



### Thank You Councilmembers Susan White and Ed Pina



Susan White

In December we will say good-bye to two City Council members who have devoted countless hours to making the City of Des Moines a better place to live, work and play and we cannot thank them enough for their contributions to this community.

Susan White has been on the Des Moines City Council for eight years. Susan has served on the Council's Finance and Economic Development Committee, the South King County Economic Development Initiative (SKCEDI) and as the Council's liaison to the Arts Commission. In October,

Susan was appointed to the Governor's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Ed Pina has been a Councilmember for four years. Ed has served on the Council's Public Safety and Transportation Committee and as the City's representative on the Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee. His years on the City Council follow many years of service on the Highline School District Board of Directors.



Ed Pina

We thank Susan and Ed for their many contributions to Des Moines and wish them well.

### "Turtle Island Puget Sound" Unveiled at Des Moines Library

Library patrons, project donors, and local dignitaries were all on hand Saturday, October 25, for the unveiling of "Turtle Island Puget Sound" at the Des Moines Library. It was the culmination of a 5-year project to raise funds for a bronze, child-friendly sculpture for the grounds of the library.

The sculpture, by artist Mark Twain Stevenson of Port Townsend, is a five-foot long bronze sculpture of a turtle carrying a topographic map of Puget Sound on its back. It was installed on the grassy mound just west of the library entrance. Stop by and take a look at this new addition to our community.



### Bonfire, Community Concert and the Argosy Christmas Ship

This popular annual community gathering will be held at Des Moines Beach Park on December 16th. Holiday revelers will warm by a bonfire and enjoy complimentary cookies, coffee, and cocoa while Argosy's lighted Christmas Ship anchors offshore to perform traditional holiday songs. Choir and schedule are subject to change and the bonfire is weather permitting. For bonfire information, call the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department at 206-870-6527.

For boat parade and Christmas Ship information, call Argosy at 206-623-1445.

**Wednesday, December 16th  
Des Moines Beach Park  
22030 Cliff Avenue S.**

Bonfire from 6:30-8:00 pm;  
Performance from 7:10-7:30 pm

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**City Hall**  
**21630 11th Avenue South**

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 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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**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
- Scott Thomasson
- Susan White

**City Offices**

- City Attorney .....206-870-6553
- City Clerk .....206-870-6519
- City Manager .....206-870-6541
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- 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

**SENIOR ACTIVITIES**

**Tired of Being Alone on Holidays?**

Spice up your Christmas holiday and enjoy a delicious meal at one of three local retirement communities! Designed for adults who are single, age 60 or better and have their own transportation!

\$6.00 suggested donation\* payable at time of registration.

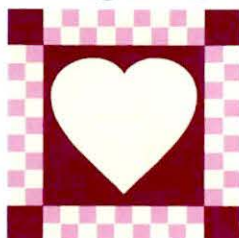
Location and times will vary depending on available space.

To register call 206-878-1642, Monday-Wednesday between the hours of 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. Co-sponsored by Des Moines Activity Center, Des Moines Legacy Foundation, Judson Park, Wesley Homes and Fernwood at the Park in Normandy Park! \*Confidential scholarships available.



**Coming in January:**

**Piecing and Quilting - Continuous Hand-sewing Classes**



“My goal is to turn on the creativity in people!” notes instructor Jo Anne Kirkland, who has taught numerous piecing & quilting workshops at the Burien Library. The course covers working with geometric shapes, quilt-as-you-go block, plus construction information.

Tuesdays: January 12, 26, February 8 & 22

Time: 10:00AM – 12:00PM

Cost: \$12.00 Registration begins now!

**Coming in February:**

**Metro Light Rail Training and Outing**

Get oriented about how to use Light Rail and enjoy an escorted excursion to the Westlake Station!

Tentative Training Date: Wed., February 3

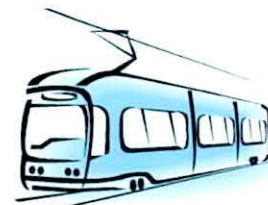
Mandatory Information Session  
 (time to be determined)

Tentative Outing Date: Friday, February 5

(time to be determined)

Travel via Light Rail to Westlake Station and take in a few hours of shopping or visit the Northwest Flower and Garden Show.

This combination of training and outing is co-sponsored by Transit First and METRO! Check with Des Moines Activity Center at 206-878-1642 for specific details beginning January 5!



**Human Services  
 Advisory Committee  
 Vacancies in 2010**

The City of Des Moines is now accepting applications for two openings on its Human Services Advisory Committee. This seven member committee advises the Des Moines City Council on human services issues in our community and makes recommendations for human services funding. The positions are for two year terms, beginning in January 2010. The Committee meets approximately nine times a year.

For more details and an application, please call Sue Padden at 260-878-1642.

**Tree  
 Lighting**

**Big Catch  
 Plaza**

**December 4th  
 6 p.m.**

Welcome the holiday season with refreshments, entertainment and Santa.

Sponsored by  
 Destination  
 Des Moines.





## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Due to budgetary issues, the Park and Recreation Department will not be producing a **Winter 2010 Brochure**. Please check us out on-line at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov) for winter recreation programs. We hope to resume production of our brochure in the spring of 2010.

### 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. There will be lots of great craft projects, games,



sports, outdoor activities, a fabulous field trip, swimming, and much more! Morning and afternoon 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 21st - December 31st (no camp on 12/25 & 1/1). Cost is \$240 for the entire camp or \$34/day. Please call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527 for more information.

### Before and After School Program

Quality before and after school child care for K-6th grade children living in the Des Moines service area and Woodmont Elementary students. Your children will have a blast with the exciting games, creative activities, arts and crafts and yummy snacks!

Plus, time is set aside each afternoon to finish their homework! Programs are held at Des Moines, Parkside (at temporary Manhattan School site), North Hill, Marvista, Midway (at Des Moines Elementary School) and Woodmont Elementary Schools. For more information, call Des Moines Park & Recreation at 206-870-6527



### Preschool Playhouse

Tons of fun for children ages 3-5 years! Arts and crafts, games, songs, puppetry, outdoor activities, snacks and lots of fun! Plus---Mom and Dad can have a break while children have a great time learning, playing and meeting new friends!

Ages: 3-5 years (Must be potty trained)  
Cost: \$65/8 classes  
Day/Time: Tuesday and Thursday 10 am-12 noon  
Location: Field House Studio - 1000 S. 220th St.  
Instructor: Cassie Dixon  
Dates: Session: 1/5/10-1/28/10; Session: 2/23/10-3/18/10

### Mini KHAOS—February 8-11, 2009, Valentines Day Theme

Holiday camp for children 3-5 years of age! Join us for fabulous arts and craft projects, songs, games, and much more! Come explore the Valentines Day holiday with a week of Valentines crafts and lots of fun.

Ages: 3-5years (Must be potty trained)  
Cost: \$35 per week  
Day/Time: Monday through Thursday 10 am-12 noon  
Location: Field House Studio - 1000 S. 220th St.

## DES MOINES ARTS

The Waterland Music Series hosted by the Des Moines Arts Commission and the Highline Community College Music Dept. brings top flight musicians to Highline Community College. All performances will be hosted in Building 7 on the college campus at 2400 S. 240th St. in Des Moines. Doors open at 7 pm, performance at 7:30 pm. Tickets available at Des Moines Parks and Recreation, 1000 S. 220th St., and at the door. The three part series has two concerts remaining in the 2009-10 season. Pricing: \$30/series \$15/show \$5/student (elementary through college). Call 206-870-6527 for concert or ticket purchasing information.

### Sirens Trio of the Oregon Chamber Players

**Tuesday, February 23, 7:30 pm**

Formed in 2005 by three professional musicians who loved performing together and bringing enjoyable and exciting chamber music to audiences, Sirens Trio continues a tradition of delightful music-making. They have enchanted audiences in such diverse venues as The Old Church in Portland, the Brookings Chamber Music Series, Oregon State University and the Classical Millennium's Broderick Gallery Series. Highline Community College, Building 7.

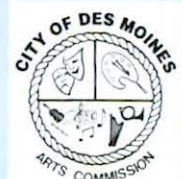
### Cul an Ti

**Tuesday, April 20, 7:30 pm**

Led by guitarist, Cary Novotny, Cul an Ti, (Gaelic for "Back of the House"), has been wowing Northwest audiences for over a decade.

Three strong vocalists make up this compelling ensemble, which combines the best elements of traditional Irish dance music with exciting, modern Celtic stylings.

Bass and acoustic guitars blend with red-hot fiddle in fresh arrangements of traditional Irish music, perfect for dancing and celebration. Their repertoire ranges from slow, haunting ballads, and waltzes to lightening fast jigs, reels, polkas, bluegrass and American folk music, along with a moderate dose of classic rock/pop hits. Highline Community College, Building 7.





## Road and Sidewalk Improvements Planned for S. 216th St. From 11th Avenue S. to Marine View Drive

The City of Des Moines is nearing completion of the design phase of the South 216<sup>th</sup> Street Road and Sidewalk Improvement Project between Marine View Drive South and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. This project will provide for sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides of the street and a left turn lane to assist turning movements to and from adjacent driveways and streets.

The design was partially funded from the King County Community Develop-

ment Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and frontage improvement in-lieu fees provided by the Wesley Homes Retirement Center. The City also received a \$450,000 grant from CDBG for construction of these improvements.

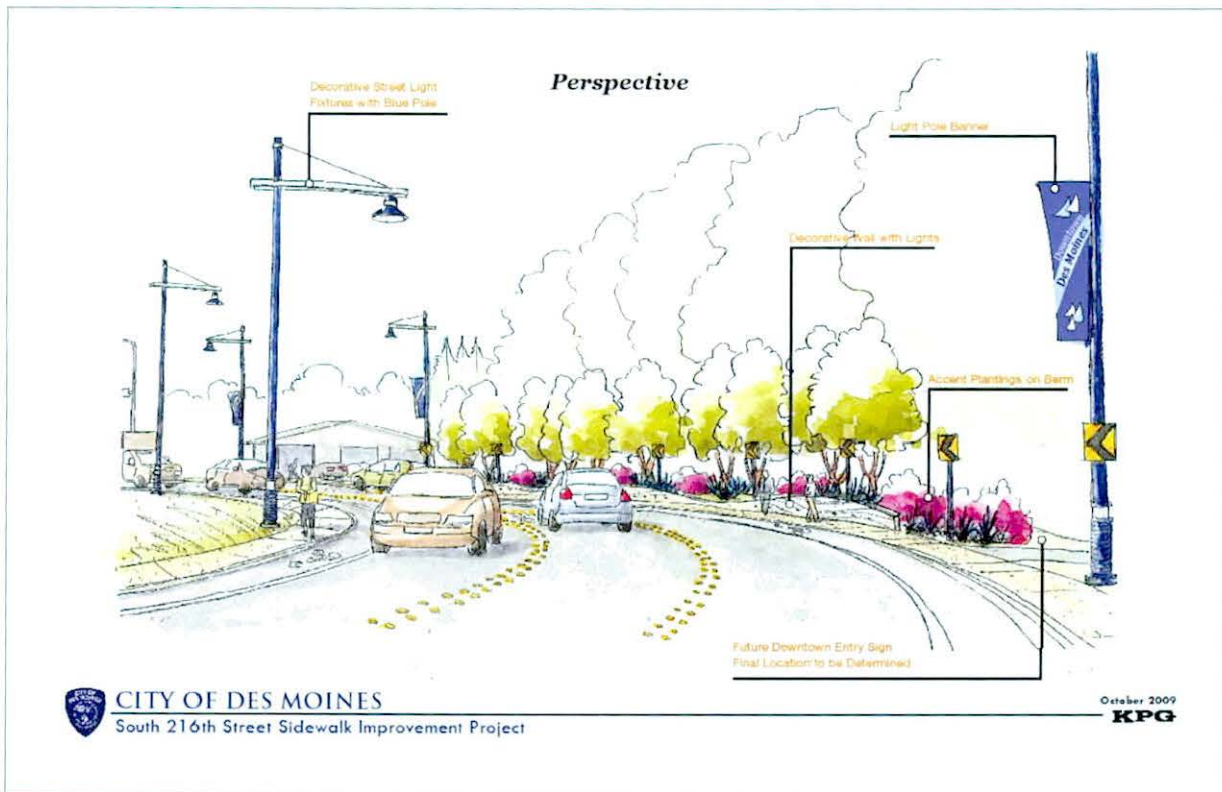
Overhead utilities will be undergrounded as part of the project, making for more reliable service, and a safer and more esthetically pleasing roadside.

Construction of the improvements is anticipated to begin in February and

continue through the summer of 2010 - exact dates are not known at this time.

As we get closer to construction, we will provide updated information through future issues of the *City Currents*, and on the project web site located at: [www.desmoineswa.gov/projects](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/projects).

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Dan Brewer at 206-870-6581.



## North Twin Bridge Improvement Project - 16th Avenue South *Partial Road Closure Required*

Design for improvements to the North Twin Bridge, located on 16th Avenue South just south of South 250<sup>th</sup> Street, is almost complete. The improvements will include repairs to a footing, a seismic upgrade, and other safety improvements including a widened sidewalk on the west side of the bridge. In 2008, the City received a bridge rehabilitation grant to cover the majority of the costs associated with these repairs, which are expected to cost approximately \$2.5

million. About 20% of the project costs will come from local revenue sources.

Construction of the improvements is anticipated to begin in March, and continue through September, 2010.

Unfortunately, a partial **road closure** will be required through much of the major construction. During construction of the improvements, the bridge will be **limited to northbound traffic only**. Southbound traffic will be detoured to either Pacific Highway South or Marine

View Drive. The detour could be in effect for up to **6 months**.

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# SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL PRIORITIES AND OPERATIONS

During snow and ice events, the City's maintenance crews are out early in the morning and late at night to provide the safest possible driving conditions for our citizens, the commuting public, and emergency vehicles that use our City's rights-of-way.

## Potential Locations for Roadway Closures

Public Works crews respond on notice to snow and ice concerns in case of heavy snow fall or black ice conditions. Crewmembers may close steep hills and streets that have a history of icy conditions. Following is a list of streets that may be closed:

- 4th Ave. South--S. 210th to S. 216<sup>th</sup>
- S. 206th St--9th Ave. S. to DMMD
- S. 208th St--9th Ave. S. to DMMD
- S. 212th St--7th Pl. S. to DMMD
- S. 224th St.--30th Ave. S. to Pac Hwy S.
- S. 234th St.--25th Ave. S. to KDM 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 KDM Rd.
- S. 230th St.-12th Ave. S. to KDM Rd.

## Snow Plowing & Sanding

The first priority for plowing and sanding applications is for life-line and emergency response routes. After these primary roadways are cleared, other arterial roadways and eventually residential streets can be addressed. The amount of snow or ice is the deciding factor in how soon residential areas are serviced. Sometimes main arterials require repeated plowing or sanding. Following is a priority list for sanding and plowing:

### Priority A

1. Pacific Hwy S: S. 216<sup>th</sup> St. to KDM Rd.
2. Kent-Des Moines Road: Pacific Hwy S. to MVD
3. MVD: Kent-Des Moines Rd. to Des Moines Mem. Dr
4. S. 216<sup>th</sup> St: MVD to I-5 (City Limits)
5. Des Memorial Drive: MVD to S. 208<sup>th</sup> St. (City Limits)
6. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: KDM to Pacific Hwy. S.
7. S. 272 St: Pacific Hwy. S. to 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S./Marine Vw. Dr
8. Marine View Drive: S. 272<sup>nd</sup> St. to Redondo Beach Dr.
9. Redondo Bch. Dr: Redondo Way to Fed Way City Limits
10. Redondo Way: Redondo Bch. Dr to Fed Way City Limits
11. S. 260<sup>th</sup> St: 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to Pacific Hwy. S.
12. Woodmont Dr: 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to MVD
13. MVD: Woodmont Dr. to Kent Des Moines Rd.
14. S. 240<sup>th</sup> St: MVD to Pacific Hwy. S.
15. Fire Station Driveways

### Priority B

1. S. 227<sup>th</sup> St: MVD to Marina
2. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: S. 227<sup>th</sup> St. to MVD
3. S. 223<sup>rd</sup> St: 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.
4. 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: KDM to S. 216<sup>th</sup> St.
5. S. 200<sup>th</sup> & S. 199<sup>th</sup> St: DMMD to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.
6. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: S. 200<sup>th</sup> St. to S. 192<sup>nd</sup> St.
7. S. 208<sup>th</sup> St: DMMD to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S.
8. 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: S. 199<sup>th</sup> St. to S. 216<sup>th</sup> St.
9. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: S. 216<sup>th</sup> St. to S. 220<sup>th</sup> St.
10. S. 220<sup>th</sup> St: 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.
11. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: S.220<sup>th</sup> St. to KDM

### Priority C

1. S. 222<sup>nd</sup> St: 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to 223<sup>rd</sup> St.
2. S. 219<sup>th</sup> St: 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.
3. 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: S. 220<sup>th</sup> St. to S. 229<sup>th</sup> St.
4. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. S: S. 208<sup>th</sup> St. to S. 200<sup>th</sup> St.

### Priority D

1. Utility District Driveway – upon request
2. Residential Streets

### Other Services

The Public Works Department also provides sandbags to Des Moines citizens at \$2.00 per bag for the individual's use for traction or extra vehicle weight.

### Current Equipment Resources:

- Three slow plow trucks with sand spreaders
- Two 4x4 pick-up trucks with plows
- One road grader
- One front-end Loader
- Two backhoes



## Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Collection Week - January 11-15



Trees should be cut into 4 ft. sections (or less) with no flocking or tinsel and should be bundled using natural string or twine only. Collection will be on your normal pick up day.

## Des Moines Minor Home Repair Program

Funding is now available for minor home repairs\*. Services are being offered to low/moderate income residents who have owned their home for at least one year. Some restrictions apply; please call the Code Enforcement Office at 206-870-6558 for details. \*Funded by King County Community Development Block Grant dollars.





## Planning Agency to Review Draft Design Guidelines

Over the next several months, the Des Moines Planning Agency will be reviewing the draft "Marina District Design Guidelines" for the Downtown Neighborhood, which will help preserve Des Moines' small-town character while promoting diversity and creativity of new development. This work is supported by Des Moines' Comprehensive Plan Policy 2-03-08(2) and the Downtown/Marina District planning vision and mission statement adopted by City Council in January 2009.

**What are Design Guidelines?** Design guidelines provide a community standard for good design that encourage creativity, interest, and variety, and build upon local heritage and character. Guidelines offer a flexible tool – an alternative to prescriptive zoning requirements – that allows new development to respond better to the distinctive/desired character of an area. The overriding objective is to ensure that new development and/or redevelopment fits in well with its surroundings.

*Good design can help create lively places with distinctive character; streets and public spaces that are safe, accessible, pleasant to use and human in scale; and places that inspire because of the imagination and sensitivity of their designers.*

The *Marina District Design Guidelines* share this objective with an aim to guide the design of development in a manner that strengthens the Des Moines' downtown mixed use commercial core. These guidelines augment development standards established in the Des Moines Municipal Code and together would serve as the basis for project review within the Downtown Neighborhood. They are also intended to assist project developers and their architects by providing graphic examples of the intent of the design objectives and regulations.

**Let us know what you think!** Participate in upcoming Planning Agency meetings scheduled on **December 7th, January 4th** and **January 25th**. All meetings start at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers at 21630 11th Ave. S. You can also email the Planning Agency at: [planning\\_agency@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:planning_agency@desmoineswa.gov) or contact Planning Manager Denise Lathrop at 206-870-6563.

## Seattle Southside Business Website Showcases Business Opportunities in Southwest King County

The Seattle Southside Business website was launched in July and can be found online at [www.seattlesouthsidebusiness.com](http://www.seattlesouthsidebusiness.com). The website highlights Des Moines and its Southwest King County partners as a growing area of opportunity and is a dynamic resource for real estate brokers, investors, developers and business owners who may be looking for expansion possibilities.

The Seattle Southside Business website features information on the area's business climate and demographics, pertinent economic and real estate data, and the ability to search commercial real estate listings. It also includes real estate development opportunities that are on the drawing board or in the planning stages. The website gives readers a chance to see Seattle Southside for themselves via an informative overview video. The video features the region's many assets and includes interviews with successful business owners – all of whom point to the benefits of a Seattle Southside location.

The Seattle Southside Business website is a project of the Southwest King County Economic Development Initiative (SKCEDI), a partnership between the cities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, SeaTac and Tukwila as well as Highline Community College, King County, and the Port of Seattle. SKCEDI members work to stimulate quality business investment and real estate development in Southwest King County and are dedicated to increasing job opportunities and income for its residents.

### Shop Des Moines!

Local businesses create jobs, invest in neighborhood improvement, promote community development, contribute to local causes, and fund more City services through sales tax. Your dollars spent in Des Moines are an investment in your community.

## Bidding Climate Helps the South County Regional Jail Move Forward

In August, the South King County Correctional Entity (SCORE) broke ground on the 830 misdemeanor jail facility on vacant property located in the general vicinity of South 208th Street and 15th Avenue South. Earthwork to create a level building pad and area for the parking lot for the new facility was completed in mid-October. The site has been stabilized until construction of the building begins.

The current positive bidding climate for governmental projects is allowing SCORE to move forward with the construction of the entire facility within the budget that was identified for only the initial phase. Originally, SCORE had planned to build approximately 630 beds now and the remaining 200 beds at some point in the future. While SCORE had contemplated the two phases for construction, the previous land use and environmental reviews evaluated and approved the full build-out to 830 beds. In October, the SCORE Board awarded the bid for the construction of the entire 830 bed facility. The City expects to issue the building permit by late November of 2009. Construction of the facility is expected to last until the middle of 2011.

## Temporary Des Moines Creek Trail Closure



The City of Des Moines' portion of the Des Moines Creek Trail was closed to the public in November for approximately three months. The purpose of the closure is to construct rock walls, drainage facilities, pave the trail and provide areas of landscaping and other amenities. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Tommy Owen at the City of Des Moines 253-973-5938.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this construction period.



## A Message from Des Moines Animal Control

Due to the recent economic recession, many pet owners have had to find other placement for their beloved pets. Pets may be one of the first things to go when there is not enough money to provide basic human necessities such as food, shelter and medical care.

For this reason, there is an abundance of pets in need of new homes; just take a look at Petfinder.com, Craigslist, rescues, foster homes, or animal shelters, and you will find many pets that have been someone's wonderful family member and now need new people to love and care for them.

Please consider a shelter or foster pet when seeking a new dog, cat, pocket pet, reptile, bird, or even livestock such as pygmy goats, potbelly pigs and horses of all types. If you seek a pure-bred, you may also contact local pure-bred rescues and show breeders, as they too may have available animals for placement in new homes. Remember to think carefully BEFORE bringing a new pet into your home; pets are a huge commitment, requiring lots of time, training, dedication, and yes, money.

Your new best friend could simply be a phone call or mouse click away!

## Keep Your Castle Safe During the Holidays



**Eliminate the opportunity:** Many burglars and thieves are opportunistic and many of their crimes are crimes of opportunity rather than pre-planned crimes. An open, empty garage is a sign to thieves that reads, "Come on in, everything must go." A vehicle parked outside with a remote control garage door opener hanging from the visor lets them know the residence is open for business as well. Before leaving home, make sure everything is locked and secured. Remove all garage door openers from any vehicles that will be left outside while away.

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## You Can Make a Difference - Help Stop Water Pollution

The City of Des Moines has joined a coalition of more than 300 Puget Sound organizations, including cities and counties, environmental and stewardship groups, businesses and universities to stop the daily flow of 140,000 pounds of toxic chemicals from entering Puget Sound. Unlike sanitary wastewater that is treated prior to discharging into a body of water, stormwater picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flows into nearby creeks, catch basins, rivers, lakes and eventually Puget Sound without any treatment. "Puget Sound is dying and many of us don't realize that our own actions are contributing to its decline," said David Dicks, director of the Puget Sound Partnership. The **Puget Sound Starts Here (PSSH)** campaign is a statewide campaign which focuses attention on what most residents can easily do to help reduce stormwater pollution in our communities.



**Where do these pollutants come from?** Sources of contaminants include broken sewer pipes, septic failure, garbage, waterfowl, and pet waste. Every time it rains, dog waste left on the streets, trails, waterfront or even on the grass gets washed into nearby waterways. Even pet waste left in a neighborhood hundreds of yards from a waterway can easily be carried by rainwater into catch basins that take it quickly to our waterways through culverts or ditches. Once this waste finds its way to the body of water, the bacteria not only ruin the beauty of the Puget Sound and other waterways, it can also cause fish kills and sickness to humans.

### How You Can Help:

- Pick up after your dog
- Store trash cans and garbage out of the rain
- Keep a lid on trash while it waits to be picked up
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly
- Never pour paint, motor oil or other toxic substances onto the ground, ditches, pond, or catch basins
- Inspect your septic system every 3 years and pump your tank as necessary

For more information contact Ruth Famurewa, NPDES Coordinator, at 206-870-6869 or [rfamurewa@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:rfamurewa@desmoineswa.gov).



## Police Department Launches New Community Information Service

The Des Moines Police Department has launched a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology.

This service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications to you instantly by cell phone text message, email, and web. There is NO spam or advertising.

Nixle is available at no cost (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers).

The service is simple to use, reliable and trusted. Stay connected to your world, from the public safety alerts that are relevant to you, to the important neighborhood advisories you want to know about, and other valuable community information. You decide what information you want and whether you want it sent to your cell phone, email, or just simply over the web.

Register now and learn more at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).



## DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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### City Council Highlights

#### Approved Resolutions

- Establishing November 3, 2009 as the date for an election on the question of the formation of a Metropolitan Park District and on the election of the five initial Metropolitan Park Commissioners.
- Approving a MOU with the Des Moines Police Guild regarding budgetary concessions.
- Setting a date for a public hearing to consider vacation of a portion of public right-of-way known as 22nd Ave. S.
- Opposing Initiative 1033
- Authorizing the withdrawal of WSDOT from the Interlocal Agreement regarding the Des Moines Creek Basin Plan.

#### Approved Ordinances

- Vacating City rights-of-way commonly referred to as South 222nd Street, and South 223rd Street located in Des Moines Marina
- Creating an illicit discharge detection and elimination program, creating an operation, maintenance, and inspection program for stormwater facilities
- Authorizing the execution of an amended and restated interlocal agreement relating to the South Correctional Entity Facility; authorizing an agreement among the cities of Renton, Auburn, Federal Way, and Des Moines and the South Correctional Entity and amending Ordinance No. 1450.
- Amending the 2009 budget
- Vacating the City right-of-way commonly

referred to as 22nd Pl. S.

- Relating to regulation of automotive repair and maintenance uses in the PR-C-1 Zone
- Adopting the 2010-2015 Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master

#### Approved agreements, bids, contracts

- Interlocal Agreement with HSD 401 regarding Mt Rainier Pool
- Engineering services related to utility coordination and demolition of car wash – S. 216th St. Improvement Project
- Agreement with Moffatt & Nichol for construction support services for North Marina Combined Projects, with payment \$405,607.00 with a contingency fund of \$28,000.
- Rescinded award of construction contract for Des Moines Creek Trail to Grade, Inc. due to their bid being determined nonresponsive.
- Awarding the construction contract for the Des Moines Creek Trail to Archer Construction in the amount of \$734,427.78 plus a 15% contingency.
- Task Order Supplement with KPFF Consulting Engineers, Inc. for additional design work for the North Twin Bridge seismic retrofit and safety upgrades bringing the total for this task order assignment to \$250,980.00, authorize the approval other task order supplements as necessary up to an amount of \$10,000.
- Contract between the City and Midway Sewer District for coordinated pavement

restoration and overlay improvements on S. 250th St

- Construction contract for 2009 Pavement Management Program to Lakeside Industries, Inc. in amount of \$203,110.25 and up to 10% of the contract amount for unforeseen conditions.
- Authorized the creation of the temporary part-time position of "Contract Administrator" for the North Marina Combined Projects.
- Supplement #1 with KPG Consulting Engineers, Inc. for engineering work relating to final design, environmental documentation, and right-of-way services in the amount of \$1,428,682.69 bringing the total Contract amount to \$2,098,463.54, and additional supplements as necessary up to \$145,000.
- Approved professional services contract amendment with Leonard D. Madsen to continue professional project management services through December 31, 2010.
- Confirmed Mayor appointments of M. Luisa Bangs and Shaw Dixon to the Des Moines Arts Commission.
- Accepted the King County CDBG Award in the amount of \$450,000 for the S. 216th St. improvements, between Marine View Dr. and 11th Ave S.
- Confirmed City Manager's re-appointment of Veronica Alicea-Galvan as Municipal Court Judge for another four-year term.

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**Discourage the thief:** Since burglars prefer to break into homes that look unoccupied, lower the home's appeal by making it look like someone's there. Use timers on lights, radios and televisions, ask neighbors to put trash cans out on trash day, arrange for mail and newspaper delivery to stop or ask a friend to collect them.

**Prevent easy access:** Make your home a more difficult target by increasing the time it takes a burglar to enter. This is done by simply making sure all doors and windows are locked, installing deadbolt locks on all outside doors and keeping trees and hedges near the home trimmed to limit hiding places.

**For more crime prevention ideas, contact the Des Moines Police Crime Prevention Unit at 206-870-7600.**

### WHAT IS YOUR CAR SCREAMING OUT TO THIEVES?



**Don't make your car into a big gift-box for thieves!**

Vehicle prowls can be prevented. Vehicle prowls can happen anywhere; at home, at work or while shopping. When leaving your vehicle unattended remove all valuables, lock your doors and make sure all windows are completely rolled up.

*Courtesy of the Des Moines Police Department*