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Citizens join together to fight third runway

The effort to block construction of a third runway at Sea-Tac Airport continues with the City of Des Moines leading the charge.

Citizen activists have joined together in the group, Regional Commission on Airport Affairs (RCAA), and have formed committees to generate information related to the proposal for a third runway. Des Moines is the lead agency in RCAA, a consortium of municipalities, community groups and citizens.

The Puget Sound Air Transportation Committee has recommended a third runway be built before the year 2000 and other regional airports be developed. The citizens joining RCAA to fight the proposal come from the entire region, from Paine Field to Olympia.

"This is a true grass roots movement," says Des Moines City Manager Greg Prothman. "The citizens are arming themselves."

Persons interested in helping on a committee can contact Sue Bowman at Des Moines City Hall, 878-4595.

The forces against the third runway won a victory at the last session of the state Legislature with the passage of HB 2609, which delays any construction for two years and requires the Port of Seattle follow the mandates of the state Growth Management Act. The legislation also sets up an independent agency to review and comment on actions and proposals from the Flight Plan Committee, the agency which proposed the third runway.

State Representatives Lorraine Hine and Greg Fisher, both of Des Moines, were instrumental in the passage of HB 2609.



Installation of drainage pipes across Marine View Drive has caused traffic delays.

Downtown road project under way

The downtown road improvement project is finally under way and will continue through the end of the year.

The first phase of the project is taking place on 7th Avenue South, which will be widened to three lanes, and on various side streets. The contractor, Woodworth Company of Tacoma, first is installing storm drains and underground utilities, requiring some cuts across Marine View Drive.

Grading, paving and installation of curbs, gutters and sidewalks along 7th Avenue South will be completed before moving on to Phase 2, Marine View Drive.

Work on the City's main downtown arterial, Marine View Drive, should be completed by the end of the year, depending on the weather. Marine View Drive will be three lanes and also will get new curbs, gutters and sidewalks. Landscaping for all the

project areas will take place this fall or early next spring.

The state Department of Transportation is scheduled to begin work on filling and widening the crossing of Des Moines Creek in 1993. Des Moines Memorial Drive will be widened to four lanes at the creek crossing, with one lane linking 7th Ave.

Motorists are reminded that the streets will remain open during the project but there will be continual traffic delays. Local businesses will remain open and motorists can ask a traffic flagger for access to a business if the street appears closed.

Weekly and daily updates and advisories on traffic delays in Des Moines can be obtained on the City's informational channel, cable TV channel 28. Traffic advisories are also being published regularly in the Des Moines News.

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Decks, storage sheds require building permits

City building officials have noted that numerous decks and storage buildings are being built in the City without the benefit of a building permit and are having to be torn down or relocated.

Residents should be aware that construction of decks and most storage buildings requires a building permit. Persons unsure whether a project requires a permit should contact the building department at 870-6557.

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DEPARTMENT PROFILE



Parks Dept. staff includes (from left) Jon Jainga, supervisor; Ann Grande, seasonal; Rob Wash and Mike Price. Lead crew member Javier Apodaca is not pictured.

Parks crew keeps busy year around

Though summer may be its busiest time, the City of Des Moines' Parks Department works hard 12 months a year maintaining and improving the City's parks and related facilities.

This time of year, of course, it's mostly mowing grass, trimming and weeding; in the fall it's raking leaves and branches; in the winter it's protecting plants and facilities from the elements; and in the spring it's cleaning flower beds planting bulbs and seedlings in the City's greenhouse.

Year around, the parks team helps decorate the City for community events, builds new neighborhood

parks and conducts preventative maintenance on all parks facilities. Further, they aid other City departments when help is needed.

The parks staff consists of a supervisor, Jon Jainga, and three full-time employees, Javier Apodaca (lead), Rob Wash and Mike Price. Four additional employees are hired for seasonal work from June - Sept.

The parks employees say they like their jobs since they can work outdoors and each day is different. The fruit of their labor is seeing people enjoying themselves in the beautifully landscaped City parks.

Storm water utility funding improvements

Since the City's Storm Water Utility was instituted at the start of the year, the Public Works Department has been busy on a number of projects related to storm water management.

Funds collected from the Storm Water Utility are being used to improve the City's drainage system to alleviate winter flooding and improve the water quality in the City's waterways. The current projects include:

- A consultant has been selected to conduct a study of lower Massey Creek, an area of significant winter

flooding. The study will identify solutions to the flooding.

- A study of the City's wetlands is being conducted. The City may acquire various wetlands to preserve them as natural water retention areas.

- Storm drainage pipes have recently been replaced on sections of Kent-Des Moines Road, 24th Avenue South, and South 220th Street.

- Storm water utility funds are used to pay the street-sweeping contract, and for the City's Vactor truck, which cleans storm water pipes and basins.

News for senior citizens

Over 55 years of age?

The Greater Des Moines Senior Center offers a wide range of nutritional, health, educational and recreational services. There are no membership fees or dues. The Senior Center is located at 22030 Cliff Ave. S., at Des Moines Beach Park.

Fall quarter classes start the week of Sept. 21, and registration will be the first week of Sept. A tentative schedule of classes includes: beginning western dancing, fitness, the art of Japan (1600 - 1900), and the geography and history of Japan. Call the Senior Center at 878-1642 for a free monthly schedule of activities.

Senior Day at Waterland is July 24. Speakers and music are scheduled from noon to 5:30 p.m. The Wellness booth will feature an exercise physiologist, nutritionist, pharmacist, and wellness consultant.



NEW MARINA OFFICE/SHOPS: The City's marina has a new office and shops in a project completed in mid-April. The former office building was remodeled and expanded by 1,000 square feet. The expansion provided room for an employee lunchroom and locker room, additional administrative offices, and shop space. Previously, marina shops were situated in the dry sheds.



The 1992 Waterland Festival gets under way Wednesday, July 22 and runs through Sunday, July 26.

Live entertainment will be presented at the marina stage each day with performances geared toward all age groups. The marina fair, carnival and arts and crafts booths will stay open until dusk or 9 p.m. each day. This is an earlier closing than in previous years. Waterland highlights include:

- ❑ Fireworks Display, Wednesday, 10 p.m., at the marina.
- ❑ Kids Day at the Marina, Thursday, 1 p.m. until closing.
- ❑ Senior Day, Friday, noon until 6 p.m., marina.
- ❑ Grand Parade, Saturday, 6 p.m., Marine View Drive. Junior Parade 5:30.
- ❑ Funny Boat Race, Sunday, noon at Des Moines Beach Park.

❑ Des Moines residents can keep up to date on City meetings, road construction and other activities by watching the City's informational channel, Cable Channel 28.

Citizens working on downtown plan

A citizens advisory committee is hard at work drawing up a plan which could lead to the improvement of downtown Des Moines.

The committee, appointed by the mayor and made up of downtown property owners, downtown residents, other City residents and two City planning staff members, has held three meetings and developed a common vision for downtown.

They see a future downtown that is an active people place, attractive for pedestrians and with inviting

shops that reflect the needs of the community. The vision also includes a better link between the downtown area and the waterfront.

The committee's work will lead to a written plan for future development of downtown, to be recommended to the City Council.

Downtown Des Moines is considered as the area between South 216th on the north, South 230th on the south, 8th Avenue South on the east, and Puget Sound on the west.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Donna Hardey, Senior Secretary

Donna Hardey, Senior Secretary for the City's Planning, Engineering and Public Works departments, has been chosen as the City's Employee of the Quarter.

Donna has been with the City for four years and does most of the typing, filing and word processing for her related departments. She also does desktop publishing and is known for her computer skills.

She said she loves her job because she is allowed to be creative. "I'm always looking for better ways to do things for myself and my fellow employees," she said.

City employees receive recognition in the Employee of the Quarter program for best demonstrating the City's "Sails with Pride" employee values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."



CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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MARCH 1992

- Began review of the City's Capital Improvement Plan.
- Began review of a Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
- Passed an ordinance relating to protection of waterfowl.
- Passed an ordinance relating to surface water management development standards.
- Passed an ordinance rewriting the City's subdivision code.
- Passed an ordinance approving the "North Hill Annexation."
- Passed a resolution establishing a Human Services Advisory Committee.
- Awarded the bid for the Downtown Transportation Improvement Project to the low bidder, Woodworth Co., in the amount of

\$2,857,115 plus any applicable tax; to authorize a project contingency in the amount of \$486,335; and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the construction contracts.

APRIL 1992

- Directed the City Manager to not sign a contract with the Economic Development Council and to write a letter of protest regarding the Executive Board's decision regarding the third runway.
- Conducted a public hearing for 1993 Community Development Block Grant Policies.
- Approved an ordinance providing for the vacation of public right-of-way (9th Ave. S./Marine View Dr. and S. 242nd and S. 244th streets).
- Held a public hearing regarding amending the zoning code by adoption of new landscaping regula-

tions.

- Approved a resolution to favorably consider annexation of a portion of North Hill south of S. 200th to Des Moines' current limits.

MAY 1992

- Passed an ordinance revising the landscaping regulations to the City's zoning code.
- Passed an ordinance adopting various codes to provide for the minimum requirements for construction.
- Passed an ordinance to exempt eligible persons who own and occupy a single-family unit from all applicable charges for surface water service.
- Conducted a public hearing to consider a preliminary Plat "Saltwater Trails" for 10 single family residential lots.

- Directed the City Manager to sign a franchise agreement for the collection of residential and commercial garbage, recycling materials, and yard waste.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing a new franchise agreement with Puget Power.
- Approved an ordinance regarding potentially dan-

gerous and dangerous dogs (non-breed specific).

- Authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with RZA Engineering and Environmental Service for the Public Works Fuel Storage Tank Remediation Contract.
- Approved an ordinance adopting a uniform pay plan and pay steps.

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

*Sponsored by the City of Des Moines
and King County Arts Commission*

Sunset Drifters

Country, jazz, early rock n' roll

Sunday, July 12, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Common Ground

Traditional music of N. America and Britain

Sunday, Aug. 9, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Michael Powers Group

Jazz, blues, rhythm, pop

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

*Concert location: Des Moines Beach Park
22030 Cliff Ave. S.*

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