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Fall 2021

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Let's chat about parks

The City of Des Moines is preparing an update to the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services (PRSS) Master Plan. This plan guides decision-making for future park, open space, and programming investments.

The City wants to hear from you!

Join us at:

PRSS Master Plan Open House
Des Moines Activity Center
Wednesday, September 8th, 2021
6-8 pm

- Learn about the plan update
- Tell us what you want to see in the plan
- Review the draft plan and share your feedback

Can't attend in-person? We still want your feedback!
Event boards and a questionnaire will be shared at the link below.

Contact

parksmasterplan@desmoineswa.gov
desmoineswa.gov/departments/parks_recreation



Scan here for
more information



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Rec'n Roll

This issue of City Currents does not contain the usual list of upcoming Senior, Recreation and Summer programs. At the time of this writing, many factors that will enter into the decision about whether future

programming and events can proceed are still unknown. The City will take into account the direction from our federal and state governments, and health officials in deciding when events and programs can resume. The City's primary consideration in these decisions is always the safety of our community. We look forward to celebrating with you once it is safe to do so.

Please check the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov for the latest information related to events and programs.



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Council Highlights

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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**City Council
meets 1st and 3rd
Thursdays
at 5:00pm**

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY–AUGUST ORDINANCE 1 , RESOLUTION 1428–1431

Approved the Following Action:

- Contract Award for Des Moines City Hall HVAC Replacement Project
- South Sound Boating Season Opening Day Proclamation
- Marina Redevelopment Consulting Contracts
- Agreement with Pacific Environmental Services Company – Marina Fueling System Upgrades, Phase 1
- Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation
- Consultant Services Contract with Matthew Johnson
- North Marina Parking Lot Bulkhead and Restroom Replacement – Pre-Construction Support; Exeltech Consulting Design Contract Supplemental Agreement #4
- Observance of Juneteenth, Resolution 1429
- Juneteenth Proclamation
- Sea-Tac Stakeholder Advisory Round Table (StART) Position
- Human Services Advisory Committee Appointment, Diane Hoyer
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning Pride Month (LGBTQ) Proclamation

Show your love for clean water in the Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District!



Poverty Bay needs your help
Join us in our responses to stop poop pollution in Poverty Bay and learn about ways you can keep your family and community healthy!

Do you live in the Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District?
Find out more about *Free Rebates* for your septic systems for eligible residents within the Poverty Bay Shellfish Protection District
(www.kingcounty.gov/povertybay).

This project has been funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement PC-01118001 to the Washington State Department of Health. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the Environmental Protection Agency, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.

We're
HIRING



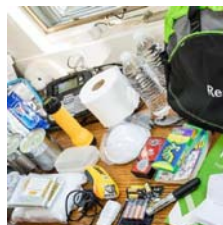
The City of Des Moines is recruiting for a variety of positions.
Check out our listing of open positions and apply!

Visit www.desmoineswa.gov and click *Now Hiring!* to view current openings and sign up to receive job alerts by email.

- North Marina Parking Lot Bulkhead and Restroom Replacement Project: Public Works Construction Contract Award and Consultant Contract Supplemental Agreement #5
- 24th Avenue Pipeline Replacement/ Upgrade Project
- 2021 Des Moines Farmers Market Agreement
- WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan 2021 Update Adoption, Resolution No. 1430
- Des Moines Normandy Park Interlocal Agreement for Senior Services 2021-2022
- Prohibiting Attendance at Unlawful Racing Events, Ordinance No. 1747
- Police Body Worn Camera Program Funding
- Contract Amendment and Extension with Coaching Action
- Human Services Advisory Committee Appointments, Corrine Anderson-Ketchmark and Mary Guiberson
- Des Moines Marina Replacement of M and N Docks, Consultant Contract
- Setting a Date for Public Hearing for Vacation of Public Rights-of Way for South 219th Street, South 220th Street, South 221st Street, South 224th Street, and 30th Avenue South to Sound Transit for the Federal Way Link Extension, Resolution No. 1431
- Arts Commission Appointment, Meiling Sproger
- Recording of Committee Meetings
- City Manager Budget Presentation

Held the Following Public Hearing(s):

- Transportation Improvement Plan (2022-2041), Resolution No. 1428



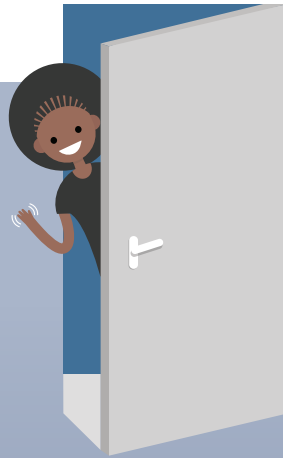
SEPTEMBER



2021

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STAFF COMINGS & GOINGS



COMING

- Chris Obrovac, Harbor Attendant I
- Samuel Gullo, Maintenance Worker II—Parks
- Shawna Thomas, Human Resources Analyst
- Ian Runland, Maintenance Worker I
- Shawn O’Keefe, Harbor Attendant I
- Emmett Lenihan, Harbor Attendant I
- Cortney Wilt, Recreation Specialist—
Events/Facilities Rental
- Robert Raimond, Police Officer II
- Julius Lugo, Plant Care Specialist
- Rosanne Cordes, Facility Attendant III
- Cassandra Blair, Facility Attendant III
- Mike Kwispond, Civil Engineer I

GOING

- Robert Remien, Parks Maintenance Specialist
- Dave Rossick, Senior Accounting Specialist
- Tyler Ries, Maintenance Worker 1
- Dave Mohr, Master Sergeant
- Michael Graddon, Commander

DES MOINES DIRECTORY

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21630 11th Avenue S
(206) 878-4595
Business Hours
Monday–Friday
8:00am–4:30pm
www.desmoineswa.gov



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City Clerk/
Communications Director (206) 870-6519
City Manager (206) 870-6519
Planning/Building (206) 870-7576
Engineering (206) 870-6522
Facilities Rentals (206) 870-9370
Finance Director (206) 870-6532
Marina (206) 824-5700
Municipal Court (206) 878-4597
Parks Administration (206) 870-6527
Police Department (206) 878-3301
Public Works/Park Maintenance (206) 870-6559
Recreation (206) 870-6527
Senior Services (206) 878-1642

Other Numbers
Emergency 911
Animal Control (206) 870-6549
Field House (206) 870-6527
Fire (non-emergency) (253) 839-6234
Library, Des Moines (206) 824-6066
Library, Woodmont (253) 839-0121
Police Dispatch (non-emergency) (206) 878-2121

Utilities and Services
Century Link (800) 573-1311
CleanScapes (206) 762-4900
Comcast (877) 778-7008
Highline Water District (206) 824-0375
Lakehaven Water/Sewer (253) 941-1516
Midway Sewer District (206) 824-4960
Puget Sound Energy (800) 321-4123
SW Suburban Sewer (206) 244-9575
Water District #54 (206) 878-7210

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:
Utility Locates (800) 424-5555

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NORTH MARINA BULKHEAD

Project Status

- Design & Engineering—Complete
- Environmental Permitting—Complete
- Advertisement for Public Bids—Complete
- Construction Contract Award—Complete

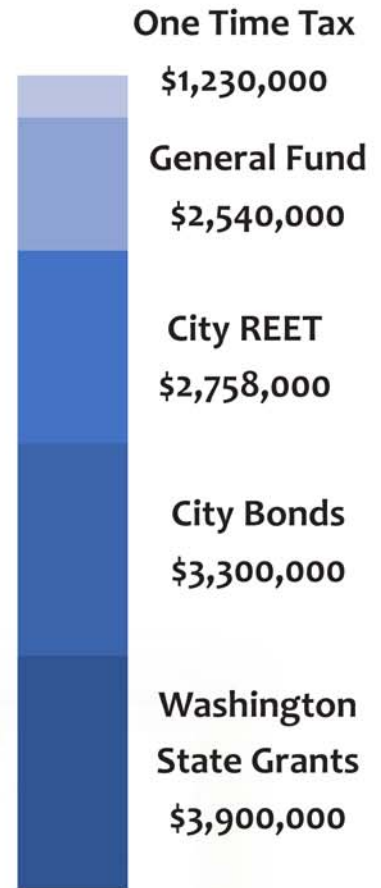
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Next Steps

- Begin Construction—August 25th 2021
 - 260 Working Days
 - North Marina Parking Lot Bulkhead
 - Public Restrooms

Construction Impacts

- Reduced Parking in North Marina
- Daily Construction Activity and Noise
- Reduced Public Access to Restrooms & Fishing Pier
- Fishing Pier Closure for 30-Days



FACILITY UPDATE

For more information contact:

Khai Le at: kle@desmoineswa.gov or (206) 321-6343





Highline College Celebrates 60 Years of Education!

“Congratulations, Highline College. You are an asset to Des Moines and the greater community in which you serve. We are proud that you are part of our City and look forward to your continued presence, as well as our continued partnerships into the future.”

Matt Pina, Mayor of Des Moines and Councilmember

“Ever since its founding, Highline College has enriched our community and our state. I was honored to serve as a Highline College trustee some time ago and it was my favorite job ever! Faculty, staff and students of Highline live out the values of this learning community: diversity, innovation, excellence and service to others. Here’s to another 60 years!”

Karen Keiser, State Senator, 33rd District

“Highline College welcomes and celebrates diversity, it pushes for innovation with partnerships to really meet the needs of our community. My son attended Running Start at Highline and it was a great experience for him. What I am most proud of is how its staff and faculty make Highline a safe and supportive place, how they understand that students are more than classwork. Here’s to many, many more years to come!”

Tina Orwall, State Representative, 33rd District

“Highline is one of the nation’s leaders in providing an inclusive and impactful education experience to people from all backgrounds and walks of life—this includes the amazing people who work at Highline and make it what it is today. The college has touched three generations of my family: my mother, me and my daughter. Thank you for being the higher and brighter learning community we are lucky to experience.”

Mia Gregerson, State Representative, 33rd District

“As the most diverse college in the state, Highline College embodies what community and technical colleges stand for, equity and opportunity for all Washingtonians. Looking forward to more great accomplishments over the next 60 years.”

Jan Yoshiwara, Executive Director, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

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To commemorate the college’s 60 years of service, Des Moines City Currents will profile Highline College with a special section in its Winter 2021 edition. We invite you to join in the celebration!

Contact Katie Higgins (Katie@ColibriNW.com / (206) 914-4248) to learn more about opportunities to recognize Highline College and its educators, and to associate your business with the college.



Dr. Melvin "Pat" Allan, the first permanent president of Highline College, carries a table from a moving truck during the 1964 move from the college's temporary home at Glacier High School to the college's permanent campus on South 240th Street, a 100-block trip to the south.



Students line up to register for classes on Highline College's new campus, October 1964.



Seattle Mayor Norm Rice sits with Highline President Shirley Gordon before Highline College's 1990 commencement ceremony where he would receive the college's first Distinguished Alumnus Award.

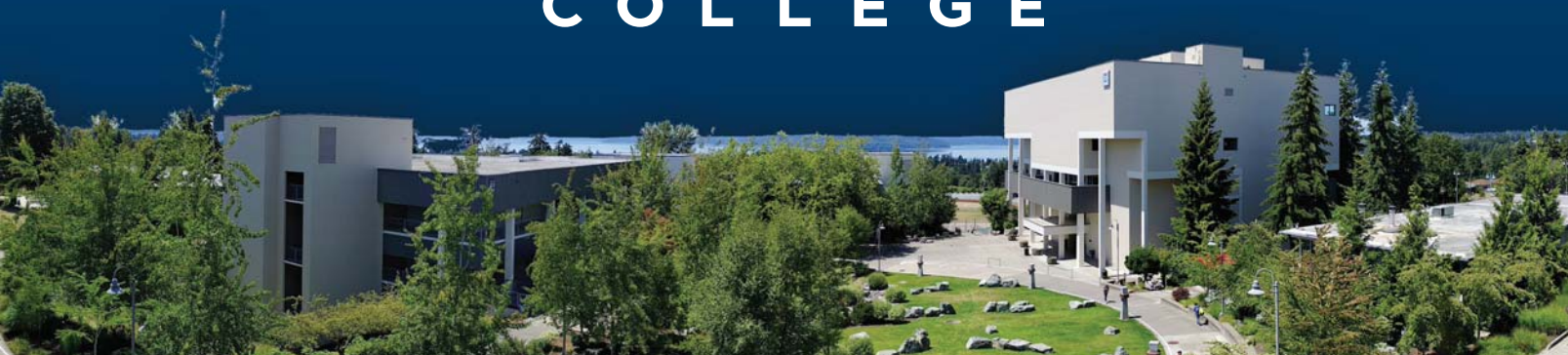
Students take part in the Undersea Diving program at Highline's Redondo Dock on Poverty Bay in this 1960s-era photo. The program taught students to be commercial divers and was phased out in the early 1990s. Now the dock is home to Highline's Marine Science and Technology (MaST) Center, a teaching, learning and research center.



Students now have a central location for high-demand health and wellness-related programs in Highline's renovated Health and Life Sciences Building. When constructed in 1975, the building had been used for the college's dental technician, nursing, business occupations and automotive repair programs.

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Commitment to Safety: Domestic Violence and the Continued Impacts of Covid-19

For victims of domestic violence, the “stay at home orders” brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic may have increased the dangerous situation many faced within their home. Victims were now isolating at home with their abusers and children who were exposed to family violence no longer had the daily reprieve and safety of going to school.

While City Hall has remained closed to the public for the past year, we have remained vigilant in our work to address violence within our community. In October of 2020, the City Council voted to adopt two new Domestic Violence Code changes in order to provide additional tools for law enforcement. The Ordinance that was approved created enhanced criminal charges for Exposing Children to Domestic Violence and for Strangulation that occurs during a Domestic Violence Assault.

Another compounded challenge of Covid-19 has been the backlog of cases in the court system. This is true in both large and small jurisdictions and is the result of Covid-19 mitigation efforts. Often these are cases that have a victim(s) who is seeking justice. Delays can take a mental and emotional toll on the victim.

The City of Des Moines has recognized the need to move cases through the court system and lessening a lengthy backlog. The City has recently increased attorney staff as well as court room capacity in order to accomplish this.

Though many challenges were brought by the pandemic, there has also been great resilience and innovation. One such example is virtual hearings. Our court and many across the country adapted to the physical distancing requirements by holding court virtually using video conferencing. These hearings are procedurally the same as traditional in-person court. Yet they offer added convenience for attorneys, defendants, and perhaps the most significant: victims of domestic violence.

Historically, victims of domestic violence have stood before a judge, mere feet from their alleged abuser. This can be an intimidating experience. Often both parties are arriving at the same time and leaving at the same time. Besides the safety risk, there are often other barriers for victims to attend court. Time off of work and finding childcare. If childcare is not an option, they are forced to bring their children into the very courtroom where violent allegations are overheard. Virtual court has taken those common scenarios away. Having the opportunity to appear in the virtual courtroom either by phone or video allows a victim of domestic violence to have their case heard without the fear and burden associated with traditional, in-person court appearances.

Now that we know virtual court can be done, will it continue broadly? It remains to be seen but many are advocating and praising the courts for adapting to such a model. Many are hopeful that this will remain the new normal and victims of violence will continue to have equal access to the justice system but from a safer position.

Here we are, a year and a half later and while we are all still trying to reclaim normalcy, we want to encourage our community members to seek help if needed.

**If you are experiencing
any family violence,
please reach out
for help and support:**



Protection Order Advocacy Program

Seattle: (206) 477-1103

Kent: (206) 477-3758

web: www.protectionorder.org

email: protectionorder@kingcounty.gov

New Beginning

24-hour helpline: (206) 522-9472

Lifewire

24-hour helpline: (425) 746-1940

DAWN:

Advocacy line: (425) 656-7867

Housing Repair Assistance Program

The City of Des Moines is once again providing minor home repair services to City resident homeowners who have “extremely low” to “low” incomes based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines. This is done by providing free repair services to improve the health and safety of our residents as they live in their homes. Funding for this program is provided by a Community Development Block Grant through King County. Services provided include but are not limited to:

Electrical – faulty lights, switches, plugs, circuits or exhaust fans

Plumbing – faulty toilets, clogged drains, leaking faucets, faulty water heaters

Disability Aids – installation of grab bars, hand rails, hand held showerheads, bath seats, high toilets, access ramps and application of non-skid surfaces

Safety – installation of smoke alarms, security/safety lights, carbon monoxide alarms and locksets

Other – faulty furnaces, faulty gutters and roof leaks, broken window glass panes

How do I qualify for these free services?

1. Be an owner/occupant within the Des Moines city limits for at least one year with no intention of selling in the next 12 months, have proof of home owner’s insurance, and meet the HUD income guidelines for the program.
2. Complete the application process

How do I apply?

To apply for this program please follow these directions:

1. Request an application by email at thickey@desmoineswa.gov or by calling (206) 870-6535
2. Once your application is processed and evaluated you will receive a phone call informing you of your acceptance or non-eligibility for our program. Upon acceptance your job will be referred to one of our contractors who will call you to make an appointment to perform those services. Services that are required for your health and/or safety are the highest priority.



Pet waste pollutes



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