

Des Moines

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Environmentally Sensitive Areas: Striking a Balance

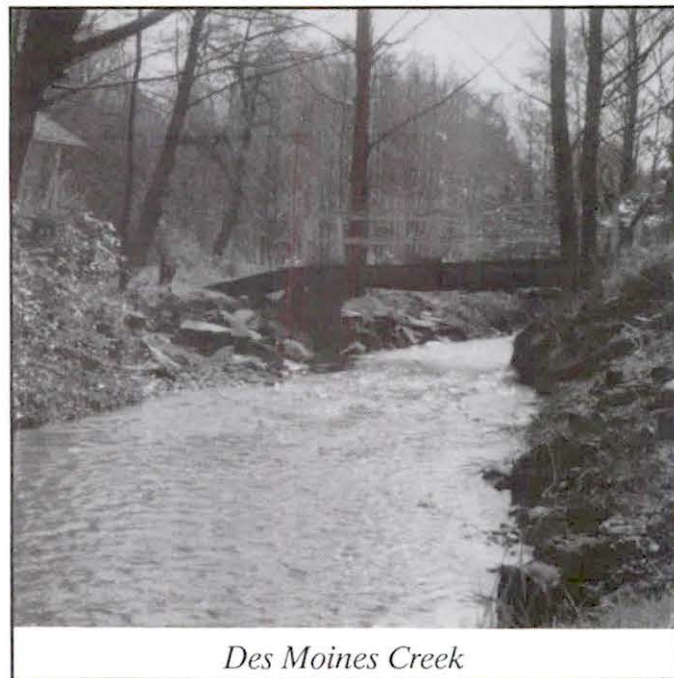
Although the Des Moines landscape has been altered from urbanization, salmon and steelhead trout still make annual migrations up Des Moines, Massey, and McSorley Creeks. How can this be? It's because the City still has streams, streamside vegetation, and wetlands.

Besides providing habitat for fish, these natural resources have many other very important functions, such as controlling floods, maintaining stream flows and water quality, stormwater storage, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities. Collectively, streams and wetlands are known as "environmentally sensitive areas" because of their important functions and susceptibility to degradation from urban development.

Protecting environmentally sensitive areas from degradation and preserving their natural functions are becoming hot environmental issues region-wide. The issue centers around balancing private property rights, economic development, and environmental protection.

The City of Des Moines is seeking to strike a balance through an "environmentally sensitive areas

ordinance". An ordinance, endorsed by the Planning Agency, has been issued and is currently undergoing review by the City Council. A public hearing on the draft ordinance is anticipated in May.



Des Moines Creek

Annual Spring Clean

The City of Des Moines will be sprucing up again this spring during the week of April 14-22. Public Works crews will devote time each day to picking up litter along the City's streets and rights-of-way. This annual project is in coordination with the Chamber

of Commerce and King County Public Works. The help of citizen volunteers and area merchants is certainly appreciated. One of our goals is to keep Des Moines a clean and scenic place in which to live, work and play.

DES MOINES DIRECTORY

City Hall, 21630 11th Ave. So., 878-4595

Business Hours: Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

City Council - 878-4595

- Frank Jovanovich, Mayor
- Audrey Bowers
- Richard Kennedy
- Carmen Scott
- Scott Thomasson
- Don Wasson
- Bob Wray

Administration - 878-4595

- Greg Prothman, City Manager
- Bob Olander, Assistant City Manager
- James Gorham, City Attorney
- Betty Hayes, Finance Director
- Denis Staab, City Clerk

Planning/Engineering/Parks/Public Works - 878-8626

- Eric Shields, Planning Director
- Dale Schroeder, City Engineer
- Jim Sempek, Building Official
- Frank Olson, Director, Public Works
- Jon Jainga, Parks Supervisor

Police Department

878-3301 Business - 911 Emergency
Martin Pratt, Chief

Fire District No. 26

878-2210 Business - 911 Emergency
Bob Arnold, Chief

Des Moines Senior Center - 878-1642

Karen Marshall, Supervisor

Des Moines Marina - 824-5700

Jesse Cadena, Harbormaster

Des Moines Library - 824-6066

Mike McNamara, Librarian

Watch for the next issue of
Des Moines City Currents in
July.

Animal Control

Officer Jan Magnuson is the Animal Control Officer for the City of Des Moines. Her duties include patrolling the City for lost or stray animals, investigating animal control related concerns such as animal bites, cruelty complaints, and transportation of injured or deceased animals to the proper locations.

Officer Magnuson is also responsible for issuance of animal licenses to residents of the City as well as enforcement of animal related ordinances.

If purchased prior to March 1st, regular dog licenses cost \$10.00 per year and Lifetime licenses for dogs owned by senior citizens cost \$20.00. Both may be purchased at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Late penalties are applied after March 1st.

As a reminder to animal owners, Officer Magnuson encourages you to have your pet spayed or

neutered. Animals that have been altered tend to be healthier, live longer, wander less and are more attached to their owners.



Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson

Senior Center News

Highline Community College classes held at the Des Moines Senior Center will be starting the week of March 26th. Classes include Fitness, Spanish III, and Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain. These classes last for eight weeks and cost \$4.00 for senior citizens. Oil Painting and Gentle Yoga classes are scheduled to begin in April with fees set at \$33.00 and \$25.00 respectively.

The City of Des Moines administers the Greater Des Moines Senior Center, which is located in Des Moines Beach Park at 22030 Cliff Avenue So.

For additional information on these classes and other services and activities, call 878-1642 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

City to Chart Future With Comprehensive Plan Update

The rapid growth in the Des Moines area over the last several years has prompted the Des Moines City Council to initiate a process to review and update the City's comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is a guide for City decisions concerning new development, including decisions about rezones, zoning permits, residential subdivisions, requirements placed on new construction, as well as where and how to build new streets, sidewalks and parks. The City's current comprehensive plan was adopted in 1981.

The comprehensive plan contains goals and policies addressing topics such as environmental protection, residential and commercial land use, transportation/circulation, public facilities, urban design and annexation. In addition, the updated plan will contain detailed plans for each of several neighborhoods within Des Moines and the unincorporated "planning areas" of North Hill and Woodmont.

Active public involvement in updating the comprehensive plan is sought. Volunteers to serve on a citizen advisory committee were solicited in March. By early April, the City Council will appoint a representative from each neighborhood to serve on the committee. A member of the Des Moines Planning Agency will serve as committee chairperson.

The committee will begin its work in April, and will host a public workshop, tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 23. The committee will also review the results of a public opinion poll which was mailed to a sample of Des Moines area households and businesses in mid-March. As the committee makes its recommendations, public hearings will be conducted by the City Council and Planning Agency, probably beginning in August.

The comprehensive plan will have an important role in shaping Des Moines' future and residents are urged to attend the various workshops and hearings.

If you would like more information about the comprehensive plan and how to participate, contact Eric Shields or Doug Osterman at the Des Moines Planning Department, 878-8626. Also, watch the Des Moines News for notices of workshops and hearings.

Special Olympics Torch Run

Law enforcement officers from the across the State of Washington will relay torches over more than 1,000 miles in Washington to raise pledges of funds for the Washington Special Olympics to be held at Ft. Lewis June 1-3. Watch for Des Moines police officers on the morning of June 1st as they carry the torch along Marine View Drive in support of this very special cause. Call Mitch Barker, 878-3301, for contribution information.

Spring Book Sale

The Des Moines Library League has organized a Spring Book Sale for Tuesday, April 17th from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the library. Hardcover books sell for \$.50 and paperbacks are \$.25. Also, some good quality fiction and non-fiction hardcovers are priced individually. Proceeds benefit the library volunteer group and are used for programs, furniture and equipment.

DES MOINES HISTORY

*One Hundred Years of the
"Waterland" Community:
A History of Des Moines,
Washington,*
written by

Richard T. Kennedy and
Grechen Schmidt,
is available at City Hall at a
cost of \$10.00 per copy.

New Library Hours

Effective April 1, 1990 Des Moines Library open hours will be increased to:

Monday through Thursday,
11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.
Friday 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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Household Hazardous Wastemobile

Keep your home and environment safe. Bring old and unwanted household hazardous waste products to King County's mobile collection. If you can't use up or recycle hazardous products:

Bring:	Pesticides Oil-base paints Thinners and Solvents Hobby Chemicals	Cleaning Products Motor oil (or call 1-800-RECYCLE) Latex paint (try to use it up, give it away, or dry it out instead)
Don't bring:	Explosives	Wastes from businesses
Location:	Des Moines Bartell Drugs, So. 216th & Pacific Highway So.	
Dates:	April 26, 27 and May 3, 4 - Noon to 7:00 p.m. April 28 and May 5 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	

Keep products in original containers or label all products not in original containers. Store them so they don't tip over or leak during transportation. Keep away from children, pets, and

passenger compartment of vehicle. Separate paint from other materials. Handling hazardous materials requires care and time. Come during weekday hours to avoid delays.

Call the King County Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division Hazards Line for more information: 296-4692.