



Exciting Changes Ahead for Pacific Ridge Neighborhood

In 2000, the Des Moines City Council established the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood Plan after two years of planning. The goal of this plan was to accelerate redevelopment of properties in the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood. Under this plan, the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood will become a new urban community that takes advantage of its geographic location, local and regional transportation linkages, and view potential.

Last November, the City Council entered into a Development Agreement with Sunway Services that established a framework to facilitate the redevelopment of the 11 acres bounded by S. 218th Street, S. 220th Street, Pacific Highway S. and 29th Avenue S. This 11 acre development will lead to the redevelopment of approximately 10% of the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood. The development, currently



referred to as SSI Pacific Place, will be the largest non-institutional project in Des Moines.

The Sunway Services plan envisions the development of 1,800 residential units, a hotel, and one million square feet of office and retail space. The residential units are planned to be primarily contained in residential towers up to 20 stories offering 360-degree views of the Cascades, Mount Rainer, Puget Sound, Seattle, Mount Baker and the Olympics.

The first phase of SSI Pacific Place will be a 219 unit low income senior residence.

Des Moines Creek Business Park Developer to be Selected

The Port of Seattle recently received proposals from ten firms responding to a Request for Qualifications for a master developer for the 89-acre Des Moines Creek Business Park site located north of S. 216th St. in Des Moines.

The Port is looking for a development team capable of designing, financing, constructing and managing a financially successful business park under a long-term ground lease.

The City of Des Moines envisions the business park as a major employment center and retail destination site with a use mix comprised of approximately 25% logistics and warehousing and 75% retail, light industrial and research and development uses.

The City and Port jointly evaluated the strength and experience of the developers, their financial capacity to fund and build out the site, and their preliminary concepts. Three firms were short-listed to submit more detailed development proposals for the business park. Following the developer selection, City staff and Council will be working with the Port to approve the developer's master plan.

Construction on this project is expected to begin late in 2008.

Citizens Needed for Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan Advisory Committee

The City of Des Moines is currently recruiting citizens to serve on the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan Citizen's Advisory Committee. The Committee will review the current status and demand for recreation services in Des Moines, assist in the development of a long range plan and make advisory recommendations to City Council on the strategies and standards needed to facilitate the management and maintenance of public recreation in the City. Interested individuals should be prepared to meet once per month for one year, culminating with a City Council review process in 2009.

Please contact Patrice Thorell at 206-870-6529, if you are interested in serving your community by participating on this committee.

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Qwest..... 1-800-573-1311
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:
Utility Locates: 1-800-424-5555

Take the Water Taxi From Des Moines Marina to the Tacoma Tall Ships Festival in July!

Two water taxi round trips from the Des Moines Marina to the Tall Ships Festival on the Tacoma waterfront will operate each day on Friday, July 4, through Sunday, July 6. Round trip fares are \$19 for adults and \$15 for youth (under 18) and seniors (62 and older). Group rates are available.

- First round trip departs Des Moines at 9 a.m. arrives Tacoma 10 a.m. Return departs Tacoma at 3:30 p.m., arrives Des Moines at 4:30 p.m.
- Second round trip departs Des Moines at 11:45 a.m./arrives Tacoma 12:45 p.m.- Return departs Tacoma at 6:00 p.m., arrives Des Moines 7:00 p.m.



Lady Washington is one of the many ships that will participate in the Tacoma Tall Ships Festival in July.

Cruise to the Tacoma Tall Ships Parade of Sail

Take a special 3-hour cruise aboard the Argosy Cruise Ship *Celebrations* to see the Tall Ships in full sail as they parade from Quartermaster Harbor to the Tacoma waterfront on Thursday, July 3. Cruise fares are \$40 per person. Ask about group and family rates. Box lunches and beverages will be available for purchase.

The cruise departs Des Moines Marina at 1:45 p.m. and arrives back in Des Moines at 4:45 p.m.

For more information call 206-878-1642.

Clean Up Your Community on Earth Day - April 19

Volunteers are encouraged to join in Earth Day clean up activities from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 19th, in the downtown area. Please bring gloves, garden tools, shovel, bucket and rakes. Contact Leslie Newman 206-769-8882 if you would like to volunteer. Volunteers are also needed to clean up along Des Moines Creek. Further details will be provided upon registration at 206-296-8399.

Pull Out That Ivy - Take Back Our Native Landscapes

As part of the Earth Day activities, citizens are encouraged to pull that invasive English ivy that gets a stranglehold on trees, competes with other vegetation for nutrients, rots structures and provides a home for rodents. Kill vines in trees by cutting the growth 5 feet up the trunk, dig up lower vines and roots, remove all clippings and recycle. Replace the ivy with native shrubs that attract birds and bees.



Spring Egg Hunt

Join the fun at the old-fashioned Spring Egg Hunt at Des Moines Beach Park on Saturday, March 22nd from 9-11 a.m. There will be candy and prizes for every child and 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. Don't miss it! The cost is \$2 per child for 6th grade and under.

Farmers Market Gears Up for its Third Season

The Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market is coming! 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. Local farmers dedicated to using environmentally sustainable growing practices will return with their fresh and nutritious fruits and vegetables, plus flowers, bread, cheese, honey, jams and more. For more information about the farmers market, how to get involved or sell as a vendor, visit the Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market at www.FarmingandtheEnvironment.org/DMFM.



Traveling Teen Tours

Register now for the spring session. Space is limited to 10 Pacific Middle School students – so act quickly. Thanks to Des Moines Rotary and Des Moines Legacy Foundation, your Parks and Recreation Department can offer this program for only \$20!

Kids will meet the Recreation van at Pacific after school on Wednesdays from April 23-May 28 for a different trip each week. Past trips include Husky Stadium Tour, Pike Place Market, Acme Bowl & Safeco Field. Register or inquire at the Des Moines Field House, 206-870-6527.

Teen Dances Planned at Des Moines Field House

Sixth through eighth graders from the Des Moines area can dance and enjoy refreshments with Des Moines recreation staff and parent volunteers from 7:30-10 p.m. on the 3rd Friday of the month through June. The cost is \$5 with student I.D. card. Call 206-870-6527 for more information.

Funds Available for Minor Home Repairs

Funding for minor home repair is now available to low and moderate income residents, who have owned their home for at least one year. Some restrictions apply. Please call Erika Sullivan at 206-870-6558 for details. (Funded by King County Community Development Block Grant dollars.)



Partnership Formed for Midway Subarea Planning



The City of Kent, in partnership with the City of Des Moines, was selected by the Washington Department of Community Trade and Economic Development to receive a Growth Management Act Planning Grant to complete an extensive visioning and planning process for the Midway area. The project will address inconsistent land use patterns along our shared “zipper border,” and anticipated high-capacity transit improvements along Pacific Highway South (SR 99) through the Midway and Pacific Ridge neighborhoods.

The visioning process will be dynamic and inclusive, employing new technology such as virtual reality, flash movies, and web based surveying platforms to create a shared vision for the area. We will bring together Des Moines’ and Kent’s elected officials, state and regional transportation agencies, large property owners, businesses, and residents to find solutions that reflect the goals and needs of the community. In the coming months we will be establishing a stakeholder committee, launching a project website and holding meetings in the community.

Contact Denise Lathrop, Planning Manager, at 206-870-6563, or email her at dlathrop@desmoineswa.gov if you are interested in learning more about this project. Follow the progress of the planning effort on the City’s website.

Waterfront Mural Sneak Peak - An Evening with the Artists - April 11



The “Spirit of Des Moines”, shown in part above, will grace the Des Moines waterfront in June. The Des Moines Arts Commission invites you to meet artists Anita Corby and Katherine Caughey, view their mural, and socialize at an open house at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St., on Friday, April 11th, from 7-9 p.m.

16th Avenue S. Improvement Project Update

We can "see the light at the end of the tunnel" for roadway construction on the first phase of 16th Avenue S. improvements. The final lift of asphalt on the roadway, landscaping, medians and a number of smaller remedial improvements are scheduled for substantial completion by the end of May. The final paving will only last a few days but it will result in significant disruption to traffic. Portable message signs will be used to advise travelers in advance of paving activity.

Still to come is paving of S. 260th St. between 16th Avenue S. and Pacific Highway S. adding a left turn lane and restricting parking on both sides of the street. This work was carried over from the City's 2007 Pavement Management program in order to better coordinate work with the 16th Avenue S. project and minimize construction impacts to the community.

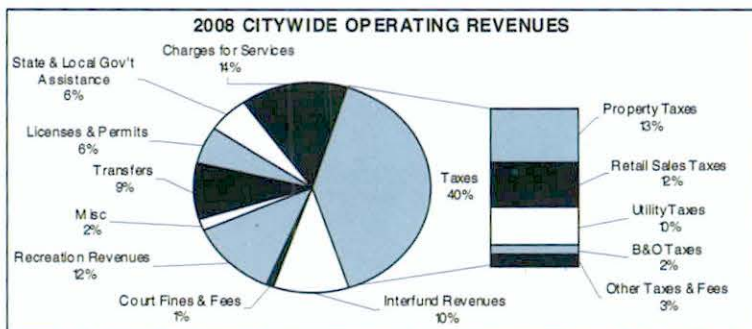
Please drive slowly and allow additional time if you intend to travel in the 16th Avenue S. corridor. Your patience and attention to safety of workers is deeply appreciated. For construction information please call 206-870-7585.

City Council Adopts 2008 Budget

The 2008 annual budget was approved by the Des Moines City Council on December 6, 2007 with adoption of Ordinance No. 1419. The budget ordinance also included the year 2008 Capital Improvement Plan proposed expenditures derived from the 2008-2013 Capital Improvement Plans adopted with Resolution No. 1059.

The citywide 2008 budget totals \$48,200,395 in appropriations — comprised of the operating budget totaling \$30,504,055 and the capital improvement plans totaling \$17,696,340. Operating revenues total \$30,101,521. The City plans to use \$402,534 of fund balance to cover the shortfall in revenues.

The following graph provides the percentage breakdown by revenue type for the citywide 2008 operating budget.



For 2008, property tax collections will total approximately \$4.4 million, resulting in a city property tax levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Included in the \$4.4 million is \$1.5 million in property taxes dedicated to public safety expenditures resulting from a 2006 voter approved levy lid lift ballot measure.

The 2008 proposed operating expenditures increased \$1,337,251, or 4.6% above 2007's adopted levels. Part of the increase was attributable to salary increases of 3.5% and medical benefit increases of 6.2% and 12%, depending upon medical plan.

Citywide ending fund balances for the 2008 operating budget are estimated at \$7.2 million, or 12.3% above 2007's adopted citywide operating budget ending fund balances of \$6.4 million.

Rotary Club of Des Moines

POVERTY BAY WINE FESTIVAL

March 1 and 2, 2008
Saturday, Noon - 7 pm
Sunday, Noon - 5 pm

New location! Inside the historic Landmark on the Sound!
23860 MarineView Drive S, Des Moines

John Norton

\$20 advance
\$25 at the door

www.mca.org
www.rotary.org
Cortly Callara, 206-824-9462
Des Moines Drug
All Things Wine, Rantou

MUSICAL GUESTS
Saturday, March 1:
Michael Powers
CocoLoco
Sunday, March 2:
Hambo Cadillac
Global Vlogs

Featuring 20 Northwest wineries and a sampling of Northwest cuisine

Free parking and shuttle at south end of Des Moines marina.
Must be 21 to enter. Photo ID required.
All proceeds support charitable projects of the Rotary Club of Des Moines

For Wine Festival information call 206-824-9462.

Residential Recycling Collection Event Saturday, March 15, 2008 at Des Moines Marina

Watch for a flyer with additional information to be mailed to Des Moines residents.
*Some fees may apply - cash only.
For information call Dave Steen at 206-870-6532.

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*



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King County Local Hazardous Waste Management and Solid Waste Division · WA State DOE · Seattle Goodwill



Des Moines on the Waterfront

Calendar of Events through Mid July 2008

February 29

Des Moines Rotary Club's 50th Anniversary ExtravaGala

This opening event for the Poverty Bay Wine Festival is the hottest ticket in town! Features 20 Northwest wineries, Anthony's Homeport hors d'oeuvres and desserts, Sinatra at the Sands with Joey Jewell and Swing Session, and a fine art and wines auction. Black tie (optional). Valet parking included. Friday, February 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Landmark on the Sound, 23660 Marine View Drive South in Des Moines. Tickets: \$75 in Advance, \$85 at the door. Buy tickets at Corky Cellars 206-824-9462, Des Moines Drug and at www.dmrotary.org (includes Wine Festival admission on March 1 or 2). All proceeds go to local charities.

March 1-2

Poverty Bay Wine Festival

Des Moines Rotary presents the 4th Annual Poverty Bay Wine Festival featuring 20 Northwest wineries with entertainment by Michael Powers, Coco Loco, Mambo Cadillac and Global Village. Saturday, March 1, 12:00 noon – 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 2, Noon-5 p.m. at Landmark on the Sound, 23660 Marine View Drive South in Des Moines. Tickets: \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Advance tickets: Corky Cellars 206-824-9462, Des Moines Drug and at www.dmrotary.org Free Parking and Shuttle from South Marina Park (corner of S. 227th Street and Dock Street) to Landmark on the Sound during event hours. Must be 21 to enter, photo ID required. Sponsored by Powell Brothers, 98.9 Smooth Jazz KWJZ, Anthony's Homeport and Landmark on the Sound. All proceeds go to local charities.

March 22

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. 206-870-6527 recreation@desmoineswa.gov.

April 11

Evening with the Artists – Waterfront Mural Sneak Peek

Artists Anita Corby and Katherine Caughey will provide a preview of their waterfront mural project. The mural, titled "Spirit of Des Moines," was painstakingly crafted over the summer and fall months as the artists donated endless hours to complete the piece. It benefits the overall aesthetic of the Des Moines Waterfront as it graces South Marina Park starting in June, 2008. The April 11th reception is free to the public from 7-9 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center (2045 S. 216th St.) Light appetizers and refreshments will be available. 206-870-6527.

April 19

Earth Day Clean Up – Des Moines

The entire community is welcome and encouraged to help with 2008 Earth Day Clean up activities. Clean up will take place from 9 a.m.-12 noon on Saturday, April 19th, between S. 216th and S. 227th Streets (north to south) and between Marine View Drive and Dock Street (Marina). Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, garden tools, shovel, bucket and rakes. Contact Leslie Newman at 206-769-8882 if you would like to volunteer.

April 29

Michael Nicolella Concert 7:30 p.m., Highline Community College

The third and final act in the Waterland Music Series sponsored by the Des Moines Arts Commission and the Highline Community College Foundation features the classical guitarist at the Highline Community College Performing Arts Center on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. 206-870-6582.

May 10

6th 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, keynote speaker former UW football coach Jim Lambright, casino games and many fun and unique auction items. Event will be at Des Moines Field House, 6-9 p.m. Tickets on sale April 1. 206-870-6527.

May 20

Boat Trip - Gig Harbor

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sponsored by Des Moines Activity Center, 206-878-1642. Enjoy a full day boat cruising to Gig Harbor's historic downtown for shopping and lunch. We will cruise on the lovely 60' long My Girl the Boat. Cost includes boat trip and escort. Lunch on your own. \$43.

May 31

Kiwanis Bicycle Safety Rodeo

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

June 7

Waterfront Mural Dedication

Join the Des Moines Arts Commission at the opening of the Farmers Market to dedicate the waterfront mural, "Spirit of Des Moines." The gorgeous depiction of Des Moines landmarks past and present was created through the in-kind services of Anita Corby and Katherine Caughey. The piece will be formally unveiled at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, at South Marina Park (NE Corner of Dock Ave & 227th St.) in conjunction with the Waterfront Farmers Market and the Waterland Children's Arts Festival.

Waterland Children's Arts Festival – Des Moines Marina

Join the fun at the opening day at the Waterfront Farmers Market! Unique arts and crafts activities to keep, entertainment and a bounce house add to the fun at the Waterland Children's Arts Festival. Hosted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on June 7th at South Marina Park (NE Corner of 227th^h & Dock Ave.) in conjunction with the Farmers Market, the event is family fun at its finest. Cost is \$5 for unlimited access for children to participate in activities. Be sure to stick around the headline children's entertainment from 12-12:30 p.m. Contact Nic Lind at: nlind@desmoineswa.gov or 206-870-6582.

June 7-October 25

Waterfront Farmers Market: Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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. South Marina Park in the Des Moines Marina across from Anthony's Restaurant. 206-870-6527.

June 17

Sunset Cruise from Des Moines Marina

Tuesday, 6-9 p.m. Sponsored by Des Moines Activity Center, 206-878-1642. Depart the Des Moines Marina for a 3-hour sunset cruise. Cruise toward Alki Beach in Seattle and the north end of Vashon Island. Cost \$40.

June 29

Des Moines Criterium Bike Race, contact Rob Anderson, 206-592-0850

July 4-6

Water Taxi and Cruise to Tacoma Tall Ships Festival

Don't miss the Tacoma Tall Ships Festival coming this summer from July 3 to July 6. Water taxis will run twice daily July 4-6 from Des Moines Marina to the Tacoma waterfront. Cruise to the Parade of Sail, the Tall Ships opening event on July 3. Prices and times vary. 206-870-6527.

July 4

Fireworks Over Des Moines – Des Moines Marina

Enjoy fireworks launched from the Marina pier, family and music. 206-870-6527 or www.desmoinesrotary.org.

July 12

Waterland 3 on 3 Streetball Tournament - Des Moines Marina

3 on 3 Streetball Tournament on the blacktop at the Des Moines Marina. Many divisions to choose from for players of all ages and abilities. Cost is \$100 for adult teams and \$80 for youth teams in 12th grade and under. 206-870-6527.

Storefront Studio Project Coming in April

The City of Des Moines has contracted with the University of Washington College of Architecture and Urban Planning for their innovative Storefront Studio project. This project has helped downtown districts in Seattle, Renton, Auburn, Kent and others jump start redevelopment in its core.

The primary goal of the Des Moines Storefront Studio project is to integrate and connect the historic downtown and marina waterfront areas of the city, promoting economic development and an enhanced pedestrian experience.

The Storefront Studio will be located in a donated downtown office space (location to be determined) between March 31 and June 13.

The UW graduate and undergraduate architecture students will work with up to 8 property owners to develop designs and provide technical assistance that can be used to make wanted exterior façade or other improvements to the property such as landscaping improvements.

A kick off meeting will be held in early April followed by three open houses to share the final proposals.

Please contact Patrice Thorell at pthorell@desmoineswa.gov or call 206-870-6529 if you are interested in participating in this project, which is offered to the community free of charge by the City of Des Moines with a grant from King County. The Destination Des Moines Waterfront/Tourism Enhancement Committee supports this project and encourages all interested parties to get involved.

Crime Free Landlord Training

Do you have rental property in Des Moines and need to meet the 8 hours of mandatory landlord training? The Des Moines Police Department will host three classes this year; each class will start at 8 a.m. and finish about 4:30 p.m. Classes will be held at the Des Moines Police South Station at S. 272nd and Pacific Highway S. To register, contact CSO Tonya Seaberry at 206-870-7619.

Wednesday, March 5
Wednesday, June 25
Wednesday, October 8

SPECIAL SPRING CLEAN COLLECTION SPONSORED BY CITY OF DES MOINES & ALLIED WASTE SERVICES

COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR GARBAGE PICKUP DAY APRIL 21 - 25, 2008

This **FREE** collection event is available only to single family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes within the City of Des Moines. Collection of garbage, recyclables and yard waste will occur on your regular garbage service day between April 21st and April 25th for materials meeting the guidelines below. Each collection vehicle (garbage - yard waste - recyclables - bulky items) will drive by **only once**. *You do not need to be a customer of Allied Waste to participate. If you are not a customer, please call Allied Waste customer service at 206-682-9735 to find out the date of pick up for your address.*

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 and hot tubs will not be picked up.

- Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. paper 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.
- **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 or log onto King County's website at <http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/>.



APPLIANCES/BULKY ITEMS—Although these items are no longer targeted during this event, you may call Allied Waste customer service at your convenience throughout the year for pricing and to arrange for a pickup at 206-682-9735.

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, and plastic bottles with a number "1 - 7" stamped on the bottom and glass beverage/food containers. *Please note: Glass (green, brown, and clear) bottles and jars no longer need to be placed in a separate container from the other recyclables.*

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.

NO LOOSE MATERIAL OR HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED!
For more information on the Spring Clean, call Allied Waste at 206-682-9735.

BUILDING PERMITS were up 65% in 2007 to a record high level. Over 7,000 building inspections were required to support this construction and City revenues associated with development permits and fees exceeded \$2.1 million. Subdivisions in various stages of review will add 352 lots in addition to the 40 lots already approved and being developed. Six large commercial projects have received planning approval and have applied for their building permit and another seven are under planning review. Three of these commercial projects are downtown and three are on Pacific Highway South in Pacific Ridge. 2008 promises to be even busier.



NEW POLICE SOUTH STATION HOURS

To better meet the needs of the community, the new Des Moines Police South Station (located next to Safeway at S. 272nd & Pacific Highway South) service hours have changed to:

Monday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Wednesday: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday: 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Des Moines Police South Station will be open to file on-line reports and the staff on duty at the counter will be able to provide basic information and resources. Copies of police and accident reports, as well as pet and concealed pistol licenses, will not be available at this Station and will still need to be handled at the Des Moines Police Service Center located at 21900 11th Avenue So.



Burglary, Holdup and Panic Alarms Must Be Registered for 2008

As required by Des Moines ordinance, residential and business burglary, holdup and panic alarms **must be registered each year** with the Des Moines Police Department. In addition, any alarm system whether monitored or not, that emits an audible alarm that can be heard outside the building or business, must also be registered. Registration forms and information may be obtained on the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov by clicking on the "Forms" section, or by calling the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301.

In the City of Des Moines, all dogs and cats over six months of age are required to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies. Rabies vaccines are important because even though our state has very little rabies, the virus is considered to be 100% fatal once symptoms appear.

Make sure to keep all of your dogs and cats updated on their rabies vaccines for the protection of your family, your pets, and your community!



Marine View Drive/Des Moines Memorial Drive Landslide Repair Work Begins

During heavy rains in 2006 and 2007, the City experienced major land sliding along the northerly hillside of the Des Moines Creek ravine at three locations. Some repair work was made along Des Moines Memorial Drive (DMMD) last December following record rainfall to prevent land sliding from worsening.

Additional repair work began mid-February and will last through late May, depending on weather conditions. Work will occur at three locations – the northwest corner of the new Marine View Drive (MVD) bridge and at two locations along DMMD near the flag triangle. Four to six weeks of work along DMMD will restrict traffic to one alternating lane of traffic. For several weeks the northbound lane leading from MVD to DMMD will be closed. During this time, trucks will be restricted from making a right turn onto DMMD at the signal. During repair work next to the bridge, traffic along MVD will also be periodically interrupted.

The cost for the repairs is estimated at \$1.8 million of which \$1.15 million is expected to be provided by the Federal Highway Administration, leaving the City's share at about \$650,000.

Also, while doing the MVD slide repair, it will be necessary to close a segment of Des Moines Creek Trail (from Beach Park to the Midway Sewer Treatment Plant). Closure signs will be posted and the trail segment gated for public safety.

For additional information, please see the link on the City's web site at: <http://www.desmoineswa.gov/>. New details will be posted as they become available.

Do You Know About Home Occupation Business License Requirements?

If you are operating a business at home, you need to obtain a Home Occupation Business License from the City of Des Moines. Des Moines Municipal Code 5.04.020 requires all persons who conduct business in the City of Des Moines to obtain a business license. To apply for a Home Occupation license you must complete a 2-page application form and return it with a \$30.00 application fee. Licenses expire on December 31st of the year issued, and must be renewed by February 15th of the following year. Some examples of home occupations include:

* Child Care * Financial Planning * Cosmetics Representative

Automotive repair is an example of a home occupation that is **not allowed**.

Please contact the City Clerk's office for information at 206-878-4595. Home Occupation Business License forms are located online at www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/city_clerk/bus_lic.html.

The DES MOINES BUILDING DEPARTMENT

would like to introduce our three inspectors. **Rick Armstrong** (left) is a Washington licensed Master Electrician and an Oregon licensed Journeyman Electrician, ICC certified Residential Mechanical Inspector and Residential Building Inspector,



which qualifies him not only in Washington State but in the USA. **Dave Shivers** (center) has been a carpenter for 40 years. He is an ICC Certified Residential Building inspector and recently passed his ICC Commercial Building Inspector exam. **Dave Huson** (right) has been a carpenter for 20 years. He has a one year certification from Edmonds C.C. in Building Inspection Technology. He is an ICC Certified Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing inspector. This team, assisted by Assistant Building Official Rex Christensen and Building Official Larry Pickard, completed a record high 7,010 inspections in 2007.

Emergency Preparedness

The City of Des Moines has partnered with Burien, SeaTac and Normandy in the area of emergency management and preparedness. In April of 2007, Karen Ferreira was hired as the new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the four cities to help with developing emergency plans and programs for our region. The City of Des Moines recently submitted an updated draft of its Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to the WA State Emergency Management Division for review to ensure the plan meets current State and Federal requirements.

Residential Burglary Safety Tips

Residential burglary is a crime of opportunity. Burglars look for easy targets; homes that are unsecured or where it is obvious that no one is at home. By taking a few simple steps, you can lessen the chances of becoming a victim of residential burglary.



- Use light timers to turn lights on and off when you are away from home.
- Keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Use wooden dowels in your windows and sliding glass doors to prevent them from being opened.
- Make sure that all entrances are well lit.
- Change the door locks after moving into a new place to ensure you are the only person with a key.
- Cut tree branches up 6 to 8 feet from the ground to allow better visibility.
- Trim bushes to 6 inches below all windows.
- Do not hide a spare key under the doormat or in the bushes.
- If you are gone for an extended period of time, have your newspapers and mail held.

These are just a few low costs tips you can use to help make your house less of a target.

Officer Recruitment and Hiring Continues Into 2008

The new year has seen some significant growth for the Des Moines Police Department. In January two new officers completed the "Police Training Officer" program and two newly hired individuals started the Police Academy. A fifth officer graduated from the Police Academy in February. We are proud of these new additions to our police force. The Des Moines Police Department continues to look for qualified applicants. Lateral applications may be obtained by contacting the Civil Service Secretary at 206-870-6553. Entry level applicants must complete an online process at www.publicsafetytesting.com.

Child Passenger Safety Inspection Sites

Child Passenger Safety is still a concern in Washington State. If you are looking for the proper way to secure your child restraint in your vehicle please visit one of South King County's car seat inspection sites. Appointments are not necessary; please have your vehicle manual and car seat instruction manual with you at the time of inspection. Inspections are free. For more information call 1-800-BUCKLUP.



1st Tuesday of each month	5:30-7:00 p.m.	St. Francis Hospital - Medical Office
2nd Wednesday of each month	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Valley Medical Center - North Garage
2nd Thursday of each month	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Auburn Medical Center - Parking Garage
3rd Friday of each month	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Highline Medical Pavilion - Cedar Garage
Last Wednesday of each month	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Ikea of Renton - West Parking Garage

Des Moines Joins with Other Cities to Promote Economic Development

Des Moines has joined with Burien, SeaTac, Tukwila, the Port of Seattle and Highline Community College to launch a business attraction program for the four cities promoting our area as a great place to live, work and play. The goal is to invite the general public, developers and builders to discover Southwest King County. A speakers group has been formed and has already made presentations before several business organizations.

A color brochure describing the program can be found on the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov.

Look for a special 16-page insert in your Seattle Times on March 10th featuring our communities. A business-oriented workshop called the Seattle Southside Forum will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in SeaTac on Wednesday, March 26th from 7:30 a.m. to noon followed by a tour of the four city area.



Left to right: Adam Rau, John Blackburn (Lead), Phil Grager and Keith Klingele. Behind them is the mural soon to be installed at South Marina Park.

Meet Your Parks Crew

Your City parks are maintained by a crew of four full time employees, who are assisted in the late spring through fall by seven seasonal employees. This crew has a huge responsibility: 27 sites (129 acres) which include neighborhood parks, all City building landscapes, open spaces, and sports complexes.

There are daily park and playground inspections, plus mowing, pruning and weed control, ball field maintenance, annual plantings, hanging banners and holiday lighting. The Parks crew has been commended by numerous park users and team coaches for the quality and care taken in the maintenance and upkeep of these City parks and fields. Good job guys!

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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Recent City Council actions:

Approved the following ordinances:

- 1409 amending Pacific Ridge parking requirements
- 1410 Pacific Ridge Private Recreation Requirement Reduction
- 1411 5-story wood frame buildings
- 1412 amending permitted uses in the Business Park Zone
- 1413 property taxes, including levy lid lift funds, for 2008
- 1414 property taxes increase for 2008, for general City expenditures
- 1415 Street vacation for portion of South 239th Street

- 1416 & 1417 relating to B & O taxes
- 1418 amending Street Vacation Code, Compensation

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Professional Engineering Services for the Barnes Creek Detention Facility design to Tetra/Tec/KCM \$82,405 + 10% contingency
- Installation of Auditorium and Sun Home Lodge perimeter drainage improvements with Rivers Edge Services \$77,193.72 + 10% contingency
- Interlocal with Renton, Tukwila & Federal Way for feasibility study for

construction and operation of a misdemeanor jail facility

Held the following public hearings:

- South Shore Preliminary Modified Subdivision
- Amending Permitted Uses in the Business Park Zone
- Street Vacation for Portion of South 239th Street
- Amending SEPA Noticing Procedures
- Development Agreement with SSI Pacific Place
- 2008 budget
- Crestwood Pk. Planned Unit Dev.

Des Moines Arts Commission Announces Upcoming Events

Waterfront Mural Sneak Peak: An Evening with the Artists - April 11

Artists Anita Corby and Katherine Caughey offer an opportunity to view their vibrant depiction of our community at an open house hosted in the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St. from 7-9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

An Evening with the Artist: Daniel Schual-Berke - April 26

Join Des Moines Arts Commission and photographer Daniel Schual-Berke for a public viewing of Mr. Schual-Berke's extraordinary work and artistic perspective at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St. Pieces will be available for purchase or apprecia-

tion, light refreshments available. Time to be announced.

Waterland Music Series: Michael Nicoella, Guitarist - April 29

The Des Moines Arts Commission and Highline Community College Foundation present the classical guitar virtuoso at 7:30 p.m. at Highline Community College, Building 7. \$15/adults, \$5/students. Artist information is available at www.nicoella.com.



Michael Nicoella

Waterland Children's Arts Festival & Mural Dedication - June 7

Arts and crafts activities for kids and the official unveiling of the 'Spirit of Des Moines' mural at South Marina Park (corner of S. 227th & Dock Ave S.). Mural festivities (12:00 noon) and children's entertainment are free to the public. Children's art activities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. are \$5 per child.



Please call 206-870-6527 for more information.

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