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A Message from City Manager, Michael Matthias

As a nation and as a community we face great challenges that threaten our health, that identify social injustices and that have threatened our economic security. Despite these profound challenges, this still is the season in the year where we acknowledge our gratitude for the many blessings we receive. It is important to retain a sense of gratitude in the face of adversity. It is what we teach our children: character is formed in facing and responding to adversity.

Every morning, as I head into City Hall, I feel gratitude for the opportunity to work with the amazingly talented staff we have. It is a pleasure. They are committed, talented, dedicated and skillful in performing their duties and moving Des Moines forward. I felt it would be appropriate to dedicate this issue of City Currents to our City employees and thank them for all they do

This issue contains pictures of almost all our employees. These are the people who provide police services, who administer the City finances, who run our Municipal Court, they maintain our roads and keep our parks looking great, they enact the building code requirements, review land use development and design and build capital projects, keep the Marina functioning, work on emergency services, provide communication to our residents, prepare City Council agenda packets and maintain the information technology dynamic for our City. They do much more, too much to name every duty and responsibility they fulfill.

I am proud to work with them, admire their courage and dedication in the midst of this pandemic. These are your employees and for their efforts we, as a City, are better off.

Thank you to each and every one of you!

Michael Matthias

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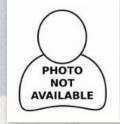
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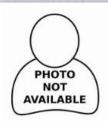
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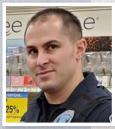
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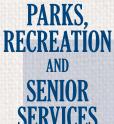
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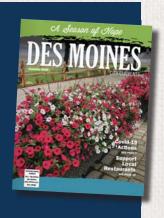


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Rec'n Roll

This issue of City Currents does not contain the usual list of upcoming Senior, Recreation and Winter 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.

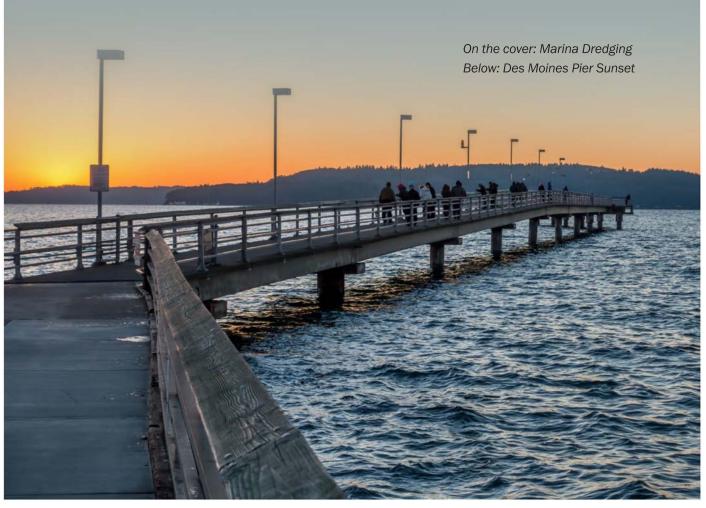
Please check the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov for the latest information related to events and programs.

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Council Highlights

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY-NOVEMBER **ORDINANCE 1736-1745 / RESOLUTION 1413-1420**

Approved the Following Action:

- 24th Avenue S Improvements Project, Kent-Des Moines Road (SR 516) to S 223rd Street, 2020-2021 On-Call General Civil Engineering Services—Consultant Design Task Assignment 2020-2021
- South Sound Boating Season Opening Day Proclamation
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation
- Van Gasken Park Landscape Design-Task Order
- Contract with Facility Maintenance Contractors for Janitorial Services in City Buildings
- · Puget Sound Gateway Project SR 167 and SR 509 Completion Projects—Local Funding and Phasing Interlocal Agreement
- Washington Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal Agency Interlocal Agreement (File Local), Resolution No. 1413
- · Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental **Funding Program**
- · Woodmont Landslide Emergency Repairs— CIP Budget Amendment and Property Acquisition
- Interlocal Agreement for Sea-Tac Airport Sustainable Airport Master Plan, **Environmental Review and Analysis**
- Interlocal Agreement Valley Special Weapons and Tactics Team
- Port of Seattle Economic Development Agreement

- · 4Culture Grant Acceptance-Arts Commission
- 2020 Surface Water Comprehensive Plan Update Consultant On-Call Agreement Task Assignment for Engineering Services
- US Department of Justice Assistance Grants-Fiscal Year 18 and 19 Memorandum of Understanding Revisions
- · Business License and Amending DMMC 5.04.020, 5.04.030 and 5.04.040, Ordinance No. 1736
- · Business License Fee Schedule, Effective July 1, 2020, Resolution No. 1414
- · Redondo Fishing Pier, Redondo Fishing Pier Bulkhead and Plaza and Redondo Restroom, 2020-2021 On-Call General Civil Engineering Services-Consultant Design Task Assignment and Acceptance of Washington State Department of Commerce 2021 Local Community Projects Program Grant
- · Proclamation of Racism as a Public Health Crisis
- · Juneteenth Proclamation
- · Consideration of Future City of Des Moines Participation in StART (Sea-Tac Airport Stakeholder Roundtable)
- · Van Gasken Sound View Park Development Disposition of Existing Residential Structure
- 2020-2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan, Resolution No. 1416
- LUA2018-0067; Blueberry Lane III Modified Short Subdivision Preliminary Approval Concurrence

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL







Matt Pina

Matt Mahoney Deputy Mayor

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Councilmember



Jeremy Nutting

City Council meets 1st, 2nd and 4th **Thursdays** at 7:00pm

- · National Park and Recreation Month Proclamation
- Collective Bargaining Agreement Teamster Local No. 763
- · Washington State Department of Commerce Shelter Program Grant
- · Financial Management System Software and Implementation Services
- · Soundview Park Development, Resolution No. 1417
- · Budget Retreat
- · Childhood Cancer Proclamations
- · National Recovery Month Proclamation
- Acceptance of Washington Traffic Safety Commission Grant: Des Moines Municipal Court (DUI Court)
- Barnes Creek Trail—King County Grant Safe Routes to Transit Program Capital Improvements Agreement and 2020-2021 On-Call Consultant Agreement for Civil **Engineering Services Task Assignment**
- · Hemstad Contract Amendment 1
- National Preparedness Month Proclamation
- · Des Moines Field House Park-Field House Renovation Project Contract
- · Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
- · Comcast Franchise Agreement, Ordinance No 1739
- · South King Housing and Homelessness Partners (SKHHP) 2021 Budget and 2020-2021 Work Plan, Resolution No. 1418
- 2021-2026 Capital Improvements Plan. Resolution No. 1419
- · Grant Fredricks Consultant Contract Amendment #10

MEMORIAL BENCH DONATION PROGRAM



New sites are available in the Marina and in South Marina Park!

The City installs and maintains many park benches throughout the city. The Bench Donation Program allows citizens and businesses to dedicate a bench to a family member or friend for a 10-year timeframe.

If you are interested in purchasing a bench to honor someone you know, please call (206) 870-6527 for more information or email recreation@desmoineswa.gov.



- Street Sweeping Services Contract Addendum #1 with McDonough and
- Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Des Moines and Des Moines Police Guild
- 2020-2021 Police Vehicle Purchase
- Creating New Domestic Violence Offenses in the Criminal Code, Ordinance No 1740
- · Master License Agreement-Extenet Systems, Inc.
- · Interlocal Agreement—School Resilience to Air Pollution Study
- · Barnes Creek/Kent Des Moines Road Culvert Project: Design Agreement GCB 3395 With Washington State Department of Transportation
- 2021-2022 Human Services Advisory Committee Funding Recommendations
- · Interlocal Agreement with South King Fire District Regarding Emergency Management Services and Operations
- Small Business Saturday Proclamation
- 8th Avenue South (South 264th Street to South 265th Street) Lakehaven Water and Sewer District Interlocal Agreement and Consultant On-Call Agreement Task Assignment Amendment for Engineering Services
- · Suspending Restrictions of Use of One-Time Revenue for 2021, Ordinance No. 1741
- · Midway Park Enhancements: Removal of Non-Park Related Structures

Public Hearings:

- · Code Clean-Up Items to Correct Omissions, Errors and Inconsistencies and to Clarify City Council Intent, Ordinance No. 1737
- Transportation Improvement Plan (2021-2040), Resolution No. 1415
- · Environment Code and the Regulation of Flood Hazard Areas, Ordinance No. 1738
- Setting the Limit Factor for the Property Tax Levy for 2021, Resolution No. 1420
- 2021 Property Tax Levies, Ordinance No. 1742
- 2021 Property Tax Levy Increase for General City expenditures, Ordinance No. 1743
- 2021 Annual Budget, Ordinance No. 1744
- 2020 Annual Budget Amendments. Ordinance No. 1745



By Mayor Matt Pina

AS WE DRAW NEAR TO THE END OF THIS CHALLENGING YEAR, our City Manager wanted to express all of our gratitude for the amazing efforts of our City staff. City Manager Michael Matthias has been steadfast in leading the Team throughout the Coronavirus pandemic. In this issue Michael gives tribute to the men and women who serve this City, while they also worry about how the

effects of the pandemic affect their families. I can't thank them enough for all of their hard work and dedication.

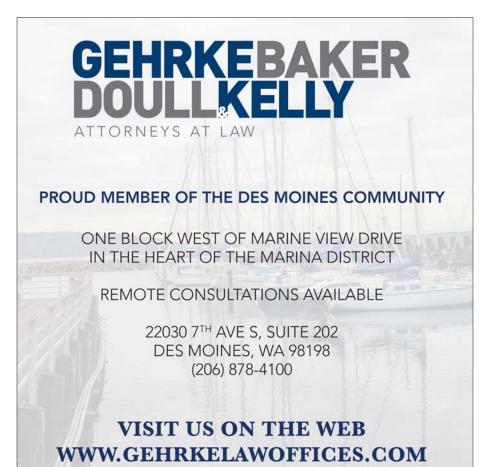
As we close out 2020, I encourage you all to stay informed and do whatever you can to continue to stay safe and healthy.

On behalf of the Des Moines City Council, I wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to when we can all be together again. Here's to a brighter 2021.

Wishing you the best of the Holiday Season,

Matt Pina

Mayor and Councilmember City of Des Moines, Washington

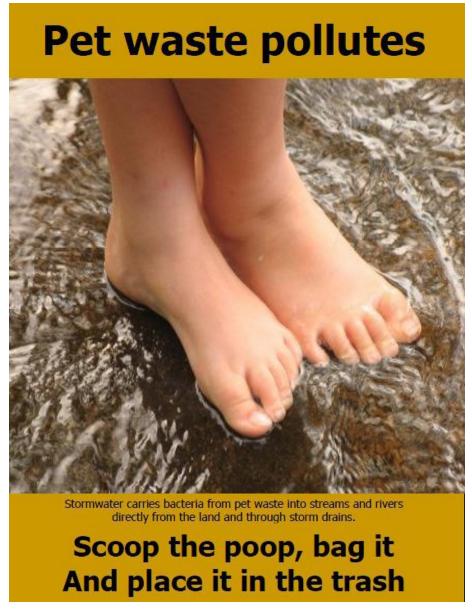


Flood Hazard Regulations Update

The City of Des Moines updated its flood hazard regulations in June of this year. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires jurisdictions to keep their flood regulations current to be eligible to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The update included changes required by FEMA and new Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) which became effective nationwide on August 19, 2020.

The NIFP provides affordable flood insurance to property owners in Des Moines who live in flood prone areas. The updated regulations work to minimize physical damage to public and private structures, and allow City residents to continue to have access to affordable flood insurance.

If you are uncertain whether your property is located in a flood hazard area or if a flood permit is required for a project you are considering, please contact a planner at dmplanning@desmoineswa.gov.



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E.A.T.S. Benefits Seniors, Veterans and Local Businesses

As a result of the pandemic, the restaurant industry was one of the most impacted small businesses. To provide free meals to our seniors and veterans while at the same time mitigating these impacts on local restaurants, the City of Des Moines developed the Emergency Assistance to Seniors and Vets (EATS) program.

The EATS program builds on the City's successful take-out lunch program at the Activity Center that has provided lunch for our seniors throughout the pandemic.

EATS provides additional meals for Seniors and Military Veterans, while also infusing \$10,000 a month into our local economy. Each week, the City purchases \$2,500 in vouchers from a different local restaurant and provides the vouchers to the seniors from our Activity Center. The City also works with the LiUNA (Laborers International Union of North America Local 242), located in Des Moines to provide vouchers to our Veterans. Funding is from a combination of King County Senior and Veterans Levy and City funds.

The program has been extremely popular with local seniors and veterans, as well as our restaurants.

Due to this early success, the EATS program is being extended through the end of the year and will be expanded during our holiday season. In total, over \$60,000 will have been spent to stimulate our local economy and provide some much-needed relief for our community.

What are our restaurants saying about the EATS program?

"We are very thankful for the program. Not only that it helps us staying busy during this tough time, but it also brings in the joy of the seniors and veterans in our community and that has definitely brightened up our days."

—Thank you, Kay, Dee Des Moines Tha

"The E.A.T.S. program was a great success at via Marina! The immediate impact to sales was greatly appreciated and it was a wonderful way to introduce new senior and veteran guests to our restaurant. Thank you Des Moines for supporting your small businesses."

—With much gratitude, Vince Mottola

"It was an honor to participate and it was such a good feeling to see people in the community smiling behind their masks and supporting us through this process. Thanks to all for giving us the opportunity."

—Paul Schmitt, Anthony's



What's happening at the Field **House Park?**

You may have noticed parts of the Field House Park being closed during the current pandemic. So, what's going on? The Field House Park is a staple for recreation in the City of Des Moines. With areas for softball, baseball, soccer, tennis courts, a playground, walking and a skate park, it receives heavy usage on a daily basis.

Poor field drainage has limited the usability of the fields over the years and regularly leads to field closures or game cancellations. The installation of a field drainage system was severely needed to ensure safe playing conditions and extend yearlong usability. Additionally, Field #2 has a backstop and fencing that was in need of replacement due to safety concerns.

To address these needed improvements, the City submitted successful applications for two grants, one through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office and one from King County Youth and Amateur Sports Program. These grants will pay for the majority of the costs associated with the needed upgrades to the Field House Park.

Upgrades to the Field House Park include:

- · A new irrigation system
- A field drainage system
- Replacement of the baseball field #2 backstop and wing fencing
- · Replacement of the utility shed
- · Addition of bleacher seating to baseball field #2
- · Addition of a drinking fountain
- Addition of pickleball lines to the tennis courts

With the irrigation system, drainage system and pickleball lines already complete, the rest of the upgrades should be finished by the end of December 2020. The pickleball courts are open for play and the playfields should be ready for usage by spring of 2021.



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DES MOINES ARTS COMMISSION POSITIONS OPENINGS IN 2021

The City of Des Moines is looking for members to join the Arts Commission. If you're interested in helping to preserve and bring new artistic ventures into the community, please consider serving on the commission.

Commissioners meet once a month to help plan events and maintain the city's interests in arts related activities, including the Art on Poverty Bay Outdoor Sculpture Gallery and the Beach Park Summer Concert series. This year the Commission will be pivoting programs to offer virtual events such as the Virtual Concert Series and Facebook Live Squid a Rama. In addition to bringing more public art to the community.

Commissioners attend and help staff events in conjunction with the City's Parks Department. Ideas and good energy are required! If you'd like to learn more, the monthly Arts Commission meetings are open to the public, or you can contact us at: info@desmoinesartscommission.com.

Arts Commission applications are available online: https://www.desmoinesartscommission.com/take-action

Please submit applications to: City Clerk City of Des Moines 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite A Des Moines, WA 98198



Housing Repair Assistance Program

he 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

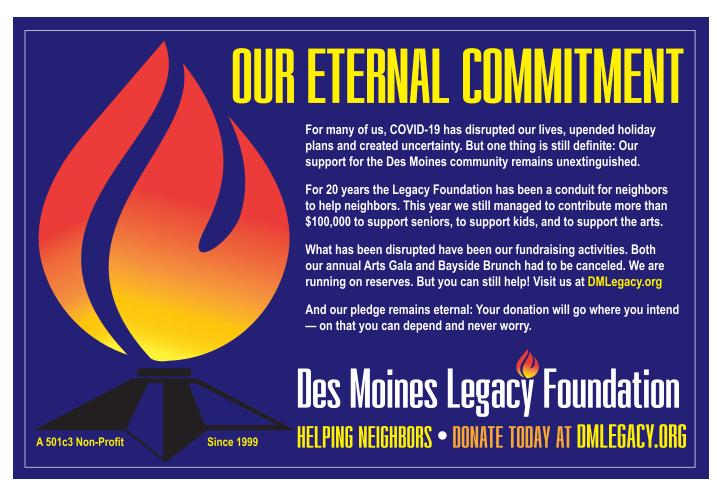
How do I apply?

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.





Midway Park—a Success Story

e all can use a little good news these days, and the changes occurring at Midway Park are very good news! Midway Park in the Pacific Ridge neighborhood is undergoing significant expansion and improvement. In 2019, the City submitted a successful application and was awarded a grant from the King County Conservation Futures program of \$675,900 for the acquisition of two properties adjacent to Midway Park. This funding was one of the first match waiver proposals approved by King County, resulting in full funding for the purchase of the properties. One parcel is vacant and the other contains a single family home that will soon be demolished to more create usable park space.

In 2020, the City submitted an additional application for grant funding to acquire two more parcels. The Conservation Futures Committee has recommended full funding of an additional \$1.89 million for two more parcels, subject to approval with the King County budget. These third and fourth parcels contain structures which would also be removed once the sales are complete next year, creating more open park space. With the grant funding, the City is also able to offer financial relocation assistance to the occupants.

You may also have seen the improvements occurring at the park this summer. The Seattle Sounders FC's charitable arm, RAVE Foundation, along

with the Seattle Storm, teamed up with Symetra Life Insurance Company and the City to support and improve equitable access to safe, fun physical activity for youth by renovating the court at Midway





Park in the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood into new soccer mini pitch and basketball court.

As part of this project, Highline Schools held a virtual class for Midway Elementary children to produce the art for the hoops/goals, involving the youth of the local community in the project. An online skills clinic hosted by the City was also held in this summer, with free balls in advance and instruction provided by the Sounders/Storm.

The park refurbishment is complete including the new court for soccer and basketball, artwork, garbage containers, picnic tables and benches.

The court at Midway Park is free to all, and the Sounders and Storm have also pledged ongoing programming at Midway Park and nearby Midway Elementary.

It takes a lot of cooperative efforts for a project like this to come to fruition. Thank you to the RAVE Foundation, Seattle Sounders, Seattle Storm, Symetra, Rotary, Reach Out Des Moines, Highline Schools, area residents, King County, and City staff for partnering to make this park expansion and renovation happen.

Together, the park improvements, acquisition of the four parcels, and creation of usable open space will provide a safe place for area youth to play, open up sight lines to 28th Avenue S, increasing safety and completely transforming Midway Park.

Des Moines Senior Activity Center Update



he City of Des Moines/ Normandy Park **Activity Center** remains closed due to COVID-19 and programs and activities continue to be suspended until further notice.

The City of Des Moines/ Normandy Park Activity Center remains closed due to COVID-19 and programs and activities continue to be suspended until further notice.

If you are or know someone 60 years and older who could use a meal, social connection and direction to health and social resources, please call our office, (206) 878-1642 and let us know.

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Many of us are feeling anxious and are concerned for those most vulnerable, people over 60 years old, and individuals with underlying health conditions. Remember it is important to stay socially connected even though we are asked to stay home and stop the spread of the virus.

Feeling isolated or need a phone friend to chat with? Our Activity Center staff is available to call you periodically to check-in and provide support via telephone.

Services we continue to provide a hot, to-go lunch at the Center via drive thru from 12 pm-12:30 pm Monday through Thursday for an indefinite period, weather permitting. Please remain in your vehicle and wear a mask when receiving lunch. There is a suggested donation of \$4.50 for those 60 years and older and \$6.50 for those under 60 years of age. Donations help toward the continuation of this vital lunch program. However any amount, great or small, is accepted and greatly appreciated!

The Des Moines Activity Center makes the health and safety of its participants and staff a priority. We will continue serving our aging population as long as needed and safe to do so. Special thanks goes to our volunteers and staff for all of their help and dedication!

We understand these are unprecedented times and we continue to move forward day by day, being mindful of how we can best support our aging adults. We know the Activity Center can serve a vital role for social connection, leisure and relaxation for our seniors. We take pride in the role we play in the lives of our aging adults in the City of Des Moines and Normandy Park community and look forward to the time when we can all gather together in good health. Thank you for your continued support and patience. We exist because of you! Let's make it positive even under this pandemic. Keep smiling, it helps you and others.

Mt. Rainier Pool:

Affordable and Safe Exercise During the Pandemic

During these tough financial times, the Mt. Rainier pool has scholarships and healthcare memberships to support community members to utilize the pool.

Scholarships (Up to 90% Off)

- · Scholarships are still available during COVID-19 for lap swimming, water exercise and water walking
- · Open to all ages
- · Can utilize HUD Guidelines, free/reduced lunch verification, or foster child verification

Healthcare Memberships Silver&Fit Lactive&Fit SilverSneakers prime









. The Mt. Rainier Pool accepts many healthcare memberships including but not limited to Silver and Fit, Active and Fit, SilverSneakers and Prime Fitness

More Information

 To get more information, visit our website at www.mtrainierpool.com. email info@mtrainierpool.com or call us at (206) 824-4722



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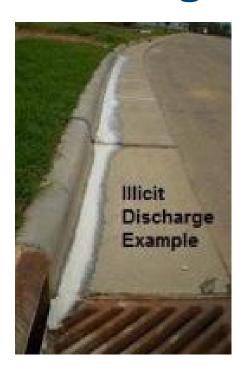
Make Sure Your Household Maintenance Practices Don't Result in an Illicit Discharge

It's important to maintain your home, landscapes and cars. Unfortunately, if done incorrectly, some of these maintenance practices could lead to an illicit discharge. Here are some tips to help you keep it green while you clean:

- Dispose of yard waste in a compost bin, yard waste bin or at a collection facility. Never dispose of yard waste in drainage ditches or stormwater ponds, as they interfere with the function of these stormwater facilities.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash or wash it on the lawn so that the wash water drains to a landscaped area. (Make sure to avoid parking over drinking wells or septic systems.)
- When pressure washing homes, garages or sheds, use the lowest setting and aim the wash water to a landscaped area. If possible, avoid using cleaning products and sweep/

- rake up paint chips to prevent them from entering stormdrains.
- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of using pressure washers (place swept up debris in garbage), or aim the wash water to a landscaped
- · When cleaning carpets, filter and flush dirty water (if on sewer) or filter and spread over landscaped area if you are on a septic system (dirty wash water and cleaning agent can harm your septic system). If you are having your carpets professionally cleaned, ask the company about their wash water disposal policy first.

Following these maintenance tips will help ensure that only rain goes down the drain. For more information or to report an illicit discharge, please contact Ben Stryker at 206.870.6523 or email at bstryker@ desmoineswa.gov. After hours call hot line 206.550.5612.



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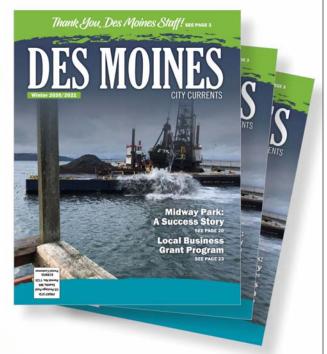
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Des Moines Provided More than \$500K in Relief to Local Businesses

The City of Des Moines will

continue to seek ways to support

our small businesses through the

COVID-19 pandemic. For more

information on the GRO Program

or the City's economic relief

support, please visit:

desmoineswa.gov/covid-19-relief

The City of Des Moines' small business community, like most communities around the world, was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City has been able to utilize several funding sources to assist our businesses. The program has focused on maximizing the impact of programs through increasing

aggregate demand for local businesses. As a result, the City created the Grant Relief Opportunity (GRO) Program, a small business grant program funded by a combination of federal funds allocated to state and local governments,

King County economic development, as well as City funds.

The G.R.O. Program provides financial support for impacts associated with the Governor's Stay Home Stay Healthy order, and adaptation/remodel grants for small businesses that are faced with retrofitting their brick and mortar locations to accommodate current and future social

distancing requirements.

The City received more than 30 local business applications, with businesses ranging from restaurants and nightlife to business services and health and wellness. The City worked closely with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Highline College in the administrative

review of applications, and is very appreciative of the expertise and continual support SBDC provides to our local businesses.

Funds were awarded based on availability, program guidelines and the submission of all required information

and supporting documentation proving financial hardship related to COVID-19.

The City awarded the G.R.O. recipients with checks and acknowledgement from City leaders during the 3rd week of October. More than \$500,000 in total was provided to assist our businesses during this pandemic. The recipients of the City's GRO funding are shown below.



STREET BANNER PROGRAM

Along Marine View Drive, cross streets and areas of 7th Avenue, are colorful banners promoting local businesses. The banners are fade-resistant and made from a heavy 22-ounce vinyl. Each banner is \$275 for one year with an annual renewal fee of \$175. Returning businesses have first priority, but if you would like to participate in this program or want to learn more, please call (206) 870-6527 or email recreation@desmoineswa.gov.



BALLPARK BANNER SPONSOR PROGRAM

To promote local business, we place 4x8' banners at Steven J Underwood Memorial Park and/or the Field House Park. The program runs from April to November, and businesses can have their banner fly for either one (1) year or three (3) years. Typically, these parks are booked solid from March through November, so the business would receive tremendous exposure.

For more information or to participate in the program, call (206) 870-6527 or email recreation@desmoineswa.gov.

Des Moines GRO Funding Recipients:

Ages in Stages Childcare
Anderson Group
Arturo's Mexican Restaurant
Chips Away Stull L.L.C
Clients ARM LLC
DM Harborside, LLC DBA
Quarterdeck



EC Computer Greek Delights dba Spyros Gyros Etc. Harper Studios, Inc. ITNOT Safety Training, LLC Marina Market & Deli Northwest Financial Services Ltd Nu 2 U Thrift Store Pauline's Nail Spa Polonez Automotive Co. Print Place Progressive Mind Body Therapeutics Salon Eclipse Salon Michelle Therese Allen & Co. via Marina Wood Fired Pizza and Italian Cafe Viva Mexico, Inc.

Waterland Arcade

Winston Auto Repair

MOUNT RAINIER POOL NOW OPEN WITH COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The Mount Rainier Pool is open for Lap Swimming, **Water Walking and Water Exercise. Future services** will be reintroduced per state and county Health Department directives.

For detailed COVID-19 usage guidelines visit www.mtrainierpool.com

During these tough times, we are dedicated to:

SAFETY: The facility will be deep cleaned daily, with continuous cleaning of high-touch areas. All staff and patrons will be required to wear protective masks and gloves per CDC guidelines. A staff member will be dedicated to enforcing physical/social distancing rules.

VALUE: There may be limits as to how many people will be allowed in the pool at any given time due to social distancing. We will adjust membership rates and extensions accordingly. We also have scholarships that are not only available for swim lessons but are available for passes and exercise classes, too.

COMMUNICATION: Due to social distancing, services will be rolled out in accordance with state-mandated regulations. This will require changes to our services over the next couple of months. Sign up to learn about pool updates and program changes via our email notification system on our website at www.mtrainierpool.com or by emailing info@mtrainierpool.com.

For additional questions or to speak to someone in person, contact Aquatics Coordinator Lauryne Newman at (206) 309-9452 or email her at lauryne.newman@desmoinespool.org.







Our Mount Rainier Pool website has the most up-to-date information on the pool, including an interactive schedule, swim lessons, scholarships, upcoming events, and news updates. Visit **www.mtrainierpool.com**.

