



## With Crime on the Rise, City Hopes to Restore Police Services with May 16 Levy Vote

Last year, the City of Des Moines saw a 10% increase in "Part One Crimes" over the previous year. Part One Crimes include the most serious offenses such as murder, rape, aggravated assault and significant property crimes like burglary, larceny and auto theft. This trend began to surface in 2000. That year, Part One Crimes numbered 1079. By 2005, these crimes had risen to 1542, a 42% increase. During the same period, 9-1-1 calls rose from 19,000 to 23,700.

Increased costs due to insurance, labor and fuel and the impact of statewide ballot initiatives that cut funding to local governments have forced the City to eliminate staff in many departments, including crime prevention. Since 1999, seven police officers, four community service officers and one records specialist, have been cut from law enforcement budgets.

It's had a significant impact on the City's ability to respond to the increase in crime. Prior to the cuts, crime rates were actually declining. From 1997 to 2000, when the Police Department was at full staffing, the number of Part One Crimes decreased 25% from 1434 to 1079.

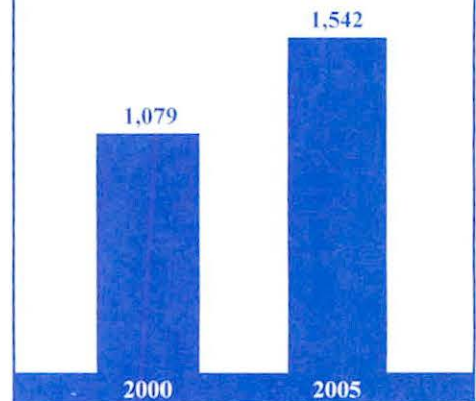
"We've done the best job we can -- in every department -- to tighten our belt and avoid disrupting services to our community," says City Manager Tony Piasecki. According to Police Chief Roger Baker, "Keeping people safe is all about having officers on patrol to deter crime, and readily available to quickly respond when someone calls."

To address the issue of a safer community, the City Council unanimously voted to ask Des Moines voters on May 16th if they want to restore police services to previous

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### Serious Crime Figures 2000-2005

Part One Crimes have increased 42% in 5 years.



Part One Crimes include murder, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft.

## Governor Gregoire to Present National Preservation Honor at Des Moines Beach Park!



Join us on April 14th at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the listing of **Covenant Beach Historic District** (at Des Moines Beach Park) 22030 Cliff Ave. So. on the National Register of Historic Places.

## DES MOINES DIRECTORY

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### City Council

Bob Sheckler, Mayor  
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### City Offices

City Attorney..... 206-870-6553  
City Clerk..... 206-870-6519  
City Manager..... 206-870-6541  
Comm. Development... 206-870-7576  
Engineering..... 206-870-6522  
Finance Director..... 206-870-6512  
Marina..... 206-824-5700  
Municipal Court..... 206-878-4597  
Parks..... 206-870-6559  
Police Department..... 206-878-3301  
Public Works..... 206-870-6559  
Recreation..... 206-870-6527  
Senior Services..... 206-878-1642

### Other Numbers

Emergency..... 911  
Animal Control..... 206-870-6549  
City Job Line..... 206-870-6593  
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

## Great Summer Activities Planned for Kids

Call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527 for information about upcoming programs and events for Summer 2006.

Programs and events to look forward to include Camp KHAOS/K2, Waterland 5K run, Waterland 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, Sports Camps, and the Youth Soccer League.

## May 16 Levy Vote *(continued from page 1)*

years' levels by "lifting the lid" on their property taxes. The ballot proposition would restore six officers, three community service officers, and one records specialist, and provide funds to upgrade police communication and crime prevention technology. The community service officers would provide a variety of prevention functions for the department, including crime analysis, police officer support, neighborhood watch support, crime reduction inspections, and crime reduction classes.

Lifting the levy lid would increase the City's regular property tax levy rate for 2007 from the current \$1.16 to \$1.60 per \$1,000 assessed valuation – the same rate it was in 2000, and authorize an annual levy rate "limit factor" for computing the maximum levy at 104% for each of the five succeeding years. Starting in 2013, the rate would be set according to RCW 84.55. On a home with an assessed valuation of \$250,000, homeowners would see a property tax increase of about \$9.17 per month (\$110/year) in 2007.

### What Will it Cost?

If the voters approve the levy, the owner of a \$250,000 home would see an additional annual property tax cost of \$110—or about \$9.17/month—in 2007.

### What the Proposed Levy Buys

6 new uniformed police officers  
3 community "crime prevention" officers  
1 additional criminal records officer  
Improved communications and crime prevention technology

Revenues generated by the difference between the current 101% levy limit and the proposed 104% levy limit will be placed in a Dedicated Police Services Fund for sole use on those services.

For additional information, please contact Police Chief Roger Baker 206-878-3301 or Finance Director Paula Henderson at 206-870-6512.

## Training Scheduled for Rental Property Owners and Managers

As a landlord or property manager you are required to obtain a City of Des Moines business license and a Crime Free Housing endorsement. Business license information is available from the Des Moines City Clerk's office at 206-870-6519. The Crime Free Housing endorsement is a three step process which includes the following:

- Landlord Training – This is a workshop to educate owners, managers, and leasing agents about the basics of property management and how to work with law enforcement to address concerns and problems.
- CPTED—*Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design*, involving an analysis of the rental property by a Des Moines Police Department CPTED specialist who will assist the property owner/manager in identifying areas which may pose a security or safety concern.

- Resident Safety Social – This is a community meeting based on the block watch concept to encourage a sense of community and to encourage residents to work together to keep their neighborhood safe.

Landlord training for step one is currently scheduled for the following dates:

June 29  
September 15  
November 14

All classes require pre-registration. To register, please contact CSO Tonya Seaberry at 206-870-7619. Please contact MPO Barry Sellers at 206-870-7616 or email him at [bsellers@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:bsellers@desmoineswa.gov) if you have questions about the program or the City ordinance.

## Why is a Permit Required for Installing a Hot Water Heater?

Since the invention of the automatic water storage heater by Edwin Ruud in 1889, hot water heating and storage has undergone many evolutions to arrive at the now relatively safe way of providing a continuous source of hot water to literally every home and business in the U.S. But this invention has been fraught with dangers over this history.

The development of the modern plumbing code was a response to these and other safety problems ensuring an acceptable level of safety to the people using this equipment.

This code requires a permit for the installation of a hot water tank. The role of the Des Moines Building Official is to enforce these safety regulations. The purchase of a City permit buys the holder a third party review of the installation by a City building inspector. If the installation is not correctly performed, the inspector will write corrections and return when the repair is completed. This accountability for plumbers and homeowners helps to ensure the safety of the building occupants.

## Earth Day Volunteers at Des Moines Beach Park!

On Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., an extraordinary effort will be undertaken to clean up the Des Moines Beach Park. Midway Crossing Starbucks Store Manager Lorraine Rawson will mobilize a volunteer group of local Starbucks baristas, friends and neighbors who will donate their time to weed, prune, plant, and weed some more!

Not only will the Des Moines Beach Park benefit from this volunteer effort, but through the Starbucks "Make Your Mark" program, the Des Moines Legacy Foundation will receive a donation of \$10 for every volunteer hour worked, up to \$1,000, which will be directed to the "Parks Fund" used to enhance City parks.

Midway Crossing Starbucks and friends are making a difference by investing in our community and committing to restore this wonderful historic park! For more information on this event, call 206-870-6547.

## City Council Adopts 2006 Budget

The 2006 budget was adopted by the City Council on December 29, 2005. The continuing strategy was to arrive at a sustainable budget for the General and Street funds, whereby recurring revenues are sufficient to cover recurring expenditures. Focusing on this strategy, the City Council requested staff to review options that reduced an initial deficit of approximately \$591,000 to \$246,000. Revenue estimates were reviewed for potential increases and new expenditure requests were cut. The following table provides a summary of the total 2006 budget for the General and Street Funds.

Item	Recurring	One-Time	Total
REVENUES			
Base	\$ 13,707,836	\$1,381,470	\$ 15,089,306
New	162,861		162,861
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 13,870,697</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,470</b>	<b>\$ 15,252,167</b>
EXPENDITURES			
Base	\$ 14,279,555	\$ 694,888	\$ 14,974,443
New	181,865	65,000	246,865
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 14,461,420</b>	<b>\$ 759,888</b>	<b>\$ 15,221,308</b>
EXCESS DEFICIT	\$ (590,723)	\$ 621,582	\$ 30,859
REVENUE ADJ	264,340	(76,840)	187,500
EXPENDITURE ADJ	80,512	(20,000)	60,512
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	\$ (245,871)	\$ 524,742	\$ 278,871
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 14,135,037</b>	<b>\$ 1,304,630</b>	<b>\$ 15,439,667</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 14,380,908</b>	<b>\$ 779,888</b>	<b>\$ 15,160,796</b>

The City's expectations for the future are to explore economic development opportunities to enhance the revenue base of the City. While this process proceeds, maintaining current service levels will continue to be problematic. Maintenance of the streets and park facilities will be limited. Public safety is a concern with police services limited in their ability to be proactive in reducing crime. The City Council and City staff remain committed to providing current service levels that are cost effective and efficient. As new resources become available, enhancements to existing services will occur that will improve the livability of the citizens of Des Moines.

## Highline Small Business Development Center

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) located at Highline Community College assists small and medium sized companies based in the City of Des Moines on issues related to:

- Marketing
- Exporting
- Forecasting
- Equity Funding
- Loan Applications
- Buildings/Equipment

During 2005, the Highline SBDC provided one-on-one counseling at no cost to more than 30 companies in Des Moines alone.

The SBDC is financially supported by the City of Des Moines and four other local cities plus King County, the Port of Seattle and Highline Community College. There is no charge for services.

To arrange individual counseling, call the SBDC at 206-878-3710 extension 5151 or contact them on line at [sbdc@highline.edu](mailto:sbdc@highline.edu).

Highline Community College also offers non credit introductory classes at its Center for Extended Learning in Des Moines. Call the Center at 206-870-3785, or go to <http://cel.highline.edu>.

## SPECIAL SPRING CLEAN COLLECTION EVENT

COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE PICKUP DAY  
APRIL 24 – 28, 2006



Tagged Bulky Items and Appliances  
Will Be Picked Up on  
April 24th or 25th (See Below)

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 24th or 25th. Collection of garbage, recyclables and yard waste will occur on your regular garbage service day between April 24th and April 28th for materials meeting the guidelines below. 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 and hot tubs will not be picked up.
- Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. paper 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 all bulky items must be pre-paid. Purchase your tag between April 10th and April 21st at the Des Moines Planning, Building, and Public Works Department, 21630 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Suite D. For information, call 206-870-7576 or visit the City website at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov).
- **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 or log onto King County's website at <http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/>.

## Beach Naturalists

2006



Beach Naturalists are local citizens who care about Puget Sound beaches and want to protect them. They have volunteered to help others learn and enjoy their beaches.

Beach Naturalists are trained to help you enjoy the beach without harming it. They know what seastars eat, why seaweed is slimy and which fish can sing!

On the dates listed below, look for Beach Naturalists at Des Moines Beach Park and other Northwest beaches.

May 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. is "Mayor's Day at the Beach". Des Moines Mayor Bob Shekler will join the fun at Des Moines Beach Park.

May 28, 10:30 am-2:30 pm; May 29, 11 am-3 pm; June 10, 9:30 am-1 pm; June 11, 10 am-2 pm; June 24, 9:30 am-1:30 pm; June 25, 10 am-2 pm; July 8, 9:30 am-12:30 pm; July 9, 10 am-1 pm; July 11, 11:30 am-3:30 pm; July 22, 9:30 am-1 pm; July 23, 10 am-1:30 pm.

For more information, call the Seattle Aquarium at 206-386-4365 or visit [www.seattleaquarium.org/conservation/beach](http://www.seattleaquarium.org/conservation/beach).

## Charter Boat Day Trips from Des Moines Marina!

The Des Moines Activity Center is pleased to announce summer day trips via charter boat from our very own Des Moines Marina! Browns Point Charters & Yacht will be sailing the *My Girl* for the following adventures at sea:

### July 11 - Downtown Seattle

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. - \$33

*My Girl* will dock at the Bell Harbor Marina at the base of Pike Place Market and close to the tram for the waterfront. Enjoy 4.5 hours exploring all that wonderful downtown Seattle has to offer, and what a scenic way to get there...by water! Cost includes escort and boat trip. Lunch on your own.



### July 25 - Poulsbo

8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - \$40

A two and a half hour cruise each way. Enjoy the scenic ride aboard *My Girl* and a day of lunch and shopping in the quaint town of Poulsbo. Great antique stores! Cost includes boat ride and escort. Lunch on your own.

### August 15 - Port Orchard

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - \$42

NEW this year, a cruise to the Port Orchard downtown waterfront. Four hours to enjoy lunch and browse a variety of shops. Cost includes escort and boat trip. Lunch on your own.

### New - Overnight Boat Trip!

LaConner - September 11-12

\$150 pp/do

We'll board at 8 a.m. for a four hour cruise through Puget Sound to the fishing town of LaConner to visit wonderful shops and restaurants! We'll arrive around 12:30 p.m. and depart the next day at 1 p.m. Cost includes boat tour, escort and hotel. Meals on your own.

Registration for these trips will begin in May. Call the Des Moines Activity Center at 206-878-1642 to make your reservation.



## Trash to Treasure Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, July 15  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Des Moines Activity Center

Would you like to turn your trash into someone else's treasure? Do you have handmade crafts to sell or extra plants you must get rid of? Here's your chance! Rent a parking space or an indoor space at the Des Moines Activity Center conveniently located next door to the post office on S. 216th St. and just three blocks from Pacific Highway at 2045 S. 216<sup>th</sup> St.

One six foot table will be provided to each vendor. Electricity is not provided indoors or outdoors. More tables and chairs may be rented. Jobs Daughters will provide a snack bar of quick foods and cold drinks for sellers and shoppers! The Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department will be advertising this sale throughout the community. We expect a GREAT crowd!

Please note – the Des Moines Activity Center is NOT accepting items for sale. You must purchase a space to sell items; the Center staff is not coordinating ANY items for sale. Items must be sold by an individual or group renting a space.

### Senior Prices (55 and older):

One indoor or outdoor space \$17  
Two indoor or outdoor spaces \$30

### Non-Senior Prices:

One indoor or outdoor space \$22  
Two indoor or outdoor spaces \$35

All proceeds from the trash to treasure booth rentals support the programs and services at Des Moines Senior Activity Center. Call 206-878-1642 for more details and a registration form. Forms are also available at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov).

## Spring Egg Hunt

Join in an old-fashioned Egg Hunt at Des Moines Beach Park on Saturday, April 15, from 9-11:00 a.m. There will be candy and prizes for every child for just \$2 per child. Separate hunting areas for Pre-School, K-3 and 4-6 grade children. The Easter Bunny will be on site for pictures in the Bunny Barn at \$2 per Polaroid photo. Don't miss it!



## Farmers Market Opening on the Des Moines Waterfront



Picture this: a wall of fresh strawberries, raspberries and blackberries; peaches, apples and pears; lettuce, tomatoes, broccoli and carrots all picked within twenty-four hours and grown in environmentally sustainable ways that are good for our health and the land. On Saturday, June 17, the first ever Washington State farmers market dedicated to good stewardship of our environment and your health is set to open down at the Des Moines Marina. Pick up fresh, nutritious foods grown by local family stewardship farms every Saturday between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. from June 17 – October 28. The market will feature up to thirty vendors with a bounty of freshly harvested products direct from the farm, fresh cut flowers, and a handful of unique local crafts. Plus, we'll have fun family events and deliciously healthy

lunch foods for you to sit down and enjoy all summer long.

The Des Moines City Council approved entering into a partnership with Farming and the Environment, a Washington non-profit organization, which allows for the use of the South Marina Park as the Farmers Market location. Des Moines citizens Ethel Bell, Julie Conklin, Janise Disbrow, Jane Ipsen, Debra Jackson, Dianne Jacobson, Rikki Marohl, Aileen McCaughan, Carol McPherson, Kathie Muhlbeier, Liz Sanborn, and Kim Trapp are assisting Farming and the Environment with the Farmers Market start up.

For more information call Market Organizer Wendie Dyson at 206-622-1340, or visit their website at [www.FarmingandtheEnvironment.org](http://www.FarmingandtheEnvironment.org).

## Before and After School Program

Quality before and after school child care is available for K-6th grade children living in the Des Moines service area and Woodmont Elementary students. Your children will have a blast with exciting games, creative activities, arts and crafts and yummy snacks! Plus, time is set aside each afternoon for homework! The program is held at Des Moines, Parkside, North Hill, Marvista, Midway and Woodmont Elementary Schools. For more information, call Des Moines Park and Recreation at 206-870-6527.

## Des Moines Sports Night Dinner and Auction May 13th

Mark your calendar for the 4th Annual Des Moines Sports Night Dinner and Auction on Saturday, May 13th, from 6-9 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center. Help raise funds for scholarships for underprivileged youth in the Greater Des Moines community. Tickets are available at the Des Moines Field House at a cost of \$40 for individuals or \$300 for a table of eight. For more information, please call 206-870-6527.

## Two City Departments Combined

It's been nine months since the City's Community Development and Public Works departments were combined and Grant Fredricks was hired as the new director. By most accounts, the reorganization is accomplishing two of its primary goals: creating sustainable budget savings and improving City permitting.

The department's goals are to make Des Moines a great place to live, work and have fun, with a business friendly reputation, and a City government known for great customer service, efficiency and wise use of resources.

Streamlining and improving City permitting is the department's top priority. The Des Moines Leadership Summit also identified Improving and Streamlining Permitting as one of the most needed city improvements.

Fifteen community members representing a variety of developer, real estate and neighborhood interests have been working closely with the department to identify ways to reduce applicant time and cost and improve service accountability. Many Des Moines building permit holders have already noticed the positive changes. And there's more on the way.

Increasing the level of public investment in the City's streets, accelerating economic development and continuing to improve the efficiency of City staff are also among the department's priorities.

## Residential and Business Alarm Users

As a required by Des Moines City ordinance, ALL residential and business burglary, hold up, and panic alarms must be registered with the Des Moines Police Department. Registration forms and a brochure can be obtained on the City of Des Moines web site at:

[www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov)

by clicking on the forms section, or calling the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301.

The registration is required annually and the cost is \$25 per year. Currently there is a penalty of \$200 for failing to register your alarm. For additional information, please contact MPO Barry Sellers at 206-870-7616 or email [bsellers@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:bsellers@desmoineswa.gov).

## Marine View Drive Bridge Construction Update

After eight months, the west half of the road is almost complete. This phase involved drilling more than 50 shafts ranging from 3 to 5 feet in diameter down nearly 85 feet. These shafts serve as the bridge supporting abutments and retaining walls for the under crossing. In early February the first half of the bridge deck and the north-westerly wing wall were poured. Work in March consisted of pouring more concrete on the west side including the west sidewalk, relocating several utilities to the underside of the new bridge deck, and constructing the bridge approaches.

Once this stage is complete, traffic will be diverted to the new bridge area so that the east half of the bridge deck can be built, which is expected to take 3-4 months.

If all goes smoothly, the road will be restored and Memorial Park (the traffic island) reconstructed by July 31. Work will then be shifted to Des Moines Beach Park for removal of 12,000 cubic yards of fill material from under the new bridge creating a new corridor for the Des Moines Creek Trail, Midway Sewer District's new sewer outfall pipe (located below the trail) and Des Moines Creek.

The project was originally scheduled to be complete by June. What caused delay to the project is the January landslide that occurred on the north slope of the ravine, adjacent to the project. None of the construction work triggered the landslide, but slide debris slid into the work area below the bridge, clogging the storm system serving the project, and it took several days to remove. The slide also undermined the westerly Marine View Drive sidewalk and the retaining wall holding up the westerly travel lane. Before moving to east side of the bridge, a temporary slide repair will be needed to secure both the sidewalk and retaining wall in order to transfer the traffic onto the west half of the road.

Calls or questions may be directed to the Des Moines Planning, Building and Public Works Department at 206-870-6522, or Project Manager Loren Reinhold at 206-870-6524. Thank you for your continued patience during this difficult project.



*Looking east from Des Moines Beach Park.*

## Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Des Moines Planning, Building and Public Works Department is looking for volunteers to help with the following tasks:

- Assist Code Enforcement with file administration, typing, mailing notices, etc.
- Organize archive records for the Building, Development Services and Transportation Divisions
- File and enter data for the Transportation Division

**Qualifications:** Basic office skills, typing, phones, greeting public, strong attention to detail, basic knowledge of recordkeeping techniques, ability to file and enter data into computer system accurately as directed. Computer experience helpful; specifics can be taught for each activity. Adherence to City policies; ability to sit, stand, reach, bend and stoop; ability to successfully pass a background check.

**Contact:** Barbara Wagner at 206.870.6535 or Linda Wright at 206.870.6525 for volunteer application packet.

## Heavy Rains Brings Landslides

Midwinter heavy rains caused two significant landslides and numerous other minor slides throughout the City. The two major slides occurred on the west side of Marine View Drive just north of the Marine View Drive Bridge construction project and on the east side of Des Moines Memorial Drive about 500 feet north of the flag pole triangle. Both were due to oversaturated ground conditions.

On Marine View Drive, the slide pulled apart a major storm water trunk line causing hillside scour, undermining the existing road retaining wall and sidewalk. Several hundred yards of slide debris were removed and a new storm pipe was installed. Temporary repairs to the retaining wall and sidewalk to allow the bridge work to continue on schedule are being planned. A permanent repair will be made when weather allows. The bridge project did not trigger the slide.

On Des Moines Memorial Drive the road shoulder failed creating a four to six foot drop at the pavement edge. Temporary barriers were placed above the slide, and City staff continues to monitor the road surface for signs of movement. Staff and consultants are also evaluating this site for a needed repair. The repair may require the installation of a soldier pile wall type system, probably in the spring or summer.

A minor slide also occurred at the southerly approach to the Saltwater Bridge on Marine View Drive causing settlement at the bridge approach. King County Roads Services made the repair under City contract. Another minor slide caused the road to bulge upward on S. 250th Street, east of 16th Avenue South. City crews have placed safety cones in the vicinity and will make the road repairs when the weather allows.

## 16th Avenue South Improvement Project - Phase I

The City of Des Moines Planning, Building and Public Works Department, is working with consultant KPG, Inc. to design improvements for 16th Ave. S. extending from S. 260th St. to S. 272nd St. The project involves numerous safety improvements



*Left turn lanes and signals at intersections; replace paths with sidewalks.*

including curbs, gutters, sidewalks, crosswalks, left turn lanes and traffic signal improvements as well as relocation of utilities in the corridor. Highline Water and Midway Sewer Districts are partnering with the City to simultaneously upgrade water and sewer utilities in the corridor and along portions of selected side streets.

Relocation of overhead utilities is scheduled to begin this spring followed by gas, sewer, water, drainage and roadway improvements.

Woodmont Avenue, at its intersection with 16th Avenue S., will be regraded to improve eastbound, right turning vehicular movements. It is anticipated that construction will span two construction seasons into 2007.

Property owners along the roadway will be directly contacted for permission to match existing properties with newly constructed walls, sidewalks and streets. A limited amount of right-of-way will be required for retaining walls and improving road curves.



*Define driveways adding curb, gutter, sidewalks and bike lane.*

All interested citizens are encouraged to learn more about the project. Project engineering staff is available to describe improvements and answer questions. While the project has been in design for several years, funding has now been budgeted to allow the project to advance into construction. For further information call 260.870.6522 or e-mail the City at [lmadsen@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:lmadsen@desmoineswa.gov).

## Are you a Conscientious Dog Owner?



Are you concerned that at some point your dog may snap and bite at someone? Des Moines Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson's statistics show that 19 out of 20 dog bites occur by unaltered male dogs that have not been obedience trained and have not been properly socialized. Any dog has the potential to bite, but those three factors have been shown time and time again to contribute to unprovoked dog bites to humans.

Reduce the chances of your dog biting someone by:

- Having your male dog neutered
- Taking your dog to obedience training
- Socializing your dog

## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Approved the following Ordinances:

- 1367 submitting to voters increasing property tax levy to restore funds for essential law enforcement services
- 1368 relating to Surface Water Management drainage service charges and apply an inflation adjustment
- 1369 2006 property taxes
- 1370 authorizing increase in 2006 property taxes
- 1371 designating and amending Comprehensive Plan Land Use Map
- 1372 rezoning property from Community Commercial and Single Family to Townhouse
- 1373 adopting budget for 2006

Approved the following Resolutions:

- 996 approving Collective Bargaining Agreement with Des Moines Police Guild for 1/1/05-12/31/07
- 997 approving Agreement with Teamsters Local 763 for 1/1/05-12/31/07
- 998 approving Water District No. 54 2004 Small Water System Management Program
- 999 approving a boundary relocation agreement with City of SeaTac
- 1000 declaring 10/27/05 a day of remembrance for life of Rosa Parks
- 1001 adopting agreement with Employee Negotiation and Advisory Committee for 1/1/05-12/31/07
- 1002 ratifying the Water Resource Inven-

- tory Area 9 Salmon Habitat Plan
- 1003 adopting a 'Retiree Health Savings Plan' for employees
- 1004 adoption Capital Improvement Plan for 2006-2011
- 1005 authorizing emergency work for two landslides

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- 24th Ave S/S 216th Street Signalization Construction Management Services to DKS Assoc. \$46,498
- Beach Park Auditorium Project, Architectural & Engineering Services, to BNOLA Corp. \$65,122
- Street Sweeping Contract for 2005-2008 to McDonough & Sons \$97,830.48
- Construction contract for 2005 Arterial Maintenance Program to Tucci & Sons, Inc. \$601,584
- Des Moines Activity Center Exterior Improvement Project to Mayer Construction \$53,318
- Interlocals for Jail Services with cities of Auburn, Renton and Fife
- Interlocal with Highline School District for a School Resource Officer for 9/1/05-6/30/07
- Interlocal with City of SeaTac & King County for cooperative efforts to address regional crime
- Interlocal with King County for provision of fire investigation services

- Interlocal with Tukwila for provision of tourism and marketing services
- Agreement for services with Regional Commission on Airport Affairs for 2006
- Contract with Smith Alling Lane for federal government lobbying services

Other Business

- Established a Marina Rate Citizens Ad Hoc Advisory Committee
- Elected Bob Sheckler Mayor, and Scott Thomasson Mayor Pro Tem for 2006-2007
- Received "Best City Project Award" for Pacific Highway South Project by WA State Dept. of Transportation
- Approved 100% of Hotel/Motel Tax Revenues to membership with Seattle Southside Visitor Services
- Confirmed City Manager's reappointment of Colleen Hartl as Municipal Court Judge for a four year term.

Held Public Hearings on:

- 2004/2005 Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- "Mitchell" Comp Plan amendment and Rezone request
- Highline Community College Shoreline Conditional Substantial Development Permit
- 2006 Budget
- Shoreline Master Program Update

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