

CITY CURRENTS



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City leading fight against third runway

The City of Des Moines has taken a lead position in the battle against a proposed third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

The City Council allocated \$100,000 to fight the airport expansion and Des Moines is the lead agency in a consortium of area municipalities and community groups, the Regional Commission on Airport Affairs (RCAA), recently formed to oppose the third runway. Des Moines City Manager Greg Prothman has been designated the group's lead facilitator.

RCAA has raised \$300,000 and has hired one of the state's top land-use attorneys, Rick Aramburu of Seattle.

The Puget Sound Air Transportation Committee last December recommended that a third runway be built at Sea-Tac before the year 2000. The Seattle Port Commission isn't expected to vote on the proposal for at least a year.

The proposed runway would create a new aircraft corridor directly over 12th Avenue South in Des Moines and the noise would severely impact the city.

Prothman calls it a "David and

Goliath" battle, but the anti-runway forces are having some success including getting a bill passed in the state Legislature restricting airport expansion and placing a two-year moratorium on construction of a third runway.

Mayor Richard Kennedy said he is optimistic the fight can be won.

"This is one of the first times a government entity has stood up and said 'no!' to the Port."

■ If you would like to donate to R.C.A.A. to help in the fight against a third runway, fill out the coupon on this page.



YES, MY HOME IS WORTH DEFENDING!

I AM AGAINST THE THIRD RUNWAY

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

I'll pledge \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

To be paid in 1 2 3 4 payments (circle one)

Signed _____

Indicate if you feel the value of your home will be impacted by more airport noise.

SEND TO: REGIONAL COMMISSION ON AIRPORT AFFAIRS (R.C.A.A.)
21630 11th Ave. S.
Des Moines, Wa. 98198

Welcome, North Hill!

Welcome to 1,400 newcomers to the City of Des Moines.

Residents of a large area of North Hill voted on March 10 to annex to the city by a 58% margin. The annexation takes effect Jan. 1, 1993 and will bring the City's total population to 19,500.

The newly annexed area is bounded by South 208th on the north; South 216th on the south; Des Moines Memorial Drive on the east; and 1st Avenue South on the west. It is an area of mostly single family residences.

City officials said they are pleased the North Hill area will be joining the city. They said North Hill residents will benefit from improved services, and the City will benefit from higher tax revenues.

DES MOINES DIRECTORY

City Hall, 21630 11th Ave. So., 878-4595
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 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Karen Marshall, Supervisor

Des Moines Marina - 824-5700

Jesse Cadena, Harbormaster

Des Moines Library - 824-6066

Mike McNamara, Librarian

■ Pet owners are reminded that the City has a leash law. Dogs can't run loose; they must be contained in a pen or fenced yard, or on a leash.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Jerry Nettles, City custodian

City custodian Jerry Nettles has been selected by his peers as the City's Employee of the Quarter.

Custodian for 13 years with the City, Nettles is responsible for cleaning offices, the council chambers, jail cells and other City facilities. He also sets up the council chambers for meetings and makes sure waste paper and other materials are being properly recycled.

"He goes out of his way to do things right," says Jon Jainga, Parks and Buildings supervisor. "You can always rely on Jerry."

City employees receive recognition in the Employee of the Quarter program for best demonstrating the City's "Sails with Pride" employee values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."



Jerry Nettles

Downtown road project set to begin

Plans are proceeding to begin construction this spring on the long awaited downtown road improvement project.

Bid opening for the \$5 million contract took place March 18. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Woodworth Company of Tacoma.

Construction is expected to continue through November. The project is being done in phases to keep main arterials open while others are being worked on. Marine View Drive will remain open throughout construction for busi-

ness access.

The first phase will take place on 7th Avenue South, which will be widened to three lanes. The second phase will take place on Marine View Drive, which also will be three-lanes, and cross streets. Improvements on all the involved streets include curbs, underground utilities, sidewalks, gutters, lighting and landscaping.

The state's portion of the project, widening Des Moines Memorial Drive where it crosses Des Moines Creek, is scheduled to start in February 1993.

Public hearing set on siting of airport maintenance facility

A public hearing is being held at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 9 in the Tyee High School Cafeteria on the proposed South Aviation Support Area project.

The project is intended to serve existing demand for airport support facilities on a site which could cover portions of the area north of South 200th, south of South 188th, and west of 28th Avenue South. Three mainte-

nance facilities currently near the main airport terminal could be relocated and a new maintenance facility for quieter Stage 3 aircraft could be constructed for Alaska Airlines, if the airline chooses Seattle for its new base.

A draft environmental impact statement on the project is available for public review at Des Moines Library and City Hall.



Signs such as this one are appearing in newly established Drug Free Zones.

City sets up Drug Free Zones

Residents may have noticed the new "Drug Free Zone" signs placed next to roadways around the city.

The signs indicate zones near public and private schools where penalties for dealing illegal drugs are more severe.

A new state law allows counties, cities and school districts to establish Drug Free Zones. The Des Moines City Council approved an ordinance on Feb. 23, 1992 setting up the zones in partnership with the Highline School District.

Some 22 "Drug Free Zone" signs are being placed within the City. The school district has sent home flyers with students explaining the drug free zones to parents.

The convictions involving drug dealing within a Drug Free Zone provide double penalties for juveniles and add 24 months to the ordinary penalty for adults.

The City of Des Moines does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or provision of services.

Curbside recycling delivered to Des Moines

City residents are encouraged to help conserve space in regional landfills and reduce their garbage bills through a new City program for curbside collection of recyclable materials and yard waste, which got under way March 1.

Residents should have received information about the program from Sea Tac Disposal, the City's franchised hauler of garbage.

The recycling service is being offered free of charge to all Sea Tac Disposal garbage customers, and participation is voluntary. City officials point out that garbage collection rates are increasing with the new service, partly due to higher dumping fees at landfills.

Since garbage rates are based on the size of container, customers can lower their garbage bills by reducing the size of their container.

Customers who now use a 90-gallon toter for garbage may be able to reduce their monthly rate by recycling and using a smaller 32-gallon can for garbage.

The City's Recycling Coordinator Corbitt Loch encourages residents and businesses to keep rates low by switching to a smaller garbage container, taking advantage of the recycling program, composting yard waste at home, and using their own containers instead of renting containers from Sea Tac Disposal.

Recyclable materials being col-



Look for these symbols on the bottom of recyclable plastic containers.

lected include newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum cans, glass beverage containers and two kinds of plastics (containers for liquids, marked "1" or "2" in a triangle on the bottom). Containers for recyclables are delivered free of charge to those wishing to participate.

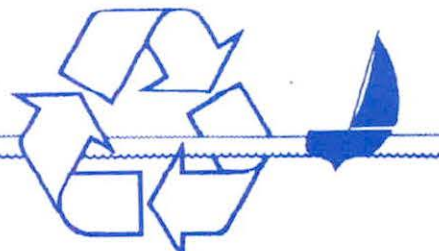
Yard waste that can be recycled (grass clippings, leaves, prunings, and small branches) is also collected for an additional fee. Customers can provide their own containers or rent one from Sea Tac Disposal.

Another option for disposing of yard waste is to purchase a low-cost composting bin from King County (call 296-4466).

Recent changes in the City municipal code prohibits placement of yard waste in garbage containers for regular garbage pickup. Collection days for recyclables is the same as the regular garbage collection day. Customers should have received a collection-day calendar from Sea Tac Disposal.

More information about the recycling program is available by calling Sea Tac Disposal, 725-4200 or the City's recycling coordinator at 878-8626.

Des Moines Sails Through Recycling



CITY OF DES MOINES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Dear Residents and Business people of Des Moines:

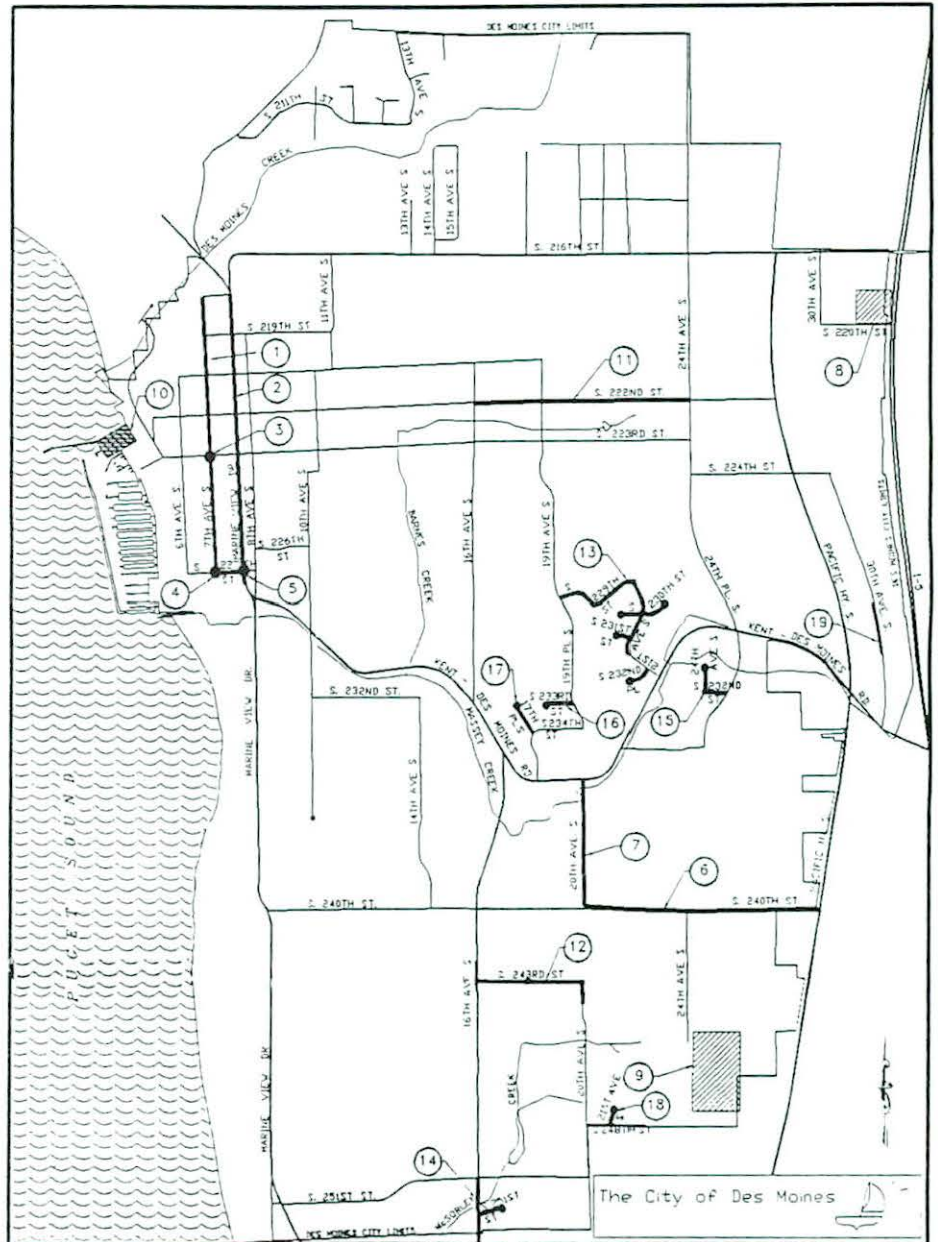
The City of Des Moines has planned to begin the construction of numerous Capital Improvement Projects in 1992. We have prepared the map to the right as a means for you to identify where these projects are located throughout the City, when construction is scheduled to begin, and which staff members to call for more information.

Each year the City of Des Moines prioritizes capital improvements by updating its six year Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Plan. The projects represent the priorities of the City Council, Des Moines voters, and staff. Issues such as traffic congestion, open spaces, expanding population, and aging neighborhoods are addressed. This year's projects will specifically enhance our transportation and parks system, and our neighborhoods.

I am also particularly pleased by the growing development of our nonmotorized enhancements throughout the City that address locations, where very little walking area exists for pedestrians or bicyclists or where serious pedestrian/vehicle conflicts could occur.

The City's total construction cost for projects beginning in 1992 is \$4.6 million. Capital Improvement Projects are funded by sales tax, developer impact fees, King County Open Space Bond, Public Works Trust Fund Loans and gas taxes.

Sincerely,
Greg Prothman
City Manager



IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

# Project	Estimated Const. Start	Staff Contact	Phone
ROADWAY/INTERSECTIONS Construction Costs: \$3,400,000		Bob Olander Loren Reinhold	878-4595 878-8626
1. 7th Ave. S./S. 218th to 227th Sts. Street Construction	April, 1992		
2. Marine View Drive/S. 218th St. to Kent-Des Moines Rd.	July, 1992		
3. 7th Ave. S./S. 223rd St. Signal	August, 1992		
4. 7th Ave. S./S. 227th St. Signal	August, 1992		
5. Marine View Dr./S. 227th St. Signal	August, 1992		
WALKWAYS/BIKEWAYS Construction Costs: \$450,000		Jim Seitz	878-8626
6. S. 240th St./20th Ave. S. to Hwy. 99	June, 1992		
7. 20th Ave. S./S. 240th to Kent-Des Moines Rd.	June, 1992		
PARKS/OPEN SPACE Acquisition Costs: \$500,000		Bob Olander	878-4595
8. N. Midway Park	April, 1992		
9. Parkside Wetlands	April, 1992		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY Construction Costs: \$150,000			
10. N. Marina Parking Lot	March/April, 1992	Jesse Cadena	824-5700
STREET OVERLAYS * Construction Costs: \$135,000		Jim Seitz	878-8626
11. S. 222nd St./16th Ave. S. to 24th Ave. S.	August, 1992		
12. S. 243rd St./17th Ave. S. to 20th Ave. S. and 20th Ave. S./S. 243rd St. to S. 244th St.			
13. S. 229th St./19th Ave. S. to 21st Ave. S., 21st Ave. S./S. 229th St. to S. 232nd St. and S. 230th St., S. 231st St. and S. 232nd Pl. S. adjacent to 21st Ave. S.			
14. 16th Ave. S./S. 250th St. to City Limits and S. 251st St.			
15. 24th Ave. S. adjacent to S. 232nd St. and S. 232nd St./24th Ave. S. to 24th Pl. S.			
16. S. 233rd St. adjacent to 19th Pl. S.			
17. 17th Pl. S. adjacent to S. 234th St.			
18. 21st Ave. S. adjacent to S. 248th St.			
19. 30th Ave. S., west shoulder only			

* Note: All overlays will be done as one project in August, 1992.

DES MOINES SENIOR CENTER

A community focal point offering activities, fellowship and support for senior citizens

Des Moines Senior Center is a community focal point where older adults come together for services and activities that reflect their experience and skills, respond to their diverse interests and needs, enhance their dignity, support their independence, and encourage their involvement in and with the center and the community.

There are no membership dues, and we serve people of all income levels and physical capabilities. Call 878-1642 for a free copy of the current monthly newsletter. The Senior Center is located within Des Moines Beach Park (22030 Cliff Avenue) and the hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Middle East: New Frictions and Alignments

The Washington State Commission for the Humanities is funding a free talk April 6 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.

It will last one hour and will be given by Mr. Tanas, who will discuss how the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and its evolution into a U.S. - Arab confrontation is viewed in light of the broader regional problems.



Sunday Dances

Dances are held Sunday afternoons from 1:30 - 4 p.m. in the dining room at the Senior Center. There is live music and the cost is \$2 per person. The dates of the dances are April 12, April 26, May 10, May 24, June 7 and June 21.

NEW CLASSES FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE

Fitness:

3/31 - 6/4, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 - 9:50 a.m., \$12.

Current Events:

3/31 - 6/2, Tuesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., \$12.

Art Appreciation:

4/2 - 6/4, Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., \$12.

Advanced Hula:

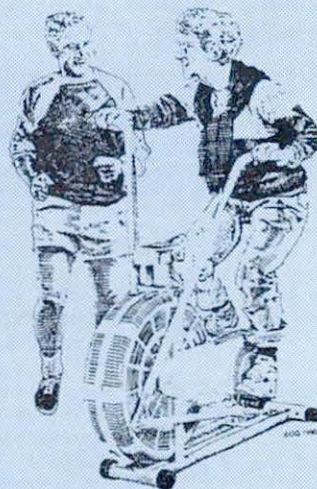
4/1 - 6/3, Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., \$5.

Shopping A La Heart:

April 22, 9:30 - 11 a.m., \$1.

55 Alive Driving Course:

6/16 and 17, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., \$8.



We need your suggestions

How do you envision the Senior Center of the future?

What types of things should the center be offering or doing so that you will come now or later? Come to the annual meeting of the Advisory Board of the Senior Center May 14 at 12:30 p.m. and give them your suggestions. Af-

terwards the Senior Center will host an open house from 1:15 to 3 p.m. You can learn and see what a Senior Center does, and enjoy refreshments. Observe older adults painting, hula dancing, performing on musical instruments, and doing other fun things.

Programs offer caregivers a break

Are you a Caregiver?

Do you take care of your parents or your spouse? You can be young or old and be a primary caregiver. Through the Des Moines Senior Center and Highline Community Hospital there are services to lighten the burden which you shoulder. These services include the Day Break Social Respite Program, Rest A Bit overnight or extended care, and support groups.

Day Break is a respite care program designed to provide an opportunity for caregivers of dependent older adults to have a regularly scheduled break from the responsibilities of caregiving as well as provide an enjoyable and stimulating environment for the participants. The program is held at Des Moines Senior Center on Mondays and at the Riverton Campus of Highline Hospital Tuesdays and Thursdays. Day Break operates from 10:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. and includes organized activities, mild physical exercises, a nutritious lunch and lots of camaraderie and fun.

Rest A Bit is intended to provide caregivers with the opportunity for an overnight or extended vacation with the security of knowing their loved one is receiving quality care. Care is provided at the Riverton Campus of Highline Hospital and is available for a minimum of 24 hours up to two weeks.

For information about Day Break, Rest A Bit or support groups, call either the Senior Center or Highline Community Hospital's Senior Care Network at 248-4701.



Meals on Wheels may be the answer for homebound senior citizens

If you are a caregiver and are taking care of homebound older adults or senior citizens who are unable to cook for themselves, or if you are over 55 and are homebound -- Meals on Wheels may be the answer! Every Thursday the Senior Center delivers frozen meals to homebound older adults.

You have a choice of 30 entrees and four breakfasts. Each individual can order up to seven entrees and seven breakfasts per week. There is a suggested donation of \$2 per meal. Call 878-1642 to get an application, order form/menu to keep at home, and information about liquid meals.

If you are unable to eat solid foods and are homebound, liquid supplements are available.

Meal on Wheels carries Ensure, Ensure Plus, Enrich, Osmolite, Sustacal, Pulmocare, Jevity, Glucerna and Nepro. Call the senior center at 878-1642 for a price list.

Spring Clean-up Day April 25

Mark your calendar! Des Moines' citywide Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, April 25.

Residents are encouraged to clean up their neighborhoods and take advantage of free dumping provided by the City.

Dumpsters will be parked on the marina, at Dock Avenue and South 227th Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

City residents can bring trash and junk items (no large furniture or appliances) for free disposal. A separate dumpster will be for leaves, grass clippings and small branches, also at no charge.

City crews will be spending the week of April 20 sprucing up the City, cleaning ditches, cutting limbs, mowing and removing debris along roadways.



Senior Center's rummage, bake sale May 1, 2

The Senior Center's annual rummage sale and bake sale will be held Friday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend. We will be selling and taking donations of: kitchen utensils and dishes, children's puzzles and toys, books, plants, bulbs, jewelry, shoes, children's clothing, bedding, towels, sporting goods, etc. There will be no clothing, other than children's.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Richard Kennedy
Mayor



Lew Anderson
Mayor Pro Tem



Audrey Bowers
Council member



Frank Jovanovich
Council member



Scott Thomasson
Council member



Don Wasson
Council member



Bob Wray
Council member

DECEMBER 1991

- Confirmed Mayor's appointments to the Des Moines Library Board for 3 year terms for Earline Byers, Joanne Smith and Charlotte Day.

- Authorized the City Manager to sign a new lease for the Marina repair facilities (Block and Tackle Boat Yard).

- Authorized the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement entitled "Agreement Among King County, City of Seattle, and Suburban Cities and Towns in King County for the Growth Management Planning Council of King County."

- Began review of the City's Human Services Plan.

- Passed an ordinance adopting a City Business Park Zone.

- Passed an ordinance authorizing adoption of an employee shared sick leave policy and establishing procedures.

- Passed a resolution setting the North Hill election date for March 10, 1992.

JANUARY 1992

- Elected Richard Kennedy to a 2 year term as Mayor and Lew Anderson to a 2-year term as Mayor Pro Tem.

- Passed an ordinance regarding solid waste disposal, collection and recycling.

- Approved an exclusive license for collection of residential garbage, recyclable materials, and yard waste with Sea Tac Disposal.

- Continued review of the City's Human Services Plan.

- Authorized the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement with the City of Kent providing for the City of Kent to book and house Des Moines prisoners.

- Passed an ordinance establishing the "Airport Defense Fund."

- Passed a resolution opposing the third runway at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

- Authorized the City Manager to expend funds to form a coalition and to prepare a response to the EIS on the proposed third runway.

- Authorized the City Manager to apply for direct membership in the Nation-

al League of Cities for the City of Des Moines.

- Continued review of a proposed ordinance revising the City's Subdivision Code.

- Passed a resolution establishing "Drug Free Zones" within the City.

FEBRUARY 1992

- Continued review of the City's Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

- Authorized the Mayor to appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee to advise the Planning Agency and City Council on the elements of the Downtown Neighborhood Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

- Approved a resolution adopting the Human Services Plan Policies.

- Approved a resolution opposing siting of a Re-

gional Justice Center in the City of SeaTac.

- Approved a resolution setting conditions for the 1992 Waterland Festival.

- Approved a resolution supporting the King County Regional Housing Levy on the March ballot.

- Authorized the City Manager to sign the SR 509/South Access Road Environmental Impact Statement agreement.

- Held a public hearing on a proposed ordinance regulating potentially dangerous and dangerous dogs.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the 1992 Haunted House at Des Moines Beach Park.

- Held a public hearing to amend the Environmentally Sensitive Area provisions.

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