



City Faces Revenue Shortfalls from I-695

The City of Des Moines is one of the cities most affected by the passage of I-695 and will lose \$2,779,000 in revenue annually. The City Council is examining a series of reductions and revenue options to balance the year 2000 budget as required by law by the end of December.

The City's annual paving and sidewalk program is immediately impacted by the loss of \$397,000 in Motor Vehicle Excise Tax funds dedicated for roads. This will reduce the amount of the annual pavement overlay program by over half, from about 4 miles a year to 1.5 to 2.

These reductions still leave approximately \$2.4 million (out of an operating budget of \$11 million) in either service reductions or increased revenues necessary to balance the 2000 budget. Revenue options include building, park, and marina fees, and possible increases in utility and property taxes. Additional service reductions being

studied include parks, recreation, senior, police, street maintenance and support services.

One major option being studied is whether to request voter approval for an increase in utility taxes to support continuation of police, park, recreation, senior and street services near current levels. With budget deadlines approaching, the City Council is expected to take final action on these issues by early to mid December.

While not counting on any quick "bail out" from Olympia, City Manager Bob Olander has stated that, "We will be working closely with our local legislators to determine what, if any, replacement revenues can be made available. I-695 affects cities like Des Moines and Normandy Park much more than other cities or county agencies. It is only equitable that the state help those cities and citizens most affected."



Standing in front of the new bus stop are Rotarians (from left) Jerry McCullough, Jim Polhamus, Michael Allan, Sue Padden (Senior Center Manager), Virg Staiger, Patrice Thorell, Matt Klewin and Susan Goegebuer.

Des Moines Rotary Builds Bus Stop

The Des Moines Rotary Club has recently completed the design and construction of a covered bus stop for riders of Metro Bus 189 to and from Des Moines Beach Park. Seniors who visit the senior center and residents who wish to enjoy the beautiful Beach Park are now provided with a covered shelter while waiting for the bus. The City of Des Moines, Park and Recreation and the Senior Center appreciate all the hard work given by Des Moines Rotary to our community.

Argosy Christmas Ship & Bonfire Dec. 5

The annual bonfire will be held at the Des Moines Beach Park on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 5-6 p.m. Join holiday-spirited folk and enjoy complimentary cookies, hot cider, and hot cocoa. The Argosy Christmas Ship will anchor off shore in front of the Des Moines Beach Park for the Bellevue Chamber Chorus to perform traditional holiday songs from 5:10-5:40 p.m., and then depart for Redondo where the chorus will perform again from 6:25-6:55 p.m.



The Argosy Christmas Ship visits Des Moines Beach Park and Redondo Dec. 5.

Argosy is encouraging those with boats to decorate and follow in the boat parade. For boat parade and Christmas Ship information call Argosy at (206) 623-1455. For bonfire information call the Des Moines Park & Recreation Department at (206) 870-6527. (Choir and schedule subject to change. Bonfire scheduled weather permitting.)

A donation of \$1 or one can of food per person is suggested to support the Des Moines Area Food Bank. This event is partially sponsored by Des Moines Rotary and Puget Sound Energy.

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Zoning for Pacific Ridge to be Discussed

The City Council is beginning its review of draft zoning laws for the area known as Pacific Ridge. This area includes properties on both sides of Pacific Highway South, and the properties between Pacific Highway South and Interstate 5, from South 216th Street to Kent-Des Moines Road. Dramatic changes are being discussed as part of the Council's initiative to encourage new, high-quality construction within Pacific Ridge.

Some of the changes being discussed include allowing new buildings to be up to 12 stories tall, and requiring new buildings along Pacific Highway South to be located near the public sidewalk with onsite parking to the side or rear. The City Council recently approved a five-story Ramada Inn hotel under interim zoning laws for the southwest corner of Pacific

Highway South and South 226th Street. That development, planned for construction in the spring, includes underground parking, low-scale signs, and high-quality building materials.

City Council meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are invited to attend. Public hearings, where citizens have the opportunity to express their opinions about the zoning laws, will be held before final decisions are made. Also, an environmental impact statement (EIS) is being prepared that will analyze potential impacts associated with redevelopment of Pacific Ridge. For more information about the next City Council meeting where Pacific Ridge zoning will be discussed, or the EIS, contact Corbitt Loch at (206) 870-6568 or cloch@cityofdesmoines.com.

Museum Needs Volunteers & Donations

The Des Moines Historical Society has a rich history within the walls of its museum, located in the city's former city hall at 728 S. 225th St. Interest in preserving local history grew across the nation during America's Bicentennial celebration in 1976. Melanie Draper and Joanne Smith helped found the Des Moines Historical Society as a nonprofit agency, with incorporation taking place on Sept. 20, 1978.

Today's Des Moines Historical Society Board of Directors is visioning for the millennium. Refurbishing is taking place while the museum doors are closed. An open house and new memberships will take place after the

first of the year.

During this time the Historical Society is looking for volunteers who have skills in a variety of areas. The group needs donations of office furniture, book cases, scrapbooks and photo albums, and telephone line.

The Historical Society looks forward to hearing from Des Moines residents. Please call secretary Carol Davis at (206) 824-2215.



Park and Recreation Department Gets Additional Van

The Des Moines Park and Recreation Department was successful in applying for a King County retired vanpool vehicle for transporting youth, teens and senior citizens in department programs. With the help of King County Councilman Chris Vance, the Park and Recreation Department received a 12-passenger van on October 22.

Many teens, youth and senior citizens were unable to participate in City programs due to lack of transportation. Currently the department owns a nine-passenger, wheelchair equipped van provided to the City in 1995 with the help of King County Councilman Pete von Reichbauer. Both vans will be used for programs for all ages of the community.



Children pose with the Park and Recreation Department's new addition.

Public Works Dept. Snow & Ice Control

In the event of a snowstorm, the City's Public Works Department has set up a priority list of streets and roads that receive plowing and sanding applications. Some of the streets and roads that are on steep hills and have a history of hazardous conditions will be closed to traffic due to the unsafe conditions.

Following is a list of the streets and roads that might have to be closed:

Fourth Ave. South – S. 210th to S. 216th
S. 206th St – 9th Ave. S. to DM Memorial Dr.
S. 208th St – 9th Ave. S. to DM Memorial Dr.
S. 212th St – 7th Pl. S. to DM Memorial Dr.
S. 224th St. – 30th Ave. S. to Pac Hwy S.
S. 234th St. – 25th Ave. S. to Kent-DM Rd.
S. 240th St. – 24th Ave. S. to 16th Ave. S.
S. 250th St. – 20th Ave. S. to 16th Ave. S.
10th Ave. S. – S. 226th St. to Kent-DM Rd.
S. 230th St. – 12th Ave. S. to Kent-DM Rd.
Woodmont Dr. – S. 262nd to 16th Ave. S.

Plowing and sanding applications follow a list of state routes, main arterials, school feeder roads, and finally residential neighborhood streets. The amount of snow and ice is the deciding factor in how soon residential areas are serviced. Sometimes main arterials require repeated plowing and sanding.

Following is a list of the streets and roads that have a high priority for plowing and sanding:

S. 216th St. – Marine Vw. Dr. to I-5
Marine Vw. Dr. – S. 216th St. to S. 264th St.
S. 264th St. – Marine Vw. Dr. to Woodmont Dr.
S. 240th St. – Marine Vw. Dr. to Pac Hwy S.
DM Memorial Dr. – S. 216th St. to S. 208th St
Seventh Ave. S. – Marine Vw. Dr. to S. 227th St
Pac. Hwy. S. – S. 216th St. to KDM Rd.
Kent-DM Rd. – Pac Hwy S. to Marine Vw. Dr.
S. 227th St. – Seventh Ave. S. to Marine Vw. Dr.
S. 260th St. – 16th Ave. S. to Pac Hwy S.
S. 272nd St. – 12th Ave. S. to Pac Hwy S.
Marine View Dr. – Beach Dr. to S. 272nd St.
Beach Dr. – S. 280th St. to S. 288th St.
16th Ave S. – Kent-DM Rd. to S. 272nd St.
Redondo Way – Beach Dr. to city limits
Woodmont Dr. – S. 264th St. to 16th Ave. S.

The department's equipment consists of three dump trucks (two with plows and sand spreaders; one with spreader only), one road grader with a rubber edged blade and, if needed, one front-end loader and two backhoes.

During snow conditions, the department tries to provide the safest driving conditions possible for its citizens, the commuting public, and emergency vehicles that use our city streets.

If you have any questions or concerns about the routes involved, you may contact Frank Olson, Public Works Superintendent at (206) 870-6559 or Barbara Coulter, Sr. Secretary at (206) 878-6522.

AIRPORT COMMUNITIES COALITION

Peter Eglick, Helsell Fetterman, has been retained by the Airport Communities Coalition to assemble a team of experts (fish, wetlands, hydrology, geotechnical, and endangered species) and to assist in the preparation of comments on the Port's 401 certification, 404 permit, hydraulic permit approval, and related approvals. The ACC's immediate goal is to ensure that no decision is made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) or the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) in response to the Port's application without closely examining the impact and legality of the Port's third runway project.

ACC will also move to participate in a pending Port action before the State Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) in which the Port and the DOE are asking the Board for declaratory rulings. Generally speaking, the rulings requested by the Port would allow DOE to certify the Port's third runway project as in compliance with the Clean Water Act requirements without regard to ongoing Port Clean Water Act violations, and in disregard of polluting aspects of the Port's project for which (the Port claims) regulating standards are not in effect. If successful, the Port's request for such rulings would drastically narrow the focus of Clean Water Act review for the Port's project.

The importance of this issue for the Airport Communities Coalition cannot be overestimated. ACC believes the Port is attempting to fragment enforcement of the Clean Water Act laws which are meant to protect streams and sensitive ecological systems from further degradation.

Visit the City's web site

The City of Des Moines offers information about City government over the Internet. The City's web site offers information about elected officials, upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings and access to the Des Moines Municipal Code, as well as links to other officials, agencies and information. The address is: www.ci.des-moines.wa.us

Remember Pets During This Time of Year

The holidays are upon us, and it's important to remember our animal friends during this time of the year, says the Des Moines Animal Control officer. Some simple safety precautions can ensure a safe and happy time for pets (and their humans!).

Glittery package and tree decorations, candles, chocolate treats and turkey bones, poinsettia and mistletoe, and other attractive, unusual elements can spell trouble for an inquisitive dog or curious cat. Be certain to keep your pets away or distracted from these potential problems, until you're certain the animal won't chew on them.

Family and friends coming in and out of your gate and doors can also be a hazard; some pets may be unsettled by all the activity and dart outside unattended into the street. Of course, always keep a current license (and back-up microchip) on your pet for identification, just in case he or she does get lost.

On a final note, please don't give a live pet for a present; a gift certificate and/or pet supplies are wonderful alternatives. That way, someone won't be receiving a pet they don't really want. And if they do want a pet, it's a much better idea for everyone concerned to get one after the stressful holiday season is over.



Free Holiday Tree Recycling

The City of Des Moines and SeaTac Disposal Company are providing FREE Holiday Tree recycling for single family residents within the City of Des Moines.

Pick-up will be on your regular collection day JANUARY 12, 13, or 14. All you need to do is cut your tree into three-foot lengths, bundle with biodegradable twine (like cotton) and set it out with your garbage at curbside. ONLY CLEAN TREES will be accepted at no charge. All flocked or decorated trees will be collected as extra garbage and you will be charged \$3.50. Any questions, call SeaTac Disposal at (206) 682-9730.

If you live in a condo or apartment, you can take your clean tree to a nearby Holiday Tree Recycling Center provided by King County. There will be one in Federal Way at the Little League parking lot next to the Weyerhaeuser - King County Aquatic Center located at 650 Southwest Campus Drive (right off Highway 99 at South 348th Street) and another in SeaTac located at Boulevard Park School on the corner of South 128th & 20th Avenue South.

These facilities will be open DECEMBER 26-27, 1999, JANUARY 2-3 and JANUARY 7-10, 2000. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trees should be no larger than 8 feet tall with a maximum base of 4 inches in diameter. Please bring only CLEAN TREES (no tinsel, no flocking, no ornaments).



The Wastemobile is Coming to Des Moines

Early in 2000, Des Moines again will be hosting King County's Household Hazardous Wastemobile at the South Marina Parking Lot. This is a chance for residents to safely dispose of hazardous materials found in the home at no charge. Collection will be JANUARY 28, 29, 30 and FEBRUARY 6, 7, 8. Hours all three days will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This service is for residential hazardous waste only. If you have commercial hazardous waste, call (206) 296-3976 for assistance.

YOU CAN BRING THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS:

Pesticides	Toxic cleaning products
Hobby chemicals	Automotive products
Glues and adhesives	Antifreeze
Oil-based paints	Aerosols
Latex paint	Thinners and solvents

(1/4 can of paint or less: dry it out and put into garbage)

DON'T BRING:

Business or apartment maintenance waste (call 296-3976 for disposal information)
Explosives (call Bomb Squad, 911)
Medical wastes

Large quantities or unusual wastes must be pre-approved by calling 296-4692. If you have any questions, please call the Health Department Hazard Line at 296-4692. Remember, you can reduce your risks by using less toxic products. Ask the Health Department for more information on alternative products.



Winter Break Day Camps for Children Ages 5 - 13

School's out, but you still have to go to work, AND get the house ready for house guests, AND finish any last minute shopping. Des Moines Park and Recreation will take care of your kids and give them lots of fun stuff to do. Kids can look forward to fun field trips, arts & crafts projects, group games and activities, story time, special guests, and more. Sign up for the week, or by the day!

Camp is open to children between the ages of 5-13. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided, but kids must bring lunch and a drink.

Camp will be based out of the Field House Studio and operate daily from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. There's only space for 50 kids, so be sure to sign them up early! Scholarships are not available for this program. Pre-registration is required due to space availability and staffing ratios. Adult and parent volunteers are always welcome! For information and registration please stop by the Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. or call (206) 870-6527.

DECEMBER 20-23

1100.401	12/20-12/22	M-W	\$99
			<i>(Save \$13)</i>
1100.402	12/20	M	\$28
1100.403	12/21	T	\$28
1100.404	12/22	W	\$28
			<i>(Wed. trip to Pattison's West Skating Rink)</i>
1100.405	12/23	Th	\$28

DECEMBER 27-30

1100.406	12/27-12/30	M-W	\$99
			<i>(Save \$13)</i>
1100.407	12/27	M	\$28
1100.408	12/28	T	\$28
1100.409	12/29	W	\$28
			<i>(Wed. trip to Pattison's West Skating Rink)</i>
1100.410	12/30	Th	\$28



SURFACE WATER NEWS



This is a continuation of the series of articles we are featuring on our City's streams.

MCSORLEY CREEK

The McSorley Creek Basin is estimated at 1,900 acres in size (3.0 square miles) extending from South 240th Street to 288th Street and from Puget Sound to Interstate 5. Approximately 34% of the basin is within the Des Moines City limits, 49% is within Kent limits, and 17% is within Federal Way. McSorley Creek has two major branches. The northern branch is a major tributary to the main stream that originates at the Parkside wetlands, just east of the Parkside Elementary School. From the wetland the creek runs west and north within a culvert across the school playground to where it is discharged within a small ravine. The creek then runs west down a moderate slope to where it abruptly turns south and through a very flat channel south of South 244th Place and east of 16th Avenue until it flows in to a private pond. The pond outlet leads to a small ravine just north of South 250th Street. The stream then passes through two paral-

lel culverts below 250th Street and then below the northern twin bridge at 16th Avenue, before discharging into the main stem of McSorley Creek.

The City of Seattle's Midway Landfill is located east of the drainage basin on the east side of Pacific Highway South. The runoff from the landfill flows to a large stormwater detention facility before it is discharged into a pipe that runs along South 250th Street and discharges into the north branch of McSorley Creek.

The main stem of McSorley Creek is 2.0 miles long and originates at a very large 150-175 acre wetland located (within the City of Kent) on the east side of Pacific Highway South between South 260th Street and South 272nd Street. The wetland receives a substantial amount of surface water from the Star Lake Road area, located in the City of Federal Way. From the wetland, the stream flows westward and passes through a culvert below Pacific Highway South and then through a second culvert at South 260th Street. The stream then flows northwest unimpeded through a deep ravine and below the south twin bridge at 16th Avenue South to where it joins with



McSorley Creek empties into Puget Sound at Saltwater State Park.

the north branch, within Saltwater State Park. The creek then meanders through the state park and below the Marine View Drive Bridge until it discharges into Puget Sound.

This basin has been only moderately studied and a full basin planning effort is anticipated between the cities of Kent, Federal Way and Des Moines and possibly Seattle within the next couple of years. The study would focus on the basin's resources such as the wetlands, stream habitat and fish populations. The study would also evaluate erosion and flooding and develop solutions to problems that are identified. Projects identified in the plan would be completed as a multi-jurisdictional effort, similar to the effort being made within the Des Moines Creek basin.

COHO SALMON APPEARING IN DES MOINES CREEK

An unusually high coho salmon run was observed in Des Moines Creek during the first week of November. An estimated 100 to 150 fish were observed in the lower reach of the creek, within the Beach Park, from the mouth of the creek to the box culvert located at Marine View Drive. As expected, the number of salmon above the culvert diminishes drastically as the culvert is a known fish-barrier. This run is fantastic and everyone should get out and see it. Several runs are expected from now until March. Although the run is fun to watch, we can't emphasize enough that everyone (and their pets) must stay out of the creek during this time as the fish are spawning.

'Tis the Season to Beware!

In these times of advanced technology we must take some simple precautions to keep our personal information private. During the holiday season many people will be using credit cards, debit cards, shopping on-line and catalog shopping. To prevent problems, say Des Moines police, keep a few simple ideas in mind:

- Only do business with companies that you know and trust. If you have never heard of a company before, research the company before ordering.

- Look carefully at the product or service the company is offering. Be sure you know what is being sold, the total price of the purchase, delivery date and the company's re-

turn policy.

- Never give a bank account or credit card number to someone you do not know or haven't checked out. Only give this information for a purchase which you have initiated.

- Don't send confidential, financial or personal information on your e-mail system.

Remember that crime can be random. However by taking a few simple steps to protect yourself you can lessen your chances of becoming this season's victim.

For more information on ways to protect yourself, your family and your property, contact the Des Moines Police Community Service Unit at (206) 878-3301.



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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

■ Held a public hearing and approved allocation of 2000 Community Development Block Grant Funds in the total amount of \$135,151.

■ Held a public hearing to consider an Interim Conditional Use Permit for a Ramada Inn and Associated SEPA appeals.

■ Began review of the preliminary 2000 budget.

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

■ Interlocal with Lakehaven Utility District to equally

share costs for repairing Sound View Drive, not to exceed \$71,100.

■ Contract for 1999 Arterial Maintenance project to Tucci & Sons, Inc. \$305,299.70, plus 10% contingency.

■ Agreement with Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for Des Moines Sports Park acquisition.

■ Contract with Washington State Historical Society for Des Moines Field House renovation.

■ Agreement with Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation Youth Athletic Facility Grant for Des Moines Field House Park Sports Field Lighting System.

Approved the following ordinances:

■ No. 1241 establishing notice requirements for zoning code amendments regarding changes in lot area per dwelling unit.

■ No. 1242 extending the Pacific Ridge area moratori-

um for an additional six months, through March 31, 2000.

■ No. 1243 approving an Interim Conditional Use Permit for a Ramada Inn.

Approved the following resolutions:

■ No. 873 ratifying and confirming interfund loans as previously authorized.

■ No. 874 rejecting the Lakehaven Utility District's Comprehensive Wastewater Plan.

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