# Des Moines CITY CURRENTS



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# City Council Recognizes Storm Response

In January, the Des Moines City Council recognized community members and City staff, who stepped up to help their neighbors when windstorms left much of our community without power for several days.

Although Puget Sound Energy worked diligently to restore power, not just in Des Moines but all over Western Washington, some of our neighborhoods were without electricity for over a week. The American Red Cross, South King Fire and Rescue, and Landmark on the Sound joined efforts to provide shelter and food for those in need. This outstanding community response was recognized by Council Resolution at the Des Moines City Council meeting of January 18th.

Des Moines Police Officers, Public Works, Parks and Marina crews were also commended for their dedication in providing assistance to the community during this emer-



gency, as well as during periods of heavy rain, snow and ice over the last few months. Their efforts included:

- removing leaves and debris to keep City drainage systems as clean as possible,
- responding to citizen requests for help with flooding and sand bagging,
- working diligently to sand bag and protect the historic buildings in Des Moines Beach Park,
- opening roads that were blocked by downed trees and power lines,
- · cleaning up rights-of-way,
- repairing or replacing guardrails damaged by falling trees, and
- · providing structural and tree inspections

Many employees gave up scheduled time off to assist with emergency operations. The City is fortunate to have employees who are willing to go that extra mile and Council recognized the dedication of these employees by Resolution also at their January 18th meeting.

Collection of storm debris by Allied Waste was carried out as swiftly as possible considering the magnitude of the damage. Costs for the clean up of two such storm events annually have been built into the City's current contract with Allied Waste. If we are lucky and only have this one storm event this year, 2008 rates will reflect a decrease. If there should be three or more such storms this year, rates will go up a little to cover the costs of additional storm clean up. The City's annual "Spring Clean", which is held each April, is a separate contractual item.

# Emergency Preparedness Supplies for Low Income Seniors

The City of Des Moines Senior Services Advisory Committee, with funds provided by the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, is asking for names of low income seniors living in Des Moines or Normandy Park who need emergency preparedness supplies for their homes. Items to be provided range from small battery operated flashlights, batteries, and blankets to small battery powered radios. If you or someone you know is over 55 years of age and has a single household income of less than \$25,000/year and a couple household income of less than \$35,000/year, please contact the Des Moines Senior Activity Center at 206-878-1642 or email spadden@desmoineswa.gov. Items will be provided, based on eligibility, for as long as supplies last.

If you would like to donate to this fund, please make donations payable to the Des Moines Legacy Foundation. The Des Moines Legacy Foundation is a registered 501c3 charitable organization with the State of Washington.

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#### City Offices

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City Attorney	.206-870-6553
City Clerk	.206-870-6519
City Manager	.206-870-6541
Planning/Building	.206-870-7576
Engineering	.206-870-6522
Finance Director	.206-870-6512
Marina	206-824-5700
Municipal Court	.206-878-4597
Parks	.206-870-6559
Police Department	.206-878-3301
Public Works	.206-870-6559
Recreation	206-870-6527
Senior Services	.206-878-1642

#### Other Numbers

Emergency	911
Animal Control	
City Job Line	206-870-6593
Field House	206-870-6527
Fire (non-emergency)	253-839-6234
Library, Des Moines	206-824-6066
Library, Woodmont	253-839-0121
Marina	206-824-5700
Police (non-emergency).	206-878-3301

## Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market Gears Up for its Second Season

The Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market is extending its 2007 season thanks to the market's solid opening year last summer. This year, the farmers

market will open the first weekend of June and run every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through the end of October.

"I love the Des Moines Farmers Market. We plan our meals around our shopping trips. The location is perfect. Parking is convenient. Beautiful food, flowers & music. All this and a Sound view...Heaven!" rave Tony & Margie Mango from Des Moines.

The Market is excited to welcome back last year's local farmers with



their fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables, plus flowers, bread, honey, jams and more. "Humongous kudos for providing fresh organic produce!!" praises Jennifer Mactutis from Kent. The Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market is proud to be the first market in Washington State dedicated to farmers who are using environmentally sustainable growing practices.

The Market is looking for a local artist to design the 2007 Market poster. Entries are due April 5. To be considered, contact Rikki Marohl at dmfm@FarmingandtheEnvironment.org. Join up with other community members to help grow the farmers market by getting involved in the Marketing, Fundraising, Volunteer or Vendor Committees or consider a market internship, donation or sponsorship. For more information about the Market, visit the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market at <a href="https://www.FarmingandtheEnvironment.org/">www.FarmingandtheEnvironment.org/</a> DMFM.

#### **Beach Naturalists Needed**

Care about beaches? Good with people? Sign up to be a volunteer beach naturalist and receive training from marine and interpretative experts and then spend three summer weekend days educating visitors about beach ecology and beach etiquette at Constellation Park (Alki), Lincoln Park, Golden Gardens, Carkeek Park, Seahurst

Park, Des Moines Beach Park, and Richmond Beach. An orientation session for the program will be held Tuesday evening, March 27, 7-9 p.m. at the Seattle Aquarium. To sign up or get more information, please call Charlotte Spang at 206-245-0143 or email beachnaturalist@seattle.gov.

# Summer Sneak Preview! Trash to Treasure Parking Lot Sale Saturday, July 14th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St.

Want to turn trash into treasure? Have handmade crafts to sell? Here's your chance! Purchase a parking space or an indoor space at the Des Moines Activity Center perfectly located next door to the post office. There is a senior rental space price (\$20) and a non-senior rental space price (\$25). Tables and chairs may be rented for \$5. The Senior Center will provide a snack bar of quick foods and cold drinks for vendors and shoppers!! Arts and crafts booths will have a designated area.

The Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department will be advertising this sale throughout the community. A GREAT crowd is expected!! Call 206-878-1642 for more details or to be put on our email sign up list.

Please note: Des Moines Activity Center is NOT accepting items for sale. You must purchase a parking space to sell items, the Center staff is not coordinating ANY items for sale. Items must be sold by an individual or group renting a space.

#### Play Ball with Des Moines Park and Rec!

#### Adult Softball League

It's time for another season of exciting coed and men's softball! There will be three different competition levels: Co-Ed "D", Co-Ed "Rec" and a Men's division. Each team will play 14 games with an end-of-the season tournament. The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 24, 2007. Team registration packets are available now. A coaches' meeting will be held April 24th at the Des Moines Field House at 6:30 p.m. Please call 206-870-6586 for additional information.

#### T-Ball League - Coach-Pitch

Get your "Little Hitters" lined up for T-ball this spring. Games will be held at Des Moines Field House and Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park. Teams will practice one evening each week and games will primarily be Saturday mornings. Call 206-870-6527 for information.

#### Coach - Pitch Baseball

The Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department is introducing Coach – Pitch baseball for boys and girls. Games will be held at Des Moines Field House and the Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park. Teams will practice one evening each week and games will primarily be Saturday mornings. Call 206-870-6527 for additional information.

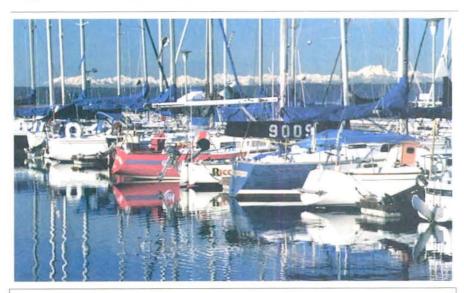
#### 2007 Youth Spring Soccer League

Our non-competitive, recreational soccer league continues! This will be a 5 game season playing at Zenith Park with week night practices and Saturday games. The league will run from March 10<sup>th</sup> until April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in a copy of your child's birth certificate to identify their age (unless you already have one on file). Players can sign up as a team or as an individual. Register now at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220<sup>th</sup> St. or call 206.870-6527 for additional information.

#### Volunteer coaches are needed for teams in all divisions.

**Team Sponsorships are needed**. Sponsorship of a team is \$135 and more than one team can be sponsored. Team sponsorship allows participation fees to remain affordable, shows community involvement and advertises your business.

For sign-up, coaching or team sponsorship information, please contact Ralph Thomas at 206.870.6586.



#### BEAUTIFUL, FULL COLOR NOTE CARDS

featuring Des Moines scenes photographed by Councilmember Carmen Scott are now available for purchase at the Des Moines Activity Center. Proceeds benefit the Des Moines Legacy Foundation. Call 206-870-6527 for information.

#### Spring Egg Hunt

Join in an old fashioned Egg Hunt at the Des Moines Beach Park on Saturday, April 7th. Candy and prizes for every child! Separate hunt areas for Pre-school, K-3 and 4-6 grade children. The Easter Bunny will be on site for pictures in the Bunny Barn. The cost is \$2 per person. For information, call 206.870.6527 or email recreation@desmoineswa.gov.



## Wooton Park Gets New Lights!

In an effort to address an increase in vandalism, noise, and safety concerns at Wooton Park in Redondo, the Des Moines City Council approved replacing the existing lighting in the park, which is currently non-functioning and a maintenance problem. The City has partnered with Puget Sound Energy to install and maintain a new pathway lighting system that will enhance public safety and enable the Police Department to monitor activity in the Park during their patrols. The new lighting is expected to be installed and operational by mid-April.

#### Construction Continues at Underwood Memorial Park

Late last fall construction began on a 1,200 sq. ft. restroom/maintenance storage building at Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park. The facility, when completed in April, will improve user and spectator comfort and site sanitation by providing men's and women's restrooms, covered sheltered areas on either end of the facility, as well as secured, on-site maintenance storage of equipment and materials needed to maintain the park.

# City Council Adopts 2007 Budget

The 2007 Operating Budget and 2007 – 2012 Capital Improvement Plans were adopted by the City Council in November 2006. The citywide budget totals \$50,319,629 in appropriations. The total citywide budget comprises the operating budget totaling \$29,166,804, and the capital improvement plans totaling \$21,152,825.

Revenue estimates for the 2007 Operating Budget and 2007 – 2012 Capital Improvement Plans total \$29,513,986 and \$16,402,679, respectively.

The total budget including fund balances, estimated revenues, and appropriations by fund types is presented in the table below.

The General and Street Funds overall budget was balanced for 2007, but the structural imbalance between on-going revenues and on-going expenditures totaled approximately \$918,000. One-time revenues of approximately \$2.8 million from building and development activity were available to fund this structural imbalance. Budget balancing strategies included a mix of expenditure cuts, revenue re-allocations, and a one-year deferral of equipment and computer replacement assessments.

The availability of the building and development activity one-time revenues provided the City Council with an opportunity to fund various departmental new program requests requiring one-time resources. Significant funding requests for the 2007 operating budget included appropriations for a federal lobbyist - \$67,000, temporary assistance for the Finance department - \$30,000, vehicle for building inspector \$20,000, consultant to establish city standards for digital recordkeeping - \$22,000, upgrade of existing permitting system software - \$350,000, digital mapping and aerial photo

imagery - \$29,000, consultant to complete review of comprehensive plan downtown element - \$25,000, upgrade of recreational software registration system - \$37,000, and purchase of street crack sealer - \$48,579. In addition, transfers of \$225,000 to the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund and \$500,000 to the Revenue Stabilization Fund were also funded by one-time revenues. Additional one-time revenues were used to fund activities sponsored by Destination Des Moines - \$15,000, an organization created from Mayor Sheckler's former leadership summit, and \$10,000 was appropriated for use by a proposed Arts Commission.

The City Council approved an increase in staffing levels for 2007. The Planning, Building, and Public Works department approved requests include a Civil Engineer II for construction management and .60 FTE Project Manager for the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Street Improvements, and a Parks Maintenance Worker position was restored. The Finance department's request for a .80 FTE Sr. Financial Analyst was also approved restoring a previously cut staff accountant position. Additional hours for existing part-time staffing were also approved.

The Police Services Restoration Fund was established in 2007 to account for the increase in property tax revenues authorized by the voters at the May 16, 2006 special election for a levy lid lift. Property tax revenues are estimated to total \$1,356,700. For 2007, a total of 7.2 positions, five police officers, two community service officers, and a .20 FTE evidence technician will be funded. In addition, \$358,000 has been appropriated for vehicles, office and technology improvements.

lte m	General & Street Funds		Other Operating & Reserve Funds		Marina Operating & Reserve Funds		Surface Water Utility Operating Fund		Total Operating Budget		Capital Improvement Plans		Total 2007 Budget	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	1,521,299	\$	3,185,250	S	1,012,008	\$	372,272	\$	6,090,829	\$	8,254,845	\$	14,345,674
Estimated Revenues		17,825,484		6,096,499		3,874,266		1,717,737		29,513,986		16,402,679		45,916,665
Appropriations		17,810,719		5,842,152		3,663,302		1,850,631		29,166,804		21,152,825		50,319,629
Ending Fund Balance	\$	1,536,064	\$	3,439,597	\$	1,222,972	\$	239,378	\$	6,438,011	\$	3,504,699	\$	9,942,710

# Des Moines Creek Business Park Update

In July of 2005 the City of Des Moines and Port of Seattle entered into a First Development Agreement that outlines the development process for the Des Moines Creek Business Park (DMCBP) including permitted uses of the site, creation of a conceptual master plan (CMP), environmental review, and approval of a Master Plan.

The environmental review of DMCBP is nearing completion with the Final EIS scheduled for release in early March 2007. The EIS evaluates the development alternatives that encompass the range of land use intensities that the site could potentially accommodate in the future, given the comprehensive plan and zoning of the site (Business Park); stipulations of the First Development Agreement and CMP; site

constraints; infrastructure capacity; and market conditions.

Development intensity on the site could range from 900,000 sq. ft. under Alternative 1, to 1.1 million sq. ft. under Alternative 2. The types of businesses the Port is proposing for the site are logistics such as air cargo and distribution, manufacturing, and office. A master developer will decide what the ultimate development will be and the timing of development. It is envisioned that site development would be phased over a 7- to 10-year period.

The City and Port will enter into a Second Development Agreement in 2007. The Port would then enter into a lease agreement with a master developer. Groundbreaking could occur on the site in late 2007 or 2008.



# Charting the Course for our City's Future

Destination Des Moines, a recently created Community Development Advisory Board, is working on behalf of the community, its residents, and the city to develop and implement progressive programs to benefit the city as a whole. Destination Des Moines is a result of the efforts of over 300 citizens, business persons and community leaders, and city staff.

Eight committees including Events, Arts, Aesthetics, Public Safety, Waterfront and Tourism Enhancement, Business and Economic Development, Permit Process Streamlining, and Youth and Seniors have been meeting for over a year.

Below are the accomplishments of Destination Des Moines to date:

#### Membership Drive Successful -New Members Welcomed and Encouraged

Over 35 individuals, businesses, and Founding Members have bined Destination Des Moines since October. Our Founding Members include The City of Des Moines and The Print Place. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of Destination Des Moines or you would to join our volunteer bank, please visit us online at www.destinationdesmoineswa.org or call 206-824-9462.

#### Speakers Bureau Begins

Destination Des Moines' new Speakers Bureau is available to give an informative talk at your neighborhood club or organization. Please contact a member of the Board of Directors to arrange a day and time or visit our website at <a href="https://www.destinationdesmoineswa.org">www.destinationdesmoineswa.org</a> or call 206-824-9462.

Arts Commission Formed The new City of Des Moines Arts Commission has been established. The call is out to interested Des Moines artists and arts organizations to get involved. Please contact the Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department at 206-870-6527 or visit the City of Des Moines website at <a href="www.desmoineswa.gov">www.desmoineswa.gov</a>. Arts Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor for terms of 3 years.

#### Flower Baskets for the Waterfront District

If you own or operate a business in downtown Des Moines, please join our beautification efforts by purchasing a flower asket for your storefront or office. Please contact Destination Des Moines c/o: Leslie Newman at 206-769-8882 or <a href="mailto:leslienewman@remax.net">leslienewman@remax.net</a> for application information. The Flower Basket cost is \$80. The 16" baskets can be ordered for shade or non-shade areas and will be personally delivered to your business in May.

#### February 10 - Annual Meeting

The first ever annual meeting of Destination Des Moines was held on Saturday, February 10 from 9-11am at the Police Meeting Room in Des Moines. New officers were elected and Committee Chairs presented reports. A continental breakfast was served and all are looking forward to our additional upcoming events and activities.

#### **Upcoming Events and Activities**

#### March 9 - Poverty Bay Wine Festival Mardi Gras Gala

Featuring Northwest Wines and Champagne, New Orleans *Style* Hors D'oeuvres, Desserts, Music by New Orleans Quintet and Rouge, and a Fine Art and Wines Auction. Friday, March 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Landmark On The Sound, 23660 Marine View Drive South in Des Moines. Sponsored by Anthony's Homeport, Powell Brothers and Des Moines Florist. Proceeds go to Local Rotary Charities. Tickets-\$75 in advance at CorkyCellars 206-824-9462, Des Moines Drug and at www.desmoinesrotary.org, \$85 at the Door (includes admission to the Poverty Bay Wine Festival March 10 & 11).

#### March 10 -11 Third Annual Poverty Bay Wine Festival

Des Moines Rotary presents the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Poverty Bay Wine Festival." Come sip wine, taste local delicacies and listen to live music in the auditorium at the Des Moines Beach Park from 11am-8pm on Saturday and 12pm - 6pm on Sunday. Cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. www.desmoinesrotary.org. 206-824-9462 for information.

#### March 16, 19 & June 7

Highline Community College Music Department Events March 16, S.K.C.M.T.N.A. piano concert with guest artist Dr. Tanya Stambuk and Piano Trio. March 19, Music Masters-Women's Ensemble and Chorale Concert Series featuring *Paukenmesse, Mass in Time of War* by Joseph Haydn; June 7, Spring Concert. All events are located at HCC, Building 7-Artist Lecture Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to campus and community, and is fully accessible. Contact: Dr. Sandra Glover at sglover@highline.edu or 206.878.3710 x 1.6170.

April 7 - Spring Egg Hunt

Join us for an old fashioned Easter Egg Hunt at the Des Moines Beach Park. Candy and prizes for every child! Separate hunt areas for Pre-school, K-3 and 4-6 grade children. The Easter Bunny will be on site for pictures in the Bunny Barn. Cost is \$2 per person. Call 206-870-6527 or visit recreation@desmoineswa.gov.

#### April 21 - Des Moines Earth Day Clean Up

Saturday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. between 216<sup>th</sup> and 227<sup>th</sup>, Marine View Drive to Marina Dock Street. Volunteers and block captains are needed for this event, please call Leslie Newman at 206-769-8882 or email at leslienewman@remax.net. A Volunteers Barbecue (free hot dog, chips, and soda) to follow at Marina Harbormaster's Office at noon.

#### April 26 - Boat Cruise to Narrows Bridge-Tacoma

Depart from the Des Moines marina and cruise to the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. We will have an orientation and overview of the final phase of the second Narrows Bridge construction. Trip cost includes boat ride and escort. Please bring a sack lunch. April 26th, 10:45am-2pm, \$29 per person. 206-878-1642.

#### April 28 - Waterland Reading Invitational

Readers! Come dive into the fun at the Waterland Reading Invitational at the Des Moines Library (21620 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S.) at 7pm on Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>! This years "jeopardy-style" event will focus on maritime books. Form a team of up to five members and answer trivia questions on various books, mingle with fellow readers, enjoy refreshments and compete for prizes! A \$5 donation will get you in the door. Contact Des Moines Library 206-824-6066.

#### May 12 - Fifth Annual Des Moines Sports Night Dinner and Auction

Presented by the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, Des Moines Rotary Club and Des Moines Dollars for Scholars to raise funds for youth scholarships for underprivileged youth in the Greater Des Moines Community. Local sports celebrities, guest emcee Bruce King, casino games and many fun and unique auction items. This year's event will be at Des Moines Field House, 6-9 p.m., tickets on sale April 1<sup>st</sup>! BHouston@desmoineswa.gov or 206-870-6527.

#### May 12 - Safety on the Sound - Des Moines Marina

Come celebrate the South Sound opening of the 2007 boating season at the Des Moines Marina. Various vendors and safety displays will be set up to educate the public about safe boating. Complimentary refreshments will be provided. Contact <a href="mailto:JJewell@desmoineswa.gov">JJewell@desmoineswa.gov</a> for information.

#### May 12 - Kiwanis Bicycle Safety Rodeo

The Kiwanis Club of Des Moines and Vickie Bergquist State Farm Insurance invite all bike riders from Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade to bring their bikes to the south end of the Marina for prizes, fun, bicycle repairs and bicycle safety lessons from 10am-2pm. Contact Vera Harper 206-878-8294.

#### May 12 - Opening Day of Boating Season

#### June 2-October 27 - Waterfront Farmers Market Saturdays 10 am – 2 pm

A bounty a fresh local produce grown using environmentally sustainable practices abound at the farmers market this season. Enjoy live music, lunch foods, a great community atmosphere and handful of unique local crafts. Saturdays from 10 am - 2 pm at South Marina Park in the Des Moines Marina across

from Anthony's Restaurant. Discover more at our website, www.FarmingandtheEnvironment.org.

#### July 1 - Des Moines Criterium Bike Race

Please contact Rob Anderson at 206-592-0850 for moinformation.

#### July 4 - Fireworks Over Des Moines

Please call 206-870-6527 or visit <u>www.desmoinesrotary.org</u> for additional information.

## July 7 - Waterland 3 on 3 Streetball Tournament

Email recreation@desmoineswa.gov or call 206-870-6527.

July 29 - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Des Moines Auto and Cycle Show Contact Rob Perkins at 206-795-6892 for more information.

#### Vision and Purpose of Destination Des Moines

Operate exclusively for public benefit within the meaning of Chapter 24.03.490 RCW and for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

Coordinate, enhance and facilitate community efforts to advance the vitality of the City of Des Moines;

Further the vision of the City of Des Moines as an attractive and inviting waterfront community, whose people feel safe to live, learn, work and play;

Promote the orderly comprehensive development, beautification and improvement of the City of Des Moines;

Communicate and cooperate with the City of Des Moines, other government agencies, private or public organization and individuals with objectives similar to Destination Demoines, and

Do whatever is necessary and proper to further the above stated objectives.

#### **Destination Des Moines Board of Directors**

Leslie Newman - President Susan Kraber - Vice President Dianne Jacobson - Secretary/Treasurer

#### **Current Committees and Committee Chairs:**

Youth and Seniors - Kaylene Moon
Aesthetics and Beautification - Leslie Newman
Waterfront and Tourism Enhancement - Co-Chairs Virg
Staiger and Jane Ipsen
Membership - Susan Kraber
Events and Activities- Bob Houston
Public Relations: - Destination Des Moines Board
Communications: - Julie Nelson
Website Development - Matt Moeller

If you would like to serve on one of the above committees or have questions about the vision, goals, and purpose of each committee, please contact the committee chair through our website at <a href="https://www.destinationdesmoineswa.org">www.destinationdesmoineswa.org</a> or call 206-824-9462 and ask for the committee chair to call you back. If you are not interested in serving on a committee but would like to be a part of the Volunteer Bank, please email us and ask us to add your name to the list. Please specify Volunteer Bank in the subject line of your email or call and leave a message with your name, address, and phone number. Thanks for your help!

# Marine View Drive Road Closure at Saltwater Park Bridge

Marine View Drive at the Saltwater Park Bridge was closed to all traffic on December 18, 2006, due to a landslide on the south approach to the bridge. A retaining wall located under the bridge deck has failed. This retaining wall supports the approach roadway to the bridge. Until this retaining wall can be repaired (or replaced), the roadway (and bridge) will remain closed. At this point, a very rough estimate of the duration of the road closure is at least six months. A design to repair the slide is underway. Repairs will begin once funds are identified. For additional information, please visit the City's Web site at: <a href="http://www.desmoineswa.gov/">http://www.desmoineswa.gov/</a>. As new details become available, information will be updated on the City's web site.

# 16th Avenue S. Improvement Project

The Best is Yet to Come: The City of Des Moines awarded a contract with Scarsella Brothers Inc. in mid December, to begin the City's first phase for reconstruction of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. In partnership with the Midway Sewer District, the project also includes replacement of an aging sewer line. Construction under the \$5.7 million contract is expected to begin in March and continue into the spring of 2008. Approximately 30% of the work involves sewer related improvements financed by the sewer district. The Washington State Transportation Improvement Board awarded a \$2.7 million grant to the City for roadway related improvements. The City has retained KPG, the City's design engineer, and DMJM Harris, a construction management firm, to oversee the project.

The contractor will reconstruct 16th Avenue South from S. 272nd St. to S. 260th St. to improve the roadway including widening to three lanes with bicycle lanes, curbs, gutters and sidewalks on both sides. Modular block retain-

gutters and sidewalks on both sides. Modular block retaining walls will support the new sidewalk along much of the corridor. New left turn lanes are included in the design along with a new underground storm drainage system. The design provides a new Woodmont Elementary school crossing as well as new traffic signals, landscaped medians, fencing, railings and planter strips.

The Contractor is expected to start construction of the sewer line in March. It will be installed along 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. from S. 268<sup>th</sup> to S. 260<sup>th</sup>. The contract includes up to 400 lineal feet of sewer work along side streets including both legs of S. 268<sup>th</sup> St., S. 264<sup>th</sup> Place, S 261<sup>st</sup> St and S. 260<sup>th</sup> St. Trenching in some areas will be deep, and it is expected that sewer con-

struction will continue into mid summer.

While the contractor has yet to finalize the schedule, it is anticipated work on retaining walls, drainage, signals, and other roadwork will start this spring. Curb, sidewalk, landscaping and final paving work is expected to continue into mid 2008.

Summer Closure: Woodmont Drive Intersection: The approach of Woodmont Drive S. at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. will be rebuilt to lower the grade at the intersection and improve turning maneuvers. Accompanied by changes in traffic signals and creation of turn pockets, the improvements are planned to reduce delay at the intersection as well as reduce problems associated with the steep, tight right turn where large vehicles can bottom out and cars lose traction during wet conditions.

This intersection reconstruction presents a significant challenge to the City and local residents because Woodmont Drive S. will need to be *temporarily closed* for approximately one month in mid to late summer of this year. The closure is required to construct a retaining wall needed to support the fill for the new intersection. The City is aware of the hardship this temporary closure may present to

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#### Residential Recycling Collection Event

Saturday, March 17, 2007 at the Des Moines Marina

Watch for a flyer with additional information on hours, collection guidelines, and fees to be mailed to Des Moines residents.

#### ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Cardboard
Tires\*
Reusable Household Goods
Residential Porcelain Toilets
Lead Acid Batteries
Household Batteries
Propane Tanks\*
Bulky Wood Waste
Motor Oil, Filters & Anti-freeze
Appliances & Scrap Metal\*
Refrigerators, Freezers &
Air Conditioners\*
Computer Monitors, TV sets\*
Computer/Electronic Equipment\*

\*Some fees may apply - cash only.

#### NOT ACCEPTED:

Paint, Solvents, Thinners\*\*
Pesticides\*\*
Household Chemicals\*\*
Fluorescent Lights\*\*
Window Glass
Garbage
Yard Waste
Mattresses
Plastics, Toys, Hoses, etc.
Painted Wood
Furniture
Concrete/Asphalt/Rock/Brick

#### \*\*HAZARDOUS WASTES

The household hazardous wastes listed above are accepted at the King County Household Hazardous Wastemobile. You may view the 2007 Wastemobile schedule at: <a href="http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/">http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/</a> or call the Hazards Line at 206-296-4692.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

City of Des Moines · Des Moines Marina · King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program · King County Solid Waste Division · WA State Dept. of Ecology · Seattle Goodwill

For more information, please contact Laura Techico at 206-870-6595.



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fun at the Waterland Reading Invitational, a "Jeopardy-

style" event focusing on maritime books. Form a team of up to five members and answer trivia questions on books ranging from Swimmy and The Little Mermaid to Treasure Island, Passage to Juneau, Jaws, Moby Dick and more!

Mingle with fellow readers, banter about books, partake of delicious food at the cash dessert bar, and compete for prizes. The \$50 entry fee (payable to Friends of the Des Moines Library) is a tax-deductible contribution to the Des Moines Library's Sculpture Project. (If you'd like to see what the big splash is all about, but don't care to participate in the competition, a \$5 donation gets you in the door!)

Saturday, April 28, 7pm Des Moines Library 21620 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.

Contact the Des Moines Library at dmlibrarysculpture@nwlink.com or call 206-824-6066 for information.

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# City Council Highlights

#### Held the following Public Hearings:

- Development of Sub-standard Lots, Redondo Area
- Grading & Filling, Lot Line Adjustments, SEPA Categorical Exemptions & Short Subdivision Thresholds
- Planned Unit Development Subdivision for Blueberry Lane
- · 2007 Property Taxes
- · 2007 City Budget

# Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Extension & amendment for collection of solid waste with Allied Waste
- Construction contract for 2006 Arterial Maintenance Program to Western Asphalt, Inc. for \$525,846.70
- Professional engineering services for 2006 Arterial Maintenance Program to KPG for \$56,314.99
- Fire & Emergency Medical Protection with South King Fire and Rescue
- Construction of a restroom/ maintenance storage facility at Underwood Memorial Park with T. Miller Construction for \$258,000, plus tax
- Staging Area in Beach Park for Midway Sewer District's Outfall Project
- Janitorial Services for City buildings with American Building Services
- Interlocal with Okanogan County Sheriff's Office for Jail Services
- Interlocal with Chelan County Regional Justice Center for Jail Services
- Interlocal with Midway Sewer District for improvements on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
- City Hall Suite A improvement project to Legacy Group for \$20,770 plus tax

- Interlocal with City of Wapato for Jail Services
- Marina Camera Security System to Reliable Security Services for \$69,991.95 plus tax
- Design & environmental services for 2006 landslide repairs to INCA Engineers for \$106,001.33
- Memo of Understanding with City of Issaguah for Jail Services
- Agreement with Highline Community College for support of the Small Business Development Center

## Approved the following Ordinances:

- No. 1384 Acquisition by eminent domain of properties for the 16th Ave. S. Improvement Project
- No. 1385 Amending the 2006 Budget
- No. 1386 Grading & Filling Permits
- No. 1387 Lot Line Adjustments
- · No. 1388 SEPA Exemptions
- No. 1389 Short Subdivision Thresholds
- No. 1390 Authoring Increase in Regular Tax Levy for 2007
- · No. 1391 Fixing 2007 Property Tax
- · No. 1392 Adoption of 2007 Budget

#### Approved the following Resolutions:

- No. 1016 Opposing Initiative 933 on the 11/7/06 ballot
- No. 1017 Approving gift & conveyance of real property
- No. 1018 Approving gift & conveyance of real property
- No. 1019 Petition Normandy Park -Relocate Common Boundary for Beach Park
- No. 1020 Emergency Repair Contract & Professional Services
- No. 1021 Adopt CIP for 2007/2012

Began review of draft ordinance relating to City's building and construction code.

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