

Citywide spring cleanup set for Saturday, April 20

April 20 is a day Des Moines residents should mark on their calendars.

That's when city crews will collect all of your unwanted spring-cleaning items and take them to the dump (transfer station) free.

Dump trucks will be stationed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at two convenient locations to accept waste material from residents. The locations are:

* 227th and 6th (south marina parking lot).

* Pacific Highway and 216th (parking lot in front of Royal Fabric Dry Cleaners, next to Safe-way).

Trucks from St. Vincent de Paul will be stationed at both locations to collect unwanted furniture and other items residents may wish to donate.

Residents are asked not to bring large appliances, tires, motor oil or other toxic wastes for dumping. Residents are encouraged to recycle grass clippings and other yard and garden waste by composting, and to recycle paper, cans and glass instead of bringing them for dumping. Recycle stations are located around the city.

City crews will be picking up debris along roadways April 13-21, which has been designated Spring Cleanup Week.



A surveyor works on 7th Avenue South, Phase 1 of the downtown roads project.

Downtown road project set to begin

Construction work is set to begin this summer on Phase 1 of the long-awaited downtown road improvement project.

Phase 1 will include improvements to 7th Avenue South and some side streets.

The \$6.1 million total project includes improving Marine View Drive and 7th Avenue to three lanes with a center turning lane, bike lanes on Marine View Drive, and a parking lane on 7th Avenue South. Curbs, sidewalks, gutters, street lighting, landscaping, underground wiring and some new signals will be installed.

The portion of Des Moines Memorial Drive that crosses Des Moines Creek will be widened with a new access route connecting 7th Avenue South.

The transportation engineering

firm Entranco, of Bellevue, currently is doing surveying work on Marine View Drive and 7th Avenue South.

City officials held meetings in February with affected business and property owners, presenting conceptual drawings of the project and receiving ideas from these individuals. A more detailed plan, incorporating some of their suggestions, is being prepared and will be presented to the affected business and property owners in later meetings.

Final design is expected to be approved in July with work to commence in August. Phase 2, Marine View Drive, will begin next spring. Phase 3, the Des Moines Creek crossing, is being administered by the state. Construction is set for early 1993.

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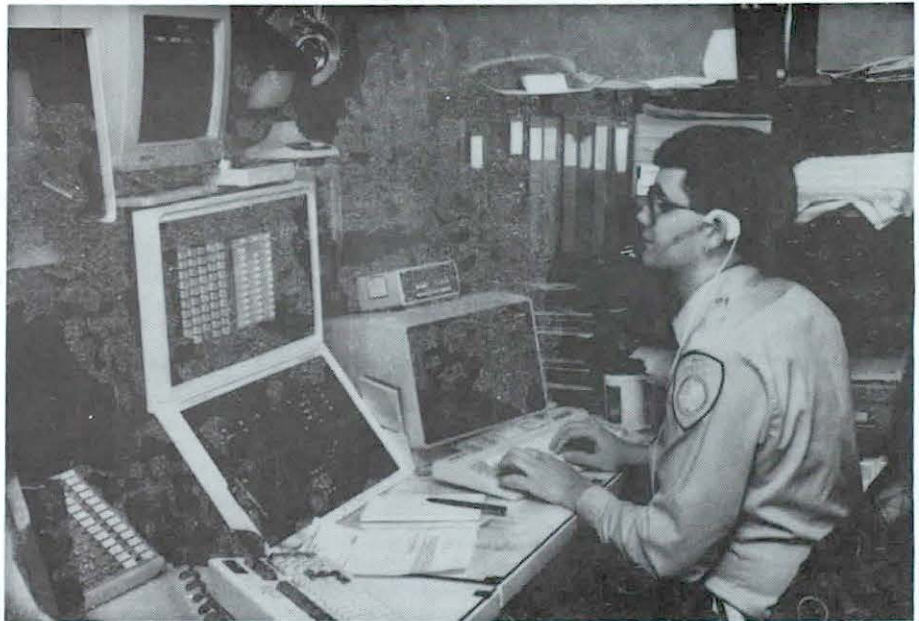
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Dean Fuller is a 911 dispatcher at the Des Moines Police Department.

Dispatch center handles city's 911 calls

Tucked in a side room at the Des Moines Police Department is the dispatch center, where 911 emergency calls are received and, if necessary, police and/or fire crews dispatched.

The dispatch center handles all 911 calls for Des Moines, Normandy Park, Fire District 26 and Highline Community College's security force. Last year the center dispatched 19,000 service calls.

The 911 system is totally computerized. When a call is received, the caller's name, address and phone number automatically appear on a screen at the center. The operator determines the nature of the call and dispatches emergency units as the information is received.

Callers should realize that emergency response in urgent cases is already under way while they are still on the phone. Callers should remain calm and stay on the line until it is clear the dispatcher has all the data needed. That information is relayed to emergency crews while they are responding.

The 911 system is not only for urgent emergency calls. Residents should call 911 whenever they need a police or fire crew to respond. That could be in an ongoing emergency, or to investigate an earlier incident, such as a burglary.

All other police and fire calls should be made to the business numbers: Police - 878-3301; Fire - 878-2201.

Anti-drug parenting program a success

The five-week program "Preparing for the Drug Free Years" held for parents successfully concluded in March with about 20 parents participating. Des Moines police officer Bob Collins said a similar program is planned for fall.

Collins thanks "Safe Ride" for providing babysitting, and Chamber of Commerce members, the Subway Shop and Johnny's for do-

nations. Collins, who has been with the police department five years, is now teaching other instructors in the anti-drug D.A.R.E. program. He recently successfully completed an instructors course in Los Angeles.

Forty sixth-graders at Des Moines Elementary last month went through D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies.

Torch run benefits Special Olympics

Des Moines law enforcement personnel -- officers, dispatchers, attorneys and judges -- will participate May 31 in the annual torch run for the Washington Special Olympics.

The Des Moines relay team will run the torch through Des Moines that Friday morning around 10 a.m., handing it off to another law enforcement team on the torch's journey to Fort Lewis.

The torch will light the main torch at the opening of the 1991 Special Olympics at the Fort Lewis stadium.

The torch run is a fund-raiser for the Special Olympics. The Des Moines team hopes to raise \$1,500 through pledges and donations from city residents and merchants. For information, call Sgt. Mitch Barker, 878-3301.

Employee of the Quarter: Robert Ruth



Robert Ruth, a City of Des Moines planner, has been selected by his peers as the Employee of the Quarter.

Ruth, 28, has been with the city for three years. As associate planner, he reviews development proposals for compliance with zoning codes, determines environmental impacts of projects and prepares planning-related information for city consideration.

He was chosen in the city's employee-recognition program because he best exhibits City Hall's "Sails with Pride" employee values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."



A "flush truck" has been purchased to clean catch basins and storm drain lines.

Work under way to improve city's storm-drainage system, water quality

Now that the city's surface-water utility is in place and operating, residents should notice some immediate improvements such as more frequent street sweeping and cleaning of catch basins.

According to Des Moines Assistant City Manager Bob Olander, city streets will be swept twice as often as previously. "One of the best ways to improve surface-water quality is to sweep streets more often, since surface water carries contaminants from streets into streams," he said.

Crews also will be working to clean storm drainage lines and catch basins. The city's 1,400 catch basins will be cleaned twice a year.

The city has purchased a "flush truck" and hired additional workers to clean and maintain the drainage system. The \$135,000 truck is built and equipped to clean catch and storm sewer lines.

Another improvement is the hiring of a storm-drainage technician to oversee the system, and to inspect new and existing storm-

water retention/detention systems. All new developments in the city are required to have onsite storm-water detention and water-quality improvements.

The City Council currently is reviewing a capital-improvements plan for storm-water facilities. The plan identifies and sets priorities for up to 30 storm-water facilities around the city. Those projects include detention ponds to hold large volumes of water during storms, new drain systems, and pump stations. Storm-drain lines that are under capacity will be upgraded, and bypass lines installed in some areas.

City residents and other property and business owners began paying monthly surface-water utility charges in January to pay for the overall improvements.

Although major improvements may take years to complete, city officials are confident the overall program in time will alleviate the flooding experienced in the city during storms, as well as improve the water quality in the city's waterways and Puget Sound.

FREE... CONCERTS IN THE PARK!

Mark your calendar now to attend the City of Des Moines Summer Concert Series. The following four concerts have been scheduled for Sunday afternoons at Des Moines Beach Park, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The park is directly north of the marina. There is no admission charge.

JUNE 9

THE ANZANGA MARIMBA AND DANCE ENSEMBLE

This group plays traditional and contemporary marimba music, representing the rich cultural heritage of Africa. They also perform African dances to the exciting rhythm of conga drums. It is a nine-piece, 10-person ensemble.

JULY 7

CORNUCOPIA CONCERT BAND

This group is a re-creation of the groups that provided the main source of community entertainment in the early years of the 20th Century. They feature authentic arrangements of popular American band and vocal music, including marches, waltzes, fox trots and rags.

AUGUST 11

SOCKEYE

Sockeye performs material from the best of the bluegrass tradition, combining centuries-old sounds with original songs and tunes. Instruments include banjo, mandolin and guitar.

SEPTEMBER 8

LIZBETH

Lizbeth is a nationally published composer, and she shares her lively, thoughtful, original music in an active, participatory show. Designed for audiences of all ages.

For more information about the concerts, call Karen Marshall, 878-1642. The concerts will be cancelled in the event of rain. Des Moines Beach Park is a handicapped-accessible area.

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