

Swim Into 2004 at Mt. Rainier Pool Grand Re-Opening January 10th

In 2002, King County decided to close all Forward Thrust Pools located within city jurisdictions. For the past year, the City of Des Moines has been working with the Cities of SeaTac and Normandy Park, Highline School District and concerned citizens and businesses to keep the King County Mt. Rainier Pool open.

Mt. Rainier Pool, located at 22722 19th Avenue South (on the south side of Mt. Rainier High School) in Des Moines, performs a vital service to our community as a venue for learning to swim, competitive swimming, recreational fun and socialization, low impact aerobic exercise and therapeutic recreation.

Beginning in January 2004, the Cities of Des Moines and Normandy Park will become co-owners of the pool and, along with the City of SeaTac and the Highline School District, will contribute financially to pool operations for the next three years. Aquatics Management Group will run pool operations, offering a full range of innovative quality swim programs at a cost similar to King County.

A Grand Re-opening of Mt. Rainier Pool is planned for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 10th. Join the celebration during a free swim from 1-5 p.m. Contact Aquatics Management Group at their web site www.mtrainierpool.com or call the Mt. Rainier Pool at 206-296-4278 for new pool hours and swimming schedule.



The pool schedule will be available through the following media sources beginning in January: Mt. Rainier Pool web site www.mtrainierpool.com, the City of Des Moines web site www.desmoineswa.gov, cable channel 21 and the Spring/Summer Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Programs Guide.

We encourage you to take advantage of the many fun and beneficial recreational opportunities offered for you and your family at Mt. Rainier Pool!

Incumbents Re-Elected to City Council

In November, incumbent City Council members Bob Sheckler, Dan Sherman, and Scott Thomasson were re-elected to new four year terms. Swearing in ceremonies will be held at the January 8, 2004 Council meeting, at which time an election for Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem will be held by the seven-member Council.

City Council meetings are held on the first, second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 21630 11th Ave. So. Meeting times and dates can be confirmed by contacting the City Clerk at 206-870-6519, on Cable Channel 21 or on the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov.

Roger Baker Selected Police Chief



Chief Roger Baker

A swearing in ceremony will be held on January 7, at 4:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St., as the Des Moines Police Department welcomes Roger Baker to the Department as its new

Chief. Chief Baker comes to Des Moines from Anaheim, California, where he served as Chief since 1999 and Captain for ten years prior to his promotion to Chief.

"We are excited at having Roger on board as our new Police Chief. He brings a great deal of experience and a high level of knowledge and training in police issues," stated Tony Piasecki, City Manager of Des Moines.

Chief Baker was selected from an original pool of 53 candidates. The final interview process included input from City Council members, citizenry, City department heads and Police Department staff.

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Library, Woodmont 253-839-0121
Marina 206-824-5700
Police (non-emergency)206-878-3301

Des Moines Historical Society's 25th Anniversary Meeting January 14, 7:00 p.m.

The Des Moines Historical Society will hold its 25th anniversary meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Museum, 730 South 225th Street (alley entrance – ADA accessible).

The meeting will feature an updated slide presentation by longtime Des Moines resident Bill Rudberg. Refreshments will be served.

For further information, call Jim Langston at 206-878-7205.

Positions Available on Two City Advisory Committees

The City of Des Moines **Senior Services Advisory Committee** advises the Des Moines City Council on policy and budget issues related to senior services. The Committee keeps the City Council informed on issues that impact all Des Moines senior not just those who visit the senior activity center.

The City of Des Moines **Human Services Advisory Committee** is a group of seven mayor-appointed citizens chartered with evaluating and recommending annual funding for human services requests submitted to the City.

The City currently has two openings on each advisory committee. If you are interested, please call Sue Padden at 206-870-6584 for additional information and an application.

King County Housing Repair Program

King County provides 0% interest housing repair loans to low and moderate-income homeowners. The program also helps landlords make rental units accessible for handicapped, income-eligible tenants. These programs are funded by the City of Des Moines and King County and are administered by King County staff.

These loans can fund a wide variety of home repairs. Highest priority is given to health and safety repairs such as roof, plumbing, electrical and heat systems and septic systems, but other repairs may also qualify. Eligibility is determined by income. A family of four can earn up to \$56,000, which is 80% of King County median income. Income is adjusted by family size. To apply, call King County Housing Repair Programs at 206-296-7640.

SENIOR SERVICES

“Second Chance” Prom

On Friday, January 30th, Des Moines Senior Services, Daystar Retirement Village, Village Green Retirement Campus and the Des Moines Legacy Foundation will host a special evening of dinner and dance to benefit the Des Moines Activity Center's outdoor patio and garden project. It's a prom for all ages, couples and singles...OUR very own version of the senior prom!

There will be prom pictures, a special price on corsages and boutonnieres, and other “prom” goodies. Enjoy a delightful evening with friends and family. Dine by candlelight, enjoy a spectacular meal, and dance to one of the area's most popular dance bands, Joani Noel and Company, performing a variety of dance music from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Tickets go on sale January 5th. Seating is limited, so don't delay! This special evening is open to all ages; come one, come all!

Date: Friday, January 30th

Time: 6-8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

The menu includes stuffed pork loin, assorted roasted vegetables, garlic mashed potatoes, salad, roll, fresh straw-

berry cheesecake and beverage.

If needed, transportation will be provided on a limited basis to those 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 reservation.


6th Annual Wally's Chowder Night

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

Mr. Fix It

Do you enjoy doing simple home repair projects? Volunteers are needed for the Des Moines Senior Services Mr. (or Ms.) Fix It program. Volunteers visit local senior citizen's homes and provide simple home repairs, from fixing a leaky faucet to installing a new stair handrail. The costs for repair materials are covered by the senior citizen. If you are interested and would like more information, please call Sue Padden at 206-870-6584 or email: spadden@cityofdesmoines.com.

Road Closures -- Snow Plowing Schedule

 In the event of a snowstorm, the City's Public Works Department has set up a list of streets that receive priority plowing and sanding. Some streets on steep hills, which have a history of hazardous conditions, will be closed to traffic due to the unsafe conditions.

Streets that might have to be closed:

- 4th Ave. South--S. 210th to S. 216th
- S. 206th St.--9th Ave. S. to DMMD
- S. 208th St.--9th Ave. S. to DMMD
- S. 212th St.--7th Pl. S. to DMMD
- S. 224th St.--30th Ave. S. to Pac Hwy
- S. 230th St.--12th Ave. S. to KDM Rd
- S. 234th St.--25th Ave. S. to KDM Rd.
- S. 240th St.--24th Ave. S. to 16th Ave.
- S. 250th St.--20th Ave. S. to 16th Ave.
- 10th Ave. S.--S. 226th St. to KDM Rd.

Streets that have a high priority for plowing and sanding:

- S. 216th St.--MVD to I-5
- MVD--S. 216th St. to S. 264th St.
- S. 264th St.--MVD to Woodmont Dr.

- S. 240th St.--MVD to Pacific Hwy. S.
- DMMD--S. 216th St. to S. 208th St.
- 7th Ave. S.--MVD to S. 227th St.
- Pacific Hwy S.--S. 216th to KDM Rd.
- KDM Rd.--Pacific Hwy S. to MVD
- S. 227th St.--7th Ave. S. to MVD
- S. 260th St.--16th Ave. S. to Pac. Hwy
- S. 272nd St.--12th Ave. S. to Pac. Hwy
- MVD--Redondo Beach Dr. to S. 272nd
- Redondo Bch Dr.--S. 280th to S. 288th
- 16th Ave. S.--KDM Rd. to S. 272nd St.
- Woodmont Dr.--8th S. to 16th Ave
- 8th Ave. S.--So. 192nd to So. 200th St.
- Redondo Way--Redondo Beach Dr. to city limits.



The department also plows or sands the Des Moines Food Bank parking lot, the driveway for Midway Sewer and occasionally sands Highline College parking facility. All of these occur after the high-priority streets are in good shape. The department also provides sandbags to the City's citizens at \$1.00 per bag for the individual's use for trac-

tion or extra vehicle weight.

Equipment the City has available for snow maintenance:

- two plow trucks with sand spreaders
- one dump truck with a sand spreader (without a plow)
- a road grader that can be equipped with a rubber-edged blade
- Two backhoes and one front-end loader for City parking lot snow removal.

If you have questions you may contact Public Works Superintendent Frank Olson at 206-870-6559, Linda Wright at 206-870-6522, or visit our website at www.desmoineswa.gov.



10th Avenue Culvert Replacement Project Nears Completion

The road/culvert project, located at the intersections of 10th Avenue S. and S. 230th and Kent-Des Moines Road, is nearly complete. Remaining work items are to connect the street lighting, place hand rail above the new culverts, and re-stripe Kent-Des Moines Road. Although left-turn lanes from Kent-Des Moines Road to 10th Avenue S. or S. 230th Street were not planned, City staff, in consultation with the Washington State Department of Transportation, decided to reconfigure the striping to add a two-way left turn lane.

The main purpose of the project was to replace an undersized creek culvert and to reconfigure the awkward six-legged intersection of Kent-Des Moines Road, 10th Avenue S. and S.

230th Street. The new intersections are separated by 150 feet, in order to provide better sight distance for traffic entering Kent-Des Moines Road. Curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and street lighting were also included.

The one existing 48-inch diameter culvert was replaced with two large (20-ft. by 7-ft.) fish-friendly concrete culverts (one for each new intersection) that are capable of handling a 100-year frequency storm. The area between the intersections was restored as an open stream channel and includes shrubs, trees, and fish habitat features such as tree stumps and logs.

The project has already been tested with a record-breaking rainfall event on October 20th when more than 5 inches of rain were reported in a 24-hour period. With the culverts installed just three weeks before the storm, water levels rose to within a foot of the ceiling of the new culverts and easily conveyed the large storm. Both before and after the event, Coho salmon were seen passing through the site where previously the smaller culvert presented a blockage to fish passage.

The City of Des Moines would like to thank Mr. Forrest Mickelson, a local resident, for his project photos.

For more information about this project and other upcoming Surface Water Management projects, please call Loren Reinhold at 206-870-6524.

The Engineering Department is located at 21650 11th Ave. So.



10th Avenue So. culvert during October 20th storm

PARKS AND RECREATION

Before And After School Programs

Quality before and after school child care is available for Kindergarten-6th grade children attending Des Moines, Parkside, North Hill and Woodmont Elementary Schools. 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! Limited scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact Des Moines Parks & Recreation for more information at 206-870-6527.



Mid Winter Break Camp

What do you do with the kids when they have time off from school but you still have to go to work? Send them to Break Camp with Des Moines Parks and Recreation! We'll take care of your children and give them lots of fun things to do -- arts and crafts projects, field trip, swimming, group games and activities, morning and afternoon snacks and much more! Sign up for the week, or by the day! Camp is open to K-6th grade, 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 South 220th Street.

Highline School District Feb. 13-17.

Cost: \$90 (3 days) or \$32 per day

Federal Way School District Feb. 16-20.

Cost: \$139 (5 days) or \$32 per day

For more information, please call Des Moines Parks and Recreation at 206-870-6527.

Skagit Eagle Watch

Every winter up to 300 Bald Eagles congregate in the Skagit Preserve. These magnificent and endangered birds are accustomed to seeing only the occasional riverboat in their protected habitat, so sightings are frequent. You'll float calmly and comfortably with other enthusiasts in astoundingly beautiful scenery, watching our national symbol feeding on the banks, soaring above or perched only a few yards away. Guides are experienced eagle watchers. The trip includes a delicious lunch. Join us!

Dates: 1/25 (Sun.), 2/14 (Sat.)

Cost: \$80

Guides: Wildwater River Tours

Location: Meet at the Field House,
1000 S 220th Street

Leave Field House at 6:30 a.m.

Return to Field House approx. 6:00 p.m.

(Transportation provided by the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Dept.)

Recommended for ages 6 years and up.

Dip Dip

Make and take home dried herb packs for dipping! Each student will make various herb dips and get the recipes to take home. Bring your appetite, because we'll be doing some sampling! A great class for a family activity! An additional supply fee of \$5 is payable to the instructor.

Dates: 1/8, 2/12 Thurs.

Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Location: Founder's Lodge,
22030 Cliff Ave. S.

Cost: \$7 per class

Ages: 11 and up

Yoga for Kids with ADD/ADHD

Is your family struggling with the affects of ADD or ADHD? Yoga is an ancient system of mind-body exercise that offers benefits including: increased flexibility, greater strength and improved concentration -- perfect for children with ADD or ADHD. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to have fun together while improving the affects of ADD or ADHD. Please bring a "sticky" mat to class.

Dates: 1/14-3/17 Wed.

3/24-5/26 Wed.

Time: 6:00-6:55 p.m.

Location: Founder's Lodge, 22030 Cliff Ave. S.

Cost: \$40 /10 classes

Ages: 7-12 years

Music for Munchkins

Music for Munchkins is an early childhood music class that focuses on nurturing the joys of childhood through music and movement. Each class is designed to be playful, while providing a carefully planned curriculum that includes child-appropriate activities in music and movement. This class is a great opportunity to introduce your child to music, while also having a lot of fun and meeting new friends! Parents are required to participate in each class with their child.

Dates: 1/7-3/10

3/17-5/26 (No Class 4/7)

Day/Time: Wed. 4:15-5:00 p.m.

Location: North Hill Elementary Music
Portable - 19835 8th Ave. S.

Cost: \$59/10 classes

Ages: 3-5 years



Visit the City's
new website

at:

www.desmoineswa.gov

Business Licenses Due for Renewal by February 15

All 2003 business licenses will expire on December 31st. 2004 rates, which are unchanged from 2003, are as follows:

Commercial License - \$150.00
Home Occupation License - \$30.00
Rental of Real Property License -
\$150.00

If not renewed on or before February 15th, a new application must be made, accompanied by an additional fee of 100% of the fee payable upon an original

application.

Businesses new to Des Moines in are required to acquire a license prior to opening. Additional licenses and fees are required for live music/entertainment, amusement devices, or mobile and itinerant vendors.

Application forms are available online or from the City Clerk's office during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If more convenient, forms can be mailed to you by calling the office at 206-878-4595.

Reduce Exposure to Arsenic and Lead

Seattle and King County and the State Department of Ecology have partnered to study the county's soils for the presence of arsenic and lead. Results showed widespread contamination county-wide. The sources of these metals in our environment are many – old smelting operations, leaded paint and gas, even the historical use of some pesticides.

Parks recently tested for arsenic and lead levels in Des Moines include: Des Moines Beach Park, Des Moines Creek Trail, City Park, Midway Park, Parkside Park and Redondo Beach. Of these parks, all parks showed levels of arsenic and lead well within normal levels **except Parkside Park**, which now shows levels of both arsenic and lead at a rate slightly above normal. The standard used for testing arsenic levels was 20 parts per million (ppm) and for lead was 250 parts per million (ppm). Parkside Park test points for arsenic ranged between 4.39 ppm (within the normal range) and 95.40 ppm (slightly above the normal range). Test points for lead ranged between 6.69 (within the normal range) and 294.00 ppm (slightly above the normal range).

Experts have determined that the levels of lead and arsenic are of concern, but do not present an immediate health risk. To be affected by arsenic or lead, people first must inhale or ingest it.

The following guidelines on soil safety will reduce exposure to lead and arsenic:

Outside Your Home

- Cover bare patches of soil with grass or plants and fence off bare areas.
- Dampen soils before gardening to reduce dust.
- Wear gloves while gardening.
- Do not plant food crops under the roof overhang of your home.
- Keep vegetable gardens away from old painted structures.

Inside Your Home

- Remove your shoes upon entering your home. Most dirt enters your home on your shoes.
- Wash your hands frequently, especially before eating.
- Damp mop/wipe surfaces frequently to keep dust under control.
- Wash toddler toys and pacifiers often.
- Wash all garden vegetables carefully.
- Maintain painted surfaces in homes built before 1980.

King County's website is full of information and resources on arsenic and lead, as well as other tips for keeping your home healthy. The web address is: www.metrokc.gov/health/tsp/arseniclead.htm.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It's Time to Renew Dog Licenses

Happy New Year! Now that the holidays are over, it's time for us to think about our "first of the year" responsibilities.

The City of Des Moines requires that **all dogs and cats, six months of age and older, be vaccinated for rabies and licensed**. If your pet is ever lost, a current license tag is your pet's "Phone Call Home"; it provides identification, and may provide a ride home on the first impound, rather than a ride to the animal shelter! In addition, a pet owner who fails to license and vaccinate his or her pet may be issued a \$152 Notice of Infraction by the Animal Control Officer.



Dog licenses are valid January 1 through December 31 of each year, and cat licenses are valid July 1 through June 30 of each year.

Pet licenses may be purchased 24 hours a day/7 days a week at the Des Moines Police Department, 21900 11th Avenue, S. Bring proof of rabies vaccine and proof of spay/neuter for your pet.

The license fee for a spayed/neutered dog or cat is \$10.00, and if NOT spayed/neutered, the fee is \$20.00.

If not purchased in a timely fashion, an additional 60-day late fee of \$5.00 or a 120-day late fee of \$10.00 may be added.

NOW is the time to purchase or renew your dog license to avoid late fees and/or additional penalties!

Please contact the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301 or 206-870-6549 for further information.

Boat and Trailer Storage Safety

When you store your boat for the season, you anticipate that when you return it will be in the same location and condition in which you left it. To ensure that this is the case, consider a few helpful ideas:

- When possible, store your boat and/or trailer in a locked garage.
- If you must store your boat and/or trailer at home, remember to keep it off the street and inside your yard.
- When you park your trailer in your driveway, turn it nose in rather than out.
- Secure your boat and trailer to a fixed object with a high quality chain and lock.
- Always secure the hitch with a hitch lock when in storage.
- Secure your outboard motor using a thick security cable and lock.
- Remove as much of your marine equipment as possible.

For more crime prevention tips, contact the Des Moines Police Department at 206-870-7619.



CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Approved the following ordinances:

- No. 1325 related to monetary penalties for civil infractions.
- No. 1326 amending 20003 Budget to reprogram MCI Funds.
- No. 1327 approving Comcast Cable TV Franchise.
- No. 1328 final assessment roll for LIDDX No. 1-97-9.

Approved the following resolutions:

- No. 959 for sole source procurement for a floating breakwater system for the Redondo Boat Launch.
- No. 960 for sole source procurement for an anchoring system for the floating breakwater at the Redondo Boat Launch.
- No. 961 amending Council Rules 5, 9, 10 and 20.
- No. 962 approving a final plat of Pacific Place for 34 lot townhomes at 268th and Pacific Highway South.
- No. 963 setting a public hearing to consider a street vacation.
- No. 964 authoring application to Inter-agency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for funding assistance for the Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park Field Lighting Project.
- No. 965 accepting Highline Water District's 2002 Comprehensive Water System Plan.

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Consulting & preliminary design services with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers for the Dry Stack Boat Storage Project in the amount of \$67,342.
- Joint trench agreement with Comcast for utility undergrounding improvements of the Pacific Highway South Redevelopment Project.
- Interlocal with cities of Auburn, Burien, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, Tukwila, SeaTac & King County for the purpose of promoting & facilitating development and operation of regional off-leash dog area at Grandview Park.
- Agreements with Puget Sound Energy to cover costs of the materials, installation, energy & maintenance of the street and sidewalk lighting associated with the Pacific Highway South Redevelopment Project.
- Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for construction work associated with undergrounding the power distribution system on Pacific Highway South Redevelopment Project.
- Activity Center Paving Project with Northwest Asphalt, Inc. for \$17,675.64, plus % contingency.
- General Maintenance Agreement with WSDOT for an annual estimated cost of \$69,506.88 for operation and maintenance of all traffic signals within the

City limits.

- Surface Water Management Utilit Rate & Efficiency Study to Financi Consulting Solutions Group for \$44,693.00 plus 10% contingency.
- Interlocal with Normandy Park, SeaTac, King County and Highline School District to adopt an operating agreement and to assume joint ownership of the Mount Rainier Pool.

Held the following public hearings:

- Regarding 2004 Block Grant allocations.
- An Unclassified Use Permit & SEPA Appeal regarding "Zenith Viewpoint" located at 23659 Marine View Drive South.
- Accepting Department of Justice Grant Funds for Domestic Violence Program.

Other Business:

- Authorized payment of \$22,065.22 to the Regional Commission on Airport Affairs as full and final payment for services provided in 2002 out of the City's General Fund.
- Conducted review of draft 2003 Parks, Recreations & Sr. Services Mast Plan.
- Reviewed the Water District #54 Draft Comprehensive Plan.

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