



## City taking part in study of new business arterial

The City of Des Moines is participating in a study to determine the best configuration for a business arterial serving the northern section of the city north to South 188th Street.

The City of SeaTac, King County and the Port of Seattle also are participating in the study, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The arterial proposal focuses on 28th Avenue South, from 188th south. That area has been proposed for extensive business and commercial development.

One possible route would extend 28th Avenue South and connect it with 24th Avenue South, extending the arterial to South 216th Street. Currently, 28th Avenue South connects with Pacific Highway South at South 206th Street.

The EIS will consider these and other options for routing a rebuilt, four-lane arterial. The public will have the opportunity to comment on the plans at future hearings.

The business arterial is a different project than the roadway proposed to provide better southern access to Sea-Tac Airport. The state currently is studying routing options for that proposed arterial.



*This flooding took place at Marine View Drive and Kent-Des Moines Road.*

## Drainage improvements should ease flooding

Des Moines residents will begin seeing less street flooding and improved maintenance of drainage facilities following approval in October of a storm-drainage service charge.

Beginning January 1991, city property owners are being charged on a bi-monthly basis. Single-family residences are charged \$4.75 per month while other properties including multi-family, commercial and non-profit are charged according to the amount of impervious surface on the property. The charge is based on a formula, proportionate to the amount charged single-family residences.

Storm-water flooding of streets and parking lots has become more noticeable in recent years and has

demonstrated a need for the city to improve its storm-drainage system.

The increased funding through the service charge will provide better maintenance, acquisition of wetlands, construction of system improvements and better overall water quality in streams that flow through Des Moines.

"This is not just to fix the flooding at Taco Time," said Dale Schroeder, City Engineer. "That is the most visible problem, but the program provides for other improvements."

Schroeder is preparing a five-year capital-improvements plan for a storm-water drainage system. The plan will be presented to the City Council in February.

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## Curbside recycling planned for next fall

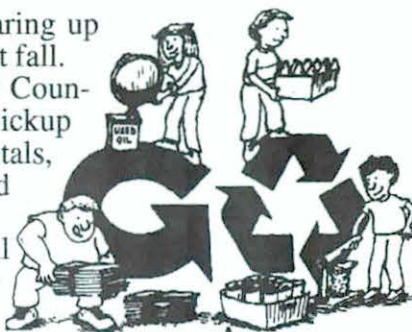
The City of Des Moines is gearing up to implement curbside recycling next fall.

Under a plan adopted by the City Council last September, the curbside pickup of recyclables will include glass, metals, newspapers, waste papers and yard waste.

Initially, the curbside pickup will include only singly-family residences but the city hopes to extend it to include multi-family complexes and businesses.

Residents can recycle items now by taking them to collection centers.

For more information on recycling, call Corbitt Loch, the city's recycling coordinator, at 878-8626.



## Crime prevention a community effort

Des Moines Police Department's crime-prevention officers are ready to help residents take measures to prevent crime at their homes and businesses or in their neighborhoods.

One method is to form a Block Watch.

Officers will meet with residents to help set up such a neighborhood group. An officer will attend a neighborhood meeting to give crime-prevention tips such as setting up a phone tree, and marking valuables with an engraver.



Crime-prevention officers will also conduct, upon request, a home or business security survey to advise residents or business owners ways to increase security.

"The bottom line is that crime prevention takes a community effort," said crime-prevention officer Bob Collins. "We need more of an awareness by the public. We need more eyes and ears to be aware of criminal activity."

Collins urged residents to call police whenever they see something suspicious or out of the ordinary. For more information on crime prevention, call Collins or Sgt. John O'Leary at 878-3301.

## Dogs in city must be licensed

All dogs that live in the City of Des Moines must be currently licensed.

Licensed dogs are identifiable and get a "free ride home" to their owners when picked up by animal control. If the owner is not home the dog is taken to the shelter and all efforts will be made to contact the owner.

If a dog has no license, it is booked in as a stray and held for only 72 hours.

License fee for each animal, whether male or female, is \$10 per

year and is due on Jan. 1. They are valid until Dec. 31. Late fees are charged if licenses are purchased after March 1.

Residents 65 years of age and older may purchase a special permanent license for the lifetime of dogs that are neutered or spayed. The fee is \$20.

Licenses may be purchased at Des Moines City Hall in person or through the mail, or from the animal control officer. Mail-in applications are available at City Hall.

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## Comprehensive plan update progressing

City of Des Moines planners are busy working on the city's Comprehensive Plan, which must be updated in accordance with the state's Growth Management Act passed by the 1990 Legislature.

The update, which may not be completed until 1993, is being conducted in segments. Currently, the land-use segment is being reviewed by the City Council.

After it is adopted, zoning maps will be made to conform with the Comprehensive Plan as required by the Growth Management Act.

The city will complete the land-use element before proceeding on zoning changes for a section of the city under the flight path of Sea-Tac Airport. That area has been proposed for business park development.

Following the land-use segment, research will begin on the transportation element. That will require the gathering of information on traffic flow, volume projections and other data.

"We're making good progress," said Eric Shields, Planning Director. "We're well on our way to meeting the (1993) deadline."

### Cable TV problems?

Cable television customers in Des Moines who are having service problems should contact their cable company first.

If problems are not resolved, customers should contact 3-H Cable Consultants, the management firm the City of Des Moines has contracted with for cable service.

The agreement between the city and TCI Cable, the cable carrier that serves Des Moines, calls for a prompt response to all public inquiries regarding cable service.

3-H Cable Consultants can be contacted at 935-9040.



Des Moines officer Bob Collins teaches a D.A.R.E. class at Pacific Middle School.

## Des Moines officer one of five in state selected for special D.A.R.E. training

Des Moines police officer Bob Collins is one of five law enforcement officials in the state chosen to attend a special D.A.R.E. instructors course in Los Angeles.

Collins will receive two weeks of training from Los Angeles Police Department instructors, where the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program origi-

nated. Collins will be trained to instruct other officers in teaching school students the anti-drug program.

Collins has been teaching the D.A.R.E. program in Des Moines schools for three years. Collins has been a Des Moines patrol officer for two years, and a reserve officer two years prior to that.

### Workshop for parents on keeping kids off drugs

Drug abuse is the number one societal problem, affecting everyone's life in some way.

The Des Moines Police Department has been able to make a positive impact in young kids' lives with the D.A.R.E. program. With the help of local businesses and schools, the police department is attempting to provide the community with additional programs aimed at preventing drug abuse.

Starting on Feb. 28, the workshop "Preparing for the Drug Free Years" is being offered. This is a parent-training workshop that will last five consecutive Thursday nights. The objective is to teach parents useful skills that will ena-

ble the development of strong family communications. Studies have shown that kids who can talk to their parents are far less likely to take up destructive habits, such as getting involved with drugs.

The workshop will be held at Midway Elementary School in Des Moines. Baby-sitting arrangements are being made. The workshops will be held in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. The workshop is free but attendance is limited.

Parents wishing to register or anyone having questions can call Paula Anderson or Shelley Myers at 878-3301.



Plaque can be purchased at City Hall.

## Unwanted solicitation regulated in the city through ordinance

The City of Des Moines has an ordinance to provide citizens protection from unwanted or unnecessary door-to-door harassment.

Residents can buy a "No Solicitors Allowed" plaque at City Hall for \$2. It is illegal to solicit at homes and businesses that have the plaque posted at the door.

All solicitors also must obtain a soliciting permit at City Hall (no charge) before going door-to-door in the city.

Residents who have a "No Solicitors" sign properly posted should call the police if a person comes to their door for the purpose of solicitation.

Residents can temporarily remove or cover the sign during community fund-raisers such as those for Girl Scout cookies.



**READERBOARD RADAR:** Des Moines Police use this radar device to show motorists their speed as they pass by. Police will set up the device in neighborhoods and on streets where speeding is a problem. Residents can request that the readerboard radar be set up in their neighborhood. For more information, call 878-3301.

## Pet owners should think of neighbors

Most people would be upset if their neighbor came over and turned over their trash cans and spread garbage all over.

Yet many pet owners do this by proxy. They let their dogs out at night to roam and do their business. And quite often the dogs do their business in a neighbor's lawn and possibly turn over a garbage

can or two.

The city animal control officer often gets these type of complaints. Pet owners should remember that anytime dogs are off their owner's property they must be on a leash.

Pet owners are urged to be considerate of their neighbors by keeping their dogs at home.

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