

## SPRING EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3

10 a.m. SHARP!  
Field House Park  
1000 S. 220th St.

### Age Groups

- 1-3 years
- 4-7 years
- 8-10 years



Come join this traditional mad dash for candy and prizes at the Des Moines Field House Park! Children ages 1 - 10 can fill their basket or bag with candy and prizes while hunting for special "prize" eggs. Don't forget to bring a \$1 donation for the Des Moines Park & Recreation scholarship program or one non-perishable food item for the Greater Des Moines Food Bank. Call (206) 870-6527 for information.

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## Monthly Neighborhood Meetings Planned

The City of Des Moines again will conduct outdoor neighborhood meetings in selected areas beginning in April. Residents will be notified by mail and by a flyer left on their door.

The meetings are held to give residents the opportunity to gather together as a group and discuss neighborhood concerns with City officials. Topics in last year's meetings included traffic, potholes, storm drainage, and public safety. The Police Department Mobile Police Van is stationed at the meeting site.

Last year's neighborhood meetings were mostly well-attended. Residents seemed to enjoy the opportunity to meet their neighbors and discuss common concerns with City officials.

The neighborhood meetings began with five meetings in 1997. Neighborhoods that hosted meetings last year will not have another meeting in 1999; however those neighborhoods that had meetings in 1997 may again host meetings in 1999. The meetings will be held monthly through mid-October. Watch for announcements of locations.

## City Departments Move Into New Building

The Des Moines City Hall renovation and expansion project is almost finished. The Court Clerk's office, the Legal Department and the Community Development Department have moved into their offices in the newly constructed building, which was built on the site of the former police station. Community Development, which provides building permits and zoning information, was temporarily located in a former medical clinic at 805 S. 219th St.

The construction project included new office space and upgraded the older buildings with life-safety improvements. The \$1.6 million project was funded through councilmanic bonds,



*The entrance to the City Services Center, at 21630 11th Ave. S. has been reconstructed.*

which are repaid from the City's general fund. No new taxes or fees were required to fund this project.

Citizens are welcome to stop by and visit the City's refurbished City Hall. "Thank you" to Des Moines citizens and businesses for your patience during construction!

## Senior-Community Center Bond Issue Not Approved

The March 9 bond issue for the proposed new Senior-Community Center failed to receive required voter approval. A total of 6,707 votes were cast, which was enough to validate the mail-in election. The measure received 54% approval; 60% approval is required.

**DES MOINES DIRECTORY**

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City Clerk . . . . .206-878-4595  
City Manager . . . . .206-870-6541  
Comm. Development .206-878-8626  
Engineering . . . . .206-870-6522  
Finance Director . . . .206-870-6512  
Marina . . . . .206-824-5700  
Municipal Court . . . .206-878-4597  
Parks . . . . .206-870-6556  
Police Department . . .206-878-3301  
Public Works . . . . .206-870-6559  
Recreation . . . . .206-870-6527  
Senior Services . . . . .206-878-1642

**Other Numbers**

Emergency . . . . .911  
Fire (non-emergency) .206-878-2210  
Police (non-emergency) 206-878-3301  
Field House . . . . .206-870-6527  
Library . . . . .206-824-6066  
Marina . . . . .206-824-5700  
City Job Line . . . . .206-870-6593

**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:

[www.ci.des-moines.wa.us](http://www.ci.des-moines.wa.us)

**Otters Being Removed From Marina**

Over the past several years, river otters have become an increasing problem at the Des Moines Marina. Mild weather last year resulted in a sharp increase in the otter population with about 30 of the creatures living at the marina.

The otters chewed up the foam under the marina docks and floats and made messes on the docks and people's boats. They are particularly attracted to nylon and marked their territory on coiled ropes and indoor-outdoor carpeting on boats. Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury described the marina as an "otter's Disneyland".

At first marina tenants were reluctant to do anything about the problem since they didn't want to harm the animals, but Marina personnel and tenants together decided it was time to take action as the number of otters grew. With the assistance of a wildlife expert, marina personnel set live traps on the docks and have been able



*The otters have been trapped in cages and transported to Nisqually where they are released unharmed.*

to catch 14 otters. The unharmed animals were transported to the Nisqually flats where they were released. The tenants association helped pay the costs of trapping and transporting the animals.

Dusenbury says the trapping is starting to have a positive effect with a reduction in otter sightings and evidence from the animals left on the docks and boats.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT****EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS  
TIP FOR APRIL**

The Des Moines Police Department encourages you to take some time this month to create a Family Emergency Plan. A Family Emergency Plan should consist of, but not be limited to:

1. Telephone contacts in and out of state.
2. A family reunion location in your neighborhood and outside of the neighborhood.
3. Decide what to do with your animals in case of an evacuation.



In addition, consider organizing an emergency kit which should include many basic items such as food, water, clothing, first aid items, tools, bedding and any other special items you might need. Remember to store at least a three day supply of food and water. Don't forget special needs such as medications, pet supplies and entertainment.

For more complete information on a Family Emergency Plan and kit, you can stop by the Des Moines Police Station or call (206) 870-7619 to have the information mailed to you.

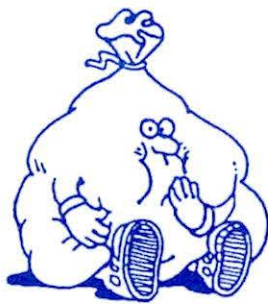
**IT'S EASY TO START A BLOCK WATCH**

Are you interested in making your neighborhood safer? Are you interested in meeting your neighbors? Consider starting a Block Watch group in your neighborhood. All it takes is a phone call to your local Police Department and a willingness to meet people. To find out about starting or joining an existing Block Watch in your neighborhood, call the Des Moines Police Department at (206) 878-3301.

FREE!

# Spring Clean Collection Event

## APRIL 28 - APRIL 30



In honor of Earth Day 1999, the City of Des Moines and SeaTac Disposal are providing a SPECIAL SPRING CLEAN COLLECTION EVENT.

SeaTac Disposal will collect garbage, recyclable materials, and yard waste placed at the curb on your regular garbage collection day between Wednesday, April 28 and Friday, April 30, 1999, at no charge. Collection will start at 7 a.m. and trucks will come by only once.

Tagged bulky items (sofas, appliances, and other items weighing over 60 lbs.) will only be collected on Monday, April 26 or Tuesday, April 27. A small fee for the bulky items must be pre-paid through Des Moines Community Development at 21630 11th Ave. S., Suite D, by April 23.

COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE PICKUP DAY April 28 through April 30. 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 26 or 27. You do not need to be a customer of SeaTac Disposal to participate.

### PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

- ✓ Materials must be sorted with separate piles for garbage, recyclables and yard waste;
- ✓ Tires will not be picked up;
- ✓ Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. bags, boxes, cans, etc), clearly labeled and weighing less than 60 lbs.
- ✓ All materials must be placed at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of service;
- ✓ Yard waste must be bundled with natural twine or placed in a labeled container, can, box, or biodegradable bag (plastic bags will not be picked up) and weigh no more than 60 lbs.;
- ✓ Pickup of bulky items weighing over 60 lbs. must be pre-paid. Purchase your tag by April 23 at Des Moines Community Development, 21630 11th Ave. S., Suite D.
- ✓ Absolutely no hazardous waste items or their containers will be collected. Hazardous waste includes paints, solvents, pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries. Save these materials for drop off at the Household Hazardous Waste-mobile. For a schedule call 296-4692 or 1-800-RECYCLE.



### APPLIANCES/BULKY ITEMS

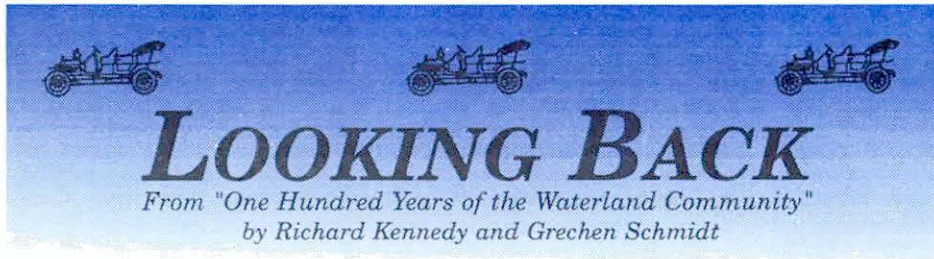
Set tagged appliances and other bulky items at the curb by 7 a.m. on April 26 (for collection on April 26 or 27). Tags for refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners cost \$35 because they contain harmful gases that can damage the ozone if not disposed of properly. For all other appliances and furniture, the fee is \$15. All appliances will be recycled. Tags can be purchased starting April 5 at Des Moines Community Development located at 21630 11th Ave S, Suite D between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Call (206) 870-7576 with any questions.



**NO LOOSE MATERIAL OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED!** For more information on the Spring Clean, call SeaTac Disposal Company's Residential Customer Service number, 1-800-221-4508.

### Wastemobile Well Used

The Household Hazardous Wastemobile served a total of 449 vehicles during the six days in January 1999 it was stationed at the Des Moines Marina. Approximately 21 tons of hazardous material were collected filling 190 55-gallon drums. Due to this high level of participation, the Wastemobile will certainly return to the Des Moines Marina for another collection event. Please watch for future notices of the Wastemobile schedule.



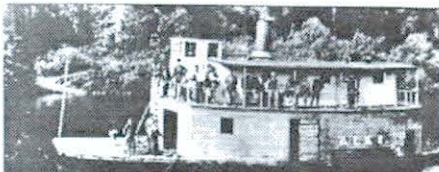
## ORIGIN OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES

### DES MOINES

The City of Des Moines was named in 1889 for the Des Moines City Improvement Company, which in turn had been named by one of its principals for his home town in Iowa.

### FEDERAL WAY

Pacific Highway South was financed by U.S. government funds and hence publicized as a "federal highway." A new school along the route was named Federal Way Senior High School, and, in turn, the surrounding community subsequently adopted the name.



Flat-bottom boats used to cruise the Green River.

### GREEN RIVER

The river begins in Southeast King County near Green Pass. From there it flows west through Auburn, then north through Kent to join the Cedar River at Black River junction forming the Duwamish River. It was named in pioneer days because both the water and the canyon it passes through is green.

### MCSORLEY CREEK

This small creek empties into Puget Sound at Saltwater State Park. At one time it was called Smith Creek; it was renamed in 1988 by the Des Moines City Council for James McSorley who homesteaded the property in the 1880s.

### NORMANDY PARK

Originally called Miller's Beach after an early settler, the area was developed in the late 1920's by the Seattle-Tacoma Land Company, which so named the community in keeping with the promotional plans to restrict residential construction to French Normandy architecture.

### NORTH HILL

So named because of its location on a hill north of the central business district of Des Moines. It was originally known as Swede Hill being so named after its first residents.

### REDONDO

Originally called Stone's Landing and subsequently Stones after S.P. Stone, who settled there in 1872. When Stones converted itself into Puget Sound's amusement center in 1904, the name was changed to capitalize on the reputation of California's amusement park town of Redondo Beach.

### ZENITH

So named because of its position on the top of a hill. The residents chose this name after voting down the name of South Des Moines when the community secured its own post office, separate from the Des Moines Post Office, in 1906.



Residents preferred the name "Zenith" over "South Des Moines."

## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

### WATERLAND '99 ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Applications are now being accepted for the 1999 Waterland Arts and Crafts Fair to be held Friday, July 23 through July 25 in Des Moines. All arts and crafts are juried; applications must include photos or slides of the items to be sold. All items must be hand made and non-mass produced. To receive an application, please call the Des Moines Senior Center, (206) 878-1642.

### VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION

Senior Services Volunteer Transportation Program and Des Moines Senior Center need volunteer drivers! Join with 350 other volunteers who transport and escort frail elderly living throughout King County to medical appointments, hot lunch programs and other essential appointments. Volunteers use their own vehicles and choose the days, times and areas they wish to drive - the program is very flexible. Drivers are reimbursed for mileage and parking expenses, and receive supplemental liability insurance. To volunteer, contact Cindy Zwart, (206) 448-5740.

### SENIOR HEALTH 'FLAIR'

Des Moines Senior Center and Wesley Homes are jointly hosting a fun, energizing, and educational event for seniors. The focus is wellness, with preventative and educational information as well as resources to promote healthy lifestyles. This fun and active health "flair" will be held Wednesday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wesley Homes Garden Plaza, 815 S. 216th St. There will be door prizes, free health screenings, tasty nutritional treats and more. For more information, please call the Des Moines Senior Center at (206) 878-1642, or Wesley Homes at (206) 824-5000.

**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.

## PARKS &amp; RECREATION



## Spring Break Day Camp

April 12 - 16

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Field House

Kids can look forward to fun field trips and excursions, theme-based arts & crafts projects, and interactive group games and activities. Camp is based out of the Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. and operates daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Morning and afternoon snacks are provided but kids should bring their own lunch and a drink. Only 50 spaces are available, so sign up early. Pre-registration is required due to space availability and staffing ratios. Sorry - no scholarships are available at this time. Call (206) 870-6527 for information or stop by the Field House at 1000 S. 220th. St.

## Dogs AND Cats Must Be Licensed

Please be a responsible pet owner and keep current license tags on your dogs and cats so they can be returned home when they become lost instead of taken to the shelter.

The annual pet license fees are \$10 for an altered (spayed or neutered) dog or cat, and \$20 for an unaltered dog or cat. Dog licenses are due January 1, and are valid January through December. Cat licenses are required in the City beginning July 1, 1999, and are valid through June.

If the licenses are purchased 60 days late, a \$5 late fee is added; if 120 days late, a \$10 late fee is added. Senior citizens 65 and over may obtain lifetime licenses for their altered pets at no charge.

Pet licenses may be purchased at City Hall, through the mail, at the King County Animal Shelter, or from the Animal Control Officer from the truck.



# SURFACE WATER NEWS



## ABOUT OUR STREAMS

In the next several articles we will be featuring the characteristics of one or two of our city's streams. Des Moines has a total of eight stream systems that are either partially or fully located within current City boundaries. Each of these systems is unique in its own right. The stream systems, listed from north to south are:

- Normandy Creek which is actually in Normandy Park (headwaters is Arrow Lake) but receives a substantial amount of runoff from the North Hill area;
- Des Moines Creek which drains from the City of SeaTac and the SeaTac Airport to Des Moines Beach Park;
- Massey Creek which follows Kent-Des Moines Road from Pacific Highway South and empties into the Sound just south of Anthony's Home Port;
- Barnes Creek which drains into Massey Creek near Kent-Des Moines Road just west of 12th Avenue S.
- McSorley Creek which has two major branches and drains to Saltwater State Park;
- Woodmont Creek which follows Woodmont Drive and outfalls to the Sound near S. 268th Street;
- Redondo Creek which follows Redondo Drive and outfalls to the Sound near Salty's; and
- Cold Creek which empties to the Sound at the south end of the Redondo Beach Boardwalk.

## NORMANDY CREEK

The Normandy Creek basin is approximately 800 acres in size, of which almost 40% or 310 acres is located within the Des Moines city limits. Drainage is collected from four pipe systems which flow from the North Hill area to a single pipe trunk that crosses 1st Avenue at roughly S. 197th Street and drains directly to Arrow Lake.

From the lake, water is conveyed through 1,500 feet of pipe before emptying into Normandy Creek. The

channel then flows for another 1,500 feet before discharging into the Nature Trails Park Detention Facility (which was built to reduce stream erosion). From the detention facility the creek flows for another 1,600 feet through a steep ravine with unstable side slopes, and then flattens out before passing through a seawall to Puget Sound.

A detention/infiltration pond at S. 200th Street was constructed by the Washington State Department of Transportation solely to detain the runoff from 1st Avenue S. (State Route 509). The pond is presently owned and operated by the City of Normandy Park. When the water reaches a certain elevation in the pond, a pump is turned on and the pond water is pumped into the pipe trunk leading to Arrow Lake. During extreme storm events the pump is turned off and the intersection at 1st Avenue S. and S. 200th Street is allowed to flood. This is because the outflow pipe from Arrow Lake is overcome, which increases the level of the lake and endangers the lakefront properties with flooding.

A basin plan was prepared by the City of Normandy Park in 1992 to address the flooding of the 1st Avenue S. /S. 200th Street intersection, stream erosion in Normandy Creek, the water quality of Arrow Lake, 4th Place S. flooding, Arrow Lake flooding and upgrading the major pipe trunks in North Hill area. Such improvements include replacement of the trunklines and the outlet pipe from Arrow Lake, expansion of the 1st Avenue S. pond, and building a regional detention facility near Arrow Lake to control flooding and to treat the water.

Des Moines made a first step toward implementing the basin plan by replacing the S. 204th Street trunkline last year. This trunkline project eliminates the flooding that was persistent at 4th Place S. and S. 204th Street. Des Moines and Normandy Park will be working cooperatively over the next several years to implement the projects identified in their plan.

Next Article: Des Moines Creek

## DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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Mayor



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Council member



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Council member



Dan Sherman  
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### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

*Approved the following ordinances:*

- Ord. 1226 relating to municipal finance, creating a new police drug forfeiture fund and amends the 1998 Budget.
- Ord. 1227 updates City business license regulations.
- Ord. 1228 authorizes the Finance Director, with approval of the City Manager to make loans between various City funds and requiring ratification of such interfund loans by the City Council.

*Approved the following resolutions:*

- Res. No. 857 approving a subdivision and final plat of Courtyard at Zenith.
- Res. No. 858 adopting the 1999 general employee pay schedule.
- Res. No. 859 approving the

proposed merger of TCI and AT & T.

*Made the following appointments for 1999:*

- Councilmember Bob Sheckler, 1999 representative to the Airport Communities Coalition.
- Councilmember Dan Sherman, 1999 representative to the South County Area Transportation Board.

*Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:*

- Agreement with King County for King County Youth Sports Facilities Grants.
- 1999 Agreement with the Regional Commission on Airport Affairs.
- Contract for professional engineering design services for the 1999 Arterial

Maintenance Project with Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure, Inc. for \$35,539.17, plus a 10% contingency.

- SR 509 Partnership Funding Plan Agreement.

*In other action:*

- Began discussion and review of a draft ordinance regulating itinerant mobile vendors.

- Began public hearing process on 1998 Zoning Map Changes.

- Approved pre-design elements of the Pacific Highway South Project.

- Denied approval of a proposed rate increase by Sea Tac Disposal.

- Reviewed the Lakehaven Utility District Draft Comprehensive Water System Plan.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3** . . . . . Spring Egg Hunt
- April 7** . . . . . Des Moines University, Water Smart Gardening and Landscaping
- April 28-30** . . . Spring Clean Collection Event
- May 13** . . . . . Public Hearing, Block Grant Policies
- June 10** . . . . . Public Hearing, Six Year Transportation Plan

### Spring Boat Fair May 8

On May 8, the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and the Des Moines Marina will welcome the opening of boating season by sponsoring the annual Spring Boat Fair. The traditional Marine Swap Meet will start at 8 a.m. Like last year, trailered boats will be allowed in the swap meet and they will be able to stay through Sunday. The annual Classic Yachts on-the-water boat sale will start on Saturday morning. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will also be at the fair promoting safe boating.



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