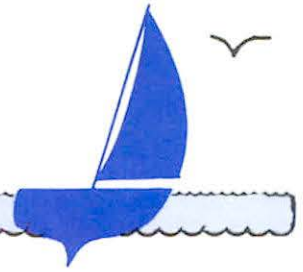


CITY CURRENTS



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Registration Fees for Businesses Located Outside the City of Des Moines

On December 2, 2004, the Des Moines City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1354 requiring businesses whose principal place of business is outside the City of Des Moines and conducting business activities within the City limits to obtain a City of Des Moines business license. The fee for this license was set at \$25 by Resolution No. 984.

The business registration process provides a business with the City of Des Moines' sales tax code of 1709. When a business sells merchandise or provides services that are taxable as retail sales, the business collects from the customer the sales taxes and remits them on their state excise tax return identifying the City by this code where the business activities occurred. The registration process educates the business of the City's sales tax code in order for the City to receive its share of the sales taxes that the business collected from its customers. Citizens benefit as well since sales tax revenues pay for essential public services such as police and street maintenance.

City Council Adopts 2005 Budget

The 2005 budget process began in earnest with the City Council's retreat during June 2004. The challenge for all decision makers was to close a preliminary budget shortfall of \$3 million dollars for the General and Street Funds. The budget shortfall was attributed to various initiatives, most notably I-695 that eliminated the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) that was distributed to local governments as sales tax equalization. The City of Des Moines' potential MVET for 2005 would have been approximately \$2.5 million. The first step in closing the gap was to identify budget cuts whereby each City department presented cuts at the 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20% levels. Decision makers were aware that budget cuts at the 20% level would eliminate the budget gap, but would also significantly impact City services. As one strategy, the City Council proposed a levy lid lift ballot measure for the September 2004 primary that was estimated to generate additional property taxes of approximately \$870,000, but voters did not approve the measure. Community budget meetings were held during the summer and fall to solicit input from the public and to provide information on possible budget cuts, as well as identify other potential revenue sources the City Council could enact to reduce the budget shortfall. The City Manager's proposed budget included a mix of budget cuts, new revenues and fees, and re-organizational changes for service delivery of the planning, building, and public works and parks maintenance functions of the City. The 2005 budget balancing strategies that were finally adopted for General and Street Funds are presented below.

Item	Base Budget	New	Policy Changes	Budget Cuts	Other/ One-Time	Final Budget
Revenues	\$ 12,100,813	\$ 1,007,750	\$ 192,007	\$ -	\$ 4,429,106	\$ 17,729,676
Expenditures	15,374,458	216,648	(610,867)	(1,299,971)	1,191,944	14,872,212
Excess (Shortfall)	\$ (3,273,645)	\$ 791,102	\$ 802,874	\$ 1,299,971	\$ 3,237,162	\$ 2,857,464

Although the 2005 budget process was arduous for the City Council and City departments, the resulting success is that a goal of a sustainable budget has been realized while keeping essential services such as public safety minimally impacted. There will be some park closures and reduced maintenance that will be necessary until the City's financial condition improves, hopefully in the next few years. (Park closure information on page 5.)

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A conceptual drawing of the proposed Marine View Drive bridge, scheduled to start construction in February. Turn to page 6 for more information on this multi-agency project.

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Marina.....206-824-5700
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Public Works.....206-870-6559
Recreation.....206-870-6527
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Other Numbers

Emergency.....911
Animal Control.....206-870-6549
City Job Line.....206-870-6593
City Information Line...206-870-7585
Field House.....206-870-6527
Fire (non-emergency)...206-878-2210
Library, Des Moines.....206-824-6066
Library, Woodmont.....253-839-0121
Marina.....206-824-5700
Police (non-emergency)206-878-3301

Town Hall Meeting: “Waterland Festival at a Crossroads”

Tuesday, February 8, 2005
7:45 pm - 9:00 pm
(doors open at 7:30)

Des Moines Senior Activity Center
2045 S 216th St.
(next to the post office)

The Waterland Committee will share the status of the Waterland Festival with the community and begin a community discussion about the future of Waterland in Des Moines. Your input is important!

SENIOR SERVICES

Get Your Date for the Senior Prom—February 4th

On Friday, February 4th, Des Moines Senior Activity Center, Daystar Retirement Village and Village Green Retirement Campus will host a special evening of dinner and dance to benefit the Senior Activity Center. It's our very own version of the senior prom!



There will be prom pictures, specially priced corsages and bouquets, and other “prom” goodies. Enjoy a delightful evening with friends dining by candlelight, enjoying a spectacular meal, and dancing to one of the area's most popular dance bands, the Joani Noel Duo. Enjoy a variety of dance music from the 40's and 50's. Tickets are on sale now. Seating is limited, so don't delay!

Friday, February 4th, 6-9 p.m.
\$16.00 per person

The menu includes chicken cordon bleu, Caesar salad, roasted baby red potatoes, asparagus and much more.

If needed, transportation will be provided on a limited basis to those in Des Moines and Normandy Park by the Des Moines Senior Shuttle. Call the Des Moines Activity Center at 206-878-1642 to make your dinner and transportation reservations.

7th Annual Wally's Chowder Night Friday, March 4th

Enjoy Wally's famous chowder, salad, roll, dessert and beverage at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th on Friday, March 4th, from 5-7:30 p.m. New this year—singing entertainment! The cost is \$6.00 per person. Proceeds benefit Des Moines Senior Activity Center's many programs and services. For details, please call 206-878-1642.

New Computers Are Here!

Thanks to the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, the Des Moines Senior Activity Center was granted \$6,000 to purchase new computers and software for its two computer labs. This new equipment is located in the computer labs at Wesley Terrace and Wesley Gardens. Labs are open to seniors who wish to learn more

about computers, access the internet, or work on personal projects. Open lab times are: Wesley Gardens, 9-4 Monday through Friday, and Wesley Terrace, 11:00 noon on Mondays. For more information, please contact Chris at the Des Moines Senior Activity Center at 206-878-1642.

Many thanks also to EC Computers and Microsoft for their donations to our updated computer labs!

Seniors Add Their Touch to the Neighborhood

Des Moines Seniors added their personal touches to a local bus shelter on 1st Avenue So. south of SW Normandy Road, which serves routes 121 and 131. The students of “Seniors Making Art” were given the task to design and paint a local Metro bus shelter. They worked for eight weeks to create and paint a shelter that fit with the Puget Sound theme.



L to R: Georgie Nupen, Virginia Olsen, Judy Denny, Nancy Williamson, Dionne Haroutunian (instructor), Judy Wattenberg, Cordy Barney and Ray Clark

Volunteer Opportunities Abound in the City of Des Moines

- Administration, Community Development, Court, Legal & Police - Clerical support, special events
- Parks and Recreation—Youth sports team coaches, program instructors, special events
- Park Maintenance – “Adopt a Park” Program
- Senior Services - Kitchen volunteers, drivers, clerical support and special events.

Volunteer several hours a week or just for special events. *Any amount of time* you give can will make a difference. Call 206-870-6580 for a volunteer application packet and we'll help find the perfect opportunity for you!

Des Moines Beach Park to Become a National Historic Landmark

Plans are underway to list the Des Moines Beach Park (currently listed on the Washington State Historical Registry) in the National Register of Historic Places, a program of the United States Department of Interior National Park Service. National Historic Site designation provides opportunities to draw increased cultural tourism to Des Moines. The achievement of National Historic Site status brings with it additional opportunities for national marketing of the resource and planning and restoration funding grants to preserve the culture that is distinctly Des Moines. The City expects that the Beach Park will receive National Register of Historic Places status in 2005.



Dining Hall

The City's website, www.desmoineswa.gov, provides the following informative documents: Des Moines Beach Park Historical Survey and Advocacy Report and the Nomination for Des Moines Beach Park to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1988, the Des Moines Beach Park was placed on the Washington State Register of Historic Places. A historical study of the Des Moines Beach Park completed in 1989 envisioned the restoration and reuse of the historic buildings and the possibility of removing the non-contributing buildings located within the historic site.

Des Moines Beach Park- The Birthplace of Des Moines

The Beach Park, formerly known as Covenant Beach, is the birthplace of Des Moines and as such has had a rich history. In 1872, land which became the Town of Des Moines was claimed by John Moore, who homesteaded and improved 154 acres including the park and downtown. In the late 1880's a sawmill was operated at the mouth of the Des Moines Creek at the park site. The first primitive road connecting Des Moines to Seattle (now a walking path) is located at the north edge of the park. Herman "Daddy Draper" bought the grounds in 1917 to use as a playground and beach for orphanage children. Later it became a park for private picnicking and camping. In 1931, the park was sold to the North Pacific Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. The buildings remaining at the site today were constructed by the church in the rustic camp style with strong elements of Swedish design.

Over the past decade, numerous flooding events and an earthquake occurred that have caused damage to the Church Camp Dining Hall and the Draper-era Dining Hall and Dressing Rooms (picnic shelter and restroom buildings). Extensive foundation damage beneath the Dining Hall required its closure since November 2002.

Throughout City ownership, the buildings have been heavily booked with community recreation programs and rentals (receptions, weddings, youth meetings, recreation classes, company picnics, special events, and etc.) especially during summer months. Preservation and National Historical Register designation of these local historical icons would continue to draw tourism and an enhanced interest in our City's core. Improvements to the Marina and Des Moines Creek Trail that will impact future Beach Park uses are underway. Council's focus on economic development in the downtown area will also contribute to the Park's future uses.

Fundraising and Restoration Efforts Now Underway at the Beach Park

Restoration of the Des Moines Beach Park is estimated to cost \$2.6 million. The Des Moines City Council made the first of many needed bold moves to fund the restoration through the City's 2005-2010 Capital Improvement Program. Projects include: renovation of the Auditorium (built 1957), Dining Hall (built 1934), Sun Home Lodge (built 1934), Picnic Shelter (built 1920's), Caretaker's Cabin (built 1934) and Woodshop (built 1945).



Picnic Shelter

The City will receive \$230,000 funding from the national government sponsored by Senator Patty Murray. The City is also working with our State Legislature in hopes of receiving a capital appropriation for the restoration project. Private donations are also being sought in support of the project. Tax-deductible donations of cash or in-kind support may be made specifically for the restoration project through the Des Moines Legacy Foundation.

If you would like more information regarding Des Moines Beach Park or wish to comment on Des Moines historical preservation plans, please contact Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Director Patrice Thorell at 206-870-6527.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Before & After School Program—Two New Sites

Quality before and after school child care is available for K-6th grade children living in the Des Moines service area and Woodmont Elementary students. Two new sites, Marvista Elementary and Midway Elementary, have joined the program! Your children will have a blast with exciting games, creative activities, arts and crafts and yummy snacks! Plus-time is set aside each afternoon for homework! The program is held at Des Moines, Parkside, North Hill, Marvista, Midway and Woodmont Elementary Schools. For more information, call Des Moines Park & Recreation at 206-870-6527.

Easter Egg Hunt — March 26

Join us for an old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt at Des Moines Beach Park! Candy and prizes for every child! Separate hunt areas for Pre-School, K-3 and 4-6 grade children. The Easter Bunny will be on site for pictures in the Bunny Barn-- \$2/Polaroid photo. Don't miss it!

Cost: \$2 per child
Date: Saturday, March 26
Time: 9-11am
Location: Des Moines Beach Park
22030 Cliff Ave. S.

3rd Annual Des Moines Sports Night—May 14

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Annual Des Moines Sports Night Dinner and Auction to help raise funds for youth scholarships for underprivileged youth in the Greater Des Moines Community. Tickets will be available starting April 1st at the Des Moines Field House. For more information call 206-870-6527.

Cost: \$40 each or
\$300 for a table of 8
Date: Saturday, May 14th
Time: 6-9 pm
Location: Des Moines Activity
Center
2045 S. 216th St.



Special Recycling Collection Event

Saturday, March 19, 2005, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
at the Des Moines Marina

Items Must Meet the Following Guidelines

Cardboard: Please flatten. No wax-coated cardboard.

Tires: Bias ply, steel belted, and studded tires accepted. Limit 6 tires per load (18 inches and below) free of charge. \$1.50 for each tire on a rim. \$5.00 charge for each truck tire on a rim (cash only). No oversized tires accepted (heavy truck or back hoe tires).

Reusable Household Goods: Clothing and miscellaneous household items in good condition. Mattresses, furniture and items in need of repair will not be accepted.

Residential Porcelain Toilets: Please remove toilet seats, hardware, and base wax rings. \$5.00 charge (cash only)

Lead Acid Batteries: Car, truck, marine and motorcycle batteries accepted.

Household Batteries: AAAA, AAA, AA, A, B, C and D cell batteries only.

Propane Tanks: Residential tanks only. \$5.00 charge (cash only).

Bulky Yard Waste and Scrap Wood: Includes tree branches (minimum 6 inch diameter), clean wood, plywood, pallets, and other untreated and unpainted wood. No leaves, grass, small branches, sod or brush. Please lay material on top of a tarp for ease of removal.

Motor Oil, Filters and Anti-Freeze: Motor oil, oil filters, anti-freeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, 2-cycle oil, steering fluid, crankcase oil, kerosene, and home heating fuel. Do not mix with anti-freeze, solvents, gasoline, or other substances.

Appliances and Scrap Metal: Auto parts, lawn chairs, lawn mowers, stoves, barbecues, iron, steel, aluminum, brass, copper and other ferrous and nonferrous metals \$5.00 charge (cash only) for each water heater that still has insulation coating. Metals that are insulated, rubber or oil coated, previously or currently contain chemicals, paint, or hazardous materials will not be accepted. Light fixture ballasts and sealed drums will not be accepted.

Refrigerators, Freezers and Air Conditioners: \$25.00 charge (cash only) for each refrigerator or freezer. \$25.00 charge (cash only) for each household air conditioner.

Concrete, Asphalt, Rock and Brick: Residential material only. No wood, plastic or metal attached. Please lay material on top of a tarp for ease of removal.

Electronic Equipment: Computer hard drives, printers, mouse, keyboards, fax machines, cellular phones, and scanners. Computer monitors will be collected for \$10.00 each (cash only). Television sets will be collected for \$15.00 each (cash only). No wood encased or big-screen televisions.

ALL USER FEES
WILL BE
CASH ONLY

For additional recycling information, contact Shanta Frantz at 206-870-6551, at sfrantz@desmoineswa.gov, or check the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

The Wastemobile will be at the
Des Moines Marina
February 18, 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Accepted items include pesticides, paint products, household chemicals, fluorescent lights, and other household hazardous items. For more information call the King County Household Hazards Line at 206-296-4692 or visit their website at <http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/>.

Des Moines Neighborhood Parks to Close

Due to extensive 2005 citywide budget cuts resulting in staffing reductions, some Des Moines parks will be closed or "mothballed". The following criteria were used to assist with the decision process. Park resource reductions options include: A) close a park by fencing and use of signage, B) "mothball"-provide limited scheduled maintenance, C) return a leased park resource to its original owner (such as Water District or School District), D) engage neighborhood or other community volunteers to adopt the park, or E) some combination of the above options.



2005 Park Closures:

The City's Community Parks such as **Des Moines Beach Park, Des Moines Field House Park, Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park (and Activity Center)** have the highest community park usage, the highest earning potential and the highest maintenance costs. Parking fees will

be charged at **Des Moines Beach Park** and program fees will be assessed to offset maintenance costs and enable these facilities to remain open in 2005.

Zenith Park, leased from Highline School District, is slated for closure. The City and School District are now in discussions regarding the transition of the park from City to School District management to take place in July of this year.

The City's Neighborhood Parks such as **Kiddy Park, Parkside Park, and Westwood Park** have moderate usage and maintenance costs. These facilities do not have earning potential due to lack of recreational amenities and parking and will be "mothballed" with the possibility of closure. Each of these parks is located in neighborhoods with school recreation sites nearby.

Water Tower Park, leased from Highline Water District, will be returned to the District in March. Discussions are underway with the District related to co-management of the park in hopes of keeping the park open for public use.

Midway Park and **Wooton Park** will remain open.

The City's small landscaped areas such as **Big Catch Plaza, Des Moines Memorial Park, Overlook I, Overlook II, and South Marina Park** are high maintenance areas due to vehicle and pedestrian traffic. These resources do not have earning potential due to their size, lack of recreational amenities and/or parking. However, these facilities located in the downtown are not good candidates for closure due to the impact closure would have on the City's aesthetics as the entryway to waterfront resources.

Cecil Powell Park, S. 239th Beach Access and **S. 251st Park** will be "mothballed" or closed if not adopted by neighborhood groups to maintain. **South Marina Park** will be maintained by the Marina.

The City's downtown streetscapes such as Marine View Drive South, 7th Avenue South and side streets (219th, 220th, 222nd,

223rd, 225th and 227th) and Pacific Highway landscape improvements between 216th and Kent Des Moines Road in Pacific Ridge are high maintenance areas. Maintaining streetscape aesthetics in commercial areas is integral to economic development in Des Moines; therefore, these resources must be maintained. Business owners are urged to assist the City in this endeavor.

The City's trails such as **Des Moines Creek Trail, Barnes Creek Trail, and Redondo Trail** connect the neighborhoods and give pedestrians safe off-road options for exercise, travel and recreation. Conservancy parks are low maintenance resources that provide a natural habitat for plants, birds, wildlife and water recharging. The high cost of fencing and low cost of retaining the resource as is does not warrant closure of these sites.

New Maintenance Operations Take Effect in 2005

The City has entered into an agreement with Washington State Department of Corrections Community Service Workers Program to provide low skilled labor support for street, parks and marina maintenance. Work crews of low security inmates will mow, weed and clean up trash throughout Des Moines in 2005 to fill the maintenance gaps created by City staff layoffs.

Volunteers Needed

Citizens, service clubs, private organizations and neighborhoods are encouraged to contact the City of Des Moines regarding the adoption of, or the contracting for maintenance services of, these important neighborhood park resources.

If you would like to find out more about how you can make a difference in your community, please call the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Director at 206-870-6527.



STREET LIGHT OUT?



You can report street light outages directly to Puget Sound Energy (PSE) on their website: www.intolight.com then click on "Lights Out?" at the top. A fill-in menu pops up for necessary information, i.e., location, the type of light, as well as the 12-digit grid or 6-character tag number located on the pole number – all of which are helpful to PSE to speed up the service, which they say should be within three days.

If you do not have electronic capability, you can contact Puget Sound Energy at 1-877-229-1235 toll free.

Marine View Drive Bridge Project—Construction February 2005 - August 2006

The long awaited Marine View Drive/Des Moines Creek Bridge project is underway. With design nearly complete and permits approved, construction could start as early as February of this year with completion in the summer of 2006.

Project Purpose

A short span bridge will be constructed through the existing 65-foot high road embankment of Marine View Drive over Des Moines Creek on Marine View Drive north of the Shell EZ Mart (S. 216th St.) and south of the Des Moines Memorial Park (the flag triangle). The new bridge will serve several purposes:

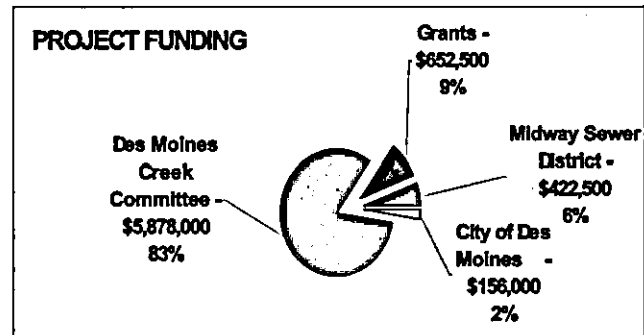
- Replace an 80-year old dilapidated culvert that presently conveys Des Moines Creek through the road embankment,
- Provide a bypass pipe for Des Moines Creek to protect the stream and Beach Park against high flows during storms,
- Provide a pedestrian/bicycle undercrossing that will connect the existing Des Moines Creek Trail to Beach Park,
- Provide for a connection of Midway Sewer District's new and larger sewer outfall leading from the District's treatment plant to Puget Sound, thus allowing the treatment plant to handle increased development in its service area, and
- Remove a major 300-foot long fish barrier, thereby allowing access to nearly two miles of open stream from Marine View Drive to 200th Street.

The bridge project is a critical component of the Des Moines Creek Basin Plan that is being implemented by the Des Moines Creek Basin Committee. The Committee is made up of the Cities of SeaTac and Des Moines, King County, the Port of Seattle and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT). The bridge is part of an \$18,000,000 plan to restore Des Moines Creek by reducing damaging peak storm flows, re-establishing stream habitat, and augmenting low stream flows during the summer months.

Project Cost

Although the City of Des Moines will be managing the bridge

project, the majority of the project will be funded by the Des Moines Creek Basin Committee, of which, the City of Des Moines will be contributing slightly more than \$155,000 (2.2%) using Surface Water Management Utility funds. The total cost of the project is around \$7.1M.



Project Description

This new bridge will be built using a "spaced-pile" method of construction. A series of piles will be drilled through the road embankment material to depths of up to 85 feet forming the bridge abutments. Both the pile drilling and the bridge deck work will be done using one-half of the road at a time to minimize traffic impacts and to allow two-way traffic through the construction. There will be short periods during construction when traffic will need to be halted. The new structure will be built to allow road widening in the future.

At the bottom of the excavation, a new open stream channel will be shaped and stream weirs (to create a gradual change in grade) installed as well as stream habitat features, trees, bushes, and riparian plants.

Project Information

For information about this or other Des Moines Creek Basin projects, please call Loren Reinhold at 206-870-6524. Information will also be posted weekly on the City of Des Moines website at http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/pub_works/water.html.

Traffic Signals To Be Constructed in 2005

Two traffic signals are scheduled to be constructed in the year 2005. A new signal will be placed at the intersection of South 216th Street/24th Avenue South, and the pedestrian signal near Wesley Homes on South 216th Street will be completely replaced.

The intersection at South 216th Street and 24th Avenue South is currently controlled by two stop signs on the minor approaches (24th Ave. S.). Traffic volume has grown to the point where this form of control is unacceptable in terms of both accidents and vehicle delay. The intersection will be fully signalized and new left turn lanes will be added.

It is anticipated that 24th Avenue South will eventually be linked to the City of SeaTac's 24th/28th Avenue project, and ultimately connect with an interchange on the 509 extension project. The bulk of the funding for the signal project was re-

ceived through a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) grant.

The pedestrian activated signal on South 216th Street just west of 11th Avenue South will also be reconstructed in 2005. The existing signal is so old that it has become prone to breakdowns and service parts are becoming scarce. The signal will be completely rebuilt with a modern electronic controller and new arm mounted signal heads. Funding for this signal is provided through the King County Community Development Block Grant program.

Both of these projects will provide great safety benefits for the City of Des Moines. Traffic disruption during construction should be minimal. For more information about the projects please contact Mike Holmes at 206-870-6522.

TO ALL CITIZENS OF DES MOINES:

COME SHAPE THE FUTURE! YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

You are cordially invited to a COMMUNITY SUMMIT/OPEN HOUSE to help develop direction for the City of Des Moines on three important subjects:

- **Economic Development Strategy**
What types of economic development do you want in your City?
- **Revisions to the Zoning Code**
How should land use regulations relate to the goals of the community?
- **Public Safety Strategic Plan**
How do we balance community safety with limited resources?

This is your opportunity to positively shape the future of your community. City Council members, staff and consultants want to hear your ideas and suggestions on these subjects.

The Community Summit will be held:

**Wednesday, February 16th, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Des Moines Council Chambers
21630 11th Avenue South
Des Moines, WA 98198**

**Doors open: 5:00 p.m.
Project presentations: 5:30 p.m.
Small group discussions: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Summary, conclusions and next steps: 7:45 p.m.
Light refreshments will be served.**

**NO NEED TO RSVP---JUST SHOW UP!
SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF DES MOINES**

IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND, PLEASE SEND US YOUR COMMENTS, IDEAS, AND SUGGESTIONS ONLINE AT WWW.DESMOINESWA.GOV/COMMUNITYSUMMIT OR MAIL YOUR COMMENTS TO CITY HALL AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

Des Moines Canvassing Program

Over the next three months you will see volunteers from the City of Des Moines in your neighborhood providing our community residents with new program and ordinance information. Our volunteers will be discernable by the clothing items they will be wearing, as well as City issued ID Cards. These volunteers are students from Highline Community College, as well as volunteers from the Senior Center.

This program has the following goals or objectives:

- To locate and update any addresses which are not properly identified on the City of Des Moines Geographical Information System (GIS).
- To locate and identify graffiti on City rights-of-way and private property which needs to be painted over or removed.

- To identify and educate owners or residents of rental property of the new City ordinance which requires all rental property in the City to be licensed and requires participation in the Crime Free Rental Property Endorsement Program.
- To educate owners of dogs and cats of the new licensing fees and to offer the availability of animal licensing at the time of contact.

This is the first time the City has attempted this type of program and we ask for your assistance and patience with our volunteers. The success of this program depends completely on you. If you have any questions related to this canvassing program please feel free to call the City of Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301. Police staff can assist you with any questions you may have about these programs.

Crime Free Rental Housing Program

On November 11, 2004, the Des Moines City Council approved Ordinance No. 1351 adopting a "Crime-Free Rental Housing Program" in the City of Des Moines. The ordinance pertains to **all** residential rental property in the City and requires attending the Crime Free Rental Housing Program training and the payment of \$100 per rental unit. This pro-active program is designed to create a partnership between the City of Des Moines, property owners, managers and residents of rental communities with the goal of improving the quality of life for residents of Des Moines. The Crime Free Rental Housing Program has been successful in increasing property value, encouraging a stable and more satisfying rental base and eliminating crime in rental housing. The program is based on a **required** 3-step process:

- Landlord Training - This is a workshop to educate owners, managers and leasing agents about the basics of property management and how to work with law enforcement to address concerns and problems.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design - This involves a walk through your rental property to identify areas which may pose a security or safety issue.
- Resident Safety Social - This is a community meeting based on the blockwatch concept to encourage a sense of community and to encourage residents to work together to keep their community safe.

Copies of the ordinance are available at Des Moines City Hall. For more information about the Crime Free Rental Housing Program, contact Community Service Officer Tonya Seaberry at 206-870-7619.

Landlord Training Class Schedule

February 26, 2005 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Des Moines Senior Activity Center
2045 South 216th Street
Contact: CSO Tonya Seaberry 206-870-7619

March 22 & 23, 2005
Highline Community College
This is a 1 ½ day class
Contact: Sandi Hall 206-870-3785

April 2, 2005 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Des Moines Senior Activity Center
2045 South 216th Street
Contact: CSO Tonya Seaberry 206-870-7619

April 30, 2005 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Des Moines Senior Activity Center
2045 South 216th Street
Contact: CSO Tonya Seaberry 206-870-7619



We Need Your Help!

The Des Moines Police Department is expanding its current volunteer program. We are looking for volunteers with ideas and a desire to improve the community where you live, work, and play. If you are interested in assisting the Police Department with a variety of tasks from neighborhood canvassing, citizen patrols, handicap parking enforcement, data entry, animal licensing, and crime prevention issues, please contact MPO Barry Sellers at 206-870-7616.

Animal Licenses Are Due

Beginning soon, the City of Des Moines will initiate a pet license canvassing program. The canvassers will be going door-to-door to residences in the City providing dog and cat licenses to pet owners. A current pet license is your lost pet's "phone call home" and can provide a ride home, rather than a ride to the animal shelter. Additionally, impounded dogs and cats with current licenses are held much longer than unidenti-

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Approved the following Ordinances:

- Ord. 1347 relating to the protection and preservation of City owned landmarks.
- Ord. 1348 corrects omissions and errors in Ord. 1347.
- Ord. 1349 regarding Municipal Court sessions and cancellations, and benefits of the Municipal Court Judge.
- Ord. 1350 setting Special and General Property Tax Levies for 2005.
- Ord. 1351 relating to licensing of rental housing and establishing a crime-free housing endorsement requirement.
- Ord. 1352 amending annual base contribution & requirement for increase to the base contribution to the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund.
- Ord. 1353 imposing a new tax upon commercial parking, setting tax rate and specifying administration and enforcement.
- Ord. 1354 establishing business license registration for businesses whose place of business is outside of the City limits.
- Ord. 1355 imposing a Business and Occupation Tax.
- Ord. 1356 adopting the 2005 Budget.

Approved the following Resolutions:

- No. 977 amending Council's Rules of

Procedures

- No. 978 waiving normal bidding requirements and allowing sole-source purchase agreements with RushWorks for PEG Channel Upgrade
- No. 979 setting Animal License fees for 2005
- No. 980 dog and cat licensing for 2005 and superseding Res. 979
- No. 981 adopting a Retiree Health Savings Plan for City employees
- No. 982 adopting a Retiree Health Savings Plan for the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Department Heads.
- No. 983 relating to the update of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations, documenting progress and setting a schedule for completion.
- No. 984 setting business license fees for businesses outside of the City and for single family residential rental properties.
- No. 985 adopting the 2005-2010 Capital Improvement Plan
- No. 986 monthly moorage rates for general, commercial, live-aboard berths and dry shed storage at the Des Moines Marina effective Feb. 1, 2005.

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Interlocal with King County for Land-

mark Designation and Protection Services for City owned property.

- Ravenhurst Development, Inc. to prepare an economic development strategy for the City.
- Agreement with City of Kent for their participation in the construction of intersection improvements at Kent-Des Moines Road and Pacific Highway South.
- Contract with SPL Integrated Solutions for equipment for the PEG channel upgrade.
- Agreement for Midway Park Improvements with Mayer Construction Co., Inc.

Other Council Activity:

- Briefed on the Des Moines Beach Park Master Plan update.
- Approved sunset of participation in Airport Communities Coalition
- Held a Public Hearing determining allocation of 2005 Community Development Block Grant Funds in the amount of \$233,936.
- Held a Public Hearing to consider revisions to DMMC 18.20 Neighborhood Commercial Code change.
- Approved the Mayor's appointments to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

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Pet Licensing

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fied pets, and every effort is made to reach the pet owner to return their pet to them.

Per DMMC 8.04, all dogs and cats six months of age and older must be licensed with the City of Des Moines; written proof of rabies vaccination is required for pet licensing. Pets must

wear their license tags any time they are off their own property, and the licensing law applies to ALL dogs and cats, even those that are strictly indoors pets.

Pet licenses are valid January 1 through December 31 and must be renewed annually.

- Altered (spayed/neutered) dogs and cats are \$20 to license (written proof of altering is required)
- Unaltered dogs and cats are \$60

- Senior Citizens 65 years of age and older may obtain licenses for their altered dogs and cats free of charge.

City of Des Moines pet licenses are issued at the Des Moines Police Department, 21900 11th Avenue So., 206-878-3301 and at the King County Animal Shelter, 21615 64th Avenue So., Kent, 206-296-7387.

Please be a responsible pet owner; license your pets today!

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