



### Wally's 4th Annual Chowder Night at the Masonic Lodge

2208 S. 223rd St.

Friday, March 15

2 seatings: 5 & 6:30 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.

Call the Senior Center for ticket information (206) 878-1642.

## I-776 Impact on City

Newly filed I-776 would have direct impacts on Des Moines' street paving programs if passed by voters next fall. A portion of the motor vehicle fees not previously rescinded was a flat countywide \$15.00 local option registration fee. This is returned to local governments for paving programs.

In Des Moines this amounts to \$255,000 annually, almost one-half of the annual arterial paving program. According to City Manager Bob Olander, loss of this revenue would seriously affect the ability of Des Moines to provide street repairs and paving.

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## Olympic Torch Lights Up Des Moines

January 23, 2002, turned out to be one of the biggest days in a great while for the City of Des Moines as the Olympic Torch Relay made its way to the shores of the "Waterland City". The Olympic Torch arrived via the Shelley Foss tug boat into the Des Moines Marina and was greeted by thousands of flag waving spectators as the Torch was run off the boat by Torch Bearer Jeff Jackson.

Events at the Des Moines Marina included a star spangled lighted boat parade led by Des Moines Yacht Club members Garry and Marilee Wamsley and a tribute to the American flag by King County Fire District #26 and the Burien Fire Department. The Evergreen High School Marching Band entertained the crowd with a variety of music and Miss Burien 2002, Laura Blue, sang God Bless America.

The 2002 Olympic Torch Relay through Des Moines was organized by the staff of the Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department, Des Moines Marina, Des Moines Police and King County fire departments.

*Thousands of flag-waving spectators greeted the Olympic Torch as it arrived at the Des Moines Marina on January 23. The Olympic Torch arrived via the Shelley Foss tug boat. More photos are on page 5.*



*Jeff Jackson ran the Olympic Torch past a cheering crowd after it arrived at the Des Moines Marina on a tug boat.*

The Des Moines Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club of Des Moines, Des Moines Lions Club and Des Moines Chamber of Commerce distributed free American Flags to spectators to celebrate the Olympic torch run through town.



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Animal Control .....206-870-6549  
Field House .....206-870-6527  
Des Moines Library ..206-824-6066  
Woodmont Library ...253-839-0121  
Marina .....206-824-5700  
City Job Line .....206-870-6593  
City Information Line... 206-870-7585

**Visit the City's web site:** The City of Des Moines offers information about City government over the Internet. The City's web site offers information about elected officials, upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings and access to the Des Moines Municipal Code, as well as links to other officials, agencies and information. The address is:

[www.ci.des-moines.wa.us](http://www.ci.des-moines.wa.us)

## Park your bulldozers, put down your chain saws

Every year the City's Code Enforcement Division responds to numerous cases where trees have been cut down or lots cleared of vegetation without a permit.

The City has regulations that require a clearing permit before trees and vegetation can be removed. A permit is required for the removal of any trees or vegetation on developed or vacant multi-family or commercial property. If a permit is not obtained, the owner will be required to revegetate and pay fines to compensate for the damage. Single family property owners are also required to obtain a permit if their property is currently vacant or if it lies within an environmentally sensitive area (described below). A permit is not required for single-family homeowners who wish to clear and landscape the yard area around their homes (as long as the property does not fall within an environmentally sensitive area).

Clearing property without a permit can lead to many environmental problems, especially here in the Pacific Northwest where rain saturates our soils. The vegetation helps soak up that rain, and the plant and tree roots keep the soil from moving downhill into our streams and Puget Sound (or onto your neighbor's property!).

The City is especially concerned with tree and vegetation removal from "envi-

ronmentally sensitive areas". These areas include steep banks, stream and wetland buffers, greenbelts, ravines, eagle and blue heron nest sites, and Puget Sound. Vegetation within these areas should never be cut, removed or trimmed without first obtaining a permit. Even dead trees and other plants help stabilize the soil and provide important habitat for birds and animals.

Citizens should also be aware that cutting trees without the property owner's consent is illegal. This includes not only your neighbor's property, but also City rights-of-way and vacant land.



Trees are a very important part of our community character and provide numerous benefits. Along with providing habitat for birds and other animals, trees help moderate temperature and wind speed. They also reduce pollution in the air as well as muffle airplane and automobile noise. Studies have even linked higher home prices with the presence of trees!

To be safe, anyone who is unsure about the cutting or removing of trees or vegetation should call the City first. If you have any questions about land clearing, please call Celeste Carlson at (206) 870-6595.

## City Council Adopts 'Level Service' Budget

In November 2001, City Council approved the 2002 budget of \$43.7 million. Of this amount, about \$13 million represents the operating budget that reflects the cost of services such as public safety, parks and recreation, street maintenance, and other City functions. The 2002 operating budget is essentially a "level service" budget, providing for no new programs, services, or enhancements.

However, the City continues an aggressive capital improvement budget with major projects such as the Highway 99 reconstruction, Marine View Drive bridge project, Phase 1 of the Steven J. Underwood Memorial Sports Park, and Phase 1 of the Marina Master Plan. Most of these projects are possible as a result of the aggressive pursuit of grants, as well as

other restricted revenues (such as gas taxes) that can only be used for capital projects.

The City's financial climate for 2003 remains uncertain due to the impact of the recession on the State's budget. The State is currently facing a \$1.25 billion budget deficit. Balancing its budget could involve eliminating the "back fill" revenue the State provides those jurisdictions most impacted by the loss of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) revenue due to the passage of I-695. The City lost \$2.4 million annually, of which the State replaced \$1.5 million via "back fill" revenues.

Please contact the City's Finance Director Scott McCarty at (206) 870-6511 for additional information or to request a copy of the budget.

## SURFACE WATER NEWS

### Massey Creek - 10th Avenue Culvert Replacement Project

The replacement of the existing creek culvert located at the six-legged intersection of Kent-Des Moines Road, 10th Avenue South and South 230th Street is scheduled for construction this summer.

This project involves a total reconstruction and realignment of the intersection into two separate intersections (see figure below). The new intersections will be separated by over 150 feet in order to provide better sight distance for traffic entering Kent-Des Moines Road. Curbs, gutters, sidewalks and street lighting will also be included at the two intersections.

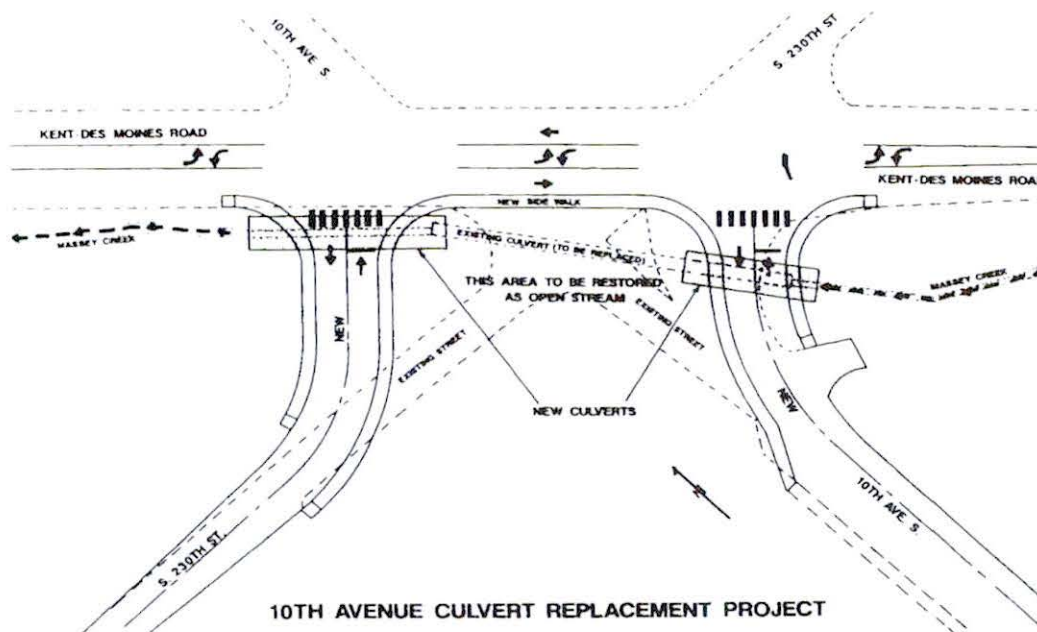
The existing corrugated metal culvert is currently undersized and submerged on the downstream end. During peak storms,

water backs up and floods the intersection and the nearby properties. This project will replace the existing culvert with two large 20-foot by 5-foot concrete culverts (one for each new intersection) that are capable of handling a 100-year storm event.

The road area between the intersections will be removed and restored as an open stream channel. [Note: The City may be requesting volunteer assistance to do the stream plantings and/or monitoring of the plantings after the work is completed. Please stay tuned to find out how you may help in this project.]

The project is expected to start in late June and be substantially completed by December. During this time the intersection (south of Kent-Des Moines Road) will be closed. Kent-Des Moines Road will remain open with two-way traffic.

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



### TIB Helps Fund Construction of Traffic Signals at S. 216th/24th Ave.

The Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) has decided to grant 2003 Arterial Improvement Program funding for design and construction of traffic and pedestrian signals at the intersection of South 216th Street and 24th Avenue South. Signalization of this intersection has been a high priority for Des Moines for some time. The addition of signals at this intersection will provide many benefits including reduced delay, improved vehicular and pedestrian safety, and increased mobility.

The Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) is a state agency directed by a 21-member board. The TIB invests state gas tax funds in local communities through five grant programs serving cities, urban counties and transportation benefit districts. The

TIB identifies and funds the highest-ranking transportation projects based on criteria established by the Board for each program. Subject to available revenue, each funding program offers an annual call for new projects. TIB Project Engineers provide customer service and grant administration throughout the project life. More information about the TIB can be found at their website: [www.tib.wa.gov](http://www.tib.wa.gov).

Unfortunately, 2003 TIB funding for construction of two other high priority projects was denied. These projects include: improvements to 16th Avenue South from South 272nd Street to South 260th Street, and improvements to Kent-Des Moines Road from 24th Avenue South to 16th Avenue South. These projects are already being designed with funding provided by past TIB grants. These projects remain a high priority and the City will continue to apply for construction funding through TIB programs.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Please Help Prevent Pedestrian Accidents

Most children move very quickly and are often unaware of the dangers of crossing the street. Each year many children are injured or killed when they suddenly dart into the path of oncoming cars.

### Did you know?

- Most children are injured near their home, usually on their own street.
- Most accidents involving children happen between 3 and 6 p.m.
- Most accidents involving children occur in fair and warm weather.

To prevent these tragedies from occurring, teach your child how to safely cross the street and make sure your child knows the facts:

- Before stepping off the curb, look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT then proceed with caution when safe to do so.
- Remind your child to walk, not run, across the street. This means bikes and scooters must be walked across the street also.
- When crossing streets remember to be alert and aware of what is going on around you. Make sure that the drivers see you and know you are crossing the street.
- Whenever possible walk facing traffic.



■ Encourage your child to cross streets at corners, not in the middle of the block.

Teach your child by example. Children follow the examples set by their parents, so always practice what you teach.

## Attention Rental Property Owners



Are you a rental property owner in the City of Des Moines? Are you interested in finding ways to keep illegal activities from occurring on your rental property? If so, get involved with the Des Moines Rental Property Forum.

The forum is made up of property managers and owners, who meet monthly to discuss issues relating to property management, tenant retention, screening and other related topics.

For more information contact CSO Tonya Seaberry at (206) 870-7619.

## Learn to Co-exist with Urban Wildlife in City

Spring is here, and with it brings interaction with the abundant urban wildlife in Des Moines.



We are fortunate to have the pleasure of watching raccoons, opossums, squirrels, otters, foxes, coyotes, and an array of wild birds in our yards, trees and open areas. And, as majestic and interesting as these creatures are, it is important that we peaceably co-exist with them.

The City's animal control officer often receives calls from residents who are annoyed by wildlife encroaching on their property or damaging their foliage; but everyone should remember that they are all part of nature's plan and we need to have mutual respect for each another.

The single biggest problem that causes wildlife to come into residential areas is a food source; it is often caused by people who leave food out for their pets. Unsecured garbage, open compost piles and bird or squirrel feeders are other common sources that bring in multiple wildlife species.

For informational literature on co-existing with urban wildlife, please call Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson at (206) 870-6549.



## Egg Hunt March 30

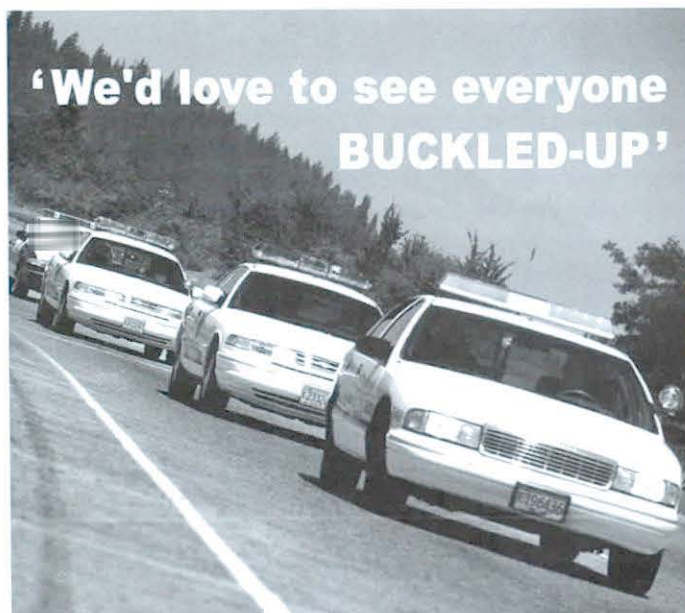
Join Des Moines Park & Recreation Department for an old-fashioned egg hunt at the Des Moines Beach Park. There will be candy for every child and the opportunity to win great prizes! The Easter Bunny will be on site for pictures in the Bunny Barn.

**Saturday, March 30,  
9-11 a.m.**

6th grade and under

Des Moines Beach Park  
22030 Cliff Avenue South

\$2 per child  
\$4 for a photo with the bunny



A message from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and the 3 Flags Law Enforcement Network



Officers in King County have a simple message that they hope clicks in your mind... Buckle Up!



## Scenes from Olympic Torch Arrival in Des Moines



Above, the Olympic Torch arrives at the Des Moines Marina on Jan. 23 on the Shelly Foss tug boat; above right, spectators line an archway where the torch bearer will run; right, members of the Mount Rainier High School Drill Team show their patriotism.



## Sign Up for Beach Naturalist Program

Care about beaches? Good with people? Sign up to be a volunteer beach naturalist at a Seattle-area beach this summer. Beach Naturalists will receive 24 hours of training from marine and interpretive experts (March-May), and then spend two or three summer Saturdays educating visitors about beach ecology and beach etiquette. Sites include Des Moines, Seahurst Park, Lincoln Park, South Alki Beach, Golden Gardens, Carkeek Park and Richmond Beach. People who live near these beaches are especially encouraged to participate, but anyone with the time, interest and commitment is welcome.

An orientation session for the program will be held Tuesday evening, March 19, 7 p.m. at the Seattle Aquarium. For questions about the program call Kathy

Sider at The Aquarium at (206) 386-4343 or Mark Plunkett at (206) 386-4344.

To sign up please call Polly Freeman at (206) 296-8359. Subsequent required training sessions will be in the evenings from March through May.



A Puget Sound beach can be a fun place to explore during low tides.

## Sports XCELER8 Basketball Program

Sports XCELER8 is an innovative approach to teaching children ages 3 and above the basic skills needed to participate in a fun, stress-free sports environment. Parents will participate right along with their child at each of the passing, dribbling and shooting stations using specially designed equipment that has proven to enhance skill development in children. Each child participant will receive a free T-shirt and basketball.

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., March 5-April 16  
OR

Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,  
March 9-April 20

Field House Gym –  
1000 South 220th Street

For ages 3-6 years  
\$35 cost

Des Moines  
Legacy Foundation Presents

Second Annual  
Musical Revue

## Way Off Broadway 2002

featuring a variety of music & dance  
Producer: Alonah Dean  
Director: Dick Falk

Starring: Des Moines' Talented  
Seniors and Neighbors

Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, May 16, 2 p.m.  
Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m.

Masonic Home  
23660 Marine View Dr.  
Des Moines

**Tickets: \$5**

For additional information  
call (206) 878-1642.

## Special Spring Collection Event: April 22-26

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 22 and Friday, April 26. 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 22 or Tuesday, April 23 but must be at the curb by 7 a.m. Monday. A small fee must be pre-paid through Des Moines Community Development located at City Hall, 21630 11th Ave South, Suite "D" by Friday, April 19. If you have any questions, please contact SeaTac Disposal at (253) 872-7220.



### COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE PICKUP DAY

April 22 through April 26, 2002

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 Friday, April 19 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 22 (for collection on April 22 or 23). 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.

## Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park Donation Form



**Help Build Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park and a special memorial plaza and provide a quality place of sports play and recreation in Des Moines.**

<b>Memorial Plaza Bricks:</b>	\$ 75.00 (6"x6")	- Includes 1 line engraving 20 characters
	\$150.00 (6"x12")	- Includes 2 lines engraving 20 characters
	\$300.00 (12"x12")	- Personalized Logo or 3 lines of engraving (26 characters ea)
<b>Plant a Tree:</b>	\$250.00 - Donor receives a special Plant a Tree brick recognizing gift	
<b>Other Park Amenities:</b>		
Trash Receptacles	\$450.00	
Bike Rack	\$500.00	
Bench	\$650.00	
Picnic Table	\$1,000.00	
Drinking Fountain	\$1,500.00	
Viewing Bleachers	\$4,500.00	
(Donor receives name etched in item recognizing above gifts)		
Flag Memorial	\$10,000.00	- Donor receives plaque etched with name and date recognizing gift
Portable Comfort Stations	\$20,000.00	- Donor receives sponsor recognition at the site

***I would like to support the Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park by donating the cost of:***

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Engraving: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Business) \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *I would like my donation to be tax-deductible through the Legacy Foundation.*

Please fax to (206) 870-6587 or mail to Des Moines Park & Recreation  
1000 S. 220<sup>th</sup> St., Des Moines, WA 98198 – Attention Annette Chomica

## DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

In recent actions, the Des Moines City Council:

- Elected Don Wasson to serve as Mayor and Richard Benjamin to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the next two years.

*Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:*

- Agreement with Washington State Dept. of Transportation for use of Federal Funds on the Pacific Highway South Project.
- Accepted the Eden System Incorporated software license and use agreement in the amount of \$67,688.
- 2002 Agreement for services with the Regional Commission on Airport Affairs

*Approved the following ordinances:*

- No. 1296 relating to municipal finance and amending the 2001 budget.
- No. 1297 amending DMMC Title 3, regarding revenue and finance policies to

conform with terms of controlling bond ordinance provisions.

- No. 1298 designating certain land development proposals as SEPA planned actions in the Pacific Ridge Area.
- No. 1299 making possession of drug paraphernalia a misdemeanor offense.

*Approved the following resolutions:*

- No. 921 approving for release of the Draft 2001 City of Des Moines Comprehensive Transportation Plan with the Basic Roadway Capacity - Added Projects being used for the calculation of the proposed Transportation Impact Fee.

*Confirmed the City Manager's appointments as follows:*

- Colleen Hartl as City's Municipal Court Judge for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2002.
- Shelley Hickey as City's Hearing Examiner to an appointment ending July 31, 2002.

## 'Adopt A Spot' Program

The Des Moines Park and Recreation department announces continuation of the seasonal planting "ADOPT A SPOT" program. This program is designed to provide sponsorship opportunities for Des Moines area residents and businesses as well as enhance the beauty of Des Moines.

Currently there are 20 "SPOTS" that have seasonal planting. "SPOTS" include large individual clay pots at Big Catch Plaza, the Lifeboat, areas at the Field House, Beach Park and more.

Each sponsorship will receive a "Citizens for Outdoor Recreation and Parks Stewardship" sign (CORPS) at their "SPOT" which will include their name and/or business logo. Other recognition will include "SPOT CHECKS" in City Currents, the Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Brochure and the City of Des Moines website.

Help us enhance the beauty of our community with your sponsorship in our "ADOPT A SPOT" Program. To learn more about this program, call Park Manager Bill Miller at (206) 870-6598 or e-mail him at: [bmiller@cityofdesmoines.com](mailto:bmiller@cityofdesmoines.com).

## Museum Wants Native American Artifacts

The Burke Museum is interested in hearing about Native American artifacts found in King County. Whether it's a single arrowhead found while gardening, a stone pestle uncovered while digging the basement for your new home or just something you suspect may be of interest, the museum wants to hear from you.

Now is your chance to increase your understanding of King County's prehistoric past. **ALL ARTIFACTS WILL REMAIN WITH THE OWNER.** Call the Burke Museum Archaeology Department at (206) 685-3849 to ensure that these unique finds are recorded.

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