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A Letter to our Community

On March 7, 2001 Master Police Officer Steven J. Underwood gave his life in the line of duty. Officer Underwood loved this community and served it with honor and pride.

Never doubt that you live in a special place. Always know that the vast majority of your neighbors – many thousands of wonderful people – truly care for our community and those who work to protect and improve it. These are just some of the silver linings that the Des Moines Police family came to realize following the tremendous outpouring of support and concern we experienced following the tragic death of Officer Underwood.

On behalf of the Des Moines Police Department and the entire City of Des Moines, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for each and every kind act or expression of support our police officers and City staff received, and in fact continue to receive, from so many of you. Your empathy and encouragement through these trying times will not be forgotten. We all feel the spirit of your good will.

On Tuesday, March 13, during the memorial service and motorcade to honor Officer Underwood, I was moved and inspired by the public's great expression of respect for Steve. School children of all ages and races lined the streets of downtown Des Moines and, along with thousands of others standing along the route, they held up signs, they saluted, and they cried. Such gestures are more than just silver linings, they serve as motivation for all of us in public service to carry on and do the tough work needed to improve our communities.

Officer Underwood's team of fellow patrol officers returned to regular duty the following week. At the beginning of their shift, they each radioed in to inform the call center that Steve was present as their backup. I hope that Steve's legacy is as much of a backup and inspiration to you and to our community as your kind words and support have been to all of us in Des Moines.

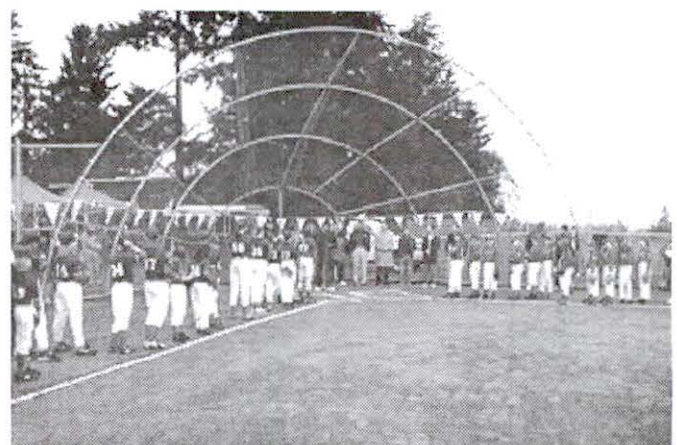
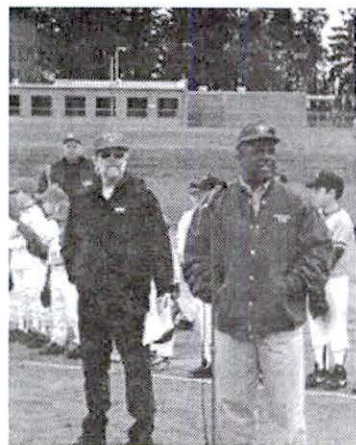
*Donald R. Obermiller
Des Moines Chief of Police*



Steven Underwood

Renovated Ball Fields Dedicated

Local dignitaries helped dedicate newly renovated Olympic and Midway baseball fields on March 31. Right, King County Executive Ron Sims speaks to the crowd of Little Leaguers and parents. Des Moines Mayor Scott Thomasson is to the left. The renovations were the result of a partnership between the City of Des Moines, Highline School District, King County and South Highline American and National Little Leagues.



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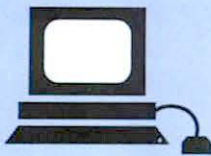
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Police Department . . .206-878-3301
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Visit the City's Web site
www.ci.des-moines.wa.us

Planning Continues for Pacific Hwy. S. Project

Design engineering is nearly complete for the Pacific Highway South Roadway Improvement Project (SR 99). This project extends from South 216th Street to Kent-Des Moines Road. The project will greatly improve safety and aesthetics in the Pacific Ridge neighborhood by widening the roadway, providing sidewalks, landscaped medians, lighting, traffic signals at South 220th Street and South 224th Street, and a signalized pedestrian crossing midway between Kent-Des Moines Road and South 224th Street. The project also provides high occupancy vehicle (carpool) lanes, bus pullouts, and additional intersection improvements.

Soon, property owners and businesses along Pacific Highway South will be contacted by the City's consultant who will be appraising property frontages needed for the roadway widening. This process will continue throughout the summer months. The City will be contacting all affected

property owners to discuss actual frontage needs, and to explain the acquisition process and the method of determining fair and equitable compensation for the right-of-way. Draft channelization plans and right-of-way plans are available for viewing at the City Public Works Department. If you are a property owner interested in seeing these plans in advance of the City contacting you, please call Assistant City Engineer Maiya Andrews at (206) 870-6523 or send an e-mail to: mandrews@cityofdesmoines.com in order to arrange an appointment. Please note that analysis of each property will be done during the appraisal process. Specific details of parking and access issues for each property will not be known until the appraisals are complete.

Right-of-way acquisition for this project will continue for the remainder of this year, and into early next year. The construction phase of this project is scheduled to begin in summer 2002.

City of Des Moines TAX TRIVIA!

Where Does My Property Tax Dollar Go?



Police Department Hosts Animal Control Officer Academy

The Des Moines Police Department during March hosted the fifth Animal Control Officer Academy (ACOA). Des Moines Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson is the director and an instructor of the ACOA, which is sponsored annually by the Washington Animal Control Association and the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission.

The ACOA provides training to Animal Care and Control personnel in Washington and Idaho. Thirty-five instructors provided quality training to the 24 students this year. The training consists of basic law enforcement classes such as criminal law, search and seizure, investigative procedures, warrants, conflict resolution and self defense; and animal control classes, such as capture and restraint, dog and cat behavior, breed identification, handling of wildlife and cruelty investigations.

All enrolled students completed the two-week training, which included passing a final written exam and participating in mock scenarios at the Criminal Justice Training Center. The graduation ceremony on March 23 was attended by the students' families and supervisors, which included police and animal control personnel, and Des Moines Police Chief Don Obermiller.

Congratulations to all of the ACOA graduates!



Students at the Animal Control Officer Academy held in Des Moines received training in basic law enforcement.

DES MOINES SENIOR CENTER

MOTHER'S DAY VINTAGE FASHION SHOW

Des Moines Senior Center, Seattle Goodwill Industries and Kimberley's Exquisite Jewelry are hosting a Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show at Des Moines Senior Center, Thursday, May 10,

noon to 1:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the Senior Center. Cost is \$5. The fashion show will feature fashions from the 20's, 30's and 40's. For more information please call the Des Moines Senior Center at 206-878-1642.



SENIOR CENTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Des Moines Senior Center is currently looking for a volunteer to coordinate the Center's Meals on Wheels program for homebound, frail elderly. The position involves coordinating delivery drivers, welcoming new clients and weekly meal orders. The Senior Center is also looking for a volunteer able to work 20 hours per week in the front office answer-

ing phones, registering participants, and giving information and assistance as needed. Hours for both positions are flexible. For more information, please call the Des Moines Senior Center at 206-878-1642.

SENIOR HEALTH AND SAFETY FAIR

Wesley Homes and the Des Moines Senior Center are hosting a senior health and safety fair Wednesday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wesley Gardens. The fair is free of charge and includes vendors providing information on pertinent senior health and safety issues.

For information, please call the Des Moines Senior Center at 206-878-1642.

HUMAN SERVICES APPLICATIONS

The City of Des Moines began distributing applications for its 2002 human services funds Monday, April 16. Nonprofit agencies serving Des Moines residents are eligible to apply for funds. Application deadline is Friday, June 15.

To receive an application or for more information, please call Sue Padden at 206-870-1642.

Friends of Library Dessert Buffet May 4

Friends of the Des Moines Library will be welcoming all community members to their annual Dessert Buffet on Friday, May 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event is free to those interested in supporting Friends' activities like summer reading for children and various library volunteer projects. Live music will accompany the choice of dessert, and a program featuring award-winning book reviewer Chapple Langemack will be presented. Noted for her humorous and poignant reviews, Ms. Langemack will cover some of the best fiction that the library has to offer.

Summer Recreation Brochure

The City of Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Sr. Services brochure listing summer classes and activities was recently sent to all residents. If you did not receive the brochure please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 206-870-6527.





SURFACE WATER NEWS



Our last Surface Water News article gave a quick summary of the results of the water quality and health of the City's four major streams as reported in the recently completed 5-year Water Quality Monitoring Program. The areas of concern for all of the fish-bearing streams were:

- 1) fecal coliform bacteria,
- 2) low dissolved oxygen,
- 3) high temperature, and
- 4) water turbidity.

The streams involved in the study included Des Moines Creek, Massey Creek, Barnes Creek and McSorley Creek.

What can you do to improve the water quality and health of our streams?

- Take care of your septic system. Inspect your system every year and pump it out as necessary. Regular maintenance prevents solids from entering into and clogging the drain field (and prevents very costly repairs). Avoid flushing harmful materials that affect the operation of the system and can contaminate the groundwater. Use water wisely – keep water usage to below the designed daily flow of the system (450 gallons per day for a 3-bedroom home). Online information is available at www.metrokc.gov. Contact your local sewer district to find out about hooking up to a sanitary system.
- Take care of your pets. Keep pets out of the streams and clean up after pets and dispose of wastes in an appropriate

container.

- Inspect your car for oil leaks. The street storm system discharges into our creeks and the Puget Sound.

- Preserve plants and trees adjacent to streams, lakes and wetlands. These plants provide shade to cool the temperature as well as habitat and refuge for fish and other aquatic life.

- Reduce pesticide use and if used, read the product label carefully for how it is to be applied.

- Reduce lawn fertilizers. Fertilizers remove dissolved oxygen from our streams.

- Wash your car at a car wash facility or location where runoff will drain to a grassy area and not the storm collection system.

- Community car wash events should use a free Clean Water Pump Kit available from the King County Department of Natural Resources (206) 322-9296. Des Moines is looking into getting some of these kits as well.

- Save hazardous wastes and paints for the semi-annual collection event at the Des Moines Marina. Please do not rinse or clean paint brushes in or around the storm system.

For information about the hazardous waste collection program contact Corbett Loch of Community Development at (206) 870-6568.

Become a "stream watcher" and immediately report any spills or pollutants to the



Residents can take measures to improve the quality of streams, including scenic Des Moines Creek.

City Public Works Department. Become a volunteer for helping with streamside planting projects, storm drain stenciling or stream clean-up events.

The next Surface Water News will present some of the activities and projects the City is doing to improve water quality and the health of our streams. For more information about the Water Quality and Volunteer programs, please contact Loren Reinhold at (206) 870-6524.

What Are You Doing With Your Litter?

City crews are spending a fair amount of time picking up litter which is preventing your tax dollars from being used more effectively. It's especially noticeable near fast-food/mini-mart locations, main thoroughfares, parks, playground areas and street-end secluded areas.



Please think about this before you toss it out your window, throw it on the ground or dump it in the bushes. Just a little reminder to be a good citizen and an example for our children. Let's keep our city in ship shape!

Compost Bin Sales Event Scheduled May 5

King County is sponsoring a compost bin sales event on Saturday, May 5, in response to increasing interest in home composting. The sale will feature the Earth Machine, which normally retails for \$80. These bins are now priced at \$20 plus sales for King County residents. Compost bins will be on sale at the following four locations from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- The Boeing Parking Lot, Renton
- Issaquah Saturday Market, Pickering Barn, Issaquah
- SuperMall in Auburn
- Lake Washington Technical College, Kirkland



For more information on the sale, please call (206) 296-4466 or visit <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/swd/>.

City Sustains Little Damage in Earthquake

Wednesday February 28, 2001, at approximately 10:54 a.m. an earthquake of 6.8 magnitude shook the City of Des Moines and surrounding communities. Fortunately, the City sustained very little damage in comparison to what might have been.

Within minutes the various departments were out inspecting for damage. Bridges, roadways, buildings (including schools and retirement centers), streets, storm drainage, Marina piers, etc. were among the facilities that were checked. It was a joint effort by various City Departments including, Community Development, Police, Parks, Marina and Public Works assisted by the local fire and utility districts.

A consultant from Reid Middleton Engineers was called in to inspect the Saltwater Park Bridge that had been

closed earlier for precautionary measures. With the assistance of Fire District #26, Chief Jim Polhamus and the department's elevated platform truck, the engineering consultant was able to complete the close-up inspection within a couple hours.

The consultant also accompanied City personnel during inspection of the piers at the Marina and certain buildings including the Senior Center. The City sustained relatively minimal damage estimated at \$75,000, which has been submitted to the Washington State Disaster Center for FEMA assistance.

Thanks to the above mentioned City departments, fire and utility districts, as well as Reid Middleton, for their prompt response and assistance to the situation that was at hand. It was a cooperative effort and good training for any future emergencies.



Saltwater Park Bridge is inspected following the earthquake.

Slide Repair Project on 16th Avenue South Rescheduled for Early Summer

Due to delays in acquiring permits, the 16th Avenue South slide repair project that was slated to start last fall is now scheduled for this summer, perhaps as early as June.

The project is located between the cross streets of Kent-Des Moines Road and S. 240th Street. Due to the confined area, type of equipment involved and critical work around a high-pressure gas main, it will be necessary to close the road between Kent-Des Moines Road and 240th Street for a minimum of four months. Traffic will be detoured around the site to Pacific Highway South and Marine View Drive during the closure period.

The proposed repair includes the replacement of the existing concrete box culvert with a new 12-foot span by 6-foot high steel arch culvert. The new culvert will be better aligned with the creek channel, thereby reducing erosion at the inlet and outlet, and will be lengthened to better match the grade of the stream. The size of the new culvert will provide for a 100-year frequency storm and allow passage of fish

(the existing culvert was a major fish passage barrier). Other elements of the project will be roadside drainage from the west shoulder of 16th Avenue to the creek and installing gabion (rock-filled steel baskets) headwalls at both ends of the culvert to support the shoulders of the road.

As part of the project, 16th Avenue will be repaved from the culvert area to Kent-Des Moines Road. The new pavement is necessitated by the water main replacement project, done by the Highline Water District following a break earlier this year and by a sewer pipeline bypass project, completed last year (on the west shoulder of 16th Avenue South) by the Midway Sewer District.

The existing road culvert was washed out during a major storm that occurred on Thanksgiving Eve of 1998 causing a major 18-inch high-pressure gas main to be exposed and the rupture of an eight-inch sewer main, causing raw sewage to spill into Massey Creek.

For further information about this project, please contact Loren Reinhold, at (206) 870-6524.

Missoula Children's Theatre Presents 'Alice in Wonderland'

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) will be auditioning children, grades K-12, to be one of 50-60 actors, actresses and assistant directors in their unique production of Alice in Wonderland. Youth, living in Des Moines or attending school in the Highline and Federal Way School Districts, can audition on Monday, July 16 at 10 a.m. at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 South 220th St. The audition is free of charge, but if cast for a role, a \$50 participation fee must be paid prior to the first rehearsal. Cast members will be given a rehearsal schedule for the week.

The week will conclude with two public performances on Saturday, July 21, 2001, at the Masonic Retirement Home, 22333 Marine View Drive South. Tickets for the performances will be available throughout the week of rehearsals; adult tickets are \$5, children ages 3-12 are \$3, and children 2 and under are free.

AUDITIONS

Monday, July 16, 2001
10 a.m.

Field House, 1000 South 220th St.

DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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Mayor



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Mayor Pro Tem



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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Approved purchase of property located at 1st Avenue South between South 202nd and South 204th Streets for \$37,500.
- Held a public hearing regarding elementary school minimum lot size.

Adopted the following Resolutions:

- No. 900 adopting the 2001 Employee Pay Plan and setting the formula for the 2002 and 2003 Pay Plans.
- No. 901 approving Final Plat for Highland Crest Division #1, for Landmark

Homes.

- No. 902 adopting the Interlocal Agreement between the City, King County, City of SeaTac, Port of Seattle and Washington State Department of Transportation for the purpose of preparing the final design for, and permitting of, projects to implement the Des Moines Creek Basin Plan.

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Contract for Des Moines Sports Park clearing services The Clearing Company, Inc. in the amount of \$52,000, plus tax and a 10% contingency.
- Contract for professional engineering design services

for 2001 Arterial Maintenance Program to KPG in the amount of \$39,012.73, plus a 10% contingency.

- Amended Interlocal Agreement between the City and King County for the King County Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant and the King County City Optional Program Grants.

- Contract for engineering services and database for the Pavement Management System to Nichols Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$23,610.00, plus a 10% contingency.

- Contract with King County for King County Youth Sports Facilities Grant award.

- Interlocal with Yakima County to house Des Moines' inmates in the Yakima County Jail.

Approved the following ordinances:

- No. 1279 codifying a "Fair Employment Policy" for the City's work force.
- No. 1280 extending the current moratorium for the acceptance of applications for and issuance of zoning, land use, building and development permits, business licenses, or any other City approvals related in any way to adult entertainment or retail businesses and/or uses in the City of Des Moines.

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