

CITY CURRENTS



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Richard Kennedy



Lew Anderson



Jeanette Burrage

3 Council members leaving office

The Des Moines City Council in January will say goodbye to three outgoing Council members, welcome two new members and appoint a third.

Leaving the City Council are Richard Kennedy and Lew Anderson, who did not run for reelection, and Jeanette Burrage, who is leaving the Council to take her new position of King County Superior Court judge. The City Council will appoint a new member to replace her on Jan. 11, 1996.

New members are Robert Sheckler and Don Wasson, who won their council positions in the November general election.

Leaving City government after 10 years on the Council including four years as mayor, Richard Kennedy plans to stay involved in the fight against the third runway. City accomplishments during his years in office include updating the City Municipal Code, purchasing Des Moines Beach Park, improving Marine View Drive downtown, passing the police station bond issue, and helping put together the coalition to fight the third runway. Kennedy is looking forward to spending more time with his family.

Lew Anderson leaves the Council after serving four years. He

said the Council accomplished all of the things he set out to when he ran for office, including upgrading the police department, expanding human services programs, developing a strong plan for downtown, and putting up a fight against the third runway. Lew will keep busy in his building supply company.

Jeanette Burrage, who served on the Council for two years, lists as some of her major accomplishments the zoning changes downtown and the skateboard park, which will be built this spring.

Robert Sheckler is a mortgage broker who has lived in the North Hill area for five years. He said his priorities as a Council member will be in the areas of parks and recreation and business development. He would like improved facilities for senior citizens, more parks and expanded recreation programs, and additional business development in the downtown core.

Don Wasson, owner of a machine shop, previously served on the City Council from 1990-93 and has lived in Des Moines for 30 years. He said his main goal is to work with the rest of the council to make Des Moines a better place to live. He said stopping the third runway project will be his highest priority.

Police Department veteran moving on

A familiar face at the Des Moines Police Department will be missing this year as Lt. Mitch Barker leaves the City for a new position as Police Chief for the City of Gig Harbor.



Mitch Barker

Barker, who has spent 18 years and his entire professional career in Des Moines, leaves Jan. 1 with mixed feelings. "It's hard to leave after so many years, but this is an exciting opportunity. It's what I've been working for."

Barker, 40, will lead a department of nine commissioned officers in a city of 3,900 population but experiencing rapid growth. Barker started with the Des Moines police at the age of 21 as a reserve officer and over the years worked his way up to lieutenant.

Looking back on his career in Des Moines, Barker takes most pride in managing an effort which led to full accreditation of the police department, as well as the overall increased professionalism of the department.

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**BLOOD DRIVE
JANUARY 16**

The Puget Sound Blood Center is holding a blood drive on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2 - 8 p.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 19030 8th Ave. S. Other blood drives are scheduled for March 18, May 13, July 15, Sept. 16 and Nov. 18. For additional information, contact Carla Holmquist, 292-2307 or 1-800-DONATE-1, ext. 2307.

South 216th Street to be improved

The South 216th street corridor is a very busy route for commuters into and out of Des Moines. The section between Pacific Highway and I-5 needs improvement to reduce the number of accidents and to handle the high volume of traffic. To enhance the safety of the corridor for both vehicles and pedestrians, the City will be widening the road and adding curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

The most noticeable addition will be the left turn lanes on South 216th Street. The added turn lanes will increase left turn safety and improve traffic flow on the street. Another big improvement will be continuous sidewalks from I-5 to Pacific Highway.

Also included in this project is the complete reconstruction of the traffic signal at Pacific Highway and S. 216th Street. This will add left turn signals for both directions on South 216th as well as a right turn lane on the east side of the intersection. The rebuilt traffic signal will also allow the continuation of the

future planned widening of Pacific Highway started by the City of SeaTac.

The project is currently in the design stage with construction expected to begin in late May or June 1996. Construction is scheduled for completion in late October or early November 1996.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Seitz, with the City of Des Moines Engineering staff at 870-6523.

New left turn signal

Announcing the long awaited, badly needed, new left turn signal at Marine View Drive and South 216th Street. This project will increase the length of the left turn lane and add a separate left turn signal for southbound Marine View Drive. The City is working with the Washington State Department of Transportation to get this completed sometime in January. Hope for good weather!

1996 budget funds various improvements

The 1996 City budget, adopted by the City Council on Nov. 18, includes funding for a number of improvements. The 1996 budget totals \$24,046,298.

The greatest expenditure will be \$3 million for the new police station, which is being funded through a bond issue approved by voters last April. Other improvements include:

- \$875,000 for construction of Des Moines Creek Trail;
- \$1 million for widening and improvement of South 216th Street;
- \$1 million for street repaving projects throughout the city;
- \$70,500 for additional senior center programs;
- An additional \$378,239 is earmarked to fight the proposed third runway at Sea-Tac Airport.

Increased revenue will come mainly from the police station bond issue (\$3.3 million). The Des Moines

Creek Trail and South 216th Street projects are being funded largely through state and federal grants. Another source of increased revenue is through tax collections from areas that have joined the City through annexations.

The City tax rate for residents is decreasing slightly in 1996, going from \$1.66 to \$1.61 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

The decrease in the individual tax rate is due to the increase in the overall valuation of the City through annexations and higher values for property.

Historic Afghans

Historic Des Moines afghans are being sold by the Des Moines Food Bank for \$50. The afghans are 50 by 60 inches and have artwork of familiar Des Moines scenes. Order an afghan by calling the Food Bank at 878-2660.



Surface Water News



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Construction on the City Park Detention and Bypass projects were completed October 24th. Both projects were completed under budget with very few problems encountered.

In early December, an advertisement was run asking for consultants interested in working on the design of the 10th Avenue/Kent Des Moines Road arch culvert. This project was one of several identified in the Lower Massey Creek Flood Alternative Analysis and will be very similar to the arch culvert constructed at Marine View Drive. Along with the culvert design will be realignment of the six-legged intersection. Options will be explored to re-configure the intersection into two separate intersections.

The design work is nearly complete for the Des Moines Beach Park Bridge Replacement. The existing timber bridge that crosses Des Moines Creek will be replaced with a concrete bridge that will include a guard rail and a sidewalk with hand rails. The span of the bridge will be increased by 5 feet and the bridge will be about 2 feet higher than the existing bridge. Construction of the bridge is slated for the summer of 1996.

"PINEAPPLE EXPRESS" - STORM OF '95

While many rivers in the Puget Sound area were cresting near all-time highs, the Des Moines area was mostly spared from major flooding caused by the moisture laden warm weather front. At the peak of the storm, Sea-Tac Airport had reported 2.95 inches of rain (over 24 hours on Wednesday, November 29th). Surprisingly, very few problems were reported to the Public Works Maintenance Division. In the past, such rain would have caused numerous flooding problems throughout the city. Public Works crew and staff contribute much of the reason for the excellent performance to the surface water maintenance program that regularly cleans and inspects the City's drainage facilities. No road closures were needed during the storm.

Just before high tide, the Des Moines Beach Park Senior Center was temporarily closed as the waters in Des Moines Creek reached the tops of the banks. A minor amount of water seeped over to the park area. No damage was reported to the building or to the foundation repairs that were recently completed (after the damage caused by a storm a year ago).

Also at high tide, Massey Creek flooded the south parking lot of the Continental Apartments (located west of Marine View Drive). Cars were escorted from the lot as water reached two feet deep in areas.

The infamous "Lake Taco" which formed in the 1990 storm did not reappear at the intersection of Kent-Des Moines Road and Marine View Drive. The recently constructed arch culvert that was placed over Massey Creek under Marine View Drive easily conveyed the peak storm runoff (during high tide). The previous culvert that was three times smaller than the new one had caused the 1990 storm to back up and fill the intersection.

Saltwater State Park reported no flooding and only a minor amount of erosion around some of the newly placed pedestrian bridges.

The 2.95 inches of rain equated to approximately a 10 year storm. This means a storm of this magnitude is likely to occur once every 10 years. The storm that occurred in January of 1990 was equivalent to a 25 year storm and caused significant flood damage.



MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

The City's pipe program has been very popular lately. There is a backlog of requests asking for the service to fill in existing ditches. Currently, the City is filling the ditches at South 240th Street and 12th Avenue South. This work was requested by three residents that live next door to each other. In the City's pipe program, the property owner pays for the required pipe and catch basins. The City provides the labor and equipment to install the system.

On this project the City is installing a total of 450 feet of 12-inch pipe and 4 catchbasins. Part of the new drainage system is being realigned to work with possible future street curb and gutter improvements. The Public Works crew is using the City's recently purchased pipe laser to set the pipe. The laser produces a narrow beam of red light that is set to the desired grade of the new pipe. Using this laser beam, trenching and pipe laying can be done with a high degree of accuracy.

WINTER ❄️ ENTERTAINMENT ❄️ SERIES

DES MOINES PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 1000 S. 220TH, 870-6527

Sunday, January 28, 3pm



Tia!

Sing-along songs will fill the air and dancin' feet will catch the beat with national award-winning Tia! Kids fall in love with Tia! and her music because she brings to the stage tremendous energy that gets everybody involved.



Sunday, February 4, 3pm



Johnson & Peters

The duo takes us through the history of tap dancing beginning with Europe and Africa through vaudeville, Broadway, Hollywood and the Golden Age of Tap Dance. Lots of foot-tapping and hand-clapping.



Sunday, February 11, 3pm



Jim Valley

Jim Valley, international Pied Piper, is a musician whose songs help children express themselves through music and movement. Jim's concerts include singing and interacting with the audience and leave children with a "glow" of enthusiasm about themselves.



Sunday, February 25, 3pm



Artis the Spoonman

The "connoisseur of cutlery", the "guru of syncopation", The Spoonman is an irresistible, faster-than-the-eye-can-see, perpetual motion machine. Since 1974, The Spoonman has performed across the globe, appeared on the Late Night with David Letterman, and Broadway. His avant-garde percussion coupled with his contagious spirit will change your life.



Sunday, March 3, 3pm



Seattle Kokon Taiko

A "thunderous and wild" performance, the Seattle Kokon Taiko provides a forum that supports Asian-American identity and community. The great finale to a great Winter Entertainment Series.



TICKETS

All tickets are general admission. Advance ticket sales by mail or walk-in only. Each person attending must have a ticket, including babes in arms.

TICKET PRICES

Season Ticket Discount: \$15 per person. Save when you buy tickets before January 12, 1996 for the entire Sunday series.

Single Performance Advance Tickets: \$4.00 per person. Order up to the day before the show. Tickets ordered final week before show will be held at the door (except walk-ins).

At the Door: \$5.00 per person. Single performance tickets on space available basis. Call for availability Monday through Friday 8am-5pm - 870-6527 or call The NetLine 24 hrs/day - 870-6597.

ORDER TICKETS

BY MAIL: Complete the ticket order form below and mail with the appropriate amount.

Make checks payable to: *CITY OF DES MOINES*

BY PHONE: call 870-6527 between 8am- pm, Mon- Fri. VISA or MasterCard only.

WALK-IN: Office is open 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri, except 1/16, 2/19. Cash, check, money order, and VISA or Mastercard accepted.



TICKET ORDER FORM

Des Moines Winter Entertainment Series
Des Moines Park & Recreation Department
1000 S. 220th St.
Des Moines, WA 98198

Name _____
Address _____ Apt. _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone (Day) _____ (Eve) _____
VISA MC Card # _____ Exp _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Season tickets (until Jan. 12) (5 shows) _____ x \$15.00= _____
Activity #6100.101

Individual performance advance tickets:

Jan. 28, Activity #6100.102	Tia!,	x \$4.00=\$ _____
Feb 4, Activity #6100.103	Johnson & Peters	x \$4.00=\$ _____
Feb 11, Activity #6100.104	Jim Valley	x \$4.00=\$ _____
Feb 25, Activity #6100.105	Artis the Spoonman	x \$4.00=\$ _____
Mar 3, Activity #6100.106	Seattle Kokon Taiko	x \$4.00=\$ _____
		Total=\$ _____



THIRD RUNWAY UPDATE

1996 a key year



ACC begins the new year with a continued commitment to its members' welfare. That commitment will be supported by expanded resources reflecting both the gravity of the mission and the dedication of the member cities' leaders.

The Councils of ACC cities have collectively increased its operating budget by a substantial amount, as has been reported in the press. And, although ACC will continue to be outspent by the Port and its allies by at least a factor of 10, ACC resources will be effectively targeted for maximum results.

1996 will bring the final EIS on the third runway, in January or February. ACC fully expects the Port and FAA to largely dismiss ACC's concerns and those of the hundreds of agencies and individuals that have formally objected. If ACC will consider filing a formal challenge. The Expert Arbitration Panel will issue its final order on noise reduction in March. If it fails to derail the third runway project, ACC will consider challenging various aspects of the PSRC process and decisions. If these decisions go in their favor, the Port commissioners are expected to vote to launch construction, probably as early as May. If so, ACC is prepared to attack other aspects of the decision process, permitting procedures and impact and mitigation determinations.

The City of Federal Way has been cooperating with ACC for some months, notably on the EIS review process. The City is now in the process of formally joining ACC as a full member. This is great news for the present ACC members (Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park and Tukwila, and the Highline School District) and for the cause. The larger population represented is double the former number and is powerful evidence of the magnitude of the problems and a much stronger voice in the debate on the issues.

Des Moines Creek Trail Open House

The public is invited to give input regarding the Des Moines Creek Trail at a public open house to be held at the Midway Sewer District Office, located at 3030 South 240th Street, Kent, on Wednesday, January 10, between 3 and 5 p.m. The trail route follows Des Moines Creek from Des Moines Beach Park in Des Moines to South 200th Street in SeaTac. The following trail elements will be on display for comment: 1) trail design 2) trail location, 3) trail amenities, and 4) photos of neighborhood access.

The open house is co-sponsored by the Midway Sewer District which will display information regarding the District's Draft Environmental Impact Statement regarding Trunk Line and Outfall Line improvements along Des Moines Creek. The open house will be followed by a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement at 7:30 p.m. at the District Office.

For questions regarding the trail, call the City of Des Moines

Park and Recreation Department at 870-6527. Please call Midway Sewer District at 824-4960 regarding questions about the Midway Sewer District construction project.

Park and Recreation
Citizen Survey

The City of Des Moines is preparing a Master Plan for future development of Park, Recreation and Senior services and programs. The City needs citizen input and would like to ask residents questions that will be useful to better understand the Park and Recreation needs of the community. Please fill out the Citizen Survey which was printed in the Des Moines Park and Recreation Winter Program Guide recently mailed to your home and return it as soon as possible to:

**Des Moines Park and
Recreation Department
1000 South 220 Street
Des Moines, WA 98198**

FREE CHRISTMAS
TREE RECYCLING

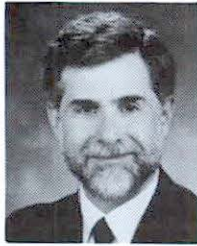
The City of Des Moines and Sea-Tac Disposal Company will provide FREE Christmas tree recycling for residents within the City of Des Moines. All you need to do is place your tree with your garbage at curbside. Pick-up will be on your regular collection day JANUARY 4, 5 or 6. Only clean trees will be accepted. That means no flocking, tinsel, ornaments, lights, etc. Trees should be cut into 5 foot lengths. Trees with flocking and other bunting will be collected as garbage for a \$3.36 fee. Call Sea-Tac Disposal at 872-7220 or 682-9730 with any questions.

If you live in a condo or apartment in the City of Des Moines, you can take your clean tree to one of two King County Christmas Tree Recycling Centers. There will be one at the old Boulevard Park School located at South 128th and 28th Ave South and one at Steel Lake Park located at 2410 South 312th. They will be open for collection JANUARY 5-8 and again JANUARY 12-14. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Terry Brazil
Council member



Dan Sherman
Council member



Scott Thomasson
Council member



Gary Towe
Council member

Two new councilmembers, Don Wasson and Bob Sheckler, will take office on January 11. The Council will appoint a replacement for Jeanette Burrage, who resigned after winning election as King County Superior Court judge.

SEPTEMBER 1995

- Held a public hearing to review applications and allocations for 1996 Block Grant Funds.
- Held a public hearing to review a draft ordinance regarding procedures for zoning application withdrawals.
- Authorized an interlocal agreement with King County, the City of SeaTac and the Port of Seattle to share costs for the development of a basin plan for the Des Moines Creek Basin.
- Approved the following ordinances:
 - No. 1144 relating to revenue and finance, recodifying DMMC Title 3.
 - No. 1146 regarding street system improvements.
 - No. 1147 revisions to SEPA appeal process.

- No. 1148 establishing procedures for withdrawal of application for rezone
- Approved the following resolution:
 - No. 794 supporting the campaign to keep the USS Missouri in Kitsap County, Washington.

OCTOBER 1995

- Authorized the City Manager to sign the Contract Services Agreement between the City and Landerman-Moore Associates for development of a Park and Recreation System Master Plan.
- Began review of the preliminary 1996 budget.
- Held a public hearing regarding rezoning of property from RS 8400 (single family) to BN (Neighborhood Business) for a new City of

- Des Moines Police Facility.
- Authorized an interlocal agreement for use of Highline Water District property for park use.
- Reviewed and discussed amendments to street development standards.
- Confirmed Mayor's appointments of Jeanne Blalock, Earline Byers, Warren Coffen, Karen Hendrickson, Jean Hueston, and Brooks Powell to the Human Services Advisory Board.
- Approved the following ordinances:
 - No. 1149 granting Southwest Suburban Sewer District a franchise within the City of Des Moines.
 - No. 1150 rezoning property to BN for a new City of Des Moines Police Facility.
 - No. 1151 regarding resi-

- dential traffic safety.
- Approved the following resolution:
 - No. 795 relating to King County Conservation District.

NOVEMBER 1995

- Continued review of the 1996 preliminary budget.
- Approved an addendum to the King County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement.
- Awarded contract for professional engineering design services for the 1996 Arterial Maintenance Project to Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure, Inc. in the amount of \$60,426.54.
- Confirmed Mayor's appointments of George Minnich and Joyce Blake to the Des Moines Library Board.
- Held a public hearing on

the Greater Des Moines Comprehensive Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

- Approved the following ordinances:
 - No. 1152 setting City Council compensation.
 - No. 1153 adopting Street Development Standards, 1996 Edition.
 - No. 1154 relating to street system improvements, no protest formation of LID.
 - No. 1156 adopting the 1996 budget.
 - No. 1157 adopting the 1996 property taxes.
 - No. 1158 amending the 1995 budget.
- Approved the following resolution:
 - No. 796 adopting the 1996 employee pay schedule.

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