

Des Moines Creek trail is now open

The first section of the Des Moines Creek Trail is open between South 200th Street and the Des Moines Creek Wastewater Facility Treatment Plant.

The newly paved 1-1/2 mile trail is open to pedestrians, bicyclists, skaters and any other non-motorized vehicles. The trail has a grade of less than 5% and was designed to maximize user access.

Main access to the trail is at South 200th Street, across from Tyee Golf Course. Connector trails also provide access to the main trail. One connector trail is at South 211th Street and 13th Avenue South. Another connector trail, now being constructed, provides access at the end of 15th Avenue South. This 1/4 mile long trail includes a foot bridge over the creek, connecting with the main trail on the other side.



A roller-blader enjoys the newly paved trail near its entrance at S. 200th St.

Eventually the trail will follow the creek all the way to Des Moines Beach Park and Puget Sound. Phase Two of the trail, between the Wastewater Facility and Des Moines Beach Park, will be completed following construction of a new Marine View Drive bridge in 1999 that will provide space for the creek, the trail, and a new outfall line from the treatment plant.

• Rules for using Des Moines Creek Trail are listed on page 4.

Outdoor neighborhood meetings begin April 14

The City is again taking its show on the road this spring, conducting outdoor neighborhood meetings in selected areas throughout the City.

The first meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 14, beginning at 6 p.m., at Cecil Powell Park at South 250th Street and 13th Place South. Residents will be notified by mail and by a flyer left on their door. The meetings will be held every three weeks beginning with the April 14 meeting. Watch for announcements of future locations.

The meetings are held to give residents the opportunity to gather together as a neighborhood and discuss with City officials such topics as traffic, potholes, storm drainage, police protection and other concerns. The City's Mobile Police Van is stationed at the site, with a covered area and information tables.

Last year's five neighborhood meetings were generally well-attended and well received. Residents seemed to appreciate the City's effort to reach citizens who may not have regular contact with City Hall.

Redondo Riviera petitions for annexation

A neighborhood known as Redondo Riviera may become the newest addition to the City of Des Moines. Citizens have submitted an annexation petition representing 65.7% of the assessed valuation of the area. The signatures have been certified by King County.

The proposed annexation area is 102 acres with 100 single family houses and 300 residents. It has an assessed valuation of \$20 million. The area is bounded by South 272nd

Street (north), 16th Avenue South (east), and South 284th Street (south).

The annexation proposal is now being considered by the Boundary Review Board of King County, which may conduct public hearings. If the BRB approves the proposal, it will return to the Des Moines City Council for final approval. The annexation could take effect, if it gains necessary approvals, as early as May or June 1998.

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Visit the City's web site

The City of Des Moines offers information about City government over the Internet. The City's web site offers information about elected officials, upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings and access to the Des Moines Municipal Code, as well as links to other officials, agencies and information.



The address is:
<http://www.ci.des-moines.wa.us>

Airport, crime, growth and traffic are City's greatest problems, survey says

What are the most serious problems facing Des Moines?

Not surprisingly, a recent survey showed that Des Moines residents rank the proposed third runway as the greatest problem, with crime, growth and development, and increased traffic also prominently mentioned as problem areas.

The phone survey of 400 randomly selected residents was conducted last October by a consultant hired by the City. Citizens were asked what were the most important problems facing the City today, besides crime and the planned third runway. Traffic ranked as the top problem receiving 28% of the responses. Growth and development received 11%.

Some 68% of those surveyed said the planned third runway was either

an "Extremely Serious" (43%) or "Very Serious" (25%) problem facing Des Moines.

On the positive side, 70% rated the overall quality of life in Des Moines as "Very Good" or "Excellent."

Would they recommend Des Moines as a place to live to friends or relatives who live elsewhere? 80% answered "Yes"

The City administration also asked its different departments to conduct their own surveys of the citizens they come in contact with. The results were similar to the results of the contracted survey.

The results will be used by the City to determine areas of greatest importance to citizens. "People gave us a lot of good ideas on what we should work on," said Tony Piasecki, Assistant City Manager.

New library for Woodmont

King County Library System is accelerating plans for the construction of the new Woodmont Library, at 26800 Pacific Highway South. The new 5,250 square foot library is slated to open in the year 2000. The architect selection process began in March. The branch library will provide general information services, programs and a meeting room for public use. Persons who would like to be on a mailing list for updates on the project can call the Library System at 206-684-6605.

Employee of the Year

Scott Muirhead, a member of the Public Works Department street crew, was named the City's Employee of the Year for 1997. Scott has worked for the City since 1994.



Scott Muirhead

Frank Olson, Public Works Superintendent, says Scott is a positive-minded, energetic worker and team player who doesn't hesitate to volunteer for the tough jobs.

Scott says he enjoys working for the City of Des Moines.

"It's different every day," he said. "When it's summer and it's 80 degrees out, it beats being inside."

Scott was selected by his peers as an Employee of the Quarter, and later Employee of the Year. City employees are recognized for demonstrating the City's "Sails with Pride" values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."

CITY JOB LINE

The City of Des Moines has a Job Line phone number for persons seeking information about available positions with the City. Please call:

206-870-6593

Pacific Hwy. S. redevelopment project

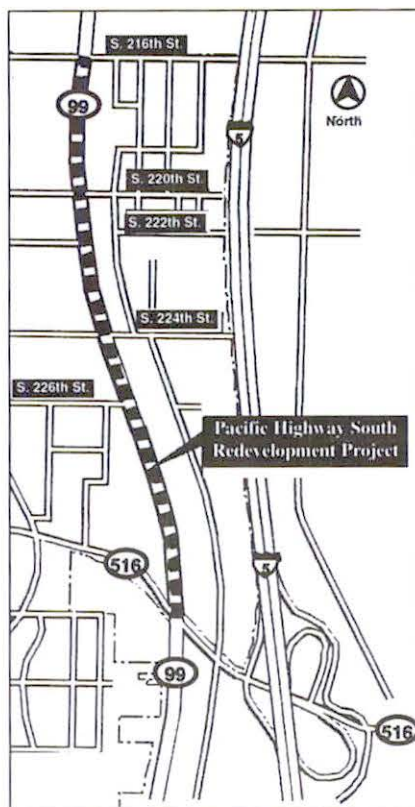
The Pacific Highway South Redevelopment Project is still in its predesign and public input stage, with two citizen workshops held in December and January and an Open House scheduled for later this spring.

The redevelopment project is planned for the mile-long section of highway between South 216th Street and Kent-Des Moines Road. Planned improvements include widening of the highway to seven lanes, including two HOV lanes, turning lanes, installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks, drainage and landscaping.

At the citizen workshops, the City presented different ideas and options for the projects, including landscaping and lane configurations. Many citizens commented they would like to see a more "pedestrian friendly" configuration with a landscaped buffer separating traffic and sidewalks.

The City has prepared a new proposal, based on citizen comments, that includes sidewalks on both sides of Pacific Highway South, each separated from traffic by six-foot-wide landscaped buffers. The proposal also includes a landscaped median in the center of the highway in addition to turning lanes at selected cross streets and signalized pedestrian crossings.

Following the Open House where the proposals will be presented to the public, the design alternatives will be finalized. The design phase will last through 1998, with right-of-way acquisition taking place in 1999. Construction will begin in

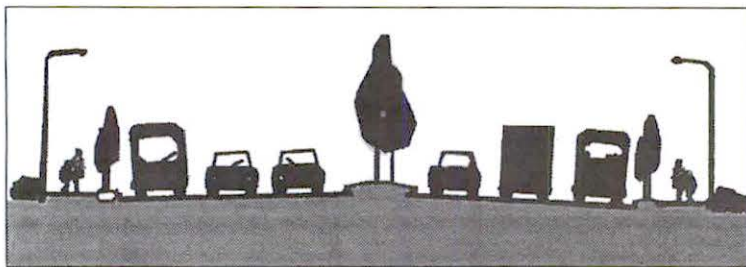


2000. The \$10 million project is being funded with federal grants (86.5%) and city funds.

New zoning proposed

The City's Community Development Department will conduct hearings on proposed new land use and zoning regulations for neighborhoods adjacent to and east of Pacific Highway South. The changes would allow a more urban use, with taller buildings and mixed residential-business use. A "vision" for the neighborhood first will be developed using input from area residents.

Dates and times for the public hearings and open house on the new land use regulations will be announced at a later date.



The new design includes landscaped buffers separating walkways from traffic lanes on both sides of Pacific Highway South.

Albert Raines appointed judge

Albert M. Raines has been appointed Des Moines Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term. Raines is an Administrative Law Judge for the state Office of Administrative Hearings in Seattle. Since 1996, he has served as Judge Pro Tem for King County District Court and Seattle Municipal Court.

Raines is a member of the Washington State Bar Association. He attended law school at Southwestern University in Los Angeles, Calif. He attended San Diego State University as an undergraduate.

Mike Sligh was appointed Senior Judge Pro Tem. The appointments were confirmed by the City Council on Feb. 12.

Volunteer to be a voice for children in court system

One of the programs operating in the new Regional Justice Center in Kent is the King County Superior Court Guardian ad Litem Program (GAL). Established in 1977, the GAL Program provides volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children in the dependency court system. Since its inception, the program has provided advocacy for children from over 7000 King County families.

The King County Guardian ad Litem Program is currently recruiting qualified individuals from South King County to advocate for children involved with CPS and who need someone to be a voice for them in court. To be qualified you must be 21 years of age, of good moral character, able to attend comprehensive training and commit to 18 months of volunteer service. No particular education is required other than an interest in and commitment to the welfare and best interests of children.

For information or to volunteer, please call 206-296-1120.

Special Spring Clean Collection Event

COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR
GARBAGE PICK-UP DAY APRIL 29th - MAY 1st

- Bulky items will be collected April 27th or 28th

The City of Des Moines and SeaTac Disposal are providing a special Spring Clean Collection Event. This FREE collection event is available only to single family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and four-plexes within the City of Des Moines. Appliances and other bulky items will be picked up for a small fee on April 27 or April 28. Collection of garbage, recyclables and yard waste will occur on your regular garbage pick-up day April 29, April 30, or May 1 for materials meeting guidelines (see below). Each collection vehicle will drive by **ONLY ONCE**. You do not need to be a customer of SeaTac Disposal to participate.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Materials must be sorted into the appropriate pile. Separate piles should be made for garbage, recyclables and yard waste;
- Tires will not be picked up;
- Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. bags, boxes, cans, etc.) and clearly labeled;
- 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 3 feet in length, not weigh more than 60 pounds, and branches should not be more than 3 inches in diameter;



- Recyclable materials are newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, aluminum, tin cans, glass beverage/food containers, plastic bottles with a ♻️ or ♻️ 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 bulky items over 60 pounds must be prepaid (collection fee of \$35 for refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners, and \$15 for all other appliances or furniture). Purchase a tag for pickup at Community Development, 805 S. 219th St., starting April 6 and no later than April 23. Call 206-878-8626 with any questions.



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 206-296-4692 or 1-800-RECYCLE.

NO LOOSE MATERIAL OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED!
For more information on the Spring Clean, call SeaTac Disposal Company at 253-872-7220.

Des Moines Creek Trail Rules

The Des Moines Creek Trail is an urban natural area with steep and densely forested ravines that follows the Des Moines Creek. For your safety, please be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times and respect the rights of other park users. Report vandalism to Des Moines Park and Recreation Department 206-870-6527. Please observe the following park rules:

- Park is closed from dusk to dawn
- Park vehicles in designated parking areas, no parking after park is closed
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited on trail
- Trail speed is not to exceed safety and visibility conditions up to a maximum of 15 MPH
- Cyclists are required by law to wear safety helmets
- Trail users shall stay to the right (in traffic lane) except when passing another user
- Trail users shall give an audible warning signal (voice, bell, or horn) when passing another user



- Trail users shall yield to slower traffic
- Trail users are advised to travel in pairs when possible
- Trail users shall obey pet leash and scoop provision law
- Drug-free zone, drugs and alcoholic beverages are prohibited
- All fireworks are prohibited
- All firearms or weapons of any kind prohibited
- Removal and defacing of any city property is prohibited
- Cutting, picking, or destruction of plant life is prohibited
- Camping is prohibited
- Use designated trash receptacles for refuse generated in park
- Radios, stereos, similar volume devices shall not be heard 20 feet from source
- Fires are prohibited

Spring Break Day Camp April 13 - 17

Spring Break is coming and you don't know what you're going to do with your kids? Register them in the Spring Break Day Camp Program. Camp will be based out of the Field House, 1000 S. 220th St., and operate daily from 7 am until 6 pm. Sign up for the week, or by the day!

Kids can look forward to an all day Sports Clinic by SkyHawks Sports Academy, and four fun field trips into Seattle. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided, but kids must bring lunch and a drink. T-shirts will be available for an additional charge (see below). Camp is open to children between the ages 5-14.

Camp is limited to 50 kids. Scholarships are not available for this program. Pre-registration is

required due to space availability and staffing ratios. Adult and parent volunteers are always welcome! For information and registration please stop by the Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. or call (206) 870-6527.

4/13-4/17	M-F	\$125.00 (Save \$15)
4/13	M	\$28.00 SkyHawks
4/14	Tu	\$28.00 Seattle Funplex
4/15	W	\$28.00 Science Center
4/16	Th	\$28.00 Seattle Aquarium
4/17	F	\$28.00 Space Needle
		Camp T-shirt \$7.00



Camp K.H.A.O.S.

(Kids Having An Outrageous Summer)

Youth ages 5-14 are invited to join in the fun at the fifth annual Des Moines Park and Recreation Department's Summer Day Camp. Campers will participate in a variety of activities including arts & crafts, games, sports, hikes, swimming, music, dance, outdoor skills, field trips and more! Activities and excursions are theme based and age appropriate.

Camp is held at the Des Moines Beach Park, located at 22030 Cliff Avenue S. Camp is in session Monday through Friday from 7am until 6 pm. Snacks are provided to all campers. The Camp K.H.A.O.S. staff consists of trained recreation leaders with a variety of skills and interests who have dedicated themselves to making your child's camp experience a memorable one.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - PLEASE SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

Eleven weeks of summer day camp are available beginning on

June 22 and continuing through September 4. At this time themes have not been assigned to weekly sessions.

The weekly session fee is \$90. A one-time camp registration fee of \$9 is required of all participants. All registered participants receive an official Camp K.H.A.O.S. t-shirt.

Scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact the Park and Recreation Department for an application. Scholarships are made possible through the support of the Des Moines Rotary Club.

Sessions must be paid for in full prior to the session start date. A \$20 deposit may be applied to hold spots for additional weeks. Deposits are transferable, but non-refundable. Remaining balances must be paid in full one week prior to the start of the session. Payment may be made by: Cash, Check or Visa/MC. Checks should be made payable to: City of Des Moines. Please call (206) 870-6527 for more information and registration.

Summer sports camps offered

The Des Moines Park & Recreation Department, in cooperation with SkyHawks Sports Academy, is offering summer sports camps for children ages 4 - 14. All camps are in session Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., except Mini Hawks, which is 9 a.m. - noon. New in 1998, SkyHawks is offering extended care for an additional fee before (7-9 a.m.) and after (3-6 p.m.) camps, except Mini Hawks and basketball.



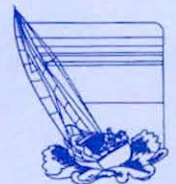
Register for any of the following SkyHawks sports camps at the Park & Recreation Department administrative office in the Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. Please pre-register for all camps. There is a \$10 Walk-On fee for day of registration. Scholarships are available through the SkyHawks Sports Academy Campership Fund; call 1-800-804-3509 for information.

- MINI HAWKS (ages 4-7)
7/13-17 & 8/17-21 \$75
- ROLLER HOCKEY (ages 7-14)
7/20-24 \$85
- BASKETBALL (ages 7-14)
6/29-7/2 & 8/10 - 8/14 \$82
- BASEBALL (ages 6-12)
7/27-31 \$82
- SOCCER (ages 6-14)
7/13-17 & 8/17 - 8/21 \$82

SPRING BOAT FAIR

May 16 & 17
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Des Moines Marina

- Classic Yachts
- Marine Safety Fair
- Marine Swap Meet
- Trailered Boat Sale



Call 206-878-7000 to reserve your spot to sell



Des Moines University 1998 Summer Quarter

*Classes are free
and are held from
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the
Council Chambers.*

May 6 - Boating Safety



Boating safety is for everyone! Learn some simple ways to ensure your safety while out on the water.

June 3 - Navigation Aids



The Des Moines Floatilla of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be sharing tips on finding your way safely around the Puget Sound.

July 1 - Senior Wellness



It is well documented that physical and psychological fitness is critical to aging "well". Join the staff at the Des Moines Senior Center for an overview of the variety of wellness programs available at the Des Moines Senior Center. There will be informational handouts and demonstrations. They make wellness FUN!



PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES

- May 6 - Boating Safety* *July 1 - Senior Wellness*
 June 3 - Navigation Aids

Name

Telephone Number

Address

City, State and Zip Code

*Please join us - even if you participated in these classes last year!
We will be sharing new ideas on these important topics.*

Please mail or return this form to: Community Development, Attn: DMU or call DeAnn at (206) 878-8626
805 South 219th Street
Des Moines, WA 98198

DES MOINES SENIOR CENTER

Motorcycle rally for seniors planned May 13

In recognition of May as Older Americans Month and the week of May 11-15 a National Senior Center Week, the Des Moines Senior Center is participating in a Motorcycle Rally on Wednesday, May 13.

Older motorcycle riders from all over South King County will join together to ride to 11 southend Senior Centers to celebrate our active, busy senior centers.

If you or a friend are interested in finding out more about the Road Rally, please call Des Moines Senior Center (206-878-1642.) Don't wait...



Des Moines seniors enjoyed last year's motorcycle rally.

the Rally is limited to 55 riders (the official age at which we are "older adults.")

Health promotion program offered

The Des Moines Senior Center is providing a new, evidence-based program for seniors with chronic conditions, called the Health Enhancement Program (HEP). Offered in partnership with Northshore Senior Center/Senior Services, HEP will be available in April. It is a comprehensive health promotion program which includes an initial assessment, personal guidance and training to improve health and function, ongoing support for effective health behaviors, and access to a wide variety of community resources.

The health enhancement pro-

gram study showed a 38% reduction in hospital admissions; a 72% reduction in the number of days hospitalized, and improved functioning.

The HEP team at the senior center consists of a registered nurse, a social worker, and volunteer health mentors, who support and encourage the program enrollees as they commit to a health action plan. The HEP program is designed for participants 55 and older, who have one or more chronic conditions, and are not homebound. For more information call the Des Moines Senior Center, 206-878-1642.

Senior Wellness Fair planned April 28

The Des Moines Senior Center invites the public to its third annual Senior Wellness Fair on Tuesday, April 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220th St.

The fair will focus on self-awareness, health, and fitness. Participants will receive important information and tips that can improve their lifestyle. Booths will

be set up for the opportunity to participate in several different health and fitness screenings, as well as enjoy healthy snacks provided by the many different sponsors. There will be drawings for door prizes every 30 minutes, as well as healthy, fun class demonstrations that will surely keep you entertained.

Call the Senior Center at 206-878-1642 for more details.

New offices replacing old police building

The former police station next to City Hall on 11th Avenue South will be torn down, with a new 6,000 square foot office building taking its place. The new offices will house the City's Community Development Department and the Legal Department.

The City considered renovating the building but determined that it would be more cost efficient to tear it down and build a new facility. Since the building was originally constructed as a police facility, remodeling would be difficult and expensive. The Police Department last summer moved to the new Police Services Center a block south on 11th Avenue South.

The Community Services Department has been situated in a former medical office at 805 South 219th Street for nearly two years, and the Legal Department staff works in offices at City Hall. Municipal Court will still be held in Council Chambers, although Court will be temporarily relocated during construction of the office building. The temporary site will be announced later.

Some exterior modifications will be made to City Hall so all buildings in the City complex will match architecturally. Construction of the new building will begin this spring and be completed in early 1999. The \$1.6 million project is being funded through councilmanic bonds, which are repaid from the City's general fund. There are no new taxes or fees being imposed to pay for the project.

Building Safety Week

Building Safety Week, observed April 5-11, 1998, promotes the use and understanding of construction and building codes worldwide. The City of Des Moines building department, 805 S. 219th St., has available brochures, booklets, and videos on building safety.

AIRPORT COMMUNITIES COALITION

Challenges to proposed runway continue

The City of Des Moines, along with other members of the Airport Communities Coalition (ACC), continues to vigorously pursue legal and administrative challenges to the Port of Seattle's approval of a third runway at Sea-Tac Airport. From the outset, the ACC has argued that the Port cannot build a third runway unless the project is consistent with the comprehensive plans of the surrounding communities – including all of the cities in the ACC. The ACC contends that, at the very least, the requirements of the Growth Management Act (GMA) should mean that the Port would have to implement a significant package of measures to mitigate the major impacts of the third runway on all aspects of the environment. Last year, the ACC filed lawsuits in state court against both the Port and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) based on this premise.

In January, Superior Court Judge Robert Alsdorf ruled that the PSRC, as a regional planning agency, did not have an obligation to ensure that the Port implemented suitable mitigation measures to address the noise, water and air quality, traffic congestion, and other environmental and community impacts of the third runway. That decision clears the way for the court to address the extent of the Port's responsibilities to make its airport expansion plans consistent with local comprehensive plans. In June, the ACC will go to trial on all of its complaints against the Port, including a challenge to the Port's Hearing Examiner's conclusion that the Environmental Impact Statements prepared by the Port did not violate the State Environmental Policy Act.


In the interim, the Port filed petitions with the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board seeking to overturn major portions of the ACC cities' comprehensive plans. So far, the Port has acted against Des Moines and Burien, but the other ACC cities may be targeted in the coming year. Last summer, the Growth Management Hearings Board struck down two minor sections of Des Moines' comprehensive plan. That decision will be appealed as part of the overall lawsuit against the Port scheduled for a June hearing. The ACC, in turn, has filed a challenge to the comprehensive plan amendments adopted by the City of SeaTac which appear to facilitate the construction of the third runway. It is hoped that these actions will lead to court rulings directing the Port to bring its Airport plans into compliance with the comprehensive plans of the cities in the vicinity of the Airport.

On another front, the ACC filed a lawsuit in federal court against the Federal Aviation Administration requesting that the agency's approval of the Environmental Impact Statements be overturned based on violations of several federal laws. The ACC is presently filing legal briefs, but the case will not be heard until sometime next year. The ACC also submitted comments on the Port's applications for permits under federal and state clean water laws. In part, as a result of our efforts, the United States Army Corps of Engineers agreed to re-issue its notice requesting comments on the Port's application to fill wetlands, and also to hold a public hearing. The hearing will allow the ACC and other community representatives to add information into the record which might prove useful to a potential future challenge, if a permit is issued to allow the Port to fill wetlands.

The development of a third runway at Sea-Tac Airport is far from a foregone conclusion. There are a number of additional legal and administrative challenges which the ACC is studying, and no reasonable effort or initiative will be overlooked or ignored.

Protect your vehicle from theft and vandalism

The Des Moines Police Department offers these tips to protect your vehicle from theft and vandalism:

- Take a minute to lock up your vehicle whenever you leave it. Close all windows and make sure the trunk and all doors are locked. 
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area. When at home, if you park your car in a garage, make sure that the garage door is closed.
- Do not leave valuables in plain view. If you must leave packages, clothing or other articles in the car, make sure they are out of sight. Important identification papers or credit cards should never be left in the glove compartment.
- Cellular phones are a popular target for thieves. When leaving your vehicle unattended, take your phone with you or lock it in the trunk. (Thieves sometimes watch parking areas for people packing valuable items in their vehicle trunks. So be alert and aware of your surroundings.)
- Consider installing an anti-theft option such as a steering column lock, alarms, switches that interrupt the fuel or electronic systems. Many insurance companies offer reduced rates to owners who install security devices.
- If your vehicle is broken into or stolen report it to the police immediately. Your quick action may aid in the recovery of your vehicle and prevent its use for illegal purposes.

The Des Moines Community Service Unit is available to assist residents in their crime prevention efforts. Citizens interested in starting a Block Watch in their neighborhood or who would like a courtesy security survey of their home or business can call (206) 878-3301.



SURFACE WATER NEWS

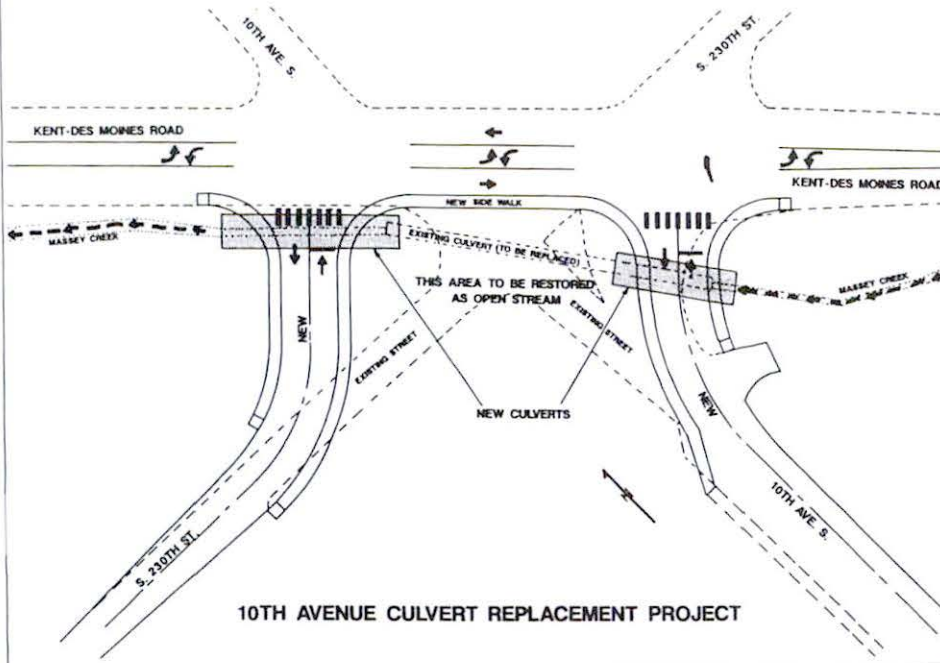


7th Ave. between 236th & 239th St. Drainage Project

Over 1,000 feet of drainage piping and 800 feet of extruded curbing will be placed to collect the water from 7th Avenue and direct it to the existing storm system along South 239th, which outfalls to Puget Sound. The existing drainage along the east side (upper) of 7th has a very shallow slope and tends to clog with sediment and debris. Currently, there are no drainage facilities on the west side (lower) of 7th Avenue. Runoff from the lower section is now directed down private systems that are undersized or sheet flows across private properties. This has been a major concern for properties that are vulnerable to erosion and landsliding along the Puget Sound bluffs. Minor modifications will be made to the drainage on 239th to accommodate the additional flows. This project is being coordinated with the 7th Avenue pavement overlay project and the Local Improvement District (LID) for undergrounding the utilities in the area.

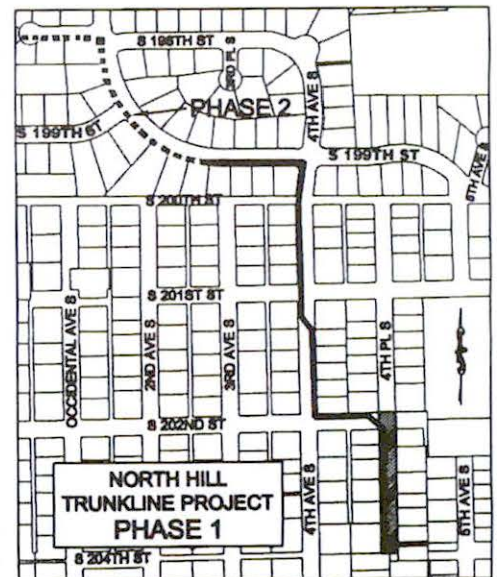
Massey Creek - 10th Ave. Culvert Replacement Project

Originally scheduled for last summer, the replacement of the existing creek culvert located at the six-legged intersection of Kent-Des Moines Road, 10th Avenue and 230th Street is now scheduled for construction 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.



North Hill Trunkline Project- Phase 1

This project is the first phase of a major storm trunkline replacement that includes the installation of over 2,300 feet of drainage pipe starting from 4th Place and South 204 Street and extending to South 199th Street (see figure below). The second phase, scheduled for 2000, will continue the trunkline replacement along South 199th and under 1st Avenue. The existing drainage, which is undersized and has very shallow slopes, will be replaced with new larger 18-inch and 21-inch diameter piping. In addition, new drainage will be placed within 4th Place to alleviate the frequent flooding that occurs there. On 4th Place, a new pipe system will replace the existing ditches and connect to the Trunkline Project on 4th Avenue South. This project is being coordinated with a Local Improvement District (LID) for paving 4th Place between 204th and 202nd Street.



CITY COUNCIL



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS, FIRST QUARTER 1998

Passed the following ordinances:

■ Ord. 1204 adopting 1997 Comprehensive Plan and Growth Board Amendments.

■ Ord. 1205 adopting 1998 City Budget.

Passed the following resolutions:

■ Res. 840 regarding sales tax equalization.

■ Elected Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem until the 1st Council meeting of the year 2000:

Scott Thomasson, Mayor
Terry Brazil, Mayor Pro Tem

Awarded the following contracts/agreements/bids:

■ Interlocal with City of Normandy Park for Senior Services.

■ Marina Seawall Rehabilitation Project to Diamaco, Inc. for \$258,871, plus 10% contingency.

■ Professional engineering design services for the 1998 Arterial Maintenance Project to Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure for \$25,987.24, plus 10% contingency.

■ Consulting services for development of the Marina Master Plan to Makers Architecture and Urban Design for \$42,167.

■ Interlocal with City of Federal Way regarding Federal Way's assumption of Lakehaven Utility District.

■ Memorandum of Understanding with King County regarding disposal of severe storm debris.

■ Contract for construction of the Des Moines Creek Trail Project Phase I, Part B Connector Trails to Northwest Trails, Inc. in the amount of \$69,982.93, plus 10% contingency.

■ Upgrade of the Marina Fuel Facility to Marcor Construction in the amount of \$291,440, plus a 10% contingency.

■ Interlocal Agreement with King County, City of SeaTac and Port of Seattle to share costs to conduct specific activities to implement the Des Moines Creek Basin Plan. The total cost share for Des Moines not to exceed \$53,250.

■ Approved sale of \$1,230,000 of General Obligation bonds to finance land purchases for a future senior center and recreation fields with the senior center's portion of the debt to be repaid by Community Development Block Grant funds to the extent they are available.

■ Confirmed City Manager's appointment of Albert M. Raines as the new Des Moines Municipal Court Judge.

Upcoming Events

April 14
Neighborhood Meeting, Cecil B. Powell Park

April 23
City Council Review of Traffic Calming Measures

April 28-May 1
Spring Clean-up

May 14
City Council Public Hearing on 1999 Block Grant Program Policies

May 16-17
Spring Boat Fair - Des Moines Marina

June 11
City Council Public Hearing on 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan

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