

50th Birthday Logo Contest Produces a Winner

The official logo of the City of Des Moines' 50th Birthday was selected recently by the Des Moines City Council after review by the Des Moines Arts Commission. The creation at left was submitted by Dave Peterson of Des Moines and will be seen on official 50th Birthday posters, publications, signs and banners throughout 2009. The City Council would like to acknowledge and thank the following citizens who also submitted entries: Marilyn Holmes, Ciera Boyd, Amber Harris, Natasha Servo, Eileen Bettridge and Wayne Corey. A **schedule of planned activities for the 50th Birthday celebration can be found on Page 3 of the City Currents.**

Des Moines Partners with South King County Cities for Public Safety Misdemeanor Jail

The City of Des Moines is working with the cities of Auburn, Burien, Federal Way, Renton, SeaTac, and Tukwila to build and operate a 668-bed misdemeanor jail to serve our collective needs. The cities have formed an organization known as the South Correctional Entity (SCORE) to accomplish this task. SCORE is hoping to open the new jail in mid-2011 and use it to house misdemeanor offenders. The cities must build the jail to replace jail space that will no longer be provided by King County jails

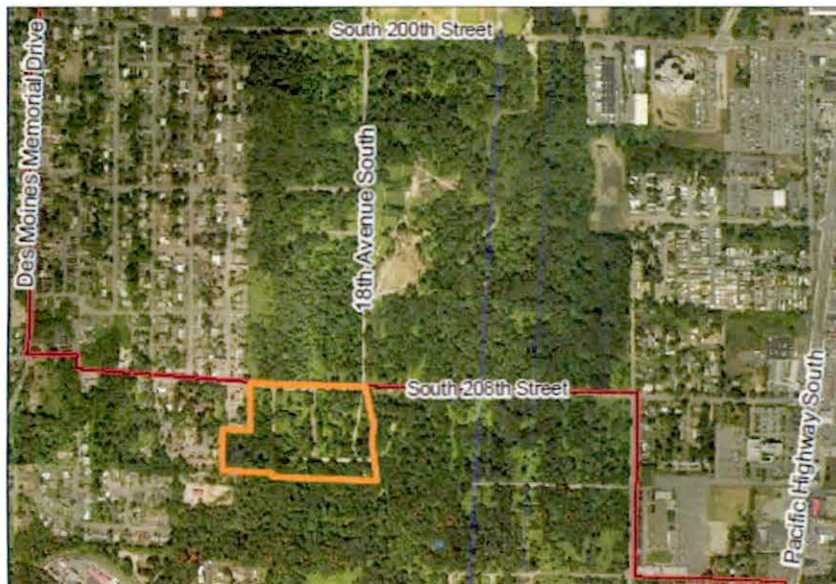
after 2012.

SCORE's governance, administration, and operations have been modeled after the highly successful Valley Communications Center, also known as ValleyCom. ValleyCom is a regional 9-1-1 call center, owned by the City of Kent and four of the SCORE partner cities: Auburn, Federal Way, Renton, and Tukwila. The City of Des Moines contracts with ValleyCom for police dispatch services.

Most of the inmates who will be

housed in the SCORE facility have been arrested, or sentenced to jail time for property crimes such as theft, driving offenses, and criminal trespass. The average length of stay for these inmates is approximately 14 days. SCORE plans to create a unique release strategy that will return inmates to the city in which they were arrested or living when they are released. This means that inmates will not be released into the surrounding neighborhoods. Also, as part of their

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Location of the proposed new jail facility on S. 208th between 15th Ave. S. & 18th Ave. S.

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Emergency 911
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Senior Activities

The Des Moines Activity Center offers winter and spring activities for older adult and their families. Discover just how much fun you can have! For detailed information on program fees, pre-registration and other class details, call 206-878-1642 or check out our current newsletter available at www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/senior/senior.

Winter Brunch - Saturday, March 7, 8:30-11:00 a.m.

Feast on a scrumptious brunch highlighted by a mouthwatering Maple and Cinnamon French Toast Soufflé, ham and fresh fruit at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th Street. Tickets are available at Des Moines Activity Center and will be available at the door! \$7.00 Adults, \$5 children under ten. Proceeds benefit programs and services at Des Moines Activity Center. **Sponsored by Fred Meyer and Powell Home Renovations.**

AARP Driver Safety Course: An 8-hour classroom-only safe driving course is offered monthly for adults age 50+. March 14 at Des Moines Activity Center. April and May dates to be determined.

Enhance Fitness: An exercise program designed for older adults, focused on stretching, flexibility, low impact aerobics, balance and strength training spiced with laughter.

Piano Lessons: Experience recreational music making designed for small groups of adults age 50 and better!

Learn to Dance: Our 4 week dance classes cost only \$44, will build your confidence, offer great exercise and are fun! Classes are open to adults of all ages.

March 2 – 23, Monday series features:

Intermediate Salsa - 6:00-6:50 pm

Intermediate Rumba - 7:00-7:50 pm

Beginning East Coast Swing - 8:00-8:50 pm

April 6 – 27, Monday series features:

Beginning Fox Trot - 6:00-6:50 pm

Beginning Salsa - 7:00-7:50 pm

Intermediate East Coast Swing - 8:00-8:50 pm



Sunday Dances: Sunday “tea-dance” afternoons feature

LIVE music and refreshments. The fee is \$5.00 per person and the LIVE music starts at 1:00 p.m. Dances are open to adults of all ages. Save these dates: March 22, April 26, and May 17.

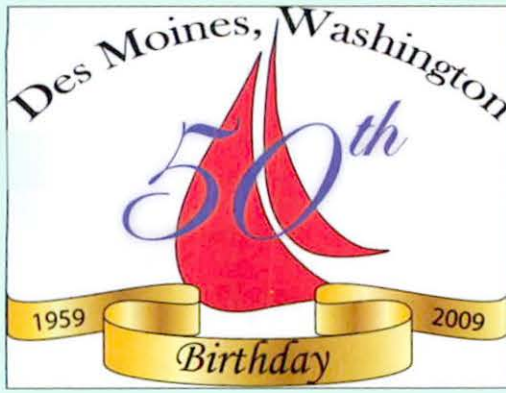
Become a Supporter of Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market

Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
June through October

Sponsorships and donations cover operating costs and Special Events. Please visit www.DMFM.org or call 206-650-3383, Rikki Marohl, Market Manager, for more information.

50th Gold Sponsorship \$10,000
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Des Moines' 50th Birthday
 Celebration kicks off
 March 21st with a
**BLACK-TIE DINNER GALA
 AND AUCTION**
 at Highline Community College



Entertainment by
JOEY JEWELL

Tickets: \$75.00 per person

Includes dinner, no host bar, dancing, entertainment, basket auction and more. Tables for eight are available for \$560. Proceeds will help fund the year long 50th Birthday bash! Tickets are on sale now at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220th St. For ticket information please call 206-870-6527.

Many more special events are planned for the remainder of our 50th birthday year, many of which are listed below. The June *City Currents* will give more detailed information on those events and you may also access current information on the City's website at www.desmoines50th.com.

Volunteers are needed to help with the **Des Moines 50th Birthday Seafair Parade**;
 please phone Anna Bjorneby at 206-824-4731 or 206-571-5568 for information.

Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Contact
March 21	Black Tie Gala and Auction	Highline Community College	City of Des Moines	206-870-4366
April 11	Spring Egg Hunt	Des Moines Beach Park	Des Moines Park & Rec.	206-870-6548
April 21	Waterland Music Series	Highline Community College	Des Moines Arts Commission	206-870-6582
April 25	Earth Day 2009 (9:00-11:00 a.m.)	Downtown Des Moines	Destination Des Moines	206-769-8882
April 28	Eleanor Roosevelt, No Ordinary Woman	Wesley Terrace Auditorium	SW King School Retirees Assn.	206-878-2447
May 9	Des Moines Sports Night	Des Moines Field House	Legacy Foundation/Rotary	206-870-6528
May 16	Bicycle Safety Rodeo (10 am-2 pm)	So. End Des Moines Marina	Kiwanis	206-878-8294
May 22	Birthday Shabbat and Open House	Bet Chaverim Synagogue	Bet Chaverim Synagogue/S. KC	206-919-5328
June 17	Open House and Historical Display	Odd Fellows Hall	City of Des Moines	206-870-6527
June 17	RE/MAX Hot Air Balloon	Marina	RE/MAX Real Estate	206-244-6000
June 17	Time Capsule	To Be Determined	To Be Determined	206-824-5380
July 4	Fire Works Over Des Moines	Marina	Rotary, Powell Homes, City	206-870-6527
July 4	Junior Cadillac Concert	Marina	Des Moines Arts Commission	206-870-6527
July 17-19	Wenatchee Youth Circus	Des Moines Elementary	Jim Langston	206-878-2705
July 18	50 th Birthday Seafair Parade	Marine View Drive S.	City of Des Moines	206-824-4731
July 18	50 th Birthday Sock Hop and Street Fair	Marina	Judson Park	206-870-6527
July 18	50 th Birthday Festival Cultural Events	Cultural Stage at Marina	Samoan Christian Fellowship	206-870-1663
July 18	Garden Tour	Founders Lodge	Federal Way Symphony	253-838-9048
July 18	Children's Craft and Activity Station	So. End Des Moines Marina	Grace Lutheran Church	206-919-5328
July 22	Jazz and Blues Series (& 7/29, 8/5, 12, 19)	Des Moines Beach Park	Des Moines Arts Commission	206-870-6527
August 1	Waterland 5K Fun Run	Marina	Des Moines Park & Recreation	206-870-6586
August 1	Trash to Treasure Sale	Des Moines Activity Center	Des Moines Senior Activity Ctr.	206-878-1642
August 15	Jobies Community Carnival	Masonic Hall, 2208 S. 223rd	Job's Daughters	206-304-0164
September 9	Comedy Night in Des Moines	Des Moines Field House	Des Moines Arts Commission	206-870-6527



Youth Spring Soccer

The Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department non-competitive, recreational soccer league continues. This will be a 5 game season playing at Zenith Park and Des Moines Field House with week night practices and Saturday games. The league will run from March 9th until May 3rd. Please bring in a copy of your child's birth certificate to identify their age (unless you already have one on file). We will be utilizing the fields at Zenith Park and the Des Moines Field House. A complete list of rules will be available at the Des Moines Field House. Players can sign up as a team or as an individual. This will be a 5 game season to keep those young soccer players going until the fall. \$50 registration through March 9th.

Coach-Pitch Baseball—Ages 6-8

Coach-Pitch baseball for boys and girls ages 6-8. The goal for this program is to develop all aspects of baseball by adding in live pitching. There will also be a focus on developing good baseball techniques, team building and social interaction. Games will be held at Des Moines Field House, Zenith Park and Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park. Each team will practice one time in the evening during the week, and games will primarily be Saturday mornings. Volunteer Coaches Needed! League starts 5/11.

T-Ball League – Ages 3-5 Years

T-ball for boys and girls. The goal for this program is to develop hand-eye coordination by teaching the players to hit and catch properly. The games will be held at Des Moines Field House, Zenith Park and the Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park. Each team will practice one time in the evening during the week and games will primarily be Saturdays. Volunteer Coaches Needed! Leagues start 5/11.

Adult Softball League

Another season of exciting coed and men's softball! Each team will play 14 games with an "end-of-the-season" tournament. There will be five different competition levels: Co-Ed "Rec", Co-Ed "Open", Co-Ed "D&E" and Men's "Rec/D" and "Open". Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 21. Team registration packets are available. Coaches' meeting will be held, April 21 at the Des Moines Field House at 6:00pm.

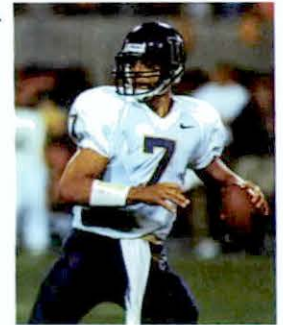
Call 206-870-6586 for sports information.

7th Annual Des Moines Sports Night Dinner and Auction - May 9



Bruce King

It's time to reserve your spot at the 7th Annual Des Moines Sports Night Dinner and Auction to help raise funds for youth scholarships for underprivileged youth in the Greater Des Moines community. This year's event is presented by the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, Des Moines Rotary Club and Des Moines Dollars for Scholars on May 9, 2009, at the Des Moines Field House from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Former KOMO 4 Sports Director Bruce King will be back to emcee the event again this year, as well as other local sports celebrities. The keynote speaker is Puyallup native and former UW and Seahawk QB Brock Huard. Tickets are available April 1st at the Des Moines Field House \$40/ea or a table of 8 for \$300. Limited to the first 150. Call 206-870-6527 for additional information.



Brock Huard

Teen Scene

Activity Afternoons

Pacific Middle School students can stick around on Fridays for Activity Afternoons — a great FREE opportunity to play — funded by Des Moines Rotary Club and Des Moines Legacy Foundation. 2008-09 activities have included Big Time Inflatables, Open Gym Basketball, Dodgeball tournaments, Medic Ball, craft projects and more. These safe play opportunities contribute to healthy kids, improve academic performance, and are great ways to make life long friends.

Spring 2009 Teen Tours



Thanks to generous funding from the Des Moines Rotary Club, middle school students can join Recreation staff for an afternoon adventure Wednesdays, May 6-June 10 (no program June 3) for only \$25! The group departs from Pacific Middle School at 2:55 p.m., and returns to the Des Moines Field House at 6 p.m. after a different exciting trip each week. Spring highlights will include rock climbing at Stone Gardens, bowling at ACME Bowl, and a visit to the new MAST Center in Redondo. Need-based scholarships are available. Join in the fun! Call 206-870-6582 for information.

Des Moines Youth Council

The 2008-09 Youth Council, comprised of 6th-9th grade students from Des Moines, has made a positive impact in our community. See what the buzz is about — participating teens learn leadership and work skills and have a great time. Contact Nic Lind for more information at 206-870-6582.

Field House Dance Parties

Sixth through 8th grade students in Des Moines - celebrate a night off from the books at Field House dance parties! Youth Council hosts these dances for local middle school students the third Friday of the month Sept-May. Students get together, dance, participate in contests for prizes and meet friends. Admission is \$5 and a Student ID card. Spring 2009 dances are March 20, April 17 and May 15.

The Main Attraction Performs at Highline Community College April 21

The 2008-2009 Waterland Music Series, hosted by Des Moines Arts Commission and the Highline Community College Music Department, concludes with a regional favorite, **The Main Attraction**, whose unique *a cappella* style has been heard on stage, radio and television. Hosted in Building 7 on the College campus at 2400 S. 240th St., the show offers an intimate setting to watch these renowned performers up close and personal. The performance begins at 7:30pm. Tickets (\$15 Adult; \$5 Student) are available at Des Moines Parks & Rec., Corky Cellars, Des Moines Florist and at the door. Call 206-870-6527 for concert 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. Repair projects can include gutter cleaning, plumbing repairs, electrical problems, roof leaks, furnace service and many other kinds of repairs. Some restrictions apply.

During 2008, 22 projects worth over \$26,000 were funded. Please call Erika Sullivan at 206-870-6558 for details. (*Funded by King County Community Development Block Grant dollars.*)

Spring Egg Hunt - April 11

Join the fun at Des Moines Beach Park for the annual Spring Egg Hunt! We'll have lots of candy filled eggs and prizes for every child! This egg hunt is not a "mad-dash" so feel free to arrive anytime between 9-11 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be on site for pictures in the Bunny Barn.

Ages: 6th grade and under
Cost: \$2 per child
Day/Time: Saturday, April 11, 9-11 a.m.
Location: Des Moines Beach Park—22030 Cliff Ave. S.



Renew Dog and Cat Licenses for 2009



Please remember to renew your dog and cat licenses this year. City of Des Moines pet licenses are valid Jan. 1-Dec. 31, and must be renewed annually. Current proof of rabies vaccination is required on all pets, and proof of spay/neuter if your pet is altered.

Dog and cat licenses are \$20 for spayed/neutered pets and \$60 for un-altered pets, if purchased in a timely fashion. Lifetime pet licenses are available for free, to senior citizens 65 and over whose pets are altered and have a current rabies vaccination.

Dogs and cats are required to wear their license tag on their collar or harness; it is your pet's "phone call home" if it's lost!



Planning Agency Members Needed

The City of Des Moines is currently recruiting for new members for the Planning Agency. The Planning Agency is a seven member board that makes advisory recommendations to the City Council on land use and zoning matters. Typically this involves review of certain new development proposals such as subdivisions and planned unit developments, but may also involve recommendations on zoning and environmental decisions and general planning policy documents like neighborhood or comprehensive plans.

The Agency is scheduled to meet on the first Monday of each month; it is not unusual, however, for the Planning Agency to meet less frequently based on the pending business activity each month. There are two vacancies. Individuals interested should be prepared to meet on the average 6-8 times a year. Meetings typically last 1.5 hours and are at 7:00 in the evening. Please contact Robert Ruth, Development Services Manager, at 206-870-6555 if you are interested in serving your community as a Planning Agency Member.

Clean Up Your Community on April 25

In celebration of Earth Day (April 22) volunteers are encouraged to join in Earth Day clean-up activities sponsored by Destination Des Moines from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Saturday, April 25th**, in the downtown area. Please bring gloves, garden tools, shovel, bucket and rakes.

Contact Leslie Newman at 206-769-8882 if you would like to volunteer.

The Earth Day 2009 Clean-Up is a Des Moines 50th Birthday sanctioned event.



Public Works/Parks Superintendent Frank Olson to Retire

After 23 years of service to the citizens of Des Moines, Frank Olson has announced his retirement effective May 5th. Prior to his employment with Des Moines, Frank was employed with Olympia Foundry for 23 years.

Frank, the City's Public Works and Parks Maintenance Superintendent, has watched the City grow and change through annexations of areas in Redondo and North Hill and has managed the Maintenance Division with very limited budget, personnel, and resources. Frank has always endeavored to meet the citizens' needs and address their concerns.

The City is grateful for his service. We all will miss him and wish him the very best. Frank has indicated he will stay in the City for awhile; then he and his wife will most likely move to Plain, Washington (near Leavenworth) where he has a vacation home.

If you would like to send Frank a card or a quick note, mail to Frank Olson c/o Linda Wright, 21650 11th Ave. So., Des Moines WA 98198-6317 or email lwright@desmoineswa.gov. Linda will see that Frank receives them.



Meet Your Street Crew

John Cozart, Crew Lead, oversees the work of the City's Street Maintenance Crew, which consists of Anthony Jones, Norm Russell and Jerry Nettles. These crewmembers are responsible for maintaining 100 center line miles of City streets, and associated rights-of-way. Some of their duties include: roadway maintenance: shoulder grading, pothole patching, asphalt repair, street sweeping, and liter control; vegetation control: mowing, including tree maintenance and removal; traffic control: signing, striping, pavement markings, and guardrails; pedestrian facilities: sidewalks, walkways, and trails; and snow and ice removal. They also assist in other City maintenance activities and emergency services as needed. Each year thousands of maintenance hours are required to keep the City's streets safe and maintained to acceptable levels. This crew does an amazing job delivering outstanding services with very limited resources.

Another Retirement: Jerry Nettles (pictured below, far right) will be retiring in April after 30 years with the City of Des Moines. Jerry was originally hired to perform custodial services and transferred into the Street Maintenance Division in 1996. The City thanks Jerry for his many years of faithful service and we wish him well in his retirement.



Street Crew members from left to right: John Cozart, Anthony Jones, Norm Russell and Jerry Nettles.

City Staff, Volunteers Go "Above and Beyond" During Snowstorms

Last December 18th was a delivery day for Meals on Wheels in Des Moines. But, recalls Sue Padden, Director of Senior Services, "snow and ice were everywhere." It looked as if seniors who depend on them would go without.

But Bob Bales, a four-year Meals on Wheels volunteer who came from South Dakota, told Sue, "This is nothing. It doesn't bother me. If I can't do it, nobody can." With his car already chained up, he delivered the meals. And John McEvoy, a two-year volunteer whose son Shawn is Mayor of Normandy Park, "showed up in his big red truck. And he got his meals out," said Sue, who also delivered meals.

That afternoon, Dick Stites, the City's facilities maintenance worker, was at the Senior Center to check for storm damage. (There was none.) He offered to deliver meals in his four-wheel-drive City vehicle to addresses that were hard to reach on snow-covered streets. At one location, the street was too steep to navigate safely, yet the recipient with health issues needed the meals. So Dick got out and made three trips carrying the meals uphill.

"That meant a lot to me and to the family," Sue said of Dick's effort, which went "above and beyond the call of duty" in his job as a city employee. "And our volunteers know it's important to get the meals out to people who count on them. Bless their efforts. They came through."

Des Moines Police officers also went "above and beyond," including two officers who were injured in separate incidents while aiding citizens who were having trouble getting around in the ice and snow. Both are recovering, Police Chief Roger Baker said recently.

Even small gestures by a police officer mean a lot to a citizen stranded on a cold night. A man who took a bus to Des Moines after flying into Sea-Tac Airport was spotted at a local bus stop by Sgt. Dave Mohr. Busses weren't operating on icy streets in his neighborhood, so Dave drove him home in the warm police car.



Parks, Recreation and Senior Services 2010- 2016 Master Plan Questionnaire

Dear Des Moines Resident:

The City of Des Moines is currently updating the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan for years 2010-2016. To best serve the future needs of our residents, we need to hear from you.

Please complete the following questionnaire and return it using one of the following methods:

Fax to: 206-870-6587;

Drop off at: Des Moines Activity Center, City Hall or Des Moines Field House; or

*Mail it to: City of Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services
1000 S. 220th Street, Des Moines, WA 98198*

You may complete the questionnaire online at: www.desmoineswa.gov/2009parkssurvey

Completed questionnaires are due by March 31, 2009

1. In which of the following Des Moines neighborhoods do you live?

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Hill | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Ridge | <input type="checkbox"/> West Woodmont | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown | <input type="checkbox"/> South Central | <input type="checkbox"/> East Woodmont | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside City Limits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central | <input type="checkbox"/> Zenith | <input type="checkbox"/> Redondo | Zip Code: _____ |

2. Have you or members of your household visited any of the Des Moines parks or facilities listed below during the past year? [Please place a check next to all that apply and rate the importance to your household of each of the parks and facilities from 1 to 4. Circle 1= High Importance, 2= Moderate Importance, 3= Low Importance and 4 = No Importance.]

- Community Centers:**
- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Des Moines Activity Center | Rating: 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B. Des Moines Field House | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Mt. Rainier Pool | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> D. Other: _____ | 1 2 3 4 |

- Community Parks/Sports Fields:**
- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> N. Des Moines Field House Park | Rating: 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> O. Underwood Memorial Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> P. Wooton Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Q. Zenith Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> R. Other: _____ | |

- Neighborhood Parks:**
- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> E. Kiddy Park | Rating: 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. Midway Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> G. Overlook Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> H. Parkside Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I. South Marina Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> J. Water Tower Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K. Westwood Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> L. Wooton Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> M. Other: _____ | 1 2 3 4 |

- Waterfront Parks/Trails:**
- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> S. Des Moines Beach Park | Rating: 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T. Des Moines Creek Trail | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> U. Marina/Fishing Pier | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> V. Redondo Beach/Boardwalk | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> W. Saltwater State Park | 1 2 3 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X. Other: _____ | 1 2 3 4 |

3. Please rate your satisfaction with the overall condition of the above list of parks and facilities:

Excellent ___ Very Good ___ Satisfactory ___ Unsatisfactory ___ No Opinion ___

Comments: _____

Please continue to the following page.

4. If \$100 were available for you to spend on Des Moines parks and facilities, how would you allocate the funds among the categories of funding listed below?

- \$ _____ Purchase land for future parks, trails and open space preservation
- \$ _____ Develop new parks and park facilities (i.e. with play equipment, sports court, picnic shelter)
- \$ _____ Develop new sports fields (i.e. for softball, soccer, football, baseball)
- \$ _____ Develop new walking and biking trails (i.e. to connect neighborhoods, parks and schools)
- \$ _____ Build a new pool to replace Mt. Rainier Pool ___indoor pool ___outdoor pool
- \$ _____ Build an outdoor Spray Park (i.e. water-themed play area)
- \$ _____ Build a new Skate or BMX Park
- \$ _____ Develop a new indoor community center (i.e. with gym, fitness and meeting rooms)
- \$ _____ Expand Des Moines Activity Center (i.e. add gym, fitness and meeting rooms)
- \$ _____ Improve and/or maintain existing parks and facilities (i.e. repair play equipment, picnic shelters)
- \$ _____ Improve and/or maintain existing historical facilities (i.e. Field House, Beach Park buildings)
- \$ _____ Improve and/or maintain Mt. Rainier Pool
- \$ _____ Improve streetscapes (i.e. entryways, signage, street banners, flower planters)
- \$ _____ Other Priorities (Please list: _____)

\$ 100 TOTAL

Comments: _____

5. Many of the City's aging parks, play areas, recreation facilities, historic landmarks and public amenities have been closed or removed due to life and safety concerns and/or now require renovations and repairs and increased maintenance to improve safety and security and to enhance and prolong public use. For example, historic buildings at Des Moines Beach Park and the Des Moines Field House Grandstand are closed for structural repairs and unsafe play equipment at each of these parks was removed until replacement funds become available.

In addition to the above needs, King County transferred ownership of Mt. Rainier Pool to the Cities of Des Moines and Normandy Park until 2009 at which time it becomes the property of Highline School District. The Cities and Highline School District, have agreed to fund pool operations until December 2009 or earlier if the YMCA public swimming facility opens in the City of SeaTac or another viable alternative swimming facility becomes available. It is anticipated that the YMCA facility will open in September 2009.

Mt. Rainier Pool is currently managed by a private contractor with a government subsidy of \$100,000 per year. The condition of the pool and its mechanical, structural and electrical systems were evaluated in 2008. The projected cost of repairs and maintenance needed to operate the pool for the next 15 years is \$2.5 million. These costs can not be absorbed within the cities' existing budgets. Citizens have asked the Cities and School District to put on a voted ballot an initiative to provide stable funding for the continued maintenance and operation of Mt. Rainier Pool.

If put on a voted ballot, would you support a Levy Lid Lift or the creation of a Municipal Parks District (similar to a Fire District or Library District) to provide stable funding for the following purposes? [Please check from the following options that which best matches what you would support.]

- ___ A. I would support a Levy or the creation of a Municipal Parks District to maintain Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services facilities and operations (if it **would** include Mt. Rainier Pool).
- ___ B. I would support a Levy or the creation of a Municipal Parks District to maintain Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services facilities and operations (if it **would not** include Mt. Rainier Pool).
- ___ C. I would support a Levy or the creation of a Municipal Parks District **only** to maintain Mt. Rainier Pool operations.
- ___ D. I would not support a Levy or Municipal Park District for any of the above needs.
- ___ E. I need more information to make a decision.

Comments: _____

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6. Have you or members of your household participated in any of the following recreational programs and events offered by the City of Des Moines during the past 12 months? [Please check all that apply and rate the importance to your household of each of the listed programs from 1 to 4, Circle 1= High Importance, 2= Moderate Importance, 3= Low Importance and 4= No Importance.]

Program/Event:	Rating:	Program/Event:	Rating:
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Arts events & concerts	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Before & after school care	1 2 3 4
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Festivals & Special Events	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> K. Summer camps	1 2 3 4
<input type="checkbox"/> C. Arts & Enrichment classes	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> L. Teen programs	1 2 3 4
<input type="checkbox"/> D. Technology classes	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> M. Youth sports	1 2 3 4
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Fitness & Exercise	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> N. Adult sports	1 2 3 4
<input type="checkbox"/> F. Gymnastics & Martial Arts	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> O. Drop In & Open Gym	1 2 3 4
<input type="checkbox"/> G. Health & Wellness	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> P. Farmers Market	1 2 3 4
<input type="checkbox"/> H. Swim instruction & fitness	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Q. Adaptive programs	1 2 3 4
<input type="checkbox"/> I. Preschool programs	1 2 3 4	<input type="checkbox"/> R. Volunteer opportunities	1 2 3 4

Please list all other recreation programs you would like to see offered: _____

7. Please rate the overall quality of your experience with the above list of recreation programs:
 Excellent ___ Very Good ___ Satisfactory ___ Unsatisfactory ___ No Opinion ___
 Comments: _____

8. How many persons within each of the age categories, are currently living in your household?
 [Please write the number of people in each age group in the space provided.]

___ Under Age 5	___ Ages 20-24	___ Ages 55-59	___ Ages 85+
___ Ages 5-9	___ Ages 25-34	___ Ages 60-64	
___ Ages 10-14	___ Ages 35-44	___ Ages 65-74	
___ Ages 15-19	___ Ages 45-54	___ Ages 75-84	

9. How would you describe the residence where you and your household live?

<input type="checkbox"/> Single Family Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Community
<input type="checkbox"/> Condominium	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Apartment	

10. Which of the following best describes the race of the members of your household? [Please check all that apply.]

<input type="checkbox"/> (1) African American/Black	<input type="checkbox"/> (4) White/Caucasian
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) Asian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> (5) Asian/Indian
<input type="checkbox"/> (3) Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> (6) Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> (4) Hispanic/Latino	

11. Which of the following best describes your annual household income? [Please check one.]

<input type="checkbox"/> (1) Under \$20,000	<input type="checkbox"/> (4) \$60,000 to \$79,999
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) \$20,000 to \$39,999	<input type="checkbox"/> (5) \$80,000 to \$99,999
<input type="checkbox"/> (3) \$40,000 to \$59,999	<input type="checkbox"/> (6) \$100,000 or more

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Des Moines, WA 98198

Fold here with return address showing, seal with tape at the top (add postage) and mail. Drop off (no postage needed) at:
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Thank you for your participation. We appreciate your response to this questionnaire!
Please provide your contact information and e-mail address to receive special offers from the Parks,
Recreation and Senior Services Department and the latest program and special event news!
Contact Name: _____ E-mail address: _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Des Moines Transportation Gateway Project

Major developments are coming to the vicinity of South 216th Street, 24th Avenue South, and Pacific Highway South on the City's northeast border. These changes will significantly impact the transportation infrastructure. Active developments include the proposed Des Moines Creek Business Park, the Water View Crossing Development in the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood, and the recent completion of the Prologis project within the City of SeaTac east of 24th Avenue South. Other projects are in various stages of development.

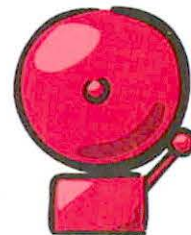
In order to prepare for these developments, the City of Des Moines has begun the preliminary engineering and design process for the related transportation and infrastructure improvements, which the City is calling the Des Moines Transportation Gateway Project. The improvements will consist of street widening on South 216th Street between I-5 and 19th Avenue South, and on 24th Avenue South between South 208th Street and South 216th Street. To adequately serve the business park (potentially including the addition of big box retail on or near the site), warehousing, and housing/hotel and office uses on Pacific Highway, plus provide for freight mobility, the arterials must be widened from the current two to three lane roadway to five and six lanes. Major funding for this project is expected from federal and state grants and loans, the Port of Seattle, and from private developers.

More information on this exciting project can be found on the City's Gateway Project web site at: http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/pub_works/projectgateway.html.



Burglary, Hold-Up and Panic Alarms Must be Registered Annually

As required by Des Moines city ordinance, **all** residential and business burglary, hold-up and panic alarms **must be registered annually** with the Des Moines Police Department. In addition, **any** alarm system, whether monitored or not, which emits an audible alarm that can be heard outside the building or business must also be registered. Your alarm company does not do this for you! Registration forms and information may be obtained on the City of Des Moines website at www.desmoineswa.gov by clicking on the "Forms" section, by calling the Des Moines Police Department Alarm Administrator at 206-870-7617 or by coming into the Police Department, which is open 24 hours a day for your convenience.



Each year you are required to submit a new registration form in order for the Police Department to ensure we have current contact information in case of an emergency. In addition to the new registration form, ***there is also an annual \$25 registration fee due.*** ***If you have registered your alarm in the past, we will send you an invoice when it is time to renew your permit.*** Currently, the penalty for failing to register your alarm is \$200 per year and there is a \$200 fine for each false alarm for a non-registered alarm system.

The alarm registration program has been highly successful as demonstrated by the reduction of false alarm calls by over 56% as compared to prior to the program's inception. This decrease in false alarms represents a significant cost savings to the Des Moines Police Department and the Des Moines community.

For additional information, please contact the Alarm Administrator at the Des Moines Police Department 206-870-7617 or email kbatterman@desmoineswa.gov.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan Project Update

Open House Planned for March 31st

The Des Moines Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is a long range planning document that looks at transportation needs out to the year 2030 for all modes of transportation --- pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle, and transit. During the spring and summer of 2008, the project staff talked with many community stakeholders-- including small businesses owners, Highline Community College, area seniors, emergency responders, adjacent cities, transit agencies, the Port of Seattle, and City Council members to learn about their transportation issues, needs, and what types of solutions might be effective.

During the fall of 2008, City staff and the consultant team reviewed the existing streets, transit and sidewalks to compile an inventory of existing conditions. At the same time, the City's planners identified land uses for the year 2030, which were used to estimate growth in population and employment in 2030, with City Council review and endorsement. Changes expected in traffic on the City streets were then estimated. Locations where traffic volumes are expected to grow in the next 20 years have been identified, as well as which intersections should be improved and where more street connections may be needed. We have recommended where new bike lanes and sidewalks are needed and have identified new transit facilities and additional transit service. Since our financial resources are limited, the City needs to prioritize these projects. Once the projects are ranked, a list will be developed and put into the Transportation Plan. The resulting Plan will guide the City's decisions on when and where to spend future transportation resources over the next 20 years.

The Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan is scheduled for release in late February. An Open House will be held on March 31st for the public to comment on the Draft. For more information on the Plan update, visit the project web site at http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/pub_works/project_TransCP.html.



Open House March 18

During the past year, Des Moines has been working with the City of Kent to Envision Midway. The project mission is to transform the Midway community into a sustainable urban area that enhances commercial development and optimizes its geographic location, wide range of transportation options, educational institutions, and views. To date, four stakeholder meetings, one public open house, two public workshops and a developer forum have been held. A second public open house is planned for March 18th, 5-7 p.m. at Fire Station 73, 26512 Military Road, Kent.

Input received from the Stakeholder Committee and public have been instrumental in helping shape the future land use, open space, circulation framework and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) for Midway and three conceptual illustrations of potential light rail station locations along Pacific Highway S. have been developed. They demonstrate a sense of what a transit oriented village would look like in terms of bulk, open space, site access, possible station locations, and commercial orientation. These concepts can be viewed on the project website at:

www.envisionmidway.com.

With the passage of the recent transit initiative – Proposition 1, we now know that light rail will be coming through Des Moines to S. 272nd Street by 2020. We will be continuing our planning work with the community and Sound Transit to identify station locations and light rail alignment and refinements to the land use and development requirements within Des Moines. We will also talk about options for establishing Transit Oriented Development overlays along SR-99 at S. 216th Street, Highline Community College and S. 272nd Street. Des Moines will continue to cooperate with Kent to ensure we develop a coordinated vision for Midway.

Des Moines Transportation Benefit District (TBD) Established

On November 20, 2008, the Des Moines City Council established the “Des Moines Transportation Benefit District” for the purpose of maintaining, constructing, and improving transportation facilities and projects in the City. Des Moines City Council members will concurrently serve as Board members of this newly formed District. The Transportation Benefit District is a quasi-municipal corporation and independent taxing district created in Des Moines.

The first meeting was held on December 22nd, and the Board established a \$20 fee which will be collected along with each annual vehicle license renewal for vehicles registered within the District beginning in mid-2009. State law (RCW 46.16.0621) outlines the applicable vehicles subject to the fee.

On January 15th the District Board adopted rules of procedure and began to discuss the types of expenditures and projects that will be funded by the \$20 vehicle license fee. Initially, the revenue will go towards the preservation and maintenance activities on the City’s main arterial streets. The Board will continue to discuss potential expenditures over the coming months.

The District will produce an annual report which will include the status of revenues, expenditures, and construction schedules if they apply. Currently the Transportation Benefit District meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 21630 11th Avenue South. The meetings are open to the public.

For additional information on the Des Moines Transportation Benefit District or background on TBD’s, please visit: www.desmoinesTBD.com.

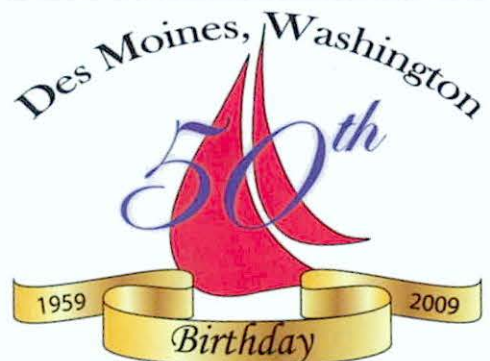
City’s Traffic Signs to be Inventoried

Beginning this year the City has started to electronically inventory over 4,000 City owned and maintained traffic signs. Each sign will be inventoried with a Global Positioning System (GPS) location using a GPS field receiver. The City saved several thousand dollars by using in-house expertise to build the electronic database. Staff anticipates completion of the inventory by early summer.

Having a current inventory of these assets will help the City better manage mandatory changes in sign standards, schedule needed replacements due to age, as well as track all work associated with traffic signs.



Once the inventory process has been completed, each traffic sign will have an identification sticker with the contact number to report damaged signs. If you see a damaged or missing traffic sign, please call 206-870-6525 to report the location. After normal business hours you can leave a message as to the sign type and location, however, **if the sign is a STOP or YIELD sign, please call 911 to report the location.**



To volunteer to help with 50th Birthday events, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 206-870-6527.

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

**COLLECTION WILL BE ON YOUR REGULAR
GARBAGE PICKUP DAY APRIL 20 - 24, 2009**

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 20th and April 24th 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), leaves, or vegetable scraps from the kitchen. 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. Food scraps must be in the hinged yard waste container. 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.

**Residential Recycling
Collection Event
Saturday, March 14th,
at the Des Moines Marina
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

* Some fees may apply *

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Cardboard
Tires*
Reusable Household Goods
Residential Porcelain Toilets
Lead Acid Batteries
Household Batteries
Propane Tanks*
Bulky Wood Waste
Motor Oil, Filters and Anti-freeze Appliances and Scrap Metal*
Refrigerators, Freezers and Air Conditioners*



NOT ACCEPTED:

Computer Monitors, TV sets
Computer/Electronic Equipment

Watch for a flyer with additional information to be mailed to Des Moines residents.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

King County Local Hazardous Waste Management and Solid Waste Division -
WA State Department of Ecology -
Seattle Goodwill

For additional information, please call Dave Steen at 206-870-6532.

Police Department Seeks Community Input on Strategic Plan Update

The Des Moines Police Department has a multi-year strategic plan that helps guide the department in providing services to our community. This year the Department is seeking input from the community via our web site to help update our strategic plan. Please visit us at www.desmoineswa.gov and give us your comments and suggestions, and learn more about your police department.

A New Wrinkle in Recycling

The Washington "e-cycle" law has brought about a new way of recycling computers and TV's. Producers of the electronic products are funding the process for the end of the products' life cycles. Around the state there are business locations that have been certified to receive the electronic products, others to ship them, others to dismantle and recycle the components in them properly. Rather than consumers paying a fee for the recycling service, these businesses are paid for their part in the program from the fund set up by the state program and financed by the TV and computer manufacturers.

In Des Moines, there are two such "e-cycle" collection locations:

EC Computers
22311 Marine View Dr. S #101
Ph. 206-878-3321

Salvation Army Thrift Store
26401 Pacific Hwy. S.
Ph. 253-839-8062

You can drop off TV's, computers and monitors at these locations in Des Moines with confidence that they will be treated appropriately. For other locations in the Washington, call 1-800-Recycle or visit the website 1800recycle.wa.gov.

This means that TV's, computers, monitors and other peripherals will no longer be accepted at Des Moines Recycling Collection Events.



South King Fire & Rescue and the Des Moines Police Department have partnered to assist neighborhoods with organizing residents to be ready to take care of themselves and each other after a disaster. Starting a **Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)** in your neighborhood will ensure that you, your family, and your neighbors are prepared and have a plan for when a disaster occurs. The free classes include Personal & Household Preparedness, Neighbor-

hood Disaster Planning, a Neighborhood Walkabout (to identify neighborhood concerns), and a Team Drill.

The December 2006 windstorm was a natural disaster of historic proportions, which caused extensive damage to the Puget Sound region. The storm produced hurricane-force wind gusts and heavy rainfall causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damage and leaving over 1.8 million residences and businesses without power for several days. The good news is there is still time to prepare before another disaster occurs but you need to start **NOW**.

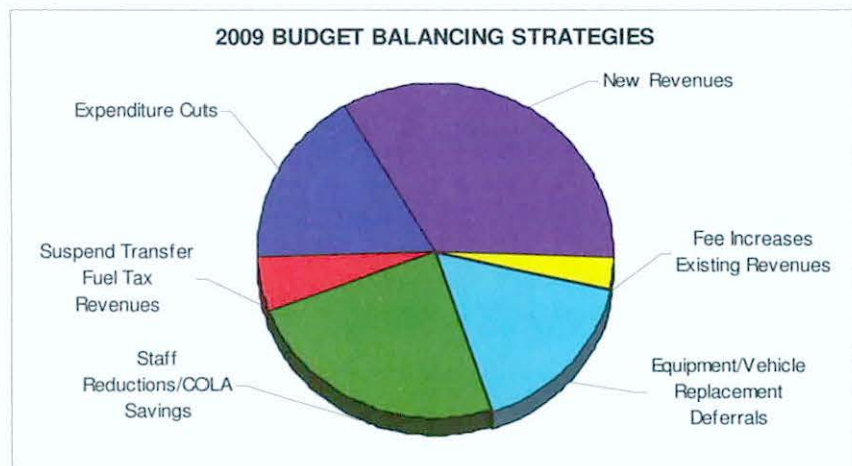
To form a Neighborhood Emergency Team in your neighborhood, please contact Community Service Officer Kory Batterman at 206-870-7617 or email kbatterman@desmoineswa.gov for more information.

City Council Adopts 2009 Budget

The City Council adopted the 2009 operating and capital budgets on December 22, 2008, after an extensive review process of the City Manager's recommendations. The 2009 operating and capital budgets included expenditures of \$29.1 million and \$20.3 million, respectively, with overall spending totaling \$49.4 million.

The General and Street Funds are the City's general governmental funds and include the expenditures for general administration, court and jail, police services, public works administration, transportation engineering, road and street maintenance, building permitting services, development services, long-range planning, parks administration, parks and facilities maintenance, recreation programs, human services, senior programs and services.

A significant portion of the 2009 budget process was committed to achieving a balanced budget for these two funds. The budget gap between revenues and expenditures initially exceeded \$2.8 million. Various budget balancing strategies were proposed including staff reductions and COLA savings, expenditure cuts, one-time expenditure deferrals, and identifying new revenues in order to close the gap. The budget gap was subsequently eliminated with approximately \$7,900 in excess revenues available to add to ending fund balances.



Jail (Continued from page 1)

efforts to prevent crime and reduce recidivism, the cities hope to partner with King County to provide treatment programs and services to misdemeanor offenders, providing effective solutions for the citizens of South King County.

The cities' need for jail space is the result of a 2000 King County decision that they would no longer be able to provide misdemeanor jail beds to cities. This deadline was later extended, moving the termination date to 2012. At the same time, the cities created the Jail Advisory Group (JAG) to coordinate the use of jails and develop a plan to meet their long-term jail needs.

In 2006, the cities hired the consulting firm of Ricci-Greene to conduct a study and develop long-range planning options for jail capacity. The study showed that the South King County cities would need access to 700 additional jail beds by 2026. The study also indicated that the cities would significantly reduce their costs if they joined together to build and operate a jail.

A feasibility study conducted by a separate consultant determined the costs of building and operating a joint facility and validated the recommendations from the Ricci-Greene study: working together the cities could build and operate a jail more efficiently and at a lower cost than they are currently paying others, including King County, to house their inmates.

According to Mayor Bob Sheckler, "SCORE is another example of cities in South King County working together to solve problems we all share. We've found that we are able to come up with creative, cost effective solutions to difficult issues and problems when we work together as equal partners."

The cities have identified their preferred site which is located in the City of Des Moines on property currently held by the Port of Seattle. The site is located inside a fenced perimeter, southwest of the intersection of South 208th Street and what was formerly 18th Avenue South. The vacant site is approximately 14 acres, heavily wooded, and not practical for other development. The site has been overrun by trespassers and is scattered with their left behind garbage.

SCORE is planning to submit the necessary documents to begin the permitting process in the near future. This process will involve public comment and review. The public will soon be able to track the progress of SCORE on its website at <http://www.SCOREjail.org>. SCORE is interested in soliciting members of the public to participate in the Community Outreach Team. If you would like to participate, submit a letter of interest to: SCORE Community Outreach, 1055 South Grady Way, Renton, Washington 98057.

Residents with questions can contact the City Manager's Office at 206-870-6541.

An Hour a Month Helps You Prepare for Disasters - Whenever They Occur!

A new year brings resolutions, the frustration of learning to write a new date and a perfect time to begin the "Prepare in a Year" disaster preparedness campaign.

It is a fact that professional responders will be overwhelmed during a disaster. Disasters we face in the Puget Sound region can be as devastating as a major earthquake or as minimal as a power outage from a wind storm. Both examples, to an unprepared resident, could result in the loss of life. By taking just an hour each month and dedicating it to an emergency preparedness activity, by this time next year, you will be ready for disasters - whenever they occur!

Visit www.desmoineswa.gov/prepareinayear or contact Community Service Officer Batterman at 206-870-7617 for detailed information on each of the monthly tasks listed below.

Key to successful disaster readiness: choose one hour each month to do on activity. Write it on your planning calendar.

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|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Action Plan | 5. Important Documents | 9. Drop, Cover and Hold |
| 2. Out of Area Contact | 6. Extended Events | 10. Fire Safety |
| 3. Water | 7. Under the Bed Items | 11. Shelter in Place |
| 4. 72-hour Comfort Kit | 8. Utility Safety | 12. Home Hazard Hunt |

Make Your Next Car Wash Fundraiser Fish Friendly...

The Puget Sound Car Wash Association partners with community groups and charitable organizations to offer tickets redeemable at professional car washes throughout the Puget Sound area. Charity car wash tickets are sold to you for \$2 each and you turn around and sell them for up to \$8. This way your group makes a nice profit without getting wet. For more information visit www.bakeco.com and click on Order Form Car Wash Tickets. For further details call PSCWA at 1-800-509-WASH (9274).

If you decide to have your own car wash fundraiser, you must use a Car Wash Kit or your event could be shut down. Starting this year, you can check out a Car Wash Kit from the City of Des Moines Public Works Department free of charge.

Please call Ruth Famurewa at 206-870-6869 or email her at rfamurewa@desmoineswa.gov to check out a kit.



Street Light Out?

You can report it directly to Puget Sound Energy on their website: www.intolight.com then click on "Lights Out?" at the top. A fill-in menu pops up for necessary information, i.e., location, the 12-digit grid or 6-character tag number located on the pole number - all of which are helpful to PSE to speed up the service, which they say should be within three days.

If you do not have electronic capability, you can contact them at 1-877-229-1235 toll free.

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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City Council Highlights

Approved the following ordinances:

- 1438 regarding business licensing
- 1439 8th Avenue South Access Revisions & right-of-way improvements
- 1440 re-enacting Shoreline Master Program
- 1441 Surface Water Management Utility Tax increase
- 1442 2009 general property taxes including Levy Lid Lift
- 1443 increase in 2009 property taxes for general City expenditures
- 1444 authorizing bond sales for Transportation improvements
- 1445 authorizing bond sales for Marina improvements
- 1446 adopting Commute Trip Reduction Program
- 1447 establishing a Transportation Benefit District
- 1448 amending downtown parking requirements
- 1449 adopting standards for delivery of public defense services
- 1450 authorizing interlocal agreement regarding South Correctional Entity

Facility and Development Authority

- 1451 amending the 2008 Budget
- 1452 adopting the 2009 Budget

Approved the following resolutions:

- 1087 providing sole source purchasing for Marina security cameras
- 1088 adopting Washington Defender Association Standards for Public Defense Services
- 1089 setting a public hearing regarding Multi-Family Tax Exemption in Pacific Ridge Area
- 1090 wages, hours and working conditions for Non-Union Employees for 1/1/08 to 12/31/08
- 1091 adopting Capital Improvement Plan for 2009-2014
- 1092 Shoreline Conditional Use Permit for Anthony's Home Port Restaurant

Held the following public hearings:

- Downtown Commercial Parking Requirements and Alternatives for Off-site Parking Agreements

- 8th Ave. S. Access Revisions and right-of-way improvements
- Re-enacting Shoreline Master Program
- 2009 City Budget
- Establishing a Transportation Benefit District
- Shoreline Conditional Use Permit for Anthony's Home Port Restaurant
- Amending speed limits

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Interlocal with City of Tukwila for professional tourism and marketing services program Seattle Southside Visitor Services
- Interlocal with King County for provision of Fire Investigation Services for 2009
- Contract with Seattle-King County Department of Public Health for 2009 recycling activities
- Interlocal to provide Municipal Court services and facilities to City of Normandy Park

Spring Home Projects are Just Around The Corner

Before you begin a new home or yard project this spring, it is best to contact the City for permitting advice. What can be done and what, if any, permits are needed, are always important considerations. Best of all, the information is free!

The City of Des Moines Building Division welcomes you to come into City Hall and visit us at the Planning, Building and Public Works counter.

Staff from all departments will be available Monday through Friday, 9-11 a.m. to answer your building, zoning or engineering questions, provide preliminary review of your plans and discuss your projects. Appointments are not required.

If you are unable to come in during these hours, appointments can be made by calling 206-870-7576. We are located at 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite D.

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