



Monthly Neighborhood Meetings Planned

The City of Des Moines again will conduct outdoor neighborhood meetings in selected areas of the city beginning in April.

The meetings are held to give residents the opportunity to gather together as a group and discuss neighborhood concerns with City officials.

traffic, potholes, storm drainage, and public safety. The Police Department mobile police van will be stationed at the meeting site and Fire District personnel and equipment will also be present.

Neighborhoods that hosted meetings last year will not have another meeting in 2001. The meetings will be held monthly through mid-September.

City of Des Moines Employee of Year

Dale Southwick, the City of Des Moines Information Systems Coordinator, has been named the City's 2000 Employee of the Year.

Dale has been with the City for two years, previously working for a large accounting firm in Seattle as a systems administrator.



Dale Southwick

Dale received the Employee of the Year recognition after being honored by his peers as an employee of the quarter in 2000.

"Dale comes in early, stays late and comes in on the weekend to make sure the computer systems are running properly and to not be a disruption during the regular work day," Piasecki says.

Volunteers Needed

Saturday, March 10 10 a.m. Des Moines Beach Park

The Friends of Des Moines Creek and the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department are seeking volunteers to plant ferns and other native plants along the creek in Des Moines Beach Park.

Bring a shovel, wear work gloves, and come and help.

To register and for information please e-mail: Friendsdmc@AOL.com or leave a message at (206) 878-6355.



Volunteers will plant natural vegetation along Des Moines Creek in Des Moines Beach Park.



First Annual Musical Revue Way Off Broadway

featuring a variety of music and dance Starring: Des Moines Talented Seniors & Neighbors

Thursday March 29, 2001

2 p.m. - Matinee Show 7 p.m. - Evening Show

Masonic Home, 23660 Marine View Dr

Tickets \$5.00 All proceeds benefit Des Moines Senior Center

Presented by Des Moines Legacy Foundation



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New Municipal Court Judge Appointed

Colleen Hartl was appointed in November by City Manager Bob Olander and later confirmed by City Council as Des Moines Municipal Court judge.

Judge Hartl is no stranger to Des Moines, having served as Assistant City Attorney periodically over the past nine years. She also has worked for private law firms during the past decade and has served as judge pro tem for the City of SeaTac for several years. She received her law degree from the University of Puget Sound.

Judge Hartl says she likes the challenge of being a judge, having to weigh arguments on both sides of a case instead of having to focus on one side as an attorney. She says as a judge, she also enjoys interacting with people although it can be difficult at times.

"I like to think I might make a difference in how people might interact with the world around them," she says.

Judge Hartl lives in Federal Way with her husband and two children, ages 14 and 10.



Colleen Hartl

Visitors Welcome at History Museum Open House

What is the best kept secret in Des Moines? Des Moines Historical Society and Museum.

Open House - Saturday, April 21
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7th Ave So. & S. 225th Street
Odd Fellows Hall - Upper level
Location: Alley entrance behind
Des Moines Theatre

Refreshments will be available at
"Pioneer Prices"

Come visit Des Moines' local museum. The museum has a varied and growing collection that tells the story of 100 years of Des Moines history.

Come see the photos, artifacts, collectibles, old tools and equipment. Find out about the Mosquito Fleet, the maritime exhibit, early newspapers from 1946 to present, an early telephone switchboard, musical instruments, games, typewriters, police and



The museum is in upper level of the Odd Fellows Hall at 7th Ave. S. and S. 225th St.

firefighting memorabilia, including a 6-by-9-foot aerial view of the community.

Museum admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted! The museum can be contacted by calling (206) 824-5226.



**Wally's Annual
Chowder Night at
Des Moines
Senior Center**

Friday, March 9
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy Wally's Famous Chowder,
salad, roll, dessert, and beverage.
Tickets in advance \$6.00
At the Door \$7.50

*Proceeds benefit Des Moines Senior
Center's many programs and services.*

For more information, call 206-878-1642.

**Boat Smart
Class**



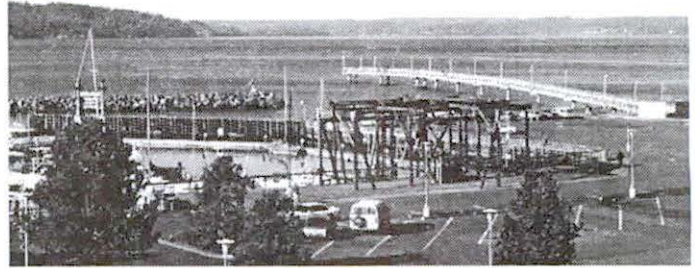
Learn all the essential information to operate a boat with confidence. Taught by the United States Power Squadron, the next class will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2001, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Public Works & Park Service Center. Call Parks & Recreation at (206) 870-6527 for information and/or to register.

Citizens Speak Up on the Marina Master Plan

On January 11 the City Council chambers were packed with citizens interested in the draft Marina Master Plan. The evening's speakers expressed appreciation for the majority of the planned improvements to the Marina, but many opposed the idea of discontinuing public launch services there.

The draft Master Plan attempts to modernize the Marina's 30-year-old infrastructure and poise the Marina to remain competitive during the next 30 years. Boating trends suggest that boaters on saltwater are moving to larger boats while boats small enough to be trailered will be used primarily on freshwater lakes. Meanwhile, historical trends show that labor costs for the boat launch are increasing while the public's use of the launch is decreasing.

At the close of the January 11 meeting, the City Council asked that the potential closure of the public boat launch be studied more fully. Marina staff and outside experts will assist the City Council's Municipal Facilities Committee as re-



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finements to the draft Plan are considered. The public comments received will be kept in mind as work on the Marina Master Plan continues.

DES MOINES SENIOR CENTER

Spring/Summer Highline Community College classes offered at Des Moines Senior Center. Reserve a place in the class by calling the Senior Center at 206-878-1642.

Exploration of the Plant World

Studies to include garden discoveries, new varieties, pruning, modifying the landscape (cutting down), switching from annuals to perennials, plant exchanges and 2 tours. Instructor: Pat Crawford. Enrollment: 12 min/24 max. This class is held at the Des Moines Senior Center, 22030 Cliff Ave S.

4/5-5/24 Th 9:30 a.m. - noon \$32.35
Additional donation of \$4 to be paid to the Des Moines Senior Center.

Beacons In The Mist – Lighthouses of the Northwest

Exploring the history and technology of our coastal beacons. Class will make two field trips to Puget Sound lighthouses. Instructor: Chuck Lucas. Enrollment: 12 min/24 max. This class is held at the Des Moines Senior Center, 22030 Cliff Ave S.

4/4-6/6 W 2 – 4 p.m. \$32.35
Additional donation of \$4 to be paid to the Des Moines Senior Center.

International Folk Dance

Celebrate your heritage with dances from around the world, taught to uplifting, authentic music. No partner needed. Instructor: Betty McLain. Enrollment: 12 min/24 max. This class is held at the Des Moines Senior Center 22030 Cliff Ave S. 4/6-6/1 F 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. \$32.35
Additional donation of \$4.00 to be paid to the Des Moines Senior Center.

Renaissance Art – Italy and Northern Europe

This class will explore the rebirth – the Renaissance – of man's interest in the observation of nature and the heritage of Greek and Roman art. Instructor: Elizabeth Rodgers. Enrollment: 12 min/24 max. NO CLASS 4/9. This class is held at Wesley Gardens, 815 S 216th St. 4/2-5/21 M 9:30 a.m.-noon \$32.35
Additional donation of \$4 to be paid to the Des Moines Senior Center.

AT THE LIBRARY

SWING YOUR PARTNER WITH THE TURTLE STRING BAND

Stomp, swing and experience the fun of folk dancing. All ages.

Saturday, March 17, 1 p.m.
Woodmont Library

DANCING PAJAMAS:

A BEDTIME SING-ALONG CONCERT
Bring a favorite teddy bear to help sing-along with Nancy Stewart in a not-so-quiet celebration of bedtime songs. All ages.

Monday, March 19, 7 p.m.
Des Moines Library

Des Moines Elementary
PTSA Presents

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND AUCTION

Saturday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.

Des Moines Field
House

Cost: Adults \$7,
Children \$5



Proceeds will be used for computer technology, earthquake kits, educational field trips, etc.

Call 206-433-2541 for additional information.

Juvenile Justice Volunteers Needed

The King County Partnership for Youth Justice is seeking volunteers from Des Moines to serve on Community Accountability Boards (CAB's) which determine consequences for juvenile offenders in their community. Requirements include at least a one-year commitment, 10 hours of training (given in Seattle), and a non-judgmental attitude toward youth. Boards meet Wednesday evenings in Des Moines and volunteers generally serve once or twice a month.

Please call Diana Coblenz, 206-296,1134, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for more information.



SURFACE WATER NEWS



5-Year Water Quality Monitoring Program Completed

The City has completed a five-year grant funded water quality monitoring program in Des Moines, Massey, McSorley, and Barnes creeks. The objectives were to:

- 1) Develop baseline water quality data
- 2) Provide pollutant source control strategies and identify treatment of these pollutants
- 3) Track long-term trends in water quality and the health of the City's streams,
- 4) Locate point sources such as problem oil-dumping areas or illicit sewer connections, and
- 5) Determine effectiveness of storm water program activities for improving the quality of the water, i.e., maintenance/cleaning of culverts, catch basins, and storm water control facilities; street sweeping; construction of regional control facilities and community stewardship and stream enhancement projects

These streams were sampled and tested periodically for fecal coliform bacteria, nutrients, heavy metals, (copper, lead and zinc) pH, water temperature, dissolved oxygen, petroleum

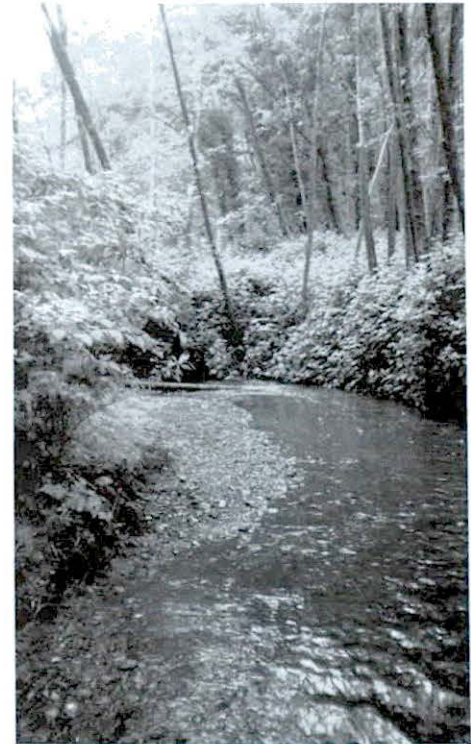
hydrocarbons, suspended solids and water turbidity. Of the 320 samples taken, 81% of the samples exceeded (failed to meet) state water quality standards for fecal coliform bacteria; 35% exceeded oxygen standards; and 13% of the samples exceeded water temperature standards. There were other small percentile failures in a variety of areas. These problems were evident in all four streams.

In addition to water testing, the program also included sampling of the stream sediments for macro-invertebrates ("stream bugs"). The results showed low populations, a low diversity among those populations, and dominance of a few rapid-generation populations. This indicates that the streams are under severe stress and the stream bottom is regularly disturbed by water scour. The invertebrate sampling verified that stream erosion during storm events is having a major impact on water quality as well as stream inhabitants.

Detailed analysis and results of the various tests are available at the Public Works office for interested parties.

What to do? How can you help?

The next City Currents article will explain some of the activities and projects the City is working on to improve water quality. The article will also pre-



Streams such as Des Moines Creek were tested for contamination and overall water quality.

sent things that everyone can do to improve the condition of our streams. For information about the Water Quality Program and Volunteer programs, please contact Loren Reinhold at (206) 870-6524.

5th Annual Community Open House and Business Fair

March 8, 2001
4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
229745 24th Ave. South

This event is sponsored by the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce and in part by a grant from Puget Sound Energy.

Free Lasagna Dinner
Door Prizes
Schools
Service Clubs

Entertainment
Business Booths
Community Booths
Human Service Agencies



Bring your family for dinner or stop by after work! There will be something for everyone! Check out the new businesses in town or see what the old ones have to offer. Get acquainted with a service organization; maybe sign up to be a member. If you are looking for a place to volunteer, this could be the place to find just the right fit for you. There are lots of groups and organizations that need volunteers. The possibilities are endless. Network with other business people and get acquainted with your neighbors!

For more information call Pat Nardo at (206) 824-6028 or the Chamber office at (206) 878-7000.

Beach Naturalists Help Citizens Learn About Their Beaches

Beach Naturalists will be on local beaches including Des Moines Beach Park during low tide weekend days during May-July 2001.

Beach Naturalists are local citizens who care about Puget Sound beaches and want to protect them. They have volunteered to help other people learn and enjoy their beaches.

Beach Naturalists receive 24 hours of training then spend 2-3 Saturdays or Sundays educating beach visitors. Orientation for prospective volunteers is March 22, 7-9 p.m., at the Seattle Aquarium. For information call Polly Freeman at 206-296-8359 or (polly.freeman@metrock.gov).

Special Spring Collection Event: April 9-13

The City of Des Moines and SeaTac Disposal are providing a SPECIAL SPRING CLEAN COLLECTION EVENT.

SeaTac Disposal will collect garbage, recyclable materials, and yard waste placed at the curb on your regular garbage collection day between Monday, April 9 and Friday, April 13. Collection will start at 7 a.m. and trucks will come by only once.

Tagged bulky items (sofas, appliances, and other items weighing over 60 lbs.) will only be collected on Monday, April 9 or Tuesday, April 10, but must be at the curb by 7 a.m. Monday. A small fee for bulky items must be pre-paid through Des Moines Community Development located at City Hall, 21630 11th Ave South, Suite "D" by April 6. If you have any questions, please contact SeaTac Disposal at (253) 872-7220.

COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE PICKUP DAY

April 9 through April 13, 2001

This FREE collection event is available only to single family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes within the City of Des Moines. Each collection vehicle (garbage - yard waste - recyclables - bulky items) will drive by only once. You do not need to be a customer of SeaTac Disposal to participate.



PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

- Materials must be sorted into the appropriate pile. Separate piles should be made for garbage, recyclables and yard waste.
- Tires will not be collected.
- Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. bags, boxes, cans, etc) and clearly labeled;
- All materials must be placed at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of service;
- Yard waste must be bundled with natural fiber twine or placed in a labeled container, can, box, or biodegradable bag (plastic bags will not be picked up) and weigh no more than 60 lbs.;
- Pickup of bulky items weighing over 60 lbs. must be pre-paid. Purchase your tag by April 6 at Des Moines Community Development, 21630 11th Ave S, Suite D; and
- Absolutely no hazardous waste items or their containers will be collected. Hazardous waste includes paints, solvents, pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries. Save these materials for drop off at the Household Hazardous Wastemobile. For a schedule call (206) 296-4692 or 1-800-RECYCLE.

**NO LOOSE MATERIAL OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL
BE COLLECTED!**

For more information on the Spring Clean, call SeaTac Disposal Company at (253) 872-7220.

ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED:

APPLIANCES & BULKY ITEMS

Set tagged appliances or bulky items at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday, April 9 (for collection on April 9 or 10). Tags for refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners cost \$35 because they contain harmful gases that can damage the ozone if not disposed of properly. For all other appliances and furniture, the fee is \$15. All appliances will be recycled. Tags can be purchased at Des Moines Community Development located at 21630 11th Ave S, Suite D, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Call (206) 870-7576 with any questions.



GARBAGE

Garbage is waste material and does not include tires, recyclables, yard waste or hazardous wastes (i.e. paints, pest killers, petroleum products, solvents, etc.). Garbage items and full containers must not weigh more than 60 lbs.



RECYCLABLE MATERIALS

Recyclable materials consist of newspapers, magazines, junk mail, cardboard, aluminum, tin cans, plastic bottles with a 1 or 2 stamped on the bottom and glass beverage/food containers. Glass (green, brown, and clear) bottles and jars must be placed in a separate container from the other recyclables and please separate the glass by color.



YARD WASTE

Yard waste includes grass clippings, branches/prunings (less than 3 feet long and 3 inches in diameter) or leaves. Rocks, dirt and sod are not acceptable. Yard waste must be bound with natural fibers into a bundle no larger than 3' x 3' or placed in biodegradable containers (i.e. cardboard boxes or paper bags) or yard waste containers. Yard waste containers and bundles must not weigh more than 60 lbs. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The Des Moines City Council in recent months has taken the following actions:

- Confirmed City Manager's appointment of Colleen Harl as Des Moines' Municipal Court Judge.
- Elected Mayor Pro Tem Bob Sheckler as Airport Communities Coalition Representative and Councilmember Kaplan as Alternate, for the year 2001.
- Accepted public comments on the Draft Marina Master Plan.
- Extended the exclusive license agreement with SeaTac Disposal through June 30, 2001.
- Appointed Councilmember Dan Sherman as representative to the South County Area Transportation Board and Public Works Director Tim Heydon as alternate, for the year 2001.
- Passed Resolution No. 899 approving Water District #54 Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Please Do Not Park in Front of Mail Boxes



Imagine not having your mail delivered on a daily basis, not because of the rain, windstorm, or snow, but because of parked cars in front of your mailbox. Also imagine these cars do not even belong to you but to someone else. Frustrating and irritating, isn't it? Please be considerate and a good neighbor! Do not park in front of someone's mailbox.

Altered Pets Make Better Pets



Spring is nearly here, and with it comes the breeding season in the animal population.

Besides the obvious inconvenience of unplanned puppies and kittens, pet owners need to keep in mind the negative behavioral aspects of an unaltered pet. Altered pets are generally sweeter, calmer home bodies that don't get into as much trouble as their unaltered counterparts.

The Des Moines Animal Control Officer says that unaltered animals make up the majority of animals picked up roaming loose, damaging property and aggressively attacking and biting humans and other pets.

According to the Des Moines Animal Control Officer, during a recent period:

- 18 out of 20 roaming dogs were unaltered dogs.
- 19 out of 20 dog bites reported were committed by unaltered male dogs.

And, the majority of cat bites reported were also committed by unaltered male cats.



Buckle up – It's The Law

Here is a synopsis on Washington State laws on safety restraints:

\$71.00 Fine per violation

RCW 46.61.687

Under 3 years: Must be in an *approved child restraint. Court may waive the fine when approved child restraint is purchased within seven days of receiving citation.

3-9 years: Must be in an *approved child restraint or a ** properly fitting seat belt.

RCW 46.61.688

10-15 years: Must be in a seat belt. Citation is-

sued to the driver.

16 years & older: Must be in a seat belt. Citation issued to the violator (driver or passenger)

* An approved child restraint can be a rear-facing car seat, forward-facing car seat, convertible car seat or booster seat that meets Federal Safety Standards and is being used according to manufacturer's instructions.

** Properly fitting seatbelt: knees are at edge of seat; lapbelt fits snugly over upper legs and not on abdomen soft tissue; shoulder belt comes across center of shoulder and is not worn behind the back or under the arm.

For car seat inspections and information call Community Service Officer Tonya Seaberry at 206-870-7619. Officer Seaberry has been certified by the state to teach proper car seat installation.

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