



Bond issue for Sports Park on May mail-in ballot

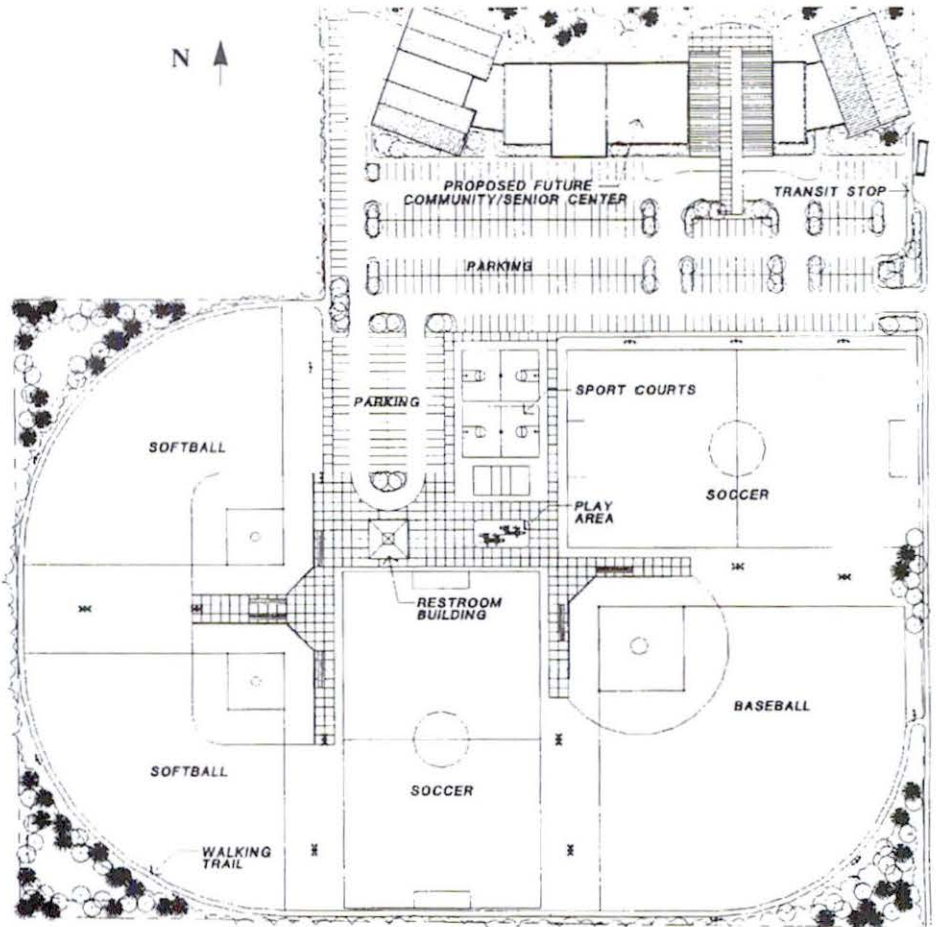
Des Moines residents will be voting this May on a bond issue for a 20-acre Sports Park and site for a future community/senior center.

The Sports Park would be located on 15 acres south of South 216th Street and west of 24th Avenue South. The bond measure would also provide funds to purchase an adjacent five acres for a community/senior center. Construction of that facility is not included in the bond issue and would require additional funding.

The Sports Park would include lighted soccer and softball/baseball fields, sports courts, children's play equipment, and a building with restrooms and concession facilities. The park would be available for use by youth sports organizations, schools, and youth, adult and seniors park and recreation leagues, as well as the general public. If the bond issue is successful, construction would begin within a year and the fields could be ready for use by spring of 1999.

Des Moines residents who are registered voters will receive their ballots for this bond issue by mail the first week in May. The ballots must be returned and postmarked no later than May 20, 1997. The cost of the \$6.9 million bond issue for individual property owners is estimated at 49 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation, beginning in 1998. The rate would decrease over the 20 year life of the bonds. The bond issue requires 60 percent voter approval for passage.

For additional details please see the bond issue fact sheet inserted inside.



The proposed site is south of S. 216th St. and west of 24th Ave. S.

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Week of April 28

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Warm welcome from Redondo, Woodmont

The Des Moines Police Department appreciates the warm welcome from Redondo and Woodmont residents since police coverage of those areas began the first of the year.

There have been no significant problems covering the newly annexed areas, and response times there have been good. A patrol unit is assigned to the Redondo and Woodmont area 24 hours a day.

1996 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

John Cozart, Public Works employee

John Cozart was selected as the City of Des Moines Employee of the Year for 1996. John has worked for the Public Works Department for four years. He helps install and maintain storm water drainage projects.

John first was chosen by his peers as an Employee of the Quarter, and later Employee of the Year.

Frank Olson, Public Works Superintendent, says John is an excellent team member, getting along well with everyone he comes in contact with, and he takes great pride in his work.

"He has even taken it upon himself to make special tools at home that can be used on the job here," Olson said.

John says he enjoys his work and the people he works with. He says his greatest rewards come when he can stand back and look at a project he has completed, whether it's installing a catch basin or fill-

ing in a resident's ditch.

"It's nice when you know you've done a good job."

John lives in Buckley with his wife Becky and three children, Sawyer 16, Stacey, 13, and Katie, 10.

Congratulations to John, as well as the other Employees of the Quarter for 1996: Peggy Watson, staff accountant; Ha Thu Dao, prosecuting attorney; and Richard Niebusch, police officer.

Employees of the Quarter are chosen by their peers for best demonstrating the City's "Sails With Pride" employee values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."



John Cozart

New police station to be ready in June

The Des Moines Police Department is looking forward to moving into its new police station in the latter part of June. Harsh winter weather plus other complications with building materials put construction about 100 days behind schedule. Rainy weather has delayed a lot of the concrete and asphalt work on the exterior grounds, but work should proceed quickly now that spring weather has arrived.

Police Dept. Lt. Kevin Tucker, who is overseeing the project, said the City has been very pleased with the quality of construction. Despite the delays, the project is still on budget and the contractor, Shinstine & Associates of Sumner, has been working well with the City, taking care of any problems.

The new police station is being built on 11th Avenue South just south of City Hall. The project is being funded through a \$3.35 million bond issue approved by Des Moines voters in April of 1995.

A dedication ceremony and open house for the general public is being

planned upon building completion. Chief Obermiller is looking forward to having the community participate in the opening of the police/community services center. Notification of an open house will be on Channel 28.

NEW STAFF: The Des Moines Police Department has hired a number of new officers and staff members since the first of the year and is in the process of hiring more.

Most of the new officers and support staff come as a result of the Redondo and Woodmont annexation which took effect on Jan. 1, 1997. The City increased police department staffing in order to provide services to those areas.

Newly hired officers include Randy Gallagher, Mark Tindol and Bob Crane. All three were reserve officers with the Des Moines Police for several years.

The addition of two new records specialists, Gaylon Jones and Gaylon Lohrman, will enable the new Police Station to be staffed 24-hours a day.

ROAD PROJECTS

240th St./16th Ave Signal

The design for the new traffic signal at South 240th Street and 16th Avenue South is complete. The project is expected to go out to bid in early spring of 1997. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of summer. The project improvements include a new traffic signal and some widening of the intersection. The project will also construct curbs, gutters and sidewalks at the four corners of the intersection. The project is being funded by a federal grant and the City of Des Moines.

Pacific Hwy. South Redevelopment

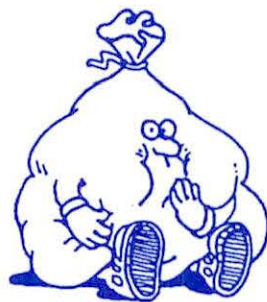
1997 marks the beginning of the biggest public works project the City has undertaken since the completion of the downtown improvements. Planned improvements include widening of the streets, installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks, undergrounding of overhead utilities, drainage improvements and other aesthetic improvements. The City will begin some preliminary stages of the design process such as a community input process this spring. Construction is scheduled for 1999.

Street Overlay

This summer the City will be repaving several streets scattered throughout Des Moines. The design work is being completed at this time, with construction expected to begin in July. Most of the streets will require a simple asphalt overlay. Some will also require some storm drainage improvements before the repaving. Most notably, 7th Avenue between South 236th Street and South 240th Street will have some traffic and drainage improvements. Some of the major streets include South 250th/251st Street (from Marine View Drive to 16th Avenue S) and South 240th Street (from 13th Avenue S. to 16th Avenue S. and from 20th Avenue S. to 27th Avenue S.). There will be some delays and detours associated with the improvements, but efforts will be made to minimize these impacts.

Special Spring Clean Collection Event

COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE PICK-UP DAY THE WEEK OF APRIL 28th



The City of Des Moines and Sea-Tac Disposal are providing a special Spring Clean Collection Event in celebration of Earth Day. Collection will occur during your regular garbage pick-up day the week of April 28, 1997. On your collection day, single family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and four plexes will have all the garbage, recyclables and yard waste picked up at their curbside at no charge whether or not you are a customer of Sea-Tac Disposal. Appliances will be picked up for a small fee. Like on regular garbage pick-up, collection starts at 7 a.m., so have items at curbside the night before. Materials that meet the guidelines below will be picked up.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Materials must be sorted into the appropriate pile. Separate piles should be made for garbage, recyclables and yard waste;
- Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. bags, boxes, cans, etc.), clearly labeled, and not weigh more than 60 pounds;
- Materials must be placed at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of service;
- Yard waste must be bundled with natural fiber twine or placed in a labeled container, can, box, or biodegradable bag (plastic bags will not be picked up);
- Yard waste containers/bundles must not exceed four feet in length, not weigh more than 60 pounds, and branches should not be more than four (4) inches in diameter;
- Recyclable materials are newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, aluminum, tin cans, glass beverage/food containers, plastic bottles with a 1 or 2 stamped on the bottom, and glass beverage/food containers;
- Recycled glass (green, brown, and clear) bottles and jars must be placed in a separate container from the other recyclables;
- Special pickup of appliances or large bulky furniture must be pre paid (collection fee of \$35 for refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, and \$15 for all other appliances or furniture). You can purchase a tag for pickup at Community Development, 805 S. 219th (questions, please call 878-8626);
- Special pickups should be tagged and placed at curbside by 7 a.m. on April 28 (for pickup on April 28 or 29).



ABSOLUTELY NO HAZARDOUS WASTE ITEMS OR THEIR

CONTAINERS will be collected. Hazardous waste includes paints, solvents, pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze, batteries. Save these materials for drop-off at the Household Hazardous Wastemobile. For a schedule call 296-4692 or 1-800-RECYCLE.

NO LOOSE MATERIAL OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED!

For more information on the Spring Clean, call Sea-Tac Disposal Company at 872-7220.

AIRPORT COMMUNITIES COALITION

Lawsuits challenge approval of third runway

By Ken Reid

Executive Director,

Airport Communities Coalition

(Cities of Des Moines, Normandy Park, Burien, Tukwila, Federal Way and Highline School District)

The Airport Communities Coalition (ACC) has two pending lawsuits against the Port of Seattle and the Puget Sound Regional Council.

In the case in King County Superior Court, a hearing was held on January 24 on summary judgment motions offered by both sides. The parties each sought to have the judge declare them victorious without having to go to trial. And, in brief, neither party prevailed. The effect of the judge's ruling was to slightly narrow the scope of issues being contested and to affirm that the case will go to trial. Trial is set for January 1998 to determine whether the PSRC's decision authorizing the 3rd runway should be overturned.

The ACC has also filed an administrative appeal with the Port's hearing examiner asking that the Port's decision authorizing the runway be voided. No action has taken place on this matter and none is anticipated until perhaps July, after the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued its long-expected final approval of the project.

The FAA has issued a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) after formally acknowledging that their earlier environmental analysis was inadequate. The new document acknowledges that the earlier forecasts were substantially understated. Furthermore, the proposed development schedule has been dramatically changed. The SEIS now puts forth the notion that massive

terminal, parking and other passenger-related facilities should be built before the runway. And, it suggests an extended runway construction schedule, reaching completion in 2005.

The ACC is in the process of conducting a thorough review of the SEIS and will submit critical comments by the FAA's required deadline, March 31. It appears that the FAA could issue its final environmental determination perhaps in June or July. Assuming FAA approval, the ACC will then consider its legal options to challenge the decision.

In mid-February the Port launched its latest attack on its neighbors in the form of a lawsuit against Des Moines. In its claims the Port asserts just the opposite of what the ACC has claimed in its suits: that the City must conform to the Port's plans for the runway. The ACC sees this lawsuit as a direct attack on all the Coalition, entirely without merit, and will support the City in its defense.

Aside from legal proceedings, 1997 brings some membership and leadership changes to the ACC. The Highline School District, an ex-officio member since 1993, has become a full, voting member of the ACC's Executive Committee, its policy-making body. John Rankin, Normandy Park Mayor, was elected Chair. Des Moines Councilmember Terry Brazil is vice chair.

Other Executive Committee representatives, and alternates, are: Burien - Don Newby and Shirley Basarab; Des Moines - Bob Olander; Federal Way - Hope Elder and Greg Fewins; Highline School District - Ed Pina and Shay Schual-Berke; Normandy Park - Stuart Creighton; and, Tukwila - Jim Haggerton and Pam Carter.

Help for domestic violence victims

The City of Des Moines is pleased to announce the hiring of Susan Paine, who will serve in our Legal Department as the Court Resource Advocate. She will be assisting in the prosecution of domestic violence cases. Susan worked at the King County Superior Court Clerk's Office for 7 years as the coordinator for the Domestic Violence Protection Orders.

The Court Resource Advocacy Project is funded by a grant from the Department of Justice. The goal of this grant is to increase the successful prosecutions of domestic violence offenders in our city. Victims will be able to call Susan for support, information, referrals and to locate other resources.



Susan Paine

Other duties are to provide a follow-up report to the prosecutor when the batterer has been ordered into treatment and is not complying with the order. This provides greater accountability by the batterer to the court and, consequently, the victim's safety can be improved. This project will include community outreach to provide information to the citizens of Des Moines. As a part of this grant, the Police Department has a new outreach vehicle which will be used to conduct direct outreach efforts in public areas, such as shopping centers, schools, the marina and other locations. DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women's Network), a local service agency, has a community advocate working with Susan.

If your community group, school or business association would like more information on this project, or would like to have a presentation regarding domestic violence, and the City's response, please call to make arrangements with Susan. To reach her, call 870-6546.





DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

The City of Des Moines is now offering free informative classes on a wide variety of topics affecting our community. Des Moines University classes are generally held the first Wednesday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Classes will be taught by area experts and city employees, all Des Moines residents are welcome to attend. Please complete the form below to enroll today, or call 878-8626 to register by phone.

May 7: How To Hire A Contractor

Are you thinking of doing an addition, remodeling, or adding a deck to your home? This session will provide an overview of your rights and responsibilities when hiring a contractor. Learn what questions to ask, how to check licenses and credentials, and how to protect yourself from unscrupulous firms.

June 4: Boating Safety

Boating Safety is for everyone. Learn some simple ways to ensure your safety while enjoying the Puget Sound.

July 2: Keeping Your Kids Safe Through Summer

Bring the family! In this class you will learn how to increase your children's safety during the summer months. The Des Moines Police will team up with experts from Fire District #26 to teach the kids about bike and water safety, fire prevention, and tips on how to protect themselves.



I would like to register for the following classes:

- May 7: How To Hire A Contractor
- Jun 4: Boating Safety
- Jul 2: Keeping Your Kids Safe Through Summer
- Aug 6: Fun Fillers for Families
- Sep 10: Des Moines Creek Basin Tour
- Oct 1: Fire Safety
- Nov 5: Arm Yourself Against Con Artists

Last Name _____ First _____ Day Phone _____

Address _____ Night Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

DMU CLASS SCHEDULE

August 6: Fun Fillers for Families

Bring the kids for a fun-filled family evening. Movin' and groovin' hands on activities for bored kids and stressed out parents.

September 10: Explore the Des Moines Creek Basin

While exploring the Des Moines Creek Basin, learn about upcoming trail and bridge projects, storm and erosion control, and fish management. Find out how involved citizens are restoring fish runs and improving the water quality of this important natural resource.

October 1: Fire Safety

October is Fire Safety Month! In this session you will learn general fire prevention techniques, how to evaluate and correct the potential "hot spots" in your home, and how to prepare for an earthquake/natural disaster.

November 5: Arm Yourself Against Con Artists

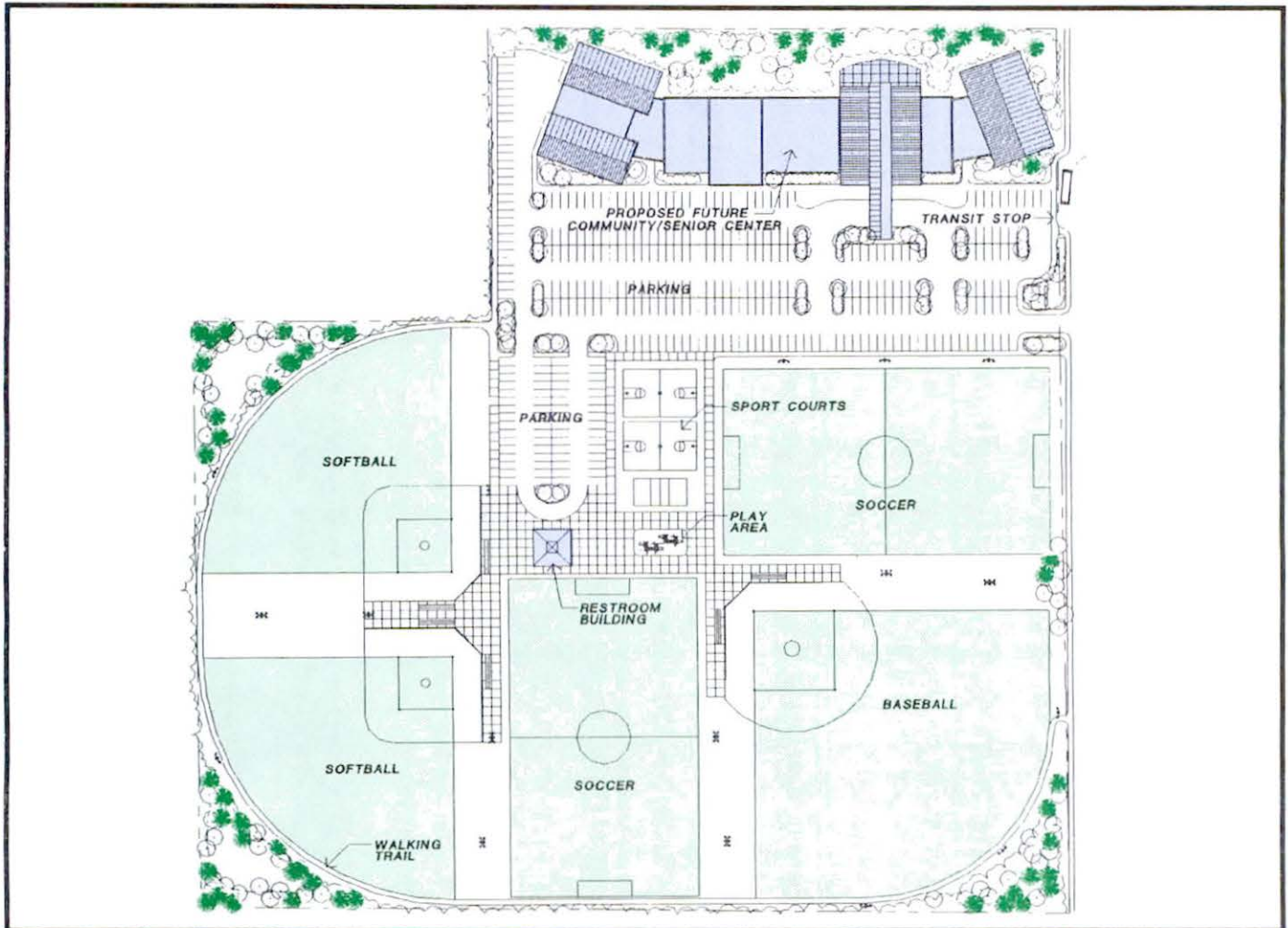
The holiday season should be a time of celebration. Learn how to protect yourself from true fraud, credit card fraud, and other scams during the holiday season and the rest of the year. Don't become a victim! Be security conscious and protect your financial welfare!

Please complete and mail to:

Community Development
Attention: DMU
805 S 219th St
Des Moines, WA 98198

Or call 878-8626 to register by phone.

A BOND PROPOSAL TO BUILD A SPORTS PARK AND BUY PROPERTY FOR A FUTURE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER IN DES MOINES



WHAT SPORTS PARK NEEDS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED?

Three citizen surveys completed by consultant Landerman Moore as part of the 1996 Park and Recreation Master Plan show that Des Moines has a deficiency of sports fields and park land available for active youth and adult recreation. Examples of identified deficiencies expressed by local league sports participants include lack of fields, field lighting, rest room facilities, parking, competition level fields, and overuse, leading to deteriorated resources. The City of Des Moines currently has 3 acres of sports fields and leases one 5 acre multi-use softball/soccer field. According to the City of Des Moines Park & Recreational Master Plan, the city has a shortfall of 19 acres for sports fields.

WHAT COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER NEEDS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED?

Over the past ten years, three separate citizen committees studying community/senior center needs have determined that a need for a community/senior center exists in Des Moines and recommended building a center in Des Moines. The committees found that the Des Moines Beach Park, home of the current Senior Center, lacks adequate parking, public transportation access, and space for expansion. Flooding of Des Moines Creek causes frequent closures and damage to the Center.

WHAT WOULD THE SPORTS PARK PROJECT INCLUDE?

The proposed project would include the acquisition of 15 acres of land and the construction of two lighted soccer fields, two lighted softball fields, one lighted baseball field, a building with restrooms, concession and maintenance areas, play equipment, sports courts, and parking.

WHAT WOULD THE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER PROJECT INCLUDE?

The proposed project would include the acquisition of 5 acres of land located adjacent to the Sports Park. Construction of a community/senior center would require additional funding and would be built in up to four phases. The first phase includes a 13,000 square foot facility that replaces and enhances the current Senior Center functions.

WHERE WOULD THE SPORTS PARK AND FUTURE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER BE LOCATED?

The Sports Park and future Community/Senior Center would be generally located on a 20-acre site to the south of South 216th Street and west of 24th Avenue South. Both of these are major arterial streets and have been proposed for future public transit routes.

WHAT WOULD THIS BOND PROPOSAL PROVIDE AND HOW MUCH WOULD IT COST?

This bond proposal would provide funding to acquire land for and build the Sports Park as described above and funding to purchase up to five acres of land adjacent to the Sports Park for the Community/Senior Center. Funding for construction of the Community/Senior Center is not included in this proposal. The bond issue totals \$6.9 million and would cost property owners an additional 49 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation annually for 20 years, beginning in 1998. The average homeowner of a \$150,000 home would pay approximately \$6 per month.

CAN SENIOR CITIZENS GET SOME PROPERTY TAX RELIEF?

Homeowners who are 61 years of age or older, have a yearly income of \$26,000 or less, and live in the home may be eligible for tax relief. To find out if you are eligible, call the King County Assessor's Office Tax Relief Unit at 296-3920.

WHEN IS THE BOND ISSUE VOTE?

The City has requested that King County conduct an election by mail. If authorized, registered Des Moines voters will receive a ballot by mail for the May 20, 1997 Bond Issue for Sports Park and Community/Senior Center Purposes.

Sample Ballot

Bond Issue for Sports Park and Community/Senior Center Purposes

Shall the City of Des Moines, Washington, borrow up to \$6,900,000 to construct and develop a new sports park, and acquire land for such park and up to five additional acres for a future community/senior center, by selling general obligation bonds therefor maturing within 20 years and levy annual excess taxes necessary to redeem the bonds, as provided in Ordinance No.1183?

Bonds YES___

Bonds NO___

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information regarding the proposed Sports Park acquisition and construction and Community/Senior Center land projects, or to tour existing athletic and Senior Center facilities please call Park and Recreation Director Patrice Thorell at 870-6527. For more information on bond costs please call Finance Director Jim Hathaway at 878-4595.

Year-end storm causes widespread damage

Between December 26 and January 1, the Puget Sound region experienced a storm that will long be remembered. With the storm came ice, snow, wind and a lot of rain causing week long power outages, extensive tree damage, road blockages, flooding, landslides, sewer overflows and numerous road sink holes.

The Des Moines Creek basin sustained severe damage as numerous trees were toppled by the weight of the ice and the subsequent wind. The basin damage appears similar to tree damage caused by the blast of Mount St. Helens. Although the creek may benefit by some of the large and heavy debris which provides fish habitat, much of the debris will quickly be reduced through rotting or be washed downstream. Vast numbers of trees that once provided buffers and shade for the stream have fallen. To help re-establish the stream cover, the City will be working with private groups, such as Trout Unlimited, to plant new evergreens along the stream corridor.

In the Des Moines Beach Park, a large tree fell over the creek causing it to overtop and flood the Senior Center parking area. A large section of the creek channel was damaged by erosion as the overflow water sought to re-enter the creek. This was the same section of creek that was just recently repaired following the last major storm.

The heavy rainfall that followed the snow and ice also caused several hill areas to become oversaturated with

water which resulted in slides. A landslide along Redondo Way caused a large sewer main to break resulting in the spilling of over 250,000 gallons of raw sewage onto Redondo Beach.

An ancient landslide in the Woodmont area was reactivated by the heavy rainfall causing several homes to shift and service utilities to be disrupted. The City is monitoring the ground movement over the next several months. The residents within the slide area have constructed a de-watering system to control the sliding.

Above the Woodmont slide, a large shoulder section of Marine View Drive has moved, endangering a water main, fire hydrant and a power pole. The City is currently developing plans to collect the street runoff and direct it away from the slide area into a drainage system on the opposite side of the street. The road section is being monitored daily for surface cracks that may indicate movement of the road itself. The road appears to be structurally sound at this time.

Another section of road is endangered by a slide along Des Moines Memorial Drive. Several areas between 212th Street and Marine View Drive show signs of slumping. The most severe area is within a 120 foot section of road shoulder where the slope has been eroded by a drainage pipe. The City plans to protect the slope by improving the drainage to the bottom of the slope, filling the eroded area with rock and constructing a rock buttress at the toe of the slope.



LOOKING BACK

From "One Hundred Years of the Waterland Community"

by Richard Kennedy and Grechen Schmidt

In 1897, a new four-room school was constructed on the site of the present Des Moines Elementary School. The early founders were proud of this beautifully located site overlooking Puget Sound and adorned with tall cedar trees.

By 1910 the building was fully occupied with the inclusion of a four-year high school program. Primary pupils were housed in the basement rooms with intermediate students on the first floor and the high school students in the top two rooms.



Des Moines School about 1900

In 1914 an office, auditorium and three new classrooms were needed. A hard fight was won by those wanting an addition. Completed in 1915, this three-room brick addition, including an auditorium, was placed in front of the old wooden school and connected by a hallway.

The entire school was destroyed by fire on Friday night, January 9, 1925...school was reopened as usual Monday morning in the Odd Fellows Hall. Over the weekend partitions had been hurriedly erected and desks, chalk boards, and books had been gathered from surrounding school districts so that school could continue until the new building was complete.

Service club members give helping hand after storm

"Thank you" to local Kiwanis and Rotary club members who gave a helping hand to citizens unable to get debris cleaned up from the holiday storms. Approximately 35 volunteers from the service clubs helped in the cleanup — some came with pickup trucks and some with chain saws.

The City provided a list of 66 households from which calls had been

received requesting assistance. Residents were unable to perform the cleanup work themselves because of health or other disabilities.

One grateful citizen brought donuts for the staff on the wet, windy and cold day. Those who received extra help from the volunteers were also very grateful.

PARKS AND RECREATION

**KAMP K.H.A.O.S.
& GREAT ESCAPES***Kids Having An Outrageous Summer*

Youths ages 5-14 are invited to join in the fun at the fourth annual Des Moines Park and Recreation Department summer day camp. Day camp will consist of 10 consecutive weeks of theme-based activities beginning June 23 and running through August 29.

Camp is held at the Des Moines Beach Park, located at 22030 Cliff Ave. S. Camp is in session Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. Snacks are provided to all campers. Campers will participate in a variety of activities including arts and crafts, games, sports, hikes, swimming, music, dance, outdoor skills, field trips and more! Activities and excursions are theme based and age appropriate.

A one-time camp registration of \$9 is required of all participants. All registered participants receive an official Kamp K.H.A.O.S. or Great Escapes t-shirt. The weekly session fee is \$85.00 with the exception of session 2 (session 2 is four days) which will cost \$68. Pre-registration is required for all sessions. Sessions must be paid in full prior to the child participating in any camp activities. A \$20.00 deposit may be applied to

hold spots for additional weeks, but deposits are non-refundable. Please contact the Park and Recreation Department, 870-6527, for a registration form.

**SKYHAWK SPORTS
ACADEMY**

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Department, in cooperation with the Skyhawks Sports Academy, is excited to be offering summer sports camps for children ages 4 - 14. Camps include:

- Mini-hawks (basketball, soccer and t-ball for 4 - 7 year olds)
- Basketball (ages 7 - 14)
- Baseball (ages 6 - 12)
- Soccer (ages 6 - 14)
- Roller Hockey (ages 7 - 14)

All camps run Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the exception of Mini-hawks which runs from 9 a.m. until noon. For more information, or to register for any of the Skyhawks sports camps, please call the Park and Recreation Department at 870-6527 or stop by the administrative office located in the Field House at 1000 S. 220th St. Please pre-register for all camps. There is an additional \$10 fee for all walk-on registrations. All campers receive a sport-related ball and camp t-shirt.

**National Older
Americans Month**

Join Des Moines Senior Center, Wesley Homes, Judson Park and Masonic Retirement Center in celebration and recognition of Older American's Month this May. Kick off will begin with the Mayor of Des Moines reading an Older Americans Month proclamation at the May 8 City Council meeting. Area older adults are invited to attend this council meeting to thank the City Council for their support of programs and services for older adults in the community.

SENIOR CENTER WEEK

The week of May 12, Des Moines Senior Center, in conjunction with all South King County senior centers, will host National Senior Center Week with a variety of events and programs planned. Highlight of this week will be the Through the Years, Through the Gears Motorcycle Rally through Des Moines with 55 "over 55" motorcycle riders from South King County participating on Wednesday, May 14.

HEALTH & FITNESS DAY

Wednesday, May 28, is National Senior Health and Fitness Day. In conjunction with this, Des Moines Senior Center will sponsor its own Health & Fitness Day at the Field House (1000 S. 220th Street) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by Wesley Homes, Highline Community Hospital, Woodmont Elementary, Comprehensive Health Education Foundation, Secure Horizons and many others.

The schedule will include demonstrations from the various fitness groups from the Senior Center. Guests can also visit the many service and information booths provided for health education: vision screening, dental screening, blood pressure check, strength testing, and more. Included in the day will be music, humor and a fun, nutritious lunch.

A \$1 donation is asked for the full day's events. For more information on this life-changing event, call the Senior Center at 878-1642.

Summer outdoor concert series

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Department is busy lining up quality acts for the annual summer outdoor concert series which begins the second week of July. Concerts are held at the following locations:

Des Moines Beach Park
Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
July 8 - Aug. 5

Des Moines Beach Park
Wednesday, noon
July 9 - Aug. 6

Wooten Park, Redondo
Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
July 9, July 16
Aug. 6: Bellevue Philharmonic
Brass Quartet



Cornucopia Concert Band performs again this year as part of Waterland Festival on Wednesday, July 23, 8 - 10 p.m. at Des Moines Beach Park

SURFACE WATER NEWS

City Park Culvert Replacement Project

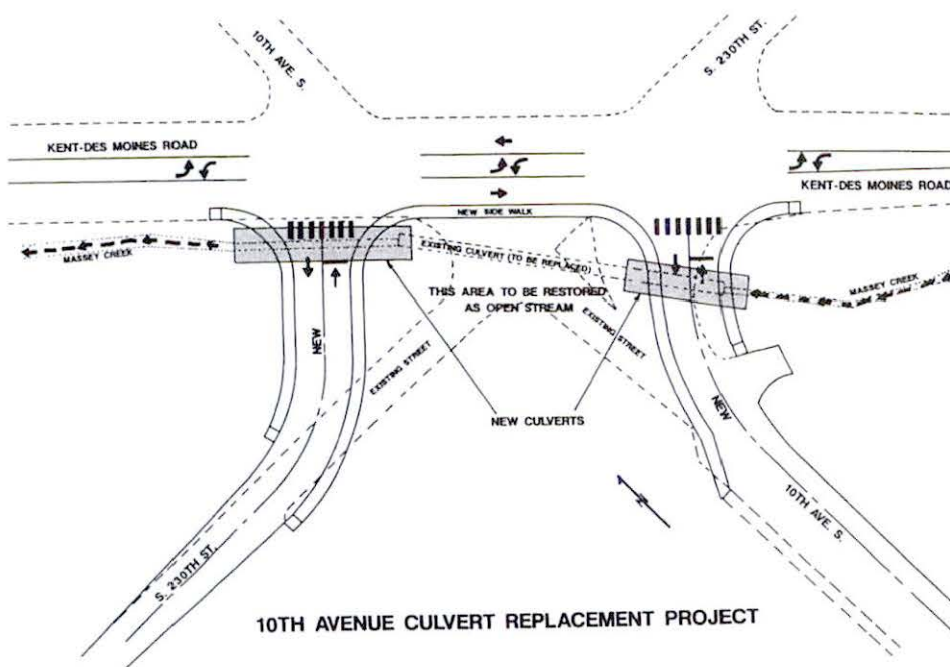
Replacement of a collapsing 24-inch concrete culvert below Kent-Des Moines Road is scheduled for this summer. The project site is immediately downstream of the recently completed City Park Detention Facility at Kent-Des Moines Road and 22nd Place. Due to the depth of the culvert and in order to minimize traffic impacts, we will be using a trenchless technology called "pipe bursting". This involves the use of a high pressure hydraulic ram that is pulled through the existing pipe and forces the old pipe out of the way while a new pipe is simultaneously pulled into place. This process has been used very successfully in the sanitary sewer industry over the last few years.

This project also includes the removal of an awkward downstream culvert connection and the restoration of a small section of Massey Creek as an open channel.

Massey Creek - 10th Avenue Culvert Replacement Project

The replacement of the existing creek culvert located at the six-legged intersection of Kent-Des Moines Road, 10th Avenue and 230th Street is scheduled for this summer. This project involves a total reconstruction and realignment of the intersection into two separate intersections (see figure below). The new intersections will be separated by over 150 feet which will provide better sight distance for traffic entering Kent-Des Moines Road. Curbs, gutters and sidewalks and street lighting will also be included at the two intersections. The road area between the intersections will be removed and restored as an open stream channel.

The existing corrugated metal culvert is currently undersized and submerged on the downstream end. During peak storms, water backs up and floods the intersection and the nearby properties. This project will replace the existing culvert with two large 20-foot by 5-foot concrete culverts (one for each new intersection) that are capable of handling a 100-year storm event.

**Don Hollenbach retires after 25 years with City**

Don Hollenbach, a Public Works Dept. employee, is putting away the shovel and parking the back hoe for good. Don retired on March 31 after 25 years with the City.

Don began working for the City in 1972 as a custodian for City Hall and other buildings. He later worked for the Parks Department before moving to Public Works. He has seen the Public Works Department grow from three vehicles and three employees to a parking lot full of vehicles and 13 employees.

A highlight of his years with the City was when Des Moines City Park received national recognition as a quality park. Don was part of the crew that maintained the park.

"I've always enjoyed my job. I'll miss it," he said. "I'll miss the guys."

Don and his wife raised a family of four children in Des Moines before moving to Sea-Tac. He also has three step-children. He and his wife plan to immediately move to a house they built on five acres in Waterville, east of Wenatchee, where he will raise a few animals and enjoy his retirement in the midst of prime hunting and fishing grounds.

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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Robert Sheckler
Council member



Dan Sherman
Council member



Gary Towe
Council member



Don Wasson
Council member

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS, FIRST QUARTER 1997

■ Began review of the Draft Human Services Plan.

■ Approved the purchase of "Purcell" property, SW corner of 222nd and 13th Avenue South, in the amount of \$32,500 for the Barnes Creek Detention Facility.

■ Approved the purchase of the "Puget Power Property", SW corner of 223rd and 24th Avenue South, in the amount of \$250,000.

■ Passed Ordinance No. 1182 regarding development regulations for undersized single family residential lots, and legalizing

certain non conforming residential structures.

■ Held a public hearing on a preliminary subdivision request for "Portage Point Estates", allowing a 1.68 acre property to be divided into 7 single-family residential lots located at the 24300 block of 11th Avenue South.

Awarded the following contracts:

- Professional Engineering Design Services for the 1997 Arterial Maintenance Project to Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure, Inc. - \$51,745.66, plus 10% contingency.

- City Telephone and Voice Mail Equipment to Conception Communication and Voice Plus - \$114,000 plus 10% contingency for new police building and existing City services.

- Professional Design Engineering Services for the Marine View Drive Bridge (Trail Tunnel) to INCA Engineers, Inc. - \$346,860 plus 10% contingency.

UPCOMING SECOND QUARTER EVENTS

April 10: City Council Public Hearing, Telecommunications

April 24: City Council Public Hearing, Growth Management Regulations

May 20: Sport Park and Community/Senior Center vote

May 31 - June 1: City Council Retreat

June 26: City Council Public Hearing, Six-Year Transportation Plan

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