



## SPRING EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 22

### NEW LOCATION!

Des Moines Beach Park  
22030 Cliff Avenue S.

*Parking is available  
in the north lot of the Marina*

Come join this traditional mad dash  
for candy and prizes.

Don't forget to bring a basket or bag for  
your goodies in. Prizes for "Golden Egg"  
winners in all age groups!

### Age Group

1-3 years  
4-7 years  
8-11 years

### Start time

9:00 a.m.  
9:15 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.



### PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

Advanced Registration: \$2 per child  
Event Day Registration: \$3 per child

### RAIN OR SHINE

We will begin at 9 a.m. SHARP!  
Pre-register and don't be late or you'll  
miss all the fun!

**FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT FOR TEENS**  
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■ For more information or to register  
please call (206) 870-6527 or stop by  
the Field House, 1000 South 220th  
Street, Des Moines.

## Council Re-Elects Thomasson Mayor

Scott Thomasson was re-elected Mayor by members of the Des Moines City Council in January. Thomasson first took office in January 1988 as a Councilmember. He was elected Mayor in 1996 and again in 1998. Des Moines has a Council-Manager form of government in which the Council elects the Mayor from its ranks.

Bob Sheckler was elected Mayor Pro-Tem in January. Sheckler first took office in January 1996 as a Councilmember. The Mayor Pro Tem presides at Council meetings in the

Mayor's absence and represents the City during official functions.

Other members of the City Council are Terry Brazil, Dave Kaplan, Dan Sherman, Gary Towe and Don Wasson.

The City Council meets the first, second and fourth Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. The public is always welcome. Council meetings are broadcast on the City's information TV Channel 28 at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.



**NEW LIBRARY OPENS:** Des Moines Mayor Scott Thomasson, next to King County Library Director Bill Ptacek, speaks at dedication ceremonies for the new Woodmont Library held Saturday, March 25. The 5,250 square-foot library, just north of Rose's Highway Inn on Pacific Highway South, serves residents in south Des Moines neighborhoods. Besides housing 25,000 books and other reading material, special features include online searching and a study room for tutoring. Library hours are Monday - Thursday, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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### Cable Television Survey

A survey on cable television service in the City of Des Moines is included in this newsletter. The survey is being conducted to provide information for cable franchise negotiations. Please participate by filling out the survey. To return, fold in half, tape closed and mail. Postage is prepaid so no stamp is necessary.

**DES MOINES DIRECTORY**

City Hall, 21630 11th Ave. S.  
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8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**Other Numbers**

Emergency . . . . .911  
Fire (non-emergency) .206-878-2210  
Police (non-emergency) 206-878-3301  
Animal Control . . . . .206-870-6549  
Field House . . . . .206-870-6527  
Des Moines Library . .206-824-6066  
Woodmont Library . . .253-839-0121  
Marina . . . . .206-824-5700  
City Job Line . . . . .206-870-6593  
City Information Line...206-870-7585

**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)

## City Forms Street Light Utility

The City of Des Moines recently formed a Street Light Utility to provide for the operation, maintenance, and installation of street lights and traffic signals in the city. Street light utility services enhance safety and traffic flow for cars and pedestrians throughout the City, to the benefit of almost every resident and business. The cost of electricity and ensuring the lights and signals are in good working order is about \$240,000 a year. While the City has always paid for the operation and maintenance of the street lights, state law now requires the City, rather than the State of Washington, to be responsible for traffic signals along state routes, such as Highway 99, Marine View Drive, and Kent-Des Moines Road.

To finance these costs and provide a source of funds to add new lights and signals or upgrade old ones (something that is not available now), the new utility will apply customer service charges equal to \$1.25 per month for each parking space required under the City Code for various land uses and occupancies. Parking spaces are used because they are a good way to approximate the traffic a home, business or other land use generates and thus the amount of street light and traffic signal service received. Single-family homes, for example, are required to have two spaces, and will be charged \$2.50 per month or \$30 per year.

The number of parking spaces required for all other businesses and occupancies will be determined through a formula that includes the use and the square footage of the buildings on the property. An exemption process is available for special categories, such as vacant parcels, greenbelts, and other sites not expected to generate pedestrian or vehicular trips. Street Light Utility billing should begin in June of this year.

If you know of an area that might need improved street lighting, please contact Scott Romano in the Public Works Department, 21650 11th Avenue South Des Moines, WA 98198. Scott can also be reached by phone at (206) 870-6522 or via e-mail at: [sromano@cityofdesmoines.com](mailto:sromano@cityofdesmoines.com).

## Design Buildings to Prevent Crime

The traditional response to crimes such as vandalism, burglary, robbery, and rape has been to make buildings more formidable through the use of fences, gates, access control, alarm systems and security guards. These types of measures are known as "target hardening". More recently, an old concept has resurfaced that makes sense and provides flexibility. The key to the concept is building design and landscape design. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) encourages the building designer to construct a building designed for the maximum use of those who occupy it. If the impact of the design is successful, the criminal will be deterred because he/she wouldn't feel safe attempting to commit the crime.

The Des Moines Police Department Community Service Unit has applied CPTED principles to new construction projects in the City of Des Moines, but these principles can easily be put to effective use on existing buildings and landscaping. If you would like an evaluation done on your home or business, please contact the Des Moines Police Community Service Unit at (206) 878-3301.

## City Employee of the Year

Bill Miller has been named City of Des Moines Employee of the Year for 1999.

Miller is Park Lead for the Parks and Recreation Department. Miller oversees grounds maintenance at all City facilities including buildings and parks. He says he loves his job because it gives him the opportunity to interact with people in the community and work with different government agencies. He enjoys working with young people, helping set up teen programs and youth sports.

Miller lives in Tacoma with his wife and two daughters. He was selected for the Employee of the Year honor by his co-workers.



Bill Miller

## Pacific Highway South Roadway Improvement Project Update

The City of Des Moines in 1997 commenced planning and preliminary engineering for the redevelopment of Pacific Highway South between South 216th Street and Kent-Des Moines Road. The objective was to develop a preferred alternative that provided for transit, pedestrians, safety, aesthetics, land use, and traffic capacity through the year 2020.

### Proposed Improvements

In 1999 the City Council adopted the preferred alternative and design report for this project and directed staff to proceed with final design engineering. The proposed project will provide seven lanes (two general-purpose lanes northbound and southbound, one continuous high occupancy vehicle lane (HOV)/business access lane northbound and southbound, and 1 left turn lane/landscaped median). Additional turn lanes are planned at the Kent-Des Moines Road intersection. The project includes 6 to 8 ft wide sidewalks, with 4 to 6 ft wide roadside planters along both sides of Pacific Highway, and a 5 to 16 ft wide landscaped median. Improved levels of lighting will also be provided.

New traffic signals at South 220th Street and South 224th Street, along with signalized pedestrian crossing between South 224th Street and Kent-Des Moines Road, are proposed to improve access, circulation, and pedestrian and vehicular safety. A new system of storm drains and catch basins along the roadway will convey stormwater runoff to new stormwater detention and treatment facilities designed to improve water quality and reduce flooding in Barnes and Massey Creeks.

### What's the current status of the project?

The Pacific Highway South Improvement project (SR99) continues to be a high priority for the City of Des Moines. The City has started with final design engineering on the project and is planning to begin construction in spring or summer 2001. Field surveying and mapping of the corridor is underway. The property owners have been informed of the project status. The project will acquire additional frontage for sidewalks from property owners along Pacific Highway South. The City will be contacting affected property owners in the fall of 2000 to discuss actual frontage needs. At that time, the City will explain the right-of-way acquisition process and method of determining fair and equitable compensation to property owners.

### How is the project funded?

The City has secured the \$14.8 million needed for this project from a variety of funding sources. The project is funded by federal funds (ISTEA and TEA-21), Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grants (TIB), Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King County Metro Transit, and City funds. Among these funds, ISTEA and TEA-21 accounted for \$8.6 million; the TIB is obligated for \$4.42 million, WSDOT is contributing \$0.8 million, and King County/Metro is contributing \$0.5 million. City funds and developer fees account for approximately \$425,000.

The City will keep the public informed on the status of the project through future newsletters such as this. Property owners and businesses will be contacted to work out design details related to vehicular access and parcel frontages.

For more information, please contact Tim Heydon, City of Des Moines Public Works Director, at (206) 870-6522, or email to: [theydon@cityofdesmoines.com](mailto:theydon@cityofdesmoines.com)



## Planning Continues for Pacific Ridge

As announced in several past issues, the City of Des Moines is working to promote revitalization and redevelopment along both sides of Pacific Highway South, between South 216th Street and Kent-Des Moines Road. This area, which also includes the properties between Pacific Highway South and Interstate 5, is known as Pacific Ridge.

New zoning regulations and a detailed neighborhood improvement plan are being prepared for public review, and ultimately, adoption by the City Council. The draft regulations allow taller buildings when exceptional design features are used. The vision for Pacific Ridge includes buildings built close to Pacific Highway South, lower freestanding signs, and a mix of residential and commercial space within new structures. The list of permitted land uses along Pacific Highway South may not include some of the businesses that exist there today. Such land uses would be "grandfathered" and generally allowed to remain "as is."

A community open house was held in February for Pacific Ridge property owners and other interested citizens. Public feedback was overwhelmingly supportive of the City's efforts to transform Pacific Ridge into a more attractive and safe neighborhood.

Two important construction projects have been approved that will help spur revitalization of Pacific Ridge. First, a five-story, 132-room **Ramada Inn** hotel has been approved at the southwest corner of Pacific Highway South and South 226th Street. This development will turn the old Foam Rubber City and I-MAX realty properties into a vibrant, well-designed hotel with a freestanding restaurant. Second, the Des Moines City Council recently approved a major renovation of the **Safeway** property at South 216th Street. Safeway will expand the existing store by adding additional store area to the south and east. Look for construction to start on both projects in the upcoming months.

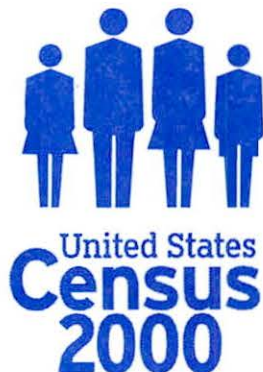
To learn more about the Pacific Ridge Planning Project, call Corbett Loch at (206) 870-6568 (email: [cloch@cityofdesmoines.com](mailto:cloch@cityofdesmoines.com))

## CENSUS 2000:

### This Is Our Future – Don't Leave It

What's in the Census? It's an opportunity to help empower our community. Census 2000 information can help determine where construction of new roads and schools should occur, programs for the elderly and disabled, worker retraining programs, mass transit support and development, health care facility location, and areas where instruction in English-as-a-Second-Language is needed. Our community's fair share of billions of dollars in federal, state, and local program monies will be determined by the results. The bottom line is that there's power in filling out Census 2000, because there's strength in numbers.

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census takes place every 10 years. All people living in the U.S. participate by filling out their Census forms. This allows us to know who we are, where we live, what languages we speak, and what our needs are. This data also determines apportionment of political rep-



resentation in the U.S. House of Representatives. It benefits our state, counties, and cities by ensuring that our regional needs and issues are addressed at the federal level.

The information gathered in the short and long forms is completely confidential. No individual data is shared with other government agencies like the IRS or INS. It's the aggregate information that is important and is used by both government and business to help make decisions for the future.

This is how you can help! In mid-March forms were sent to every home. It will take the participation of people in local government, places of worship, schools, community-based organizations, businesses, and civil groups to maintain the enthusiasm. You can help by spreading the word about the Census in your congregations, work places, etc.

For information or Census materials, call the U.S. Census Bureau Seattle Regional Center at (206) 553-5894.

## Treasures in Your Attic?

### Community Photographic History Project Day Saturday, April 15

Des Moines Museum,  
730 S 225th St (west of theater)

Are there any scrapbooks, albums or boxes of old photos hidden in your attic, basement or closets? These prints and negatives taken by serious amateurs and casual "snap shooters" tell the human side of history, and some of them have serious historic significance beyond their obviously high personal value. Often these private collections are lost from one generation to the next when their importance is eclipsed by a change of homes or a death in the family.

This "copy day" project was conceived as a mechanism for providing information to private citizens about preserving their collections, and bringing copies of images of historic significance in private hands into the public custody of the Des Moines Historical Society Archive where they can be used to better interpret history.

A professional copy stand will be brought to the Des Moines History Museum on Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Interested persons may bring their significant photos to be copied while they wait. People familiar with the local history will be on hand to record information about the photographs and to help choose which should be copied, as well as to determine if a copy or original already exists in the archive. Examples of appropriate images to bring: public events, buildings, portraits of people who have contributed to local and regional history, all forms of transportation, industry, public works, businesses, disasters and other temporary occurrences.

If your photo is of historic significance, a new negative will be made for free. Otherwise, a nominal charge of \$3 will be made. Questions may be directed to Carol Davis at (206) 824-2215.

## City Hosts Animal Control Officer Academy



Participants in the Animal Control Academy are pictured in front of the Police Department.

The Washington Animal Control Association (WACA) and the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) co-sponsored the fourth annual Animal Control Officer Academy March 6-17 at the Des Moines Police Department.

The academy has 37 instructors from various police and animal control agencies, who teach a comprehensive course for new or veteran animal control officers in the state of Washington.

Des Moines Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson, who is the President of WACA, is also the Academy Director this year. She says that WACA and CJTC were very pleased to be allowed to use the city facilities, which include the police station and the field house gym.

Each year the academy graduates 20-30 students who have passed a final exam; they are then certified through the state of Washington as properly trained in their duties as professional Animal Control Officers.

# AIRPORT COMMUNITIES COALITION

*Cities of Burien, Tukwila, Des Moines, Federal Way, Normandy Park, Highline School District*

## ACC Elects New Officers to Executive Board for Year 2000

At the January 19th, ACC Executive Committee meeting, the ACC welcomed new members Rose Clark and Kevin James, Councilmembers from Burien; Michael Hellickson, Federal Way Councilmember; Charlie Harris, Normandy Park Councilmember; and Highline School Board Members Ann Harris and Tom Slattery. The Executive Committee also elected new officers for the year 2000. Bob Sheckler from Des Moines was unanimously re-elected as Chair, Stuart Creighton from Normandy Park was unanimously elected Vice-Chair, and Ann Harris was unanimously elected Treasurer. Ann Harris was pleased to accept her new role and stated, "I have always sought out opportunities to work in a team environment and the ACC is a great example of a team that works well. It is clearly focused on a goal that has the best interests of the community at heart." Stuart Creighton was also enthusiastic about his work with the ACC and said, "Vince Lombardi says it best. The challenge for every organization is to build a feeling of oneness, of dependence on one another - because the question is usually not how well each person works, but how well they work together."

### ACC Appeals to Washington State Supreme Court, the Port of Seattle Seeks Reconsideration/Clarification

The Washington State Court of Appeals, Division 1, heard oral arguments from the ACC, the Port of Seattle, and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) on three cases, now in the appeals process, on September 14, 1999.

The Court made its ruling on November 15, 1999 affirming earlier decisions. The ACC has filed a petition for review to the Supreme Court of the State of Washington in the PSRC Case on December 15, 1999. The determination by the Court of Appeals that regional plans authorizing certain land use development prevail over all inconsistent local plans whenever coordinated planning efforts fail to achieve consistency between such regional and local plans presents an issue of substantial public interest mandating review by the Supreme Court. In addition, the Court of Appeals' decision that a regional planning body does not have a duty to impose mitigation conditions conflicts with decisions of the Washington Supreme Court and raises matters of substantial public interest requiring review.

We argue that the Supreme Court should accept review to clarify the conflict in law and the matters of substantial public interest raised by the Court of Appeals decision. The ACC asks the Supreme Court to accept review, reverse the Court of Appeals decision, and conclude that (1) under the "bottom up" approach of the Growth Management Act, local and regional plans must be interpreted together, rather than a conclusion that a regional plan takes primacy over local plans, and (2) the PSRC had a duty to impose mitigation conditions adequate to alleviate the environmental impacts of its plan-

ning decision to direct airport expansion to Sea-Tac Airport.

The Court of Appeals also made its ruling in a related case with the Port of Seattle on November 15, 1999. The Court, although affirming earlier decisions, clarified that "although an RTP (regional transportation plan) may not unilaterally 'trump' a city plan, if a conflict between a city plan and an RTP exists after the planning process is completed, the city must revise its plan to comply with the regional plan. After consistency is achieved, the Port will have a duty to comply with both the RTP and the local plans, regardless of whether they require mitigation which the Port finds either difficult or expensive." The ACC finds this to be significant and favorable language in the Court's ruling.

The Port of Seattle filed a motion for reconsideration/clarification to the Court of Appeals, regarding this language, on December 6, 1999. Therefore, the ACC cannot file a petition for review to the Supreme Court until the Port's motion has been ruled upon. The ACC has requested that the Supreme Court stay its review of our PSRC 12/15/99 petition until the companion case with the Port of Seattle is ripe for review. The companion Port of Seattle case, which was the second phase of the same trial in the trial court, was briefed and argued on the same schedule as the PSRC case. The Port case is not ripe for petition because the Port, an opposing party, has moved for reconsideration. Because it would serve the ends of justice that both cases be considered for review together in the Supreme Court, the ACC is requesting that review of the PSRC case be held until the companion Port of Seattle case is ripe for review.

As of this date, the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals have not rendered a decision on either petition.

# AIRPORT COMMUNITIES COALITION

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## ACC Submits Comments to Ecology and Corps of Engineers

In late 1999 the ACC submitted comments to the Department of Ecology (DOE) and the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regarding the Port of Seattle's application for its 401/404 permit and certification. Our comments can be viewed, in detail, on our Web page at: [www.ci.des-moines.wa.us/acc](http://www.ci.des-moines.wa.us/acc).

While many assume that air traffic noise is the only problem with the third runway, this project, now approaching \$1 billion, will actually cause extensive environmental damage apart from noise. The DOE and the ACOE must analyze these impacts as part of their deliberations. ACC's policy on submitting comments has been to "do our homework". We have submitted comments from recognized experts in the field who can assist DOE and the ACOE in their analysis. We've been "helped" by the Port's materials! In many respects, the Port has failed to forthrightly address the harm that the proposed third runway will cause. Some highlights include:

- The Port's Stormwater Plan, critical to fish protection and to the preservation of the streams affected by the third runway project, is a sham, not meeting even minimal standards.
- The proposal to "mitigate" impacts to wetlands by enhancing the Green River shoreline, miles away in Auburn, came in for particular criticism by ACC's experts as legally questionable and ecologically indefensible. How can giving Auburn new wetlands "mitigate" destruction of streams, wetlands, and habitat at the airport?
- The Port is proposing a 16-story wall, in a seismically active area, without basic safety assurances; and they haven't bothered to test the soils to determine if they can even support the massive wall.

Airport Communities Coalition  
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Bob Sheckler, Chair  
City of Des Moines

Stuart Creighton, Vice-Chair  
City of Normandy Park

Ann Harris, Treasurer  
Highline School District

Kimberly Lockard, ACC Administrator

## Comments from the Chair, Bob Sheckler

1999 was a great year for the Airport Communities Coalition. We hired a local environmental attorney, Peter Eglick, and Endangered Species Act attorney, Mark Rutzick. We also hired a new Administrator, Kimberly Lockard, and contracted with 10 expert organizations who have provided us with meaningful and significant expertise in the areas of fisheries, wetlands, hydrology, technology, endangered species, and geotechnical engineering. These organizations represent approximately 15 experts who are nationally recognized in their fields. We have been fortunate to secure their services and couldn't be more pleased with the quality of their work, which can be viewed on our Web page at the address noted in this newsletter.

The ACC has successfully executed its Year 2000 Interlocal Agreement with all cities and the Highline School District, re-established a quarterly newsletter, and established better cooperative working relationships with other citizen groups. We have significantly increased coordination with our state legislative representatives, re-established increased lobbying efforts at the legislative level for the year 2000, and have increased community support and awareness by representation in community groups such as local and regional Chambers of Commerce and Rotary.

## Why Are Our Fish Dying?

In late October and early November Des Moines and Normandy Park saw huge salmon runs in Des Moines and Miller Creeks, but the salmon were dying before they had a chance to spawn. The Department of Fish & Wildlife were given carcasses to test, but did not adequately perform the needed tests to determine the probable cause of fish mortality, nor did they collect their own samples. The ACC, along with other cities and state legislators, requested appropriate toxicology testing without success - we were told there was no money in the budget!

The ACC has hired Dr. John Strand, Columbia Biological Assessments, to advise us on how to better understand the nature, extent, and potential sources of pollution entering Miller and Des Moines Creeks. Included in these efforts will be a review and comment on state and county responses to inquiries regarding the disposition of fish kill samples that were provided in November. In addition, we will also apply for a Scientific Collectors Permit to collect fish and other aquatic life during investigations of potential pollution sources. We will develop a standard procedure to investigate suspected pollution sources, train volunteers to investigate suspected pollution sources, and select a credible laboratory to process environmental samples collected during any future pollution investigations. Dr. Strand will also be providing interpretation of results from any laboratory testing and general consultation to the ACC. We will try to get to the bottom of this!



# Special Spring Collection Event: April 19 - 21

In honor of Earth Day 2000, 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 19, and Friday, April 21. 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 17 or Tuesday, April 18. A small fee must be pre-paid through Des Moines Community Development located at City Hall, 21630 11th Ave South, Suite "D" by April 14. If you have any questions, please contact SeaTac Disposal at (253) 872-7220.

## COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE PICKUP DAY

April 19 through April 21, 2000

This FREE collection event is available only to single family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes within the City of Des Moines. Appliances and other bulky items will be picked up for a small fee on April 17 or 18. Collection of garbage, recyclables and yard waste will occur on your regular garbage service day on April 19, 20 or April 21 for materials meeting the following guidelines. Each collection vehicle (garbage - yard waste - recyclables - bulky items) will drive by only once. You do not need to be a customer of SeaTac Disposal to participate.



## PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

- Materials must be sorted into the appropriate pile. Separate piles should be made for garbage, recyclables and yard waste.
- Tires will not be collected.
- Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. bags, boxes, cans, etc) and clearly labeled;
- 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 fiber 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 14 at Des Moines Community Development, 21630 11th Ave S, Suite D; and
- 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 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.

## ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED:

### APPLIANCES & BULKY ITEMS

Set tagged appliances or bulky items at the curb by 7 a.m. on April 17 (for collection on April 17 or 18). 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 3 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.



### GARBAGE

Garbage is waste material and does not include tires, recyclables, yard waste or hazardous wastes (i.e. paints, pest killers, petroleum products, solvents, etc.). Garbage items and full containers must not weigh more than 60 lbs.



### RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Recyclable materials consist of newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, aluminum, tin cans, plastic bottles with a 1 or 2 stamped on the bottom and glass beverage/food containers. Glass (green, brown, and clear) bottles and jars must be placed in a separate container from the other recyclables and please separate the glass by color.



### YARD WASTE

Yard waste includes grass clippings, branches/prunings (less than 3 feet long and 3 inches in diameter) or leaves. Rocks, dirt and sod are not acceptable. Yard waste must be bound with natural fibers into a bundle no larger than 3' x 3' or placed in biodegradable containers (i.e. cardboard boxes or paper bags) or yard waste containers. Yard waste containers and bundles must not weigh more than 60 lbs. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

## PARKS &amp; RECREATION

## Spring Break Day Camp

What do you do when school's out for your kids, but you still have to go to work? Enroll them in our Spring Break Day Camp. Kids can look forward to swimming on Tuesday, a field trip to the Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium on Thursday, and lots of fun and adventure throughout the week! Camp is open to kids grades K-6, and it fills up fast. We serve a morning and afternoon snack, but kids need to bring their own lunch and drink.

Camp will be based out of the Field House and operate daily from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required due to space availability and staffing ratios. Please call the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department at (206) 870-6527 for more information.

### Highline School District Spring Break

April 17-21 (Monday-Friday)

\$28 a day or sign up for the whole week for \$125 (save \$15!).



### Summer Fun is on the Way KHAOS, K2, and KHAOS Sports!

Get ready for a summer of fun! The Des Moines Park & Recreation staff is busy preparing for Camp KHAOS, K2 (Teen Camp), and a new program KHAOS Sports. Detailed program information will be available in our summer brochure due out in mid-April. Please call us at (206) 870-6527 for more information and registration.

### TEEN FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Friday, April 21 7-10 p.m.

Using only flashlights, highly sensitive noses, and a keen sense of where the "Golden Eggs" are hidden, youth ages 11 - 16, will hunt for candy treasures and great prizes at the 6th Annual Flashlight Egg Hunt at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. Prior to and immediately following the hunt, registered participants are invited inside the Field House for pizza, games, and open gym activities.

### PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Enrollment: Min 50/Max 200  
Ages 11-16 only!  
Cost is \$7 per person

For more information or to register please call (206) 870-6527 or stop by the Field House, 1000 South 220th Street, Des Moines.



## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

## Homesharing Program Comes to Des Moines!

Senior Services of Seattle-King County is expanding its Homesharing program to the Des Moines/Normandy Park area. Homesharing is an intergenerational program that matches homeowners who wish to share their home for various reasons, with those looking for affordable housing options. Homeowners specify what they require in exchange for sharing space in their homes - usually rent, household services, or a combination of both. Tenants pay rent, help with chores, and provide the added security of knowing that someone is around to help out if needed.

The Homesharing staff takes special care in the interview and screening process to ensure matches of compatibility and mutual benefit. All participants undergo criminal background checks and character references are required to participate in the program. Often the Homeshare connections become lasting friendships.

If you would like more information about the program, please call Julie at (206) 592-0789.

## Complimentary Life Planning Workshop

The Des Moines Legacy Foundation is presenting a **FREE** Life Planning Workshop Wednesday, May 24, 9 a.m. - noon, at the Masonic Lodge, 2208 S. 223rd St. Presenters are Doug Myers, investment representative, and Brian Snure, attorney.

The seminar will highlight many of the tools to help people build a secure future through estate and financial planning, as well as ways to maintain their estate through tax and risk avoidance. It will also address key issues when transferring an estate to loved ones and charities. You are encouraged to bring adult family members and friends.

Participants will learn about:

- Reducing risk
- Strategies for wealth transfer
- Wills & trusts
- Minimizing estate taxes
- Charitable giving
- Building a secure financial foundation

The Des Moines Legacy Foundation can help ensure that Des Moines remains a beautiful, healthy, safe and caring place to raise children and enjoy retirement. Every day our lives are enriched by parks, recreation and senior services programs, and your support of these programs through the Des Moines Legacy Foundation can make a difference. For more information or to register please call (206) 878-1642.

## Health Flair 2000

Des Moines Senior Center and Wesley Homes are jointly hosting a fun, energizing, and educational event for seniors. There will be door prizes, free health screenings and preventative information. Join us Wednesday, June 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Wesley Homes Garden Plaza, 815 South 216th Street. For more information please call Kristy at the Des Moines Senior Center, (206) 878-1642.





# SURFACE WATER NEWS



This is the last of the series of articles that we have been featuring on our City's streams. This article features the southern city streams of Woodmont Creek, Redondo Creek and Cold Creek. (The names of Redondo Creek and Cold Creek are informal and are not listed with the Washington State Board of Geographic Names). These creeks have only been moderately studied when King County prepared a regional plan in 1991, which mainly focused on the larger Hylebos Creek watershed basin (located in Federal Way).

## Woodmont Creek

The Woodmont Creek basin is relatively small and estimated at 600 acres in size (0.9 square miles). The headwaters of the creek is located at 260th near 15th Avenue S. and drains northward until it intersects with Woodmont Drive. The creek then follows Woodmont Drive (first on the north side then south side) until it drains into a culvert located within the Woodmont Community Club and empties to Puget Sound. The creek is about a mile long and is not known to have any fish populations. As with the other two creeks listed below, intense urban development has created locations where soil erosion is a problem, such as the road culvert crossings at South 264th Street.



Woodmont Creek follows Woodmont Drive down to Puget Sound.



Redondo Creek empties into Puget Sound via a culvert south of Salty's Restaurant.

## Redondo Creek

The Redondo Creek basin is estimated at 1000 acres in size (1.6 square miles) and extends northwesterly from Interstate 5 to the Puget Sound with the north and south limits being South 280th Street and South 312th Street, respectively. The majority of the basin is located within the city limits of Federal Way, with only 5-10 percent within Des Moines and unincorporated King County (the Redondo Riviera area). The headwaters of the creek is located at Steel Lake (in Federal Way), just south of 304th Street and east of Pacific Highway. Water from the lake is conveyed along Pacific Highway and outfalls to the ravine located on the west side of the highway and just south of Dash Point Road. The creek then runs for approximately 1.5 miles along the south side of Redondo Way until it is conveyed via culvert pipe under Redondo Beach Drive and discharges through the seawall south of Salty's restaurant. A large stream tributary that collects water from the Redondo Riviera area also connects to the seawall culvert just east of Redondo Beach Drive. Due to extensive piping of the lower portion of creek, no fish populations are known to exist. The soils of the Redondo Creek basin, particularly along Redondo Way, are extremely unstable – several landslides have recently occurred along this stretch of road.

## Cold Creek

The Cold Creek basin is about 900 acres in size (1.5 square miles). Except for the lowest portion of the basin, the majority of the basin is located within Federal Way. The headwaters of the creek is Easter Lake, located near South 312th Street and 14th Street. Water is conveyed northward from the lake along a pipe system along 10th Avenue and discharges into a ravine north of 308th Street. The creek then flows through the ravine and past the Lakehaven Redondo Treatment Plant and through the center of the Redondo Shores community. The creek then passes under Redondo Beach Drive via a concrete box culvert and discharges to Puget Sound. The lower part of Cold Creek is known to flood during heavy storms when the tide is high.

## Watershed Signs

Over 70 watershed signs have been placed at key locations near the City's seven streams. The signs included 19 stream name signs, 19 fish emblem signs reading "This Stream is in Your Care," and 32 Puget Sound Watershed signs. The signs are part of a regional King County educational effort to promote stream awareness and inform that the streams in the Puget Sound Watershed (streams directly discharging to Puget Sound) play a key role in the condition of the nearshore environment of the Sound Watershed.

## DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- State of Washington Dept. of Corrections for employment of state adult workers in work crew projects for the City.
- Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation Youth Athletic Facility Grant for Olympic Elementary School Soccer Field project.
- Interlocal with Highline School District for development and use of Olympic Elementary School property.
- Contract for construction of the Soundview Drive slide repair to Hurlen Construction for \$85,858, plus 10% contingency.
- Amend existing consultant contract with INCA Engineers, Inc. to include construction management services for the Soundview Drive slide repair project in the amount of \$20,732.63, plus 10% contingency.
- Interlocal agreement with Highline School District No. 401 for replacement of sidewalks on Midway Elementary School property.
- Interlocal Agreement with Airport Communities Coalition.
- Agreement for continuation of the South County Area Transportation Board.
- Interlocal agreement with Tukwila regarding video court

#### services.

- Interlocal agreement between Des Moines Police Dept. and Federal Way for access service performance and processing.
- Contract for the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood Improvement Plan to Madrona Planning and Development Services in the amount of \$135,380, and a contingency of \$14,620.
- Contract with King County for King County Youth Sports Facilities Grants.

#### Approved the following resolutions:

- Res. No. 875 supporting the alignment of light rail consistent with state and regional growth management policies.
- Res. No. 876 declaring certain property surplus and authorizing disposal of by auction, sale, or transfer to other agency.
- Res. No. 877 setting fees for business licenses and calling for reconsideration of the increase if the state legislature replaces City funding lost through passage of Initiative 695.
- Res. No. 878 adopting the City's 2000-2005 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Res. No. 879 approving Lakehaven's Comprehensive Water System Plan Update

#### dated November 1998.

#### Held the following public hearings:

- Textual Amendments to RM 900 B Zoning (retirement centers) regarding building height.
- 2000 Budget.
- Interim Conditional Use Permit for Safeway Expansion.

#### Approved the following ordinances:

- Ord. No. 1244 finding a substantial need to increase the property tax levy for 2000 by an amount in excess of the 'limit factor' imposed by Referendum 47, and expressly preserving the authority of any future Council to consider adjustments to the tax levy to the full extent permitted by law.
- Ord. No. 1245 determining and fixing the amount of funds to be raised by property taxes for the year 2000.
- Ord. No. 1246 to apply a cost of operation adjustment to charges for surface water drainage services and adding a participation charge to properties requesting new development permits.
- Ord. No. 1247 relating to rental housing, amending the annual fee for registration of multifamily rental units and calling for reconsideration if

the state legislature replaces City funding lost through passage of Initiative 695. Repealed by Ord. 1256.

- Ord. No. 1248 creating a Street Light Utility, establishing a rate structure policy for the Utility, establishing service charges, providing authority for the collection thereof, and providing exemptions from such charges.
- Ord. No. 1249 increasing the utility occupation tax rate and calling for reconsideration if the state legislature replaces City funding lost through passage of Initiative 695.
- Ord. No. 1250 relating to monthly moorage rates for general berths, commercial berths, live-aboard berths and dry shed storage at the Des Moines Marina and calling for reconsideration if the state legislature replaces City funding lost through passage of Initiative 695.
- Ord. No. 1251 amending the 1999 Budget.
- Ord. No. 1252 adopting the 2000 Budget.
- Ord. No. 1253 delaying compensation increase for Mayor and Councilmembers until 2001.
- Ord. No. 1254 correcting subdivision errors of 12th Avenue South right-of-way purchase.
- Ord. No. 1255 prohibiting

the conduct or operation of social card games as a commercial stimulant with the City limits.

- Ord. No. 1256 repealing per unit Rental Registration Fee (Ord. No. 1247).

#### In other action, the Council:

- Continued discussion and recommendations to the Pacific Ridge Area Zoning Regulations.
- Directed the City Manager to prepare a report regarding the feasibility and benefits of the City providing water utility services within its City limits.
- Adopted the 1999-2000 Intergovernmental Relations Policies and Positions.
- Accepted grant funds from the Washington State Dept. of Community, Trade, and Economic Development in the amount of \$75,000 for the preparation of the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood Improvement Plan.
- Elected Scott Thomasson as Mayor for a 2 year term and Bob Sheckler as Mayor Pro Tem for a 2 year term.
- Appointed Councilmember Bob Sheckler as the City's representative to the Airport Communities Coalition and Councilmember Dave Kaplan as alternate for the year 2000.

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