



Citizens Honored for Valor



Pictured left to right: Mayor Sheckler, Brian Kinghorn, Bruce Johnson, Councilmember Sherman, Truman Skang, Councilmember Kaplan, Steve Kokita, Councilmember Scott, Councilmember Pina, Councilmember White, Tim Kinghorn, and Councilmember Thomasson. Not pictured: Val Champion

At a recent City Council meeting, six local citizens were honored for their quick and selfless actions taken on behalf of two individuals in an automobile that went into the water at the Des Moines Marina on June 20th.

The *Citizen Certificate of Valor* was awarded to Bruce Johnson, Truman Skang, Steve Kokita, Tim Kinghorn and Val Champion for “displaying extreme courage by placing their own safety in immediate peril in an effort to

provide protection or preservation of the life of another”.

Brian Longhorn was awarded the *Citizen Award of Merit* for “taking action to save and protect the lives of others”.

Des Moines is Turning 50!

A Year Long Celebration is Being Planned

Des Moines turns 50 in 2009, which means it’s time to party. Community residents will have several opportunities to celebrate the anniversary of incorporation at a variety of fun-filled events throughout much of next year.

The City – including local businesses and citizens – is already planning festivities that will offer something for everyone, from young people to senior citizens, as we celebrate the

past half-century in Des Moines – and look forward with confidence to our next 50 years.

Our birthday celebration will kick off on Saturday, March 21, with a black-tie dinner and feature entertainment. This evening event will be hosted in the Student Union Building dining room at Highline Community College. Tickets go on sale at the Des Moines Field House on January 15th.

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DES MOINES DIRECTORY

City Hall
21630 11th Avenue South

206-878-4595

Business Hours: Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
www.desmoineswa.gov

City Council

(City Council meets 1st, 2nd and 4th
Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.)

Bob Sheckler, Mayor
Dan Sherman, Mayor Pro Tem
Dave Kaplan
Ed Pina
Carmen Scott
Dan Sherman
Scott Thomasson
Susan White

City Offices

City Attorney 206-870-6553
City Clerk 206-870-6519
City Manager 206-870-6541
Planning/Building 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
Field House 206-870-6527
Fire (non-emergency) ... 253-839-6234
Library, Des Moines 206-824-6066
Library, Woodmont 253-839-0121
Marina 206-824-5700
Police (non-emergency) 206-878-3301

Utilities and Services

Allied Waste 206-682-9735
Comcast 877-778-7008
Highline Water District. 206-824-0375
Lakehaven Wtr/Sewer .. 253-941-1516
Midway Sewer District. 206-824-4960
Puget Sound Energy 800-321-4123
Qwest 800-573-1311
SW Suburban Sewer 206-244-9575
Water District #54 206-878-7210

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:

Utility Locates: 800-424-5555

December 5 Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join the fun at Big Catch Plaza for the Annual Tree Lighting. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. Santa and his helpers will light the tree at 7 p.m. Call 206-824-9462 for additional information. Sponsored by Destination Des Moines.

December 13 Breakfast with Santa

The community is invited to a special breakfast with Santa at the Des Moines Activity Center on Saturday, December 13th. Breakfast is from 8:30-11:00 a.m. with a coloring contest at 10:15am. Tickets are \$5 at the door or \$4 for advanced tickets. For more information please call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527.

December 22 - January 2 Winter Break Camp

The kids are off on break...but you still have to work! Des Moines Park and Recreation Department's Winter Break Camp will keep your child busy and having tons of fun! Break Camps are held at the Des Moines Field House and are open to boys and girls who are in K-6th grade. We'll have lots of great craft projects, games, sports, outdoor activities, a fabulous field trip, swimming, and much more! Snacks are provided. Please be sure to send your child with a lunch that does not need to be heated or chilled and a water bottle. Camp runs from December 22- January 2 (no camp on 12/25 & 1/1) for \$225 for the whole two weeks, or \$32/day. Please call 206-870-6527 for more information.

December 15-18 Preschool Holiday Hoopla

Join us December 15-18 as we celebrate the holiday season by decorating cookies, playing games and making our own snowmen. For preschoolers 3-5 years! To register please contact the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527. Cost is \$30 for the M-TH/10-12p.m. session.

Argosy Christmas Ship, Bon Fire and Community Concert

December 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Des Moines Beach Park

The annual bonfire will be held at Des Moines Beach Park, 22030 Cliff Ave, at the north end of the Marina. Join holiday-spirited folk and enjoy complimentary cookies, coffee, and cocoa provided by the Des Moines Youth Council. The Argosy Christmas Ship will anchor offshore in front of Des Moines Beach Park to perform traditional holiday songs from 7:10-7:30 p.m. NOTE: Choir and schedule are subject to change. Bonfire scheduled weather permitting. For bonfire information, call the Park & Recreation Department at 206-870-6527.



December 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Redondo - Wooton Park

The Argosy Christmas Ship will anchor offshore and the choir will perform from 8:15-8:35 p.m.

Argosy encourages those with boats to decorate and follow in the boat parade. For Christmas Ship information, call Argosy at 206-623-1445.

Des Moines is Turning 50! (continued from page 1)

On June 17, a large birthday cake will commemorate the actual date of incorporation in 1959 against a backdrop of historical displays, together with speeches from civic dignitaries.

The 4th of July will bring an expanded display of Fireworks Over Des Moines presented by the Rotary Club of Des Moines and Powell Homes, and will include music and the weekly Farmers Market at the Des Moines Marina.

Summer anniversary fun will continue with a 50's theme weekend on Saturday, July 18, with a traditional parade through downtown Des Moines as the main attraction. This celebration will include 50's music and movies, youth events, boat races, a car and wooden boat show, and dance and cultural performances.

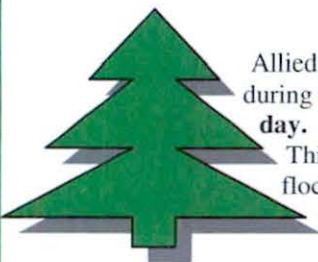
Today, with over 29,000 residents, our uniquely picturesque waterfront community – which boasts a friendly, small-town charm – is the 12th largest city in King County. People increasingly are making Des Moines their destination – shoppers and sightseers looking for unique shops and breathtaking views, boaters who make our crown jewel, the Marina, a port of call, and families who want a good community to raise their children.

Now we are preparing to invite our neighbors from surrounding cities to the party as we celebrate our 50th birthday. In 2009, more people will discover all Des Moines offers as we showcase and celebrate our city, which is Fabulous at 50 and getting better all the time.

A special thank you to Puget Sound Energy for their participation as a 50th Birthday Celebration partner.

Anyone interested in volunteering to serve on a committee should call City Hall at 206-870-6541 for committee contact information.

Holiday Tree Recycling



Allied Waste will be picking up holiday trees at no charge during the week of January 12, **on your regular pickup day.**

This pickup is for natural trees that have not been flocked or otherwise chemically treated. All tinsel and decorations should be removed.

Trees should be cut into 4 foot lengths and bundled.

Experience the latest, most exciting and most **BELIEVABLE** way to visit with Santa Claus - over the telephone! No more standing in long lines at busy malls to see Santa Claus! Get live personalized phone calls from the **REAL** Santa Claus, in the comfort of your own home (or wherever you are traveling!). When Santa calls, he will know everything Santa Claus **SHOULD** know...brother and sisters names, pets names, how they are doing in school and their favorite toys!

Calls will be made December 16 and 17 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m. Registration forms are available at the Des Moines Activity Center, the Des Moines Field House or download it from our web site, www.desmoineswa.gov. Registration for a phone call from Santa will be accepted until December 12th. This is a fundraiser for Des Moines Senior Center...home of the **BEST** Santa in the Pacific Northwest! Cost: \$5 each child, no refunds. Reservations are limited!



A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Recapture the warmth of a holiday gathering a century ago in Grandma's parlor, featuring **John Doan** in a live performance of his Emmy-nominated PBS television special.

Professor Doan entertains beautifully on marvelous antique instruments and encourages the audience to join in the fun. The program is lively, nostalgic and heartwarming.

**December 6th
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Des Moines Cinema
22333 Marine View Drive
(downtown Des Moines)

Tickets:
\$10 Adults; \$8 Seniors 62 & older
and Children 12 & under.

Purchase tickets at:
Des Moines Parks and Recreation
(Field House)
1000 S. 220th St.
Des Moines, Washington 98198
206-870-6527

Sponsored by the Des Moines
IOOF Lodge #305, McKay Wealth
Management Group and Des
Moines Cinema.

2009 Des Moines Calendars Available Now!

The 2009 Des Moines Calendar is available at the Des Moines Activity Center and Field House for \$5.00 while supplies last.

Also available at the Des Moines Activity Center are Des Moines note and holiday cards, \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Proceeds benefit the Des Moines Legacy Foundation.

Teen Activities

Teen Activity Afternoons— Fridays through June 11, 2009

Pacific Middle School students can stick around on Fridays for Activity Afternoons. Funded by Des Moines Rotary Club and Des Moines Legacy Foundation, activities include inflatable boxing, basketball, dodgeball, medic ball, cool craft projects, contests and more. Registration forms are available in the Pacific Middle School office or at the Des Moines Field House. The program meets from 3pm-6pm on full school days at Pacific Middle School.

Traveling Teen Tour—Winter registration is now open!

Thanks to generous funding from the Des Moines Rotary Club, middle school students can join recreation staff for a different afternoon adventure each Wednesday from Jan 21-Feb 25* for only \$25! Depart from Pacific Middle School at 2:55 p.m., and return to the Des Moines Field House at 6 p.m. after a different exciting trip each week. Drop-ins are welcome for \$7/trip if space is available. *Five trips total, there is no program during the Highline School District Mid-Winter Break.



Des Moines Youth Council

Teens making a difference in the Greater Des Moines Area

The 2008-09 Youth Council, comprised of 6th-9th grade students from Des Moines, has already made a positive impact in our community by planning and assisting at community events like Comedy Night, Halloween Carnival, teen dances and activity afternoons. See what the buzz is about. Participating teens learn leadership and work skills and get to have a great time. Interested 6th-9th grade students or parents can drop in on a meeting (every other Thursday from 4:45-5:15pm at the Des Moines Field House) or contact Nic Lind at 206-870-6582 for information on joining.

Field House Dance Parties

6th-8th grade students from Des Moines can celebrate a night off from the books at our Field House dance parties! Des Moines Youth Council hosts community dances for local middle school students on the third Friday of each month during the school year. Students can get together and dance, participate in contests for prizes and meet up with friends. Concessions are available to purchase, with proceeds benefiting Des Moines Youth Council. Student I.D. card and \$5 is required for admission. The next dance is December 19th. If you are interested in volunteering to chaperone Field House dance parties, please call Nic Lind at 260-870-6582.

For more information on Teen Programming in Des Moines, call Des Moines Parks, Recreation & Senior Services at 206 870-6527.



MIDWAY

a collaborative planning project

On-Line Survey and Questionnaire

The cities of Des Moines and Kent have published a web-survey to solicit feedback on topics and issues relating to the Envision Midway project. The survey can be accessed at: www.envisionmidway.com and clicking on the "Feedback" toolbar at the top of the page. You will find a series of images and questions that have been specifically tailored to find out what you would like to see for the future of Midway. The possibility of light rail or some other mass transit service serving Midway is real. The new transit stations will support a new type of community called a transit oriented village - a collection of dense housing, offices, and retail uses served by mass transit and connected by pedestrian oriented streets. A car becomes less important to those who live there.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey as we welcome your feedback and input!

Traffic Revision Made on 8th Avenue South



In August the Des Moines City Council voted to limit traffic operations on 8th Avenue South, between Kent-Des Moines Road and South 223rd Street, to one-way in the northbound direction to make the road safer. This traffic revision was implemented on September 16th. To date, the revision appears to be successful. Overall volumes on 8th Avenue S. have decreased as expected. A follow-up study will be conducted to evaluate how the revisions continue to work.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Brandon Carver of our Transportation Engineering Services Division at 206-870-6543.

***Des Moines is planning a party ...
and you're invited to join in the fun.***

The City of Des Moines celebrates its 50th anniversary as a city in 2009 with a series of festive events that includes something for everyone:

- **A black-tie dinner at Highline Community College.**

**Save the date!! March 21, 2009
Des Moines 50th Birthday Black Tie Gala
Featuring entertainment by Joey Jewell
Tickets \$75.00 pp***

***Includes dinner, no host bar, entertainment,
dancing, basket auction and more**

**Tickets help fund the Des Moines 50th Birthday bash!
A limited amount of tickets will be available for sale
beginning January 15th at the Des Moines Field House,
1000 S. 220th St., 206-870-6527**



- **The official birthday party on June 17, the date of incorporation in 1959.**
- **Fireworks, concerts and food on the Fourth of July.**
- **A weekend of summer fun including a parade, 50's music and movies, boat races, car and wooden boat show, and strong man competition on July 18.**

And the party isn't limited to these special events. A lot of activities that involve community residents take place every year. These include games and dances, picnics and ice cream socials, concerts and art shows, and events sponsored by churches, civic clubs, lodges, and schools.

The City invites your church or school or organization to make its special annual event part of our 50th Birthday celebration in 2009.

To be an official part of Des Moines' birthday party, these activities must be open to everyone ... and they must be sanctioned as 50th Birthday events.

To apply to have your event officially sanctioned, all you need to do is complete and submit the application on the opposite side of this page. There is no cost, but hurry ... *the deadline for inclusion in 50th Birthday publicity is December 15.*



CITY OF DES MOINES

APPLICATION FOR 50th BIRTHDAY PROJECT/SANCTIONED EVENT

1. Event/Project Name _____
2. Organizing Group _____
3. Contact Person _____
4. Address _____
5. Telephone Number _____ Fax Number _____
6. Email Address _____
7. Description of Event/Project (Attach Additional Typed Pages if Necessary): _____

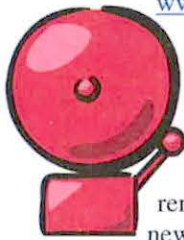
8. When will event/project take place? _____
9. Will your event be a one-time or recurring annual event? _____
10. Will a fee be charged for attending your event? _____
11. Where will event/project be held? _____
12. Will there be an Event/Project Website? _____
13. Event/Project Telephone # (for public use) _____
14. Signature _____ Date _____

Submit 50th Birthday Sanctioned Event Application **by December 15, 2008** to:
Lorri Ericson, Assistant City Manager
City of Des Moines
21630 11th Ave. S.
Des Moines, WA 98198
206-870-6554 Fax 206-870-6540
lericson@desmoineswa.gov

Burglary, Hold Up and Panic Alarms Must be Registered

As 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. In addition, any alarm system, whether monitored or not, that emits an audible alarm that can be heard outside the building or business must also be registered. Your alarm company does not do this for you! Registration forms and information may be obtained on the City of Des Moines website at

www.desmoineswa.gov by clicking on the "Forms" section, or by calling the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301, or by stopping by the Police Department, which is open 24 hours a day for your convenience.



EVERY YEAR you are required to submit a new registration form in order for the Police Department to ensure they have current contact information in case of an emergency. In addition, to the new registration form, **there is also an annual \$25 registration fee due.** Currently, the penalty for failing to register an alarm is \$200 per year and a \$200 fine for each false alarm for a non-registered alarm system.

The alarm registration program has been highly successful as demonstrated by the reduction of false alarm calls by over 56% as compared to prior to the program's inception. This decrease in false alarms represents a significant cost savings to the Des Moines Police Department and the community.

For additional information, please contact the Alarm Administrator at the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301.

Are You Ready to RUMBLE?

How prepared are you, your family and your neighbors when a disaster strikes? Are you aware that it could take **days or weeks** before emergency personnel might reach you after a disaster?!?! Do you have an emergency supply kit, an emergency communications plan and are you aware of the potential emergencies that could occur where you live and the appropriate way to respond to them?

South King Fire & Rescue and the Des Moines Police Department have partnered to assist neighborhoods with organizing residents to be ready to take care of themselves and each other after a disaster. Starting a **Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)** in your neighborhood will ensure that you, your family, and your neighbors are prepared and have a plan for when a disaster occurs. The free classes include Personal & Household Preparedness, Neighborhood Disaster Planning, a Neighborhood Walkabout (to identify neighborhood concerns), and a Team Drill.

The December 2006 windstorm was a natural disaster of historic proportions, which caused extensive damage to the Puget Sound region. The storm produced hurricane-force wind gusts and heavy rainfall, causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage and leaving over 1.8 million residences and businesses without power for several days. The good news is there is still time to prepare before another disaster occurs but you need to start **NOW**.

To form a Neighborhood Emergency Team in your neighborhood, please contact Community Service Officer Kory Batterman at 206-870-7617 or email kbatterman@desmoineswa.gov for additional information.



You Can Help Prevent Residential Burglary

The holiday season is just around the corner and the rush and good will that ensues can increase the opportunities for criminal activity. Burglary is a crime of opportunity; by taking a few extra precautions you can help protect your home from burglars.

- Keep doors and windows locked.
- Use your deadbolt locks, Charlie bars, and any other home security equipped in your home.
- Do not leave a spare key in the yard.
- Place gifts where they cannot be seen from the outside.
- Do not open the door to strangers.
- Do not put outgoing mail with money, checks, or gift certificates in your curbside mailbox.
- Put interior and exterior lights on timers.
- If you leave for an extended period of time, ask someone to watch your home for you.

The Des Moines Police Department Community Service Unit can assist you with your residential security needs by conducting a free security survey. Contact the Community Service Unit at 206-870-7600.

Help Protect Our Water from Pollutants

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a stream, wetland, river, lake or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system may go unfiltered and untreated into waterbodies; the same water we use for swimming, fishing and most importantly for drinking. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

It is illegal to discharge or dump any of the following into a storm drain or ditch:

washwater/liquid wastes; yard waste; pet waste; landscape irrigation flows; septic tank effluent; automotive hazardous waste; paint, car fluids, solvents and batteries.

Please report illegal discharges!
Contact Ruth Famurera, 206-870-6869.

Doing Business Locally Benefits Des Moines' Economy



In these tough economic times when consumer spending is down and tax revenues are declining, it is important to understand the value of doing business locally. *Did you know that shop-*

ping at local businesses can strengthen the quality of life and the economic vitality of Des Moines? First and foremost, it helps our local economy stay healthy and strong.

Growth of Des Moines' commercial tax base is essential to our City's financial viability. When you spend your dollars locally, *more money is kept in our community* because locally-owned businesses often purchase from other local businesses and service providers. There is a multiplier effect as you simultaneously *help grow other businesses, create jobs and fund more City services and improvements* through sales tax.

Did you know that there are 762 businesses operating in Des Moines? About 182 businesses are located in our

Downtown neighborhood. Based on recently published data in the *South King County Economic Profile Report* (Hebert Research, 2008), these businesses are primarily distributed among the services, retail trade, and finance, insurance and real estate sectors and employ about 7,538 people. The estimated total gross business income (GBI) in Des Moines for 2007 was \$652.2 million – this money helped us maintain local roads, parks and open space, as well as provide cultural and recreational programs and City services. *Unique businesses are also an integral part of our distinctive character.* Strolling the streets of Downtown, you would be surprised by the variety of small and independently owned businesses. They provide us with goods and services, ranging from specialty meats, wine, quilting supplies, yarn, jewelry, and books, to health care, professional services and numerous restaurants – *so why go anywhere else?* Economic research shows that entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind businesses and distinctive character. Although it is not always possible to buy everything you need from local businesses, *if everyone purchased one more item or service locally, the effects would be tremendous.*

Food Scrap

In an effort to reduce saturating our landfills with items that can be composted, effective January 2008 vegetative food scraps and food-soiled paper have been accepted for collection in yard debris carts!

Collection Instructions:

- Use the standard 96-gallon green yard debris cart to collect your yard debris, food scraps and food-soiled paper. Food scraps cannot be collected in cans with detachable lids.
- Excess yard debris (only) may be bundled or placed in compostable yard debris bags, or customer-owned 32-gallon containers marked "Yard Debris". Regular plastic garbage bags will not be collected! (No food scraps may be collected in compostable bags that are not placed inside green yard debris cart.)
- Up to three 96-gallon carts of yard debris and food scraps may be set out bi-weekly (March – November) and once a month (December – February) for residents within the Des Moines city limits **who subscribe to Allied Waste Yard Waste service.**
- Yard debris carts may be rented from Allied Waste for a monthly fee of \$1.84 each.

Email kentmeridianseatacdisposal@awin.com if you wish to rent a yard waste cart, or to sign up for yard waste service.

Recycling



Suggestions:

- To avoid odors and fruit flies you may opt to empty vegetative waste into the yard waste cart daily.
- Rinse kitchen container frequently.
- Line kitchen container with a used paper towel, paper bag, or newspaper.
- Sprinkle baking soda in kitchen container.
- Layer vegetative food scrap and yard waste in your cart.



Accepted Items for Food Scrap

Collection:

Uncoated paper products (plates, bags, cups, napkins) pizza boxes, microwave popcorn bags, coffee filters, and tea bags, fruits and vegetables, bread, pasta, grains, eggshells, nutshells, coffee grounds

No meat or dairy products allowed in the food waste bin!!

For more information contact Allied Waste Services at www.rabanco.com, select *Des Moines*, or email kentmeridianseatacdisposal@awin.com, or phone Residential Customer Service at 206-682-9735.

Meet the City's Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Department

The City's fleet of vehicles and equipment is serviced and maintained by two City mechanics, who together have more than 60 years of mechanical experience.

Rick Prall (Lead) and Don Leadbetter are responsible for repairing, servicing, buying and selling the City's fleet of 60 vehicles, 15 pieces of heavy equipment and 30 other miscellaneous items. Some of this equipment includes police cars, utility trucks, backhoes, a grader, shoulder mower, park mowers, asphalt roller, front end loader, crack sealer and much more.

The entire fleet is on a preventative maintenance schedule and is serviced as recommended by the manufacturer. Newer vehicles remain under warranty and are serviced at the dealership if necessary.

The shop is also responsible for ordering fuel and maintaining the fuel system distribution units.

The shop keeps an inventory of parts and items needed to maintain an efficient level of service, reducing the down time for equipment.



Left to right, City mechanics Rick Prall and Don Leadbetter.

Road Closures and Snow Plowing Schedule

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.



Streets and roads that might have to be closed:

4th Ave. South--S. 210th to S. 216 th	S. 212 St.--7th Pl. S. to DMMD
S. 206th St--9th Ave. S. to DMMD	S. 230th St.--12th Ave. S. to KDM Rd.
S. 208th St--9th Ave. S. to DMMD	S. 234th St.--25th Ave. S. to KDM Rd.
S. 224th St.--30th Ave. S. to Pac Hwy S.	S. 250th St.--20th Ave. S. to 16th S.
S. 240th St.--24th Ave. S. to 16th Ave. S.	
10th Ave. S.--S. 226th St. to KDM Rd.	

Streets and roads that have a high priority for plowing and sanding:

S. 216 th St.--MVD to I-5	MVD--S. 216th St. to S. 264th St.
S. 264 th St.--MVD to Woodmont Dr.	240th St.--MVD to Pacific Hwy. S.
DMMD--S. 216th St. to S. 208th St.	7th Ave. S.--MVD to S. 227th St.
Pacific Hwy S.--S. 216 th to KDM Rd.	KDM Rd.--Pacific Hwy S. to MVD
S. 227th St.--7th Ave. S. to MVD	S. 260 th St.--16 th Ave. S. to Pac. Hwy
S. 272 nd St.--12 th Ave. S. to Pac.Hwy. S.	MVD--Redondo Beach Dr. to S. 272 nd
Redondo Beach Dr.--S. 280 th to S. 288 th	16 th Ave. S.--KDM Rd. to S. 272 nd St.
Woodmont Dr.--8th S. to 16 th S.	8 th Ave. S.--So. 192 nd to So. 200 th St.
Redondo Way--Redondo Beach Dr. to city limits	

Sandbags are available to Des Moines residents for ballast purposes at \$1.00 per bag at the Public Works & Parks Maintenance Division, 21650 11th Ave. S.

If you have questions please contact Frank Olson at 206-870-6559, Linda Wright at 206-870-6522, or visit our website at www.desmoineswa.gov.

Good Sense Preventive Home Maintenance

It's that time of year again. Cold, stormy weather is on the horizon. As a homeowner, you should make certain preparations for this inclement weather.

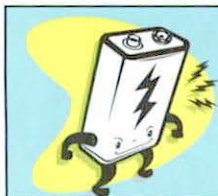
Check to make sure the roof gutters are clean. Leaves may block drainage and cause the gutters to back up. This can damage the roof, cause leaks, and ruin the gutters themselves, especially if they fill with water and it freezes.

Check window and door seals. With the door closed, if you can see light between the door and the door jamb (top, bottom or sides), the door weather stripping needs to be replaced. Windows should be checked to see that they close tightly and have no cracks.

Change the filters in your forced air units as this will allow the return air to flow more freely, lessening the demand on the heater blower.

Last, be sure to check your exterior hose bibs. Make sure that they completely turn off and do not leak. This could prevent freezing later and save a lot of problems and expensive repairs.

Preventive maintenance can save energy and prevent costly repairs.



Now is the perfect time to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms and make sure they are functioning properly.

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



Bob Sheckler
Mayor



Dan Sherman
Mayor Pro Tem



Dave Kaplan
Councilmember



Ed Pina
Councilmember



Carmen Scott
Councilmember



Scott Thomasson
Councilmember



Susan White
Councilmember

Approved the following ordinances:

- 1433 vacating a portion of right-of-way
- 1434 vacating Plats & Short Plats for Des Moines Creek Business Park
- 1435 vacating street at S 241st & 24th Avenue S
- 1436 amend official posting location to add Redondo boat launch
- 1437 SWM Rate adjustment for 2009

Approved the following resolutions:

- 1082 approving Preliminary Modified Subdivision "Highline View Estates"
- 1083 endorse plan to implement Light Rail towards Tacoma
- 1084 waving State Competitive bidding requirements for Beach Park Dining Hall Foundation
- 1085 authorizing interfund loans to Arterial Street Fund & Equipment

Rental Funds

- 1086 employee agreement with Teamsters Local 763 for wages, hours & working conditions 1/1/08 to 12/31/09

Held the following public hearings:

- Des Moines Creek Business Park Subdivision & Short Subdivision Vacations
- Right-of-way vacation at S 241st Street & 24th Avenue S
- Surface Water Management Rate Adjustment for 2009

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Downtown Water System Evaluation to PACE Engineers \$28,713.29, plus 10%
- Street Sweeping Services for 2 years to Action Services Corp. \$195,961.90
- Construction Services Beach Park Dining Hall to Robbins & Co.

\$729,425 plus tax

- 2008 Pavement Mgt. Program on Des Moines Memorial Drive to Watson Asphalt Paving Co. \$156,990
- Pacific Pile & Marine for dredging in the Marina \$486,360.18
- Regional Commission on Airport Affairs \$10,000
- Saltwater Park Bridge Emergency Repair to Reid Middleton \$7,512
- Facility Roof Repairs to Stanley Roofing Co. \$192,943.08
- Public Works Yard ground water remediation to AMEC Earth & Environmental \$151,559

- ◆ Continued to work on updates to the Des Moines Zoning Code
- ◆ Modified 2008 Arterial Streets Capital Improvement Program
- ◆ Held discussions on 8th Avenue S traffic revisions



A new program to assist the elderly is now available to the Des Moines and Normandy Park communities. Combining funding and resources, South King Fire & Rescue and publicsafety.org have announced a new senior abuse advocacy program called Elder Watch. They, along with the Des Moines Senior Advisory

Committee, the Enhanced Public Safety Committee and local police and first response agencies have joined together in an effort to increase public awareness and reduce elder abuse. The vision of Elder Watch is to create a community in which people in later life can live in safety, dignity and respect.

Co-directors Don Harper and Wayne Corey have been working for the past year, meeting with community groups, county prosecutors and various governmental agencies, putting together this totally citizen volunteer program to help bring justice to these victims that sometimes fall through the cracks. Elder abuse

exists in secretive and ignored situations. By simply recognizing it exists, knowing the signs of abuse, and REPORTING IT, you can make a difference. Be involved, become a volunteer in helping prevent more elder victims in our community.

To get advocacy information or become a volunteer, call Elder Watch at 253-946-7338 or log on to www.publicsafe.org/elderwatch.com. Elder Watch is housed at South King Fire and Rescue's Station 26 in Des Moines. Also helping to launch the program are the Des Moines Fire Aid Fund and the South King Firefighters Foundation.

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