy that the market was able to continue last summer but has plans to begin a gradual return to 'pre-pandemic' form. The market will again offer a 9am-10am hour reserved for those 55 and older, before opening 10am-2pm to the general public.

"As we move into different phases, you will start to feel like the good old days (400 days ago) with wine tastings, food sampling, dog petting, and someday another CHILI COOK OFF!"

Plans for 2021

Opening day is June 5th and the market is planning an event to celebrate the anniversary on that day. Swag bags will be given to the first 1,000 households. The bags will be filled with local business discounts, fun goodies and secret prizes! (Any business that wants to add to these bags should contact the market. Contact information appears at the end of this story.)

The 2021 season also brings returning vendors who were absent last year, as well as several new vendors. Snohomish Bakery is coming back with their famous Cheezy Bread. Red Wagon Kettle Corn is back, as

DES MOINES WATERFRONT FOOD TRUCK POD AT THE DES MOINES MARINA

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are the delicious Caprese sandwiches from Pickled and Preserved. Among the new vendors this year is Boiled Peanut Man, a charming local bakery. Artists and crafters will also be returning in greater numbers in 2021.

Possibilities for Future Years

The market is in good shape financially, and the marina redevelopment plan makes a year-round market a distinct possibility. Susie plans to continue to add egg and cheese vendors, more specialty food vendors, and will increase the number of artists and performers. Of course, all of this will require additional resources and a strong group of volunteers.

Susie plans to expand the market's seafood offerings, and with its marina waterfront location the market is well positioned geographically to host off-boat fish sales from local commercial fishermen.

Susie hopes to continue conversations with local commercial fishermen and the City to see if local commercial fishing boats can tie up at the marina and begin selling off the boat in 2022 or soon after.

With plans for a passenger ferry serving Seattle and Tacoma in the works, the Waterfront Farmers Market could see visitors from those urban centers coming to Des Moines on the weekends to buy from our local vendors, adding to the energy of the marina district and making it even more engaging for the local community.

From very modest beginnings in 2006, the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market has developed into one of the cultural jewels of the Des Moines cityscape. Strong community support, responsible governance and innovative and energetic management ensure that our little treasure will continue to thrive for generations to come!

The Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market is held every Saturday at the Des Moines Marina from 10am-2pm, June through September.

For more information on the market, visit <https://dmfm.org/>

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 Summer hours are 10 am until 7pm M- Sat, closed on Sunday
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EVENTS



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Housing Repair Assistance Program

The City of Des Moines is once again providing minor home repair services to City resident homeowners who have “extremely low” to “low” incomes based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines. This is done by providing free repair services to improve the health and safety of our residents as they live in their homes. Funding for this program is provided by a Community Development Block Grant through King County. Services provided include but are not limited to:

Electrical – faulty lights, switches, plugs, circuits or exhaust fans

Plumbing – faulty toilets, clogged drains, leaking faucets, faulty water heaters

Disability Aids – installation of grab bars, hand rails, hand held showerheads, bath seats, high toilets, access ramps and application of non-skid surfaces

Safety – installation of smoke alarms, security/safety lights, carbon monoxide alarms and locksets

Other – faulty furnaces, faulty gutters and roof leaks, broken window glass panes

How do I qualify for these free services?

1. Be an owner/occupant within the Des Moines city limits for at least one year with no intention of selling in the next 12 months, have proof of home owner’s insurance, and meet the HUD income guidelines for the program.
2. Complete the application process

How do I apply?

To apply for this program please follow these directions:

1. Request an application by email at thickey@desmoineswa.gov or by calling (206) 870-6535
2. Once your application is processed and evaluated you will receive a phone call informing you of your acceptance or non-eligibility for our program. Upon acceptance your job will be referred to one of our contractors who will call you to make an appointment to perform those services. Services that are required for your health and/or safety are the highest priority.



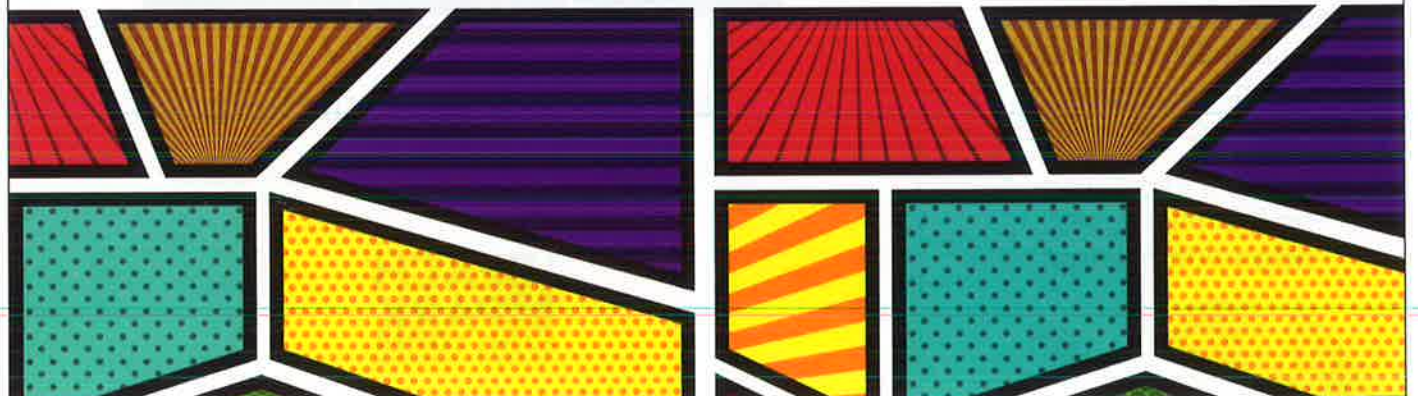
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2021 PROGRAMMING

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Roadmap to Recovery



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Allowed with restrictions:



Indoor gatherings.*

10 people



Outdoor gatherings.*

50 people



Outdoor sports and entertainment.

400 people

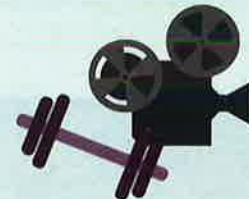
*You do not need to wear a mask if everyone is fully vaccinated.



Indoor dining.
Limit 10 people per table.



Retail, worship services, personal services, and professional services. Remote work and curbside pick-up when possible.





Indoor fitness and entertainment.

50% capacity

Metrics to watch

Washington State Department of Health reviews our numbers every 3 weeks. Our county must meet at least 1 of these 2 metrics to stay in our current phase.

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
 <p>New cases per 100,000 people.</p>	More than 350	200-350	Less than 200
 <p>New hospitalizations per 100,000 people.</p>	More than 10	5-10	Less than 5

If the state's ICU capacity is more than 90%, all counties will move down 1 phase.

Learn more and stay updated at tpchd.org/roadmap.

COME HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY!



STORM DRAIN MARKER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Organizations or individuals can help raise public awareness, protect our water quality and reduce the amount of pollution by participating as a volunteer in our storm drain marking program. When it rains, water runoff collects oil, pet waste, grease, soaps and sediment, where it then enters into the storm drain system, polluting the surface water and the environment. You can spend as much time as you wish and choose the area you want to mark. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old. Instructions, maps and storm drain-marking supplies will be provided.

For more information, contact Ben Stryker, Civil Engineer at (206) 870-6523 or bstryker@desmoineswa.gov.



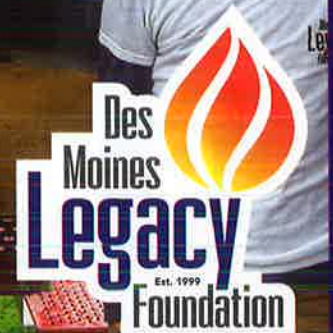
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Investing in our kids and their futures

There are no communities that pride themselves on their quality of life, promote themselves as a desirable location for businesses to relocate, or maintain that they are environmental stewards of their natural resources, without such communities having a robust, active system of parks and recreation programs for public use and enjoyment.

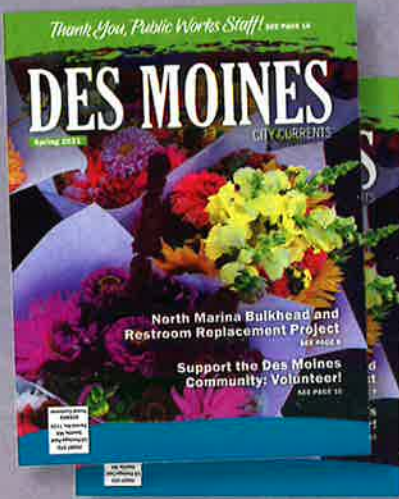
- National Park and Recreation Association

That's why the private Des Moines Legacy Foundation contributed the decisive \$50,000 local match for a King County Youth and Amateur Sports grant. That made the City's new Steven J. Underwood Park play area become a reality. **Because parks and recreation programs are essential. Because there should be No Child Left Inside.**



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Des Moines Legacy Foundation Board members Kim Richmond, Patrice Thorell, and Secretary Sue Padden. Not pictured: Vice President Pat Clark, co-Treasurers Hallie Marks and Gary McNeil, Lori Clark, Kristy Haro Dunn, Brian Snure, Carla Jackson and Alena Rogers.



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MOUNT RAINIER POOL SUMMER PROGRAMMING

*Great Opportunities For You
And Your Family!*

JULY SCHEDULE UPDATE *Starts July 5*

Below is the summer schedule for 2021. Schedule is subject to change due to Covid-19. To receive schedule updates when they occur, sign up for email notifications at www.mtrainierpool.com.

LAP SWIMMING

No appointments required. Must swim during sessions listed below. Must be 13 and older or swimming with a parent.

Mon, Wed, & Fri:	Tues & Thurs:
5:30-6:30am	5:30-6:30am
6:45-7:45am	6:45-7:45am
8:00-9:00am***	8:00-9:00am***
9:15-10:15am****	9:15-10:15am****
10:30-11:30am*****	10:30-11:30am****
Noon-1:00pm	Noon-1:00pm
	6:05-7:05pm
Sat:	Sun:
11:15am-12:15pm	Closed
12:30-1:30pm	

WATER WALKING

No appointments required. Only available during sessions below. Social distancing of six feet required.

Mon, Wed, & Fri:	Tues & Thurs:
5:30-6:30am	5:30-6:30am
6:45-7:45am	6:45-7:45am
8:00-9:00am	9:15-10:15am****
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Sat:	Sun:
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WATER EXERCISE

No appointments required. Limit 12 participants per class.

Mon-Fri:
8:00-9:00am**
Tues & Thurs:
7:00-8:00pm

FAMILY SWIMS

Starting on June 21. All ages. Social distancing required.

Tues & Thurs:
1:00-3:00pm

*Water Walking is allowed in Lap Lanes during Water Exercise Classes. **Water Exercise on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00-9:00am. Insurance (Tivity, ASH Networks accepted). ***Special: For those still concerned with COVID-19, one-swimmer per lane. ****Weekdays, 9:15-10:15am and 10:30-11:30am Lap Swimming Limited to 3 lanes and water walking to 2 participants.*

FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

- Days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Dates: 6/21-8/13, No 7/5
- MRP Swim Club 1-2pm (Age 9-13)
- Lifeguarding Prep 2-3pm (Age 14-18)
- See half-page ad on page 3 for more information.

SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP PRE-APPROVAL EVENT

Tuesday, June 22, 1:00-6:00pm

This event allows families to come out and get pre-approved on the same day for scholarships! Please fill out all paperwork and have documentation prepared. For paperwork visit www.mtrainierpool.com.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for up to 90% off. Visit website for more information.

SWIM LESSONS

Our American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program is designed to help participants of all ages and ability levels become safe and proficient in the water.

Swim lessons at the Mount Rainier Pool:

- Are FUN!
- Are tailored to teach essential water safety skills and logical swim skill progression.
- Include opportunities to practice skills learned outside of class time with practice cards.
- Swim lessons are available in group, private, and semi-private formats.

INSURANCE MEMBERSHIPS

We accept healthcare memberships including Active and Fit, Prime, Silver and Fit and SilverSneakers. For more information call us at (206) 824-4722.



SWIM LESSON SUMMER SCHEDULE

For fees, registration dates and sessions visit website for more information.

Saturday, 8-11am

Class Dates: June 5-July 31 (no class July 3)
Current Student Registration opens May 22, 9am
New Student Registration opens May 25, 4pm

Monday-Thursday, 9-11am

Class Dates: July 5-15
Current Student Registration opens June 29, 4pm
New Student Registration opens June 29, 4pm

Class Dates: July 19-29

Current Student Registration opens July 13, 4pm
New Student Registration opens July 15, 4pm

Class Dates: August 2-12

Current Student Registration opens July 27, 4pm
New Student Registration opens July 29, 4pm

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- Family Swims Are Back!
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Office Hours

Mon-Fri, 5:30am-8pm
Saturday, 8am-3pm

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