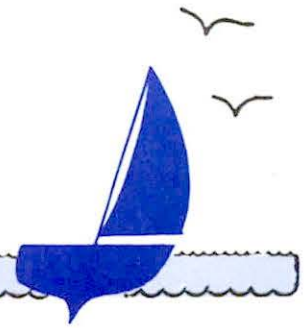


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Economic Development: Why Are Downtowns Important?

The economic vitality of our community and the City's financial strength are important issues the City Council will be addressing over the next several months. For the next several issues of *City Currents*, we will be presenting articles on economic development and City finances. This first article focuses on downtowns and why a healthy downtown is important to a city.

Although malls and discount centers are convenient, these places can never take the place of a healthy, vibrant downtown. Downtowns are more than just shopping places; they play an important role in our city. They help define a community's image. Downtowns are often the central business center of a city,

employing hundreds of people. Downtowns usually have the highest concentration of small, independent businesses. Your neighbor, your child's soccer coach or other citizens just like you, often own these independent businesses that help keep our hard-earned dollars local.

Downtowns are a reflection of how a community views itself. When an industry looks at a city as a possible new home, they examine many aspects including the quality of life. Included in this assessment is the downtown—is it alive and viable or does it represent disinterest and failure?

Downtowns serve as an indispensable shopping and service center. Although they may not be the most dominant shopping center, they still provide unique

shopping and service opportunities. Downtowns are also often the historic core of a community and highlight a community's history.

Finally, a downtown provides a sense of community and place, a gathering place for citizens to meet, mingle and celebrate. Downtowns are and always will be the heart and soul of a city.

As you can see, a strong downtown provides so many positive benefits to a city. Breathing new life into Des Moines' downtown will be a major component to an overall economic development strategy, allowing us to maintain and enhance our quality of life.

2004 Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

For the past several years, the City of Des Moines has held informal, outdoor neighborhood meetings where staff from the City, along with Fire District representatives, are on hand to talk about issues important to Des Moines citizens. These meetings provide an opportunity to meet and talk to city officials about topics such as traffic signs, potholes, storm drainage, animal control, City finances, police protection, recreation programs, or any other community issues. Meetings are on select Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Look for the mobile Police precinct van and tents if the weather is bad. We'll be there rain or shine! For additional information, please call 206-870-6552.

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| April 27 | Public Works and Parks Service Center, 2255 S. 223rd |
| May 18 | Woodmont Library, 26809 Pacific Highway S. |
| June 15 | Huntington Park Clubhouse Parking Lot, 1000 S. 248th St. |
| July 13 | Westwood Park, S. 192nd at 6th Ave. S. |
| August 17 | Zenith Park, S. 240th St. at 16th Ave. S. |

Mark Your Calendar for Downtown Clean Up

The Des Moines Boosters invite business owners, citizen groups, and individuals to participate in their annual "Downtown Des Moines Spring Clean Up" event being held on **Sunday, May 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Last spring a volunteer group was mobilized to clean, weed, and plant perennials in the Big Catch Plaza and the SS Minnow area. Local businesses donated food and beverages for the volunteers, while the Des Moines Parks Department supplied most of the materials and equipment used for the clean up. This year sponsors want to extend the effort to include cleaning and weeding the downtown corridor so that visitors will see our City at its best. Everyone is invited to help make this happen! For more information, to donate or sign up for the event, contact Dianne Jacobson at 206-824-9462 by Friday, April 23rd.



Redondo Boat Launch and Parking Lot Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Friday, April 30th, 11:00 a.m.

Join in the fun as we celebrate the completion of this project!

DES MOINES DIRECTORY

City Hall, 21630 11th Ave. S.
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Business Hours: Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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Recreation..... 206-870-6527
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Other Numbers

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

Get Fit Des Moines! Physical Fitness Makes Health Sense for All Ages

Lifestyle related (preventable) diseases are on the rise and reaching epidemic levels. Research has shown that healthy lifestyles are more influential than genetic factors in helping older people avoid the deterioration traditionally associated with aging. People who are physically active, eat a healthy diet, do not use tobacco, and practice other healthy behaviors reduce their risk for chronic diseases and have half the disability rate of those who do not. **For Fitness Information Contact:** Des Moines Recreation at 206-870-6527 and Senior Services at 206-878-1642.

Des Moines Sports Night Dinner and Auction

Mark your calendars for the Second Annual Des Moines Sports Night Dinner and Auction to help raise funds for youth scholarships for underprivileged youth in the Greater Des Moines Community! The Des Moines Legacy Foundation, Des Moines Dollars for Scholars and the Des Moines Rotary Club present this fantastic second annual event on Saturday, May 15th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St.

Former KOMO 4 Sports Director Bruce King will be back to emcee the event again this year, as well as other local sports celebrities.



Bruce King,
Emcee



Former Husky Great Tom Flick

This year's Keynote Speaker will be Tom Flick. Tom is a former University of Washington Husky Rose Bowl Champion, Pac-10 Conference Player of the Year and successful NFL Quarterback for seven NFL seasons. Tom has an exceptional ability to communicate using humor, wit, passion and razor-sharp insight to raise morale, increase teamwork and communication, manage change and develop more effective leaders. He has a unique gift to connect with the listener's heart, as well as their head and habits. As president of Tom Flick Communications and Outlook Consulting Group, Tom understands that people, not programs, help organizations change and grow. Tom Flick's achievements and experience in the highly competitive worlds of professional sports and corporate America give him a keen insight into success.

Tickets are \$40 each or \$300 for a table of 8 and may be purchased at the Des Moines Field House. Limited to the first 125 people. Please call 206-870-6527 for further information.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Adult Softball Pre-Season Tournament

Pre-season tournament at Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park. Sign up for our adult league and get \$20 off the tournament price! Registration deadline 4/20/04.
Ages: 18 and up
Cost: \$190 – 3 game guarantee
Location: Underwood Memorial Park
Dates: April 24-25
Divisions: Men's D; Men's Rec; Co-Ed

Day/Time: Mon. & Wed. 7-8 p.m.
Sat. 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Location: Des Moines Field House
Cost: \$45/ month

Cardio Step & Lift

Fun and energizing class designed for all fitness levels! Includes a warm-up, low impact aerobics, step aerobics, weights and a cool down!

Day/Time: Mon. & Wed. 5:45-6:45 p.m.
Sat. 9-10 a.m.

Location: Des Moines Field House
Cost: \$6 drop in or
\$36 punch card (6 visits)

Evening Pilates

This artful discipline can improve flexibility, stamina, strength and posture. Elegant flowing movements isolate and tone core muscles. Perfect for all ages and fitness levels.

Ages: 16 and up
Day/Time: Tues. & Thurs. 6-7 p.m.
Location: Parks/Public Works Bldg.
Cost: \$35/month

Adult Softball League

Each team will play 14 games with an end of the season tournament. Registration deadline is 4/20/04. Coaches meeting April 26, 6:30 p.m. at Des Moines Field House.

Ages: 18 and up
Cost: \$725
Location: Underwood Memorial Park
Dates: May 4-July 18
Times: 5:45 & 7:15 p.m.
Divisions: Men's D; Men's Rec; Co-Ed

Ultimate Abs

The secret to great abdominal muscles is first learning about your body and how it works and then to practice the most effective exercises to develop those muscles. Sign up today!

Please call 206-870-6527 for additional information on all Recreation Classes.

City Council Approves 2004 Budget

The City's 2004 annual operating and capital budget was adopted by the City Council on December 22, 2003. The 2004 expenditure budget for all City funds totals \$50,298,265. The table below highlights the 2004 and 2003 operating and capital budget expenditures, revenue estimates, and the percentage change from 2003's adopted budget.

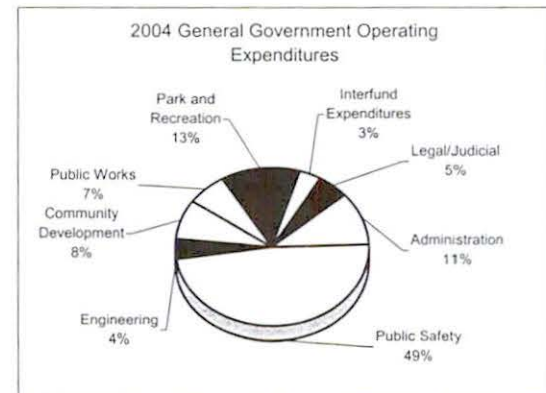
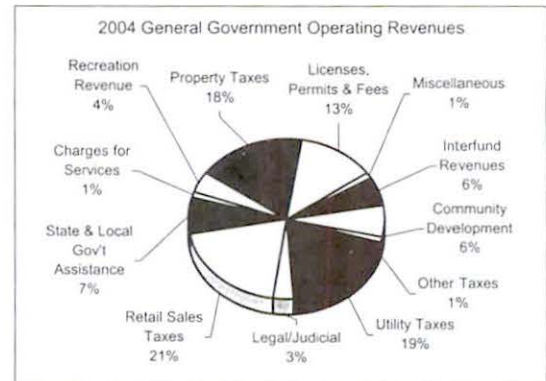
The 2004 increase in operating expenditures primarily results from the following policy decisions recommended by the City Manager and approved by the City Council:

- Restore the equipment replacement and computer equipment replacement assessments deferred in 2003.
- Fund various capital equipment and vehicle replacements deferred in 2003.
- Fund various new equipment and software upgrades.
- Fund needed facility repairs.
- Fund Airport Defense.
- Fund limited-term positions in the Building Division as a result of increased construction activity.
- Fund consultant studies to update emergency management plan, to assist with economic development strategy, and to provide analysis of Marina moorage and electric rates.
- Fund increase in general fund transfer for capital improvements and video equipment.

The general and street funds comprise the general governmental operating budgets for the City. The general government operations include legislative, executive, judicial, financial, legal, law enforcement, public works, community development, and parks, recreation and senior services. Resources supporting these expenditures are primarily derived from general purpose revenues such as: property, sales, utility, leasehold, and gambling taxes; licenses and permits; federal, state, and local shared revenues and assistance; charges for services; fines and forfeits; and culture and recreation fees. The 2004 budget was developed recognizing that continued new construction activity would generate one-time sales taxes and building permit and plan review revenues sufficient to fund basic service levels plus the policy

decisions discussed above.

The following graphs provide the percentage breakdown by revenue type and expenditure classifications for the 2004 general governmental operating budget.



| Item | 2004 Budget | | 2003 Budget | | % Change | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------|
| | Expenditures | Revenues | Expenditures | Revenues | Expenditures | Revenues |
| Operating | \$ 23,986,407 | \$ 23,616,128 | \$ 20,415,075 | \$ 21,173,078 | 17.5% | 11.5% |
| Use (Source) of Fund Balance | | \$ 370,279 | | \$ (758,003) | | -148.8% |
| Total Operating Budget | \$ 23,986,407 | \$ 23,986,407 | \$ 20,415,075 | \$ 20,415,075 | 17.5% | 17.5% |
| Capital | 26,311,858 | 20,879,445 | 17,415,147 | 14,047,758 | 51.1% | 48.6% |
| Use of Fund Balance | | 5,432,413 | | 3,367,389 | | 61.3% |
| Total Capital Budget | \$ 26,311,858 | \$ 26,311,858 | \$ 17,415,147 | \$ 17,415,147 | 51.1% | 51.1% |
| Grand Totals | \$ 50,298,265 | \$ 50,298,265 | \$ 37,830,222 | \$ 37,830,222 | 33.0% | 33.0% |

Enjoy Spring With a Four-Legged Friend

It's time to get out and enjoy the fresh air and springtime flowers! Your canine pal enjoys going for walks, too, and studies have shown that spending time with our pets lowers our blood pressure and makes us happier.



If you and your dog have been "couch potatoes" all winter, start off slowly. Keep your dog on a leash and remember to take "scoop" bags with you. Bring plenty of water for you and your four-legged best friend!

Street and Vegetation Maintenance

Vegetation control and road shoulder mowing in 2004 will be done on a limited basis along main arterials and state routes. Most residential vegetation control is the responsibility of adjacent property owners. Sight distance impairments at intersections will be corrected when found, as will low overhanging tree limbs and other vegetation that may encroach on public rights-of-way. The Street Maintenance crew of five members is responsible for maintaining approximately 100 miles of roadway, which averages about 20 miles per employee.

Curbside Spring Clean Collection Event: April 26-30

The City of Des Moines and SeaTac Disposal are providing another 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 Monday, April 26 and Friday, April 30.

This FREE collection event is available only to single family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes within the City of Des Moines. Each collection vehicle (garbage, yard waste, recyclables and bulky items) will drive by only once. You do not need to be a customer of SeaTac Disposal to participate. If you have any questions, please contact SeaTac Disposal at 253-682-9735.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Materials must be sorted into the appropriate pile. Separate piles should be made for garbage, recyclables and yard waste.
- Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. paper bags, cardboard boxes, cans, etc.) and clearly labeled.
- All materials must be placed at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of service.
- Tires and hot tubs will not be collected.
- Yard waste must be bundled with natural fiber twine or placed in a labeled container, can, cardboard box, or biodegradable bag (**plastic bags will not be picked up**).
- Pick up of bulky items and appliances must be prepaid. Purchase your tag by Friday, April 23, at the Des Moines Community Development Department, 21630 11th Ave. South, 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 items for drop off at the Household Hazardous Wastemobile. For a schedule call 206-296-4692, 1-800-RECYCLE or log onto <http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/>.



ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED

Appliances and Bulky Items

Set tagged appliances or bulky items at the curb by 7 a.m. Monday April 26 (for collection on April 26 or 27). Tags for refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners cost \$45 because they contain harmful gases that can damage the ozone if not disposed of properly. For all other appliances, tags cost \$30. All appliances will be recycled.

Tags for bulky items weighing more than 60 lbs. cost \$30. For bulky items weighing less than 60 lbs., tags cost \$20. All tags may be purchased at the Des Moines Community Development Department located at 21630 11th Ave. South, Suite D, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please phone 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 and 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 recyclable materials.

Yard Waste

Yard waste includes grass clippings, branches/prunings (less than 3 ft. long and 3 in. 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'x3' or placed in biodegradable containers (i.e. cardboard boxes or paper bags) or yard waste containers. Containers and bundles must not weigh more than 60 lbs. **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Recycling Event

Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Des Moines Marina

- **Cardboard:** Please flatten. No wax-coated cardboard.
- **Tires:** Bias ply, steel belted, and studded tires accepted. Limit 6 tires per load (18 inches and below) free of charge. No oversized tires accepted (heavy truck or back hoe tires). No tires on rims.
- **Reusable Household Goods:** Clothing and miscellaneous household items in good condition. Mattresses, furniture and items in need of repair will not be accepted.
- **Residential Porcelain Toilets and Sinks:** Please remove toilet seats, hardware and base wax rings. \$5 fee (cash only).
- **Lead Acid Batteries:** Car, truck, marine, and motorcycle batteries accepted.
- **Household Batteries:** AAAA, AAA, AA, A, B, C, and D cell batteries only.
- **Motor Oil, Filters and Anti-freeze:** Motor

oil, oil filters, antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, 2-cycle oil, steering fluid, crankcase oil, kerosene, and home heating fuel. Do not mix with antifreeze, solvents, gasoline, or other substances.

- **Appliances and Scrap Metal:** Auto parts, lawn chairs, lawn mowers, stoves, barbecues, iron, steel, aluminum, brass, copper and other ferrous and nonferrous metals. \$5 fee (cash only) for each water heater that still has insulation coating. Metals that are insulated, rubber or oil coated, previously or currently contain chemicals, paint, or hazardous materials will not be accepted. Light fixture ballasts and sealed drums will not be accepted.

- **Refrigerators, Freezers and Air Conditioners:** \$25 fee (cash only) for each refrigerator or freezer. \$25 fee (cash only) for each household air conditioner.

- **Concrete, Rock, Asphalt and Brick:** Residential material only. No wood, plastic or metal attached. Please lay material on top of a tarp for ease of removal.

- **Electronic Equipment:** Computer hard drives, printers, mouse, keyboards, fax machines, cellular phones, and scanners. Computer monitors will be collected for \$10 each (cash only). Television sets will be collected for \$15 each (cash only). No wood encased, wood console, or big-screen televisions.

Acknowledgements: King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program; King County Solid Waste Division, WA State Dept of Ecology; Seattle Goodwill.

For more information contact the City's Recycling Coordinator at 206-870-6551.

Pacific Highway South Improvement Project Update

Please excuse the dust and minor delays associated with the reconstruction of Pacific Highway South. Construction began in August 2003, and should be complete by February 2005. The City of SeaTac plans to extend International Boulevard improvements southward to S. 216th this summer. Construction activities on Pacific Highway So. for the City of Kent are also underway, which begins at Kent-Des Moines Road and extends south.

Progress to Date:

- Utility trenching, underground vault placement, and conduit runs for the undergrounding of overhead utilities have been completed.
- Modular Block retaining wall construction is nearing completion.
- A new underground stormwater conveyance system is half-completed through the corridor.
- The underground portion of the new project street lighting system, and the new intersection and pedestrian signal systems are nearly complete.
- The concrete curb and driveways are nearly complete on the west side of Pacific Highway South. The remaining segments will be completed after the utility poles are removed.

Estimated Project Timeline:

April through May 2004

The contractor has the traffic lanes shifted to the east and is currently focusing on roadway improvements on the west side of the highway. Roadway improvements include underground utilities, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and widened pavement. Following construction of the west curb, the traffic lanes will be shifted

to the west for this same scope of work on the east side of the highway. The traffic shift will probably happen in late April. During this time, the contractor will also work on improving the profiles of the streets approaching Pacific Highway on the west side to provide better visibility at the intersections with the highway.

June through October 2004

Work will continue on completing underground utility connections and subgrade preparation including roadway embankment work on the side streets on the east side of the highway. Completion of subgrade asphalt work, concrete curb, gutter, and sidewalk will be a priority during the summer months. New signal poles, controllers, illumination poles, and electrical tie-ins will also be completed during this time period.

Stormwater ponds will be constructed at Kent-Des Moines Road, South 222nd Street, and South 220th Street.

The construction of the landscaped median area will begin in July. The construction of the final lift of asphalt pavement is planned for early October.

Nov. 2004 through February 2005

Final work elements include irrigation and landscaping at the pond sites and along the corridor as well as installation of gateway signage and architectural features.

Upcoming Impacts

During the next few months, owners and tenants of properties along Pacific Highway South can expect to see con-

crete curb installation. When the project is complete, all properties will be served by new concrete driveways. Ceccanti will be meeting with property owners/tenants to discuss construction of their driveways. This is one of the most complex scheduling tasks on the project. Generally, properties with more than one driveway will have one driveway maintained while the other is constructed; owners with only one available access will have their driveways constructed in two segments. Time will be required for the new concrete driveways to properly cure. Some properties may prefer to have their driveway constructed in one pour to reduce the total length of time in which Ceccanti is working in their vicinity.

Utilities are now available from the new underground system for properties on the highway between Kent-Des Moines Road and South 224th Street. The remaining underground system work between South 224th Street and South 216th Street will be complete by the end of April. All property owners along the highway who are still connected to any overhead utilities must make arrangements for, and complete their connection to the new underground systems. Owners must have this work completed within 90 days of receiving their notification.

How can I find out more?

The City has a Project Hotline 206-870-1179, which has weekly project status updates on specific construction activities and related traffic impacts, and where requests for further information may be made. Current project information may also be accessed via the City's website: www.desmoineswa.gov.



FIREWORKS OVER DES MOINES!

Fourth of July 2004

Des Moines Marina Pier

The fourth annual "Fireworks Over Des Moines" celebration will again light up the evening sky. Fireworks will be launched from the Des Moines Marina Pier at approximately 10:15 p.m.

"Fireworks Over Des Moines" Needs Your Help! This community event is funded almost exclusively by private donations. Citizens and local businesses are being asked to contribute to support this celebration

Yes, I Want to Help!

Name: _____
Business: _____
Address: _____
City, ZIP: _____
E-mail: _____
Day Phone: () _____
Evening Phone: () _____
Contribution : \$ _____

Please mail your check or money order to the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, P.O. Box 13582, Des Moines, WA 98198. For sponsorship information please call 206-870-6547.

Work Begins on Marina Renovations

In June of 2001, the Des Moines City Council adopted the Comprehensive Master Plan for the Des Moines Marina. The centerpiece of the Master Plan is a project that will expand the existing guest moorage area, replace the timber bulkhead and renovate the north end of the Marina.

In January of 2004 the City Council approved a contract with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers for the design, engineering and permitting phase of the guest moorage expansion and the renovations planned for the north end of the Marina. The engineers began when drilling crews arrived at the Marina to do the borings to determine the sub-surface conditions. Moffatt & Nichol began investigating the existing condition of the bulkhead, parking lots, and the floating docks.

Moffatt & Nichol and their sub-consultants, Makers Architects and Urban Design, and Worthy and Associates Landscape Architects, met with City staff and the City Council's Municipal Facilities Committee (Mayor Bob Sheckler, Mayor Pro-Tem Scott Thomasson and Council Member Gary Petersen) to discuss the options for landscaping, light fixtures, sidewalks, railings and other amenities planned as part of the renovations. The Municipal Facilities Committee members expressed a preference for a patterned concrete surface for the sidewalks, with some colored concrete in selected areas. The Committee also preferred a basic railing with a sloped wooden top rail similar to the existing railing. The Committee recommended using furniture, light fixtures and landscaping that will reflect the design theme used for the Pacific Highway project. Their recommendations included orienting trees and shrubs to maximize views and keeping the plantings simple and easy to maintain.

Moffatt & Nichol is planning to deliver a series of technical memos to the City, detailing the options for reconstruction of the bulkhead, reconfiguration of the floats, and design options for the entrance of the Marina. The City Council is expected to discuss these options in late April.

Please call the City Clerk's office at 206-870-6519 to confirm the date this item will appear on the Council's meeting agenda.

Small Business Development Center at Highline Community College

Preparing to apply for a business loan? Thinking about expanding your home-based business? Now there is a place to go for assistance: The SKCEDI Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Highline Community College. Our local SBDC is available to Des Moines businesses and residents and there is **no cost** to clients.

Zev Siegl is the Business Development Specialist at the SBDC. Siegl says, "healthy small businesses are vital to the economic and social health of Southwest King County, and it is clear that the SBDC program at Highline Community College has contributed to their success in the past and will continue to do so in the future. We look forward to working with business people in Des Moines." Siegl brings significant business experience and a high degree of commitment to the award-winning SBDC program.

The SBDC is sponsored by the Southwest King County Economic Development Initiative, a creative partnership of Tukwila, Burien, SeaTac, Normandy Park, Des Moines together with the Port of Seattle and King County. In addition, Key Bank and Washington Mutual have donated funds to the SBDC.

The SBDC is located at the Omni Executive Building, 23830 Pacific Highway South, just across from Highline Community College's main campus, on Pacific Highway South near South 240th Street. The phone number is 206-878-3710, ext. 5151. Zev Siegl's email address is zsiegl@highline.edu.

King County Housing Repair Program

King County provides 0% interest housing repair loans to low and moderate-income homeowners. The program

also helps landlords make rental units accessible for handicapped, income-eligible tenants. These programs are funded by the City of Des Moines and King County and are administered by King County staff.

These loans can fund a wide variety of home repairs. Highest priority is given to health and safety repairs such as roof, plumbing, electrical and heat systems and septic systems, but other repairs may also qualify. Eligibility is determined by income. A family of four can earn up to \$56,000, which is 80% of King County median income. Income is adjusted by family size.

Call King County Housing Repair Program at 206-296-7640 to apply.



Citizen Input Invited On Greater Des Moines Comprehensive Plan

Des Moines is preparing updates to the Greater Des Moines Comprehensive Plan and your suggestions are encouraged. You can view the current Plan on the City's website (www.desmoineswa.gov).

Our Comprehensive Plan sets general policy regarding issues such as land use, transportation, housing, and protection of the environment.

The update process will culminate in adoption by the City Council, but public hearings will be held before any final decisions are made.

For more information, please call the Community Development Department at 206-870-7576.



Mt. Rainier Pool Spring and Summer Programs

—erving Des Moines, Normandy Park,
SeaTac and Highline
School District

206-824-4722
mtrainierpool.com

Make the Mt. Rainier Pool a regular stop this spring and summer to cool off and get some exercise. Bring the whole family to the pool during public and family swims – you'll be glad you did and the kids will love it!

Public Swim

Mt. Rainier Pool is currently running a public swim program. Check the schedule on the Mt. Rainier Pool website at mtrainierpool.com. The summer schedule is shown here for planning your summer events.

Water Exercise

Mt. Rainier Pool is proud to be the leader in South King County for water exercise programs with three water exercise instructors and 10 one-hour classes per week. Come in and sample the water exercise programs and leave feeling energized!

Swim School

The AMG Swim School brings its high standard swim education program to Mt. Rainier Pool this year with monthly enrollment and flexible signup times. You can count on the best trained teachers and a rigorous curriculum to assure your swimmer learns quickly and well. Visit AMGSwimSchool.com for more information on swim skill levels, enrollment times and the process for enrolling. Come join the fun, we look forward to seeing you!

Summer Swim League for Youth

For ages 6 to 14, this promises to be a great summer learning about swimming competition with the very best coaches and senior swimmers as guides.

Young swimmers will have the chance to improve their swimming skills, achieve some personal best efforts and experience the excitement of competitive swim meets.

Visit mtrainierpool.com for details.

Mt. Rainier Pool Schedule

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| | Lap Swim 5:30-7am | | Lap Swim 5:30-7am | KING Aquatic Club 6-8 am | Lap Swim 5:30-7am | |
| | | KING Aquatic Club 6-8 am | | | | |
| | Shallow Water Ex 8-9 am | Shallow Water Ex 8-9 am | Shallow Water Ex 8-9 am | Shallow Water Ex 8-9 am | Shallow Water Ex 8-9 am | KING Aquatic Club |
| | Lessons 9-11am | Lessons 9-11am | Lessons 9-11am | Lessons 9-11am | Lessons 9-11am | |
| | Available For Rental | | | | | |
| | Lap Swim & Lessons 11am-12pm | Lap Swim & Lessons 11am-12pm | Lap Swim & Lessons 11am-12pm | Lap Swim & Lessons 11am-12pm | Lap Swim & Lessons 11am-12pm | Lap Swim |
| | Family and Lap 12-1pm | Family and Lap 12-1pm | Family and Lap 12-1pm | Family and Lap 12-1pm | Family and Lap 12-1pm | Lap Swim / Lessons |
| | Public Swim 1pm-2pm | Public Swim 1pm-2pm | Public Swim 1pm-2pm | Public Swim 1pm-2pm | Public Swim 1pm-2pm | Public Swim 1pm-2pm |
| | | | | | | Available For Rental |
| | AMG Swim League 2:30-3:30 pm | Special Events 2:30-3:30 pm | AMG Swim League 2:30-3:30 pm | Special Events 2:30-3:30 pm | AMG Swim League 2:30-3:30 pm | |
| | King Aquatics & Lessons 4pm-5:30pm | King Aquatics & Lessons 4pm-5:30pm | King Aquatics & Lessons 4pm-5:30pm | King Aquatics & Lessons 4pm-5:30pm | King Aquatics & Lessons 4pm-5:30pm | |
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| | | Lap / Water Ex. 7-8 pm | | Lap / Water Ex. 7-8 pm | | |
| | Lap / Water Ex. 8-9 pm | Public Swim 8-9 pm | Lap / Water Ex. 8-9 pm | Public Swim 1pm-2pm | Lap / Water Ex. 8-9 pm | |

Pool Rentals

Mt. Rainier Pool rentals guarantee a great experience for your family birthday party or other special event. Call us at 206-824-4722 for details or visit our website at www.mtrainierpool.com.

What to Do Before a Burglar Comes Knocking

Statistics show that someday we will all be victims to some type of crime. However, there are some simple steps that can be taken to lessen the hardship of being victimized, or even lessen your chances of being a victim. Keep in mind that criminals look for easy targets. With this in mind, consider things you can do to avoid being an easy target.

- Be a good neighbor. Get to know your neighbors and ask them to keep an eye on your home and you do the same for them.
- If you haven't already, consider starting a Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood.
- Keep all doors and windows secure. Did you know that 1 in 5 vehicles broken into or stolen are entered through an unlocked door? And 1 in 10 homes that are burglarized are entered via an unlocked window. The best lock in the world is useless if it is not used.
- When landscaping your yard, remember that criminals hate to be seen. Privacy hedges and fences can give burglars just the privacy they need. Thorny shrubs planted below windows can help send criminals down the road.
- Carry only the credit cards that you use regularly.
- Keep valuable jewelry in a safe deposit box.
- When you see something suspicious, call 9-1-1. Police would rather respond to a "suspicious" call and prevent a burglary than take a victim report.

These tips will make you and your property less appealing to criminals. If you have crime prevention concerns or questions contact Community Service Officer Tonya Seaberry at 206-870-7619 or email at tseaberry@cityofdesmoines.com.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Approved the following ordinances:

- No. 1329 Adopting 2004 Property Tax Levy
- No. 1330 vacating a portion of 19th Ave. So. between S. 222nd & S. 223rd Streets
- No. 1331 adopting 2003 Budget amendments
- No. 1332 adopting 2003 Parks, Recreation & Senior Services Master Plan, a revised Park, Recreation & Open Space Element, new environmentally sensitive area maps, and a textual code amendment relating to Environmentally Sensitive Area maps
- No. 1333 adopting the 2004 Budget

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Towing and impound contract to RoadOne (Dick's Highline Towing)
- Interlocal Agreement with King County for I-Net Services
- Dept. of Community, Trade & Economic Development for \$30,000 Growth Management Grant
- Contract with E.D.S. Janitorial Services to provide building maintenance services

- Interlocal Agreement with King County relating to animal services
- Agreement with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers to provide consulting and preliminary design services for the Expanded Guest Moorage/Bulkhead Replacement Project at the Marina
- Agreements with King County for Youth Sports Facility Grants for improvements to Midway Park and Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park

Other Business

- Elected Bob Sheckler Mayor and Scott Thomasson Mayor Pro Tem for two year terms.
- Continued review of the SEPA Appeal and Unclassified Use Permit for "Zenith Viewpoint"
- Began review of the 2004-2009 Capital Improvement Plan
- Held Public Hearings on:
 - Adoption of the 2004 Budget
 - Adoption of 2004 Property Tax Levy
 - Street Vacation for a portion of 19th Ave. South between S 222nd and South 223rd Streets.

Beach Naturalists at Des Moines Beach Park Tideland

Beach Naturalists are local citizens who care about Puget Sound beaches and want to protect them. They are trained to help you enjoy the beach without harming it.

Naturalists will provide educational and exciting information to beachcombers at Des Moines Beach Park during low tide events on 12 weekends beginning in May.

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| Sat. May 22 | 12:00 noon-3:00 pm |
| Sun. May 23 | 12:30 am-3:30 pm |
| Sat. June 5 | 11:30 am-3:30 pm |
| Sun. June 6 | 12:00 noon-4:00 pm |
| Sat. June 19 | 11:30 am-2:30 pm |
| Sun. June 20 | 12:00 am-3:00 pm |

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| Sat. July 3 | 10:30 am-2:30 pm |
| Sun. July 4 | 11:00 am-3:00 pm |
| Sat. July 17 | 10:30 am-1:30 pm |
| Sun. July 18 | 11:00 am-2:00 pm |
| Sat. July 31 | 9:30 am-1:30 pm |
| Sun. August 1 | 10:00 am-2:00 pm |

Call Polly Freeman at 206-296-8359 or email polly.freeman@metrokc.gov for additional information. Beach Naturalist program sponsors include the Seattle Aquarium, King County Dept. of Natural Resources, Forums for WRIA 8 and 9, the King Conservation District and the Russell Family Foundation.

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