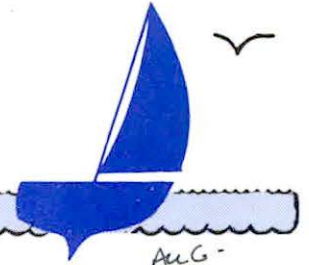


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Metro Bus Service Planned for Senior Center

Thanks to the hard work of the Des Moines City Council, County Councilman Chris Vance, and Des Moines Senior Services Advisory Committee representative Keith Noess, METRO is providing bus service to the Senior Center at Des Moines Beach Park.

Route 189 will begin service to the Senior Center on September 18. The vehicle will be an 18-passenger transvan with a wheelchair lift. Hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. More details on the new routes serving Des Moines will be available soon.

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City Hall Remodeling Project

Des Moines City Service Center, 21630 11th Ave. S., is currently undergoing an overhaul. The former police building has been torn down and a new building housing City offices will be constructed on the old slab.

The current City Hall buildings which house City offices, Council Chambers and municipal court are being improved with new roofs and architectural changes to blend with the new building. The project includes a new courtyard, signage and improved handicapped access throughout the complex.

Regular City Hall services, Council meetings and Municipal Court are continuing uninterrupted during construction. A separate temporary entrance has been constructed and on-street parking is available. The parking lots along 11th Avenue South will be reopened as soon as possible. The project is scheduled for completion in March of 1999.

The new 6,100 square foot building will house the City's Community Development Department which is now located in the Bayview office building a few blocks away at 805 South 219th Street. The Legal Department will also have offices in the new building, although Municipal Court will continue to be held in the Council Chambers.

The \$1.6 million project is being funded through councilmanic bonds, which are repaid from the City's general fund. No new taxes or fees were imposed to pay for the project.



New roofs are being constructed on the existing buildings to blend architecturally with the new building being constructed on the site of the former police station.

DES MOINES DIRECTORY

City Hall, 21630 11th Ave. S.
206-878-4595

Business Hours: Monday - Friday
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Municipal Court206-878-4597
Parks206-870-6556
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Recreation206-870-6527
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Library206-824-6066
Marina206-824-5700
City Job Line206-870-6593
City Web Page:
www.ci.des-moines.wa.us

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. Des Moines "City Current" newsletter also appears on the web site. The address is:

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City Council Strategic Objectives 1999-2000

1. Continue the legal and political efforts to keep the third runway from being built and minimize adverse airport impacts on Des Moines such as ongoing operations, expansion, support facilities development, environmental impacts and truck and passenger car traffic.
2. Provide and maintain an effective local and regional transportation infrastructure.
 - Review and update the Transportation Comprehensive Plan including regional integration.
 - Build Highway 99 infrastructure.
 - Define a preferred plan for SR509, including 16th Avenue South arterial.
3. Expand citizen participation in city government. Promote:
 - Participation of diverse populations and opinions.
 - A sense of cohesive community identity and responsibilities, while fostering the character of individual neighborhoods.
 - Positive opportunities for citizen participation in decision-making.
4. Increase and develop facilities for active recreation.
 - Continue to develop city-school joint use and field improvements including Community College linkages.
 - Continue property acquisition and long-range development for sports fields.
 - Connect recreation facilities (trails).
 - Provide bike and walking routes.
 - Explore and develop marine recreational opportunities.
5. Improve and expand community facilities including a community/senior center and marina.
6. Maintain the peace and security of the community by aggressively deterring criminal activity through community-based policing, urban design and effective prosecution and court systems.
7. Continue fiscal strength by initiating long-range fiscal and economic planning.
8. Update and rewrite zoning and other land use implementation codes.
9. Preserve and enhance passive recreation venues, e.g. greenbelts, stream corridors, viewpoints, and open spaces.
10. Preserve and enhance our local authority and autonomy.
11. Redevelop the Highway 99 corridor including the Northeast Neighborhood utilizing comprehensive planning, zoning, crime prevention initiatives, improved transportation and economic development.
12. Expand to the full extent of the potential annexation area and establish logical boundaries with adjoining cities.

* The above objectives were developed by the City Council at its June retreat.

City Conducts Feasibility Study for Improvements along 6th Avenue South

The City will be developing designs and cost estimates for potential street improvements along 6th Avenue and adjacent side streets between the Marina and the central business district. This is in response to an interest in improvements expressed by property owners along 6th Avenue South between South 220th Street and South 227th Street.

The improvements that are being considered include curbs, gutters, sidewalks, landscaping and undergrounding of overhead utility lines. The proposed improvements will be designed to create a residential streetscape with traffic calming elements to control traffic volumes and speed. The result should unify this downtown neighborhood and provide for a pedestrian-friendly environment. The property owners and the City working together will choose the final design elements.

The City will be funding the initial feasibility study; however the further design and construction will need to be funded by the adjacent property owners in the improvement area. The City will assist the property owners in forming a Local Improvement District (LID) which would make available long-term financing of the improvements at the City bond interest rates. Also, since the City owns an 80-foot right of way for the street, it may be possible to turn back up to 10 feet of right of way on each side of the street to the abutting property owners. The City will form this LID only if the property owners, who would pay for the improvements, indicate they are willing to proceed.

The City will work with the property owners and interested citizens through a series of open houses and meetings. The first open house is scheduled for mid-September at a site in the 6th Avenue neighborhood. As soon as a site can be reserved, notices will be sent to all property owners in the improvement area.

City is Becoming Friendlier Toward Pedestrians

Recent concerns from citizens about crosswalk safety on Marine View Drive have brought improvements by the City of Des Moines. Des Moines Police are enforcing pedestrian right of way at crosswalks, Public Works has extended the time for the walk signal, and crosswalk signs are being placed at two locations on Marine View Drive to remind motorists of pedestrian crossings. The City is also reviewing the addition of a crosswalk at 236th and Marine View Drive.



Motorists are reminded that at any crosswalk drivers must stop when pedestrians are trying to cross.

Help make Des Moines a safer place to walk; drivers and pedestrians must work together, respecting the rights of each.

Pedestrian Bridge Provides Access to Des Moines Creek Trail

Work was recently completed on a new pedestrian bridge that links a Des Moines neighborhood to the Des Moines Creek Trail. The connector trail begins at the street end at South 212th Street and 15th Avenue South. It extends approximately 1/4 mile to the new bridge and the main trail on the other side of the creek.



**Tuesdays, 7 PM**

Des Moines Beach Park,
22030 Cliff Ave. S.

**QUICHUA MASHIS**

Tuesday, August 4

Quichua Mashis

Tuesday, August 11

Odd Men Out

Tuesday, August 18

Ladies Don't Drum

In the event of uncooperative weather, Tuesday evening and Wednesday noon concerts will be moved inside the Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. If you want to check the location call (206) 870-6527.

Wednesdays, noon

Des Moines Beach Park,
22030 Cliff Ave. S.

Wednesday, August 5

Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth

Wednesday, August 12

Toby Wessel

Wednesday, August 19

Sirens of Swing

**SIRENS OF SWING**

*Special Performance at
Masonic Retirement Center
23660 Marine View Dr. S.
Aug. 19, 12 noon*

WEDNESDAY CONCERTS AT WOOTON PARK

Wednesday evening concerts begin at 7 P.M. and are at Wooton Park in Redondo (across from Salty's).

Wednesday, Aug. 5
The Tuba Company

Wednesday, Aug. 12
Islanders

**ISLANDERS****'Safe Kids' Program Offered for Children**

Children ages 4-7 are invited to participate in this fun and informative safety mini-camp. A variety of safety topics will be covered including: How to Identify a Police Officer, Street Signs and Crossing Streets Safely, Bicycle Safety, Stranger Danger, Poison & Drug Safety, Fire Safety, and other topics. Children will make creative arts and crafts projects and participate in group games that will help to reinforce the safety concepts presented to them.

Instructors will include Des Moines Park and Recreation Department Staff, Des Moines Police Department Community Service Officers and Special Units, and Firefighters from King County Fire Districts 2 and 26. The program will be held Aug. 10 - 14, 9 a.m. - noon at the Field House, 1000 S. 220th. The week will be wrapped up on Friday, August 11 with a special graduation ceremony for class participants, their family and friends. Cost is \$40. For information and registration please call the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department at (206) 870-6527.

Before School, After School Programs Available

Ongoing, school-year programs are being offered for kindergarten through 6th grade Des Moines area elementary school students. The program is operated in cooperation with the Highline and Federal Way School Districts and takes place at Des Moines Elementary, 22001 9th Ave. S. and Woodmont Elementary at 26454 16th Ave. S. Programs operate whenever school is in session. The Before School Program cost is \$80 per month, runs from 7 - 9 a.m., and a breakfast snack is served. The After School Program cost is \$100 a month, runs from 3 - 6 p.m. with early release days included, and a snack is served. Please call (206) 870-6527 for more information.

THIRD RUNWAY

ACC is continuing the third runway fight in the courts. On June 23, Judge Robert H. Alsdorf heard arguments from the Airport Communities Coalition (ACC) and the Port of Seattle regarding the inadequacy of the Port's EIS for the proposed third runway. Unfortunately, Judge Alsdorf did not rule in the ACC's favor. This decision is just the first step in a long line of legal proceedings. It was long ago decided that the losing party in the ACC's case against the Port would appeal. The ACC Executive Committee will make a decision on an appeal to the Washington State Court of Appeals this summer.

Judge Alsdorf's decision does not alter the course of legal actions that can, and will, be pursued by the ACC. We remain committed to the view that a third runway at Sea-Tac is much too costly for our region, in terms of actual dollars and to our environment. The legal battle is a long way from over.

On other fronts, in mid-June, Governor Gary Locke invited ACC Chair John L. Rankin to meet with him and Port of Seattle Commission President Gary Grant to explore the possibility of resolving the third runway issue outside of the courtroom. At this meeting, the Governor requested that the two sides participate in facilitated discussions. Rankin has begun to attend meetings with Grant and has agreed to limited future meetings. An important point to remember is that these are facilitated discussions; the ACC Executive Committee will keep their communities fully informed if these discussions produce any results.

The ACC's opposition to the Port's plans remains as strong as ever. The ACC still has several good legal options – both in court and before state and federal agencies – that we are pursuing with vigor. The third runway is far from a done deal. The ACC communities have been fighting this battle for almost 10 years and have delayed the project for a long, long time. We will continue to fight for as long as it takes.



SURFACE WATER NEWS



10th Avenue Culvert Replacement and Street Improvement Project

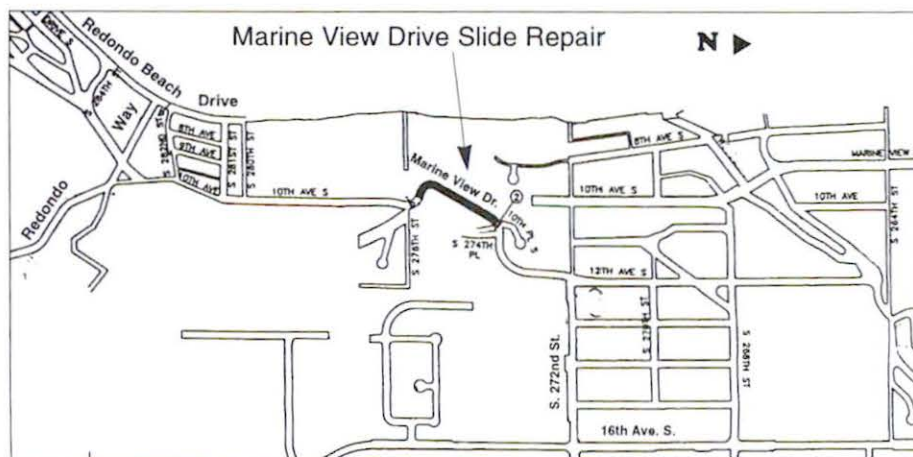
The intersection located at Kent-Des Moines Road, South 230th Street and 10th Avenue South will be under construction from mid-July until the end of November. The six-legged intersection is being reconstructed into two separate intersections as part of a transportation safety improvement and to replace an undersized culvert that conveys Massey Creek under the intersection. Currently, the existing culvert allows storm water to backup and flood the intersection during major storm events. Replacing the existing culvert will be two new "box culverts" that are sized to convey a 100-year frequency storm, increasing the capacity of the culverts by 250%. The existing land area between the culverts will be graded down and restored as a stream channel. Included in the project will be the undergrounding of overhead utilities, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lighting, handrailing, stream and fisheries enhancements, and the planting of trees and shrubs.

Both 10th Avenue and 230th Street will be closed on the south side of Kent-Des Moines Road. Traffic will be detoured around the site via South 234th Place and South 232nd Street. A project sign will be posted with the approximate closing and re-opening dates.

Marine View Drive Slide Repair Project

The repair work on Marine View Drive between South 274th Place and South 276th Street is scheduled to begin mid-July. A new 150 foot long pile-wall will be constructed on the west side of the road beginning just north of the hair pin curve where Marine View Drive meets 10th Avenue South (see map below). The wall is being used to structurally support the road and to minimize the likelihood of the further sliding activity. Included in the project will be the undergrounding of overhead utilities from 10th Place to just north of South 276th Street. The undergrounding work was expected to begin in mid-July and last approximately three weeks. Following the undergrounding, the wall work will begin and continue through September.

Because the construction of the wall will require large crane equipment, storage and fabricating, and for public safety purposes, Marine View Drive will be closed for all traffic between South 276th Street and 274th Street. "Road Closure Ahead" signs will be placed at the intersection of 272nd and 16th, on Redondo Way, Dash Point Road and 1st Avenue S. to intercept commuter traffic (see map below). Traffic control flaggers will also be made available at those locations during the first two days of closure. A project sign will be posted with the approximate closing and re-opening dates. Please note that the dates are tentative and could change.



Plastic Compost Bins Available for \$15

If you end up drowning in autumn leaves or your grass clippings pile up, the City has put together a COMPOST BIN DISTRIBUTION EVENT that can help you out. Thanks to grants from King County Solid Waste Division and the Washington Department of Ecology, Des Moines will be offering residents a large capacity, 21 cubic foot compost container for \$15, which is a savings of 82 percent off the retail price. The event will be held at the south end of the Marina's parking lot on Saturday, **September 19, 9am - 3pm** (or until we run out of bins).

The compost bins are an attractive green circular design (3 feet in diameter) that save space and are rodent and canine resistant. They are made of plastics collected from the community's Curbside Recycling Program. Free composting workshops will be held throughout the day and educational materials will be distributed along with the compost bins.

The City plans to distribute 790 compost bins at this one-day event. We would like everyone who wants a bin to get one, so there will be a limit of one per household. A special flyer will be sent to all single family residents a few weeks prior to the event. Watch for the flyer and make sure you save it. You will need to bring the flyer and your driver's license as proof of residency. For those of you who want a second bin, you can sign up and if there are any left over by the end of the day, the City will notify you on a first come first served basis.

Remember, "The Early Bird Gets The Worm" or in this case the Compost Bin. Keep your eyes open for the flyer and watch Channel 28 for additional notification. If you have any questions, please call the City's Recycling Coordinator at (206) 870-6565.



The 21 cubic foot composting bin is made of recycled plastic.

Senior Center Computer Lab Wins Awards

Des Moines Senior Center's state-of-the-art computer lab has been the recipient of two awards. In cooperation with Mt. Rainier High School technology students, the computer lab project won the King County Generations United Hand in Hand Award. The award recognizes intergenerational projects that bring communities together. The Association of Washington Cities honored the computer lab project with a 1998 Municipal Achievement Award.

In May, the senior center and Mt. Rainier High School were host to Microsoft's filming of a portion of their Route 98 video to introduce the new Microsoft Windows 98 software.

The computer lab consists of eight computers with CD-ROM, a color scanner, laser printer, color printer, Internet and e-mail access. Lab hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is a suggested donation of \$1 per visit. For information on Senior Center computer classes, please call (206) 878-1642.

Redondo Community Garage Sale Aug. 8

The Redondo Community Club, in cooperation with the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department, is sponsoring a community garage sale on Saturday, August 8. Proceeds from this event will benefit Wooton Park. Anyone interested in donating items can bring them to the park at 7:30 a.m. The sale will start promptly at 9 a.m. For more information, please call Susan White at (253) 941-4112. This is another City of Des Moines CORPS Volunteer project.

POLICE DEPT.

National Night Out is Tuesday, Aug. 4

On Tuesday, August 4, neighborhoods throughout Des Moines are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 15th Annual "National Night Out".

National Night Out is a crime/drug prevention event, which is designed to (1) heighten crime and drug-prevention awareness; (2) generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts; (3) strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships; and (4) send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back!

From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on August 4, citizens of Des Moines and across the nation are being asked to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods throughout Des Moines will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, annual blockwatch meetings, cookouts and visits from the Des Moines Police Department.

"National Night Out" is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the Des Moines Police Department. In all, over 9,000 communities from all 50 states will be involved in this year's event.

This is an extraordinary event, which leads to a bond between neighbors and communities. It develops a working partnership with local law enforcement. We invite you to take an active stand against crime in your neighborhood and join us in celebrating "National Night Out" on August 4, from 7 - 10 p.m.

If you would like more information or would like to register your neighborhood, call Des Moines Police Community Service Office, (206) 878-3301.



DES MOINES UNIVERSITY

1998 Summer/Fall Quarter

August 5 - Disaster Preparedness

Is your family ready for an emergency? Come to this informative workshop to learn about basic disaster preparation procedures that can help prepare you and your loved ones in the event of a disaster.

September 2 - Home and Neighborhood Safety

Experts from the Des Moines Police Department will offer suggestions on how to keep yourself and your property safe. Information will also be available on security lighting and block watch set-up and implementation. Learn how small changes in your automobile use can lead to safer and less congested neighborhood streets. The CarSmart/CarSafe program is a fun way to make a difference in your own neighborhood.

October 7 - Fire Safety

October is Fire Safety Month! In this session you will learn general fire prevention techniques and how to evaluate and correct the potential "hot spots" in your home.

November 4 - Arm Yourself Against Con Artists

The holiday season should be a time of celebration. Learn how to protect yourself from fraud, credit card fraud, and other scams during the holidays and throughout the year. Don't become a victim! Be security conscious and protect your financial welfare.

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PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES

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_____ Name

_____ Telephone Number

_____ Address

_____ City, State and Zip Code

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

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

CITY COUNCIL



Scott Thomasson
Mayor



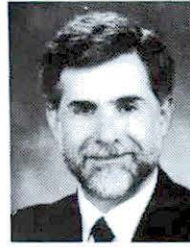
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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Passed the following ordinances:

- Ord. 1212 creating a Local Improvement District.
- Ord. 1213 amending DMMC 10.16.050, regulating parking of oversized vehicles on City streets.
- Ord. 1214 authorizing a 1998 Limited Obligation Bond Sale
- Ord. 1215 & 1216 approving a street Vacation – 11th Avenue South between 251st-252nd and a Portion of South 251st Street.
- Ord. 1217 adopting State Environmental Policy Act amendments.
- Ord. 1218 amending the CC zone classification.
- Ord. 1219 amending the Street Development Standards to add Traffic Calming Devices.

Passed the following resolutions:

- Res. 844 approving a preliminary plat for 18 single family lots.
- Res. 845 authorizing the 1998 Haunted House.

- Res. 846 authorizing the 1998 Waterland Festival.
- Res. 847 authorizing a property tax reduction via King County Public Benefit Rating System for Open Space Taxation.
- Res. 848 Adoption the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the years 1998-2004.

Awarded the following contracts/agreements/bids:

- Professional engineering services for design of the Barnes Creek Detention Facility to Kramer, Chin and Mayor, Inc. for \$104,584.
- Field House Roof Replacement to Mikes Roofing in the amount up to \$79,278.
- Construction of the South Wing Building and City Hall Remodel to Jones Roberts Company for \$1,192,600.
- Construction of the 1998 Arterial Maintenance Project to Western Asphalt Inc., for

\$262,099.35.

- Contract with King County and Department of Ecology for services for a compost bin distribution event.
- Professional Engineering Services for updating the Des Moines Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan to R. W. Beck, Inc. for \$79,956.
- Professional Engineering Design Services for the 7th Avenue Local Improvement District Project to Harding Lawson Assoc. Infrastructure for \$24,322.
- Professional Engineering Construction Manager Services for the Des Moines Creek Trail Project with Harding Lawson Assoc. Infrastructure for \$26,933.
- 6th Avenue South Feasibility Study to Kato & Warren Inc. for \$40,482.41.
- Approved the North Hill Rights-of-way, Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan.

Upcoming Events

August 6:

City Council Public Hearing – 1999 Block Grant Applications

City Council Discussion – Pacific Highway South Urban Design Approval

City Council 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan Review

September 3:

City Council Discussion – Highway Commercial Zoning Amendments

City Council Discussion – Potential Regulations/Licensing of Cats

September 10:

City Council Review of 1999 Proposed Budget

October 22:

City Council Public Hearing – Highway Commercial Zoning Amendments

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