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Downtown road project to begin next spring

Construction work on the downtown road improvement project is scheduled to begin next spring. The project was set to begin this past summer, but changes in design forced a delay. The changes include adding parking to both sides of 7th Ave. S., and limited parking on Marine View prive.

Another revision is the improvement of S. 227th St. west of Marine View Drive leading to the marina. Also, preliminary improvements will be made on S. 223rd St. with full improvements planned later.

The \$5.5 million project will include improving Marine View Drive and 7th Ave. S. to three lanes with a turning lane, bike lanes on Marine View Drive and sidewalks, curbs, gutters street landscaping, lighting, underground wiring and some new traffic signals. The cross streets between S. 218th and S. 227th west of Marine View Drive to 7th Ave. S. will be improved with paving, curbs, drainage, gutters and sidewalks. A new access road will connect Des Moines Memorial Drive and 7th Ave. S. The portion of the road that crosses Des Joines Creek will be widened.

Construction will be done in phases over the next year.



The Haunted House was built inside the auditorium at Des Moines Beach park.

Haunted House bigger, better than ever

This year's Haunted House at Des Moines Beach Park should be the best one ever, say sponsors who have added more scenes and more rooms to the annual show.

This will be the first year the haunted house will be held in the Beach Park's auditorium, providing more space.

The haunted house will open its doors to visitors on Oct. 18 and run through Halloween night. Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 7 to midnight Friday and Saturday.

Admission is \$3.50 per person, with 50-cent-off discount coupons available at area businesses.

Des Moines Beach Park is at the north end of the marina, at 22030 Cliff Ave. S. The show will be geared for younger children during its first hour of operation each evening; it is not recommended for children under age 6.

Members of Scare Productions, have been preparing for the show since February setting up the scenes, lighting and costumes. There will be 12-15 actors providing the scares, and another dozen working behind the scenes.

Last year the haunted house attracted more than 12,000 visitors. It benefits the Des Moines Rotary Club which supports community-service projects and activities. The haunted house is a joint venture between the City of Des Moines, the Rotary Club and Scare Productions.

DES MOINES DIRECTORY

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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

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Police Dept. sponsoring Halloween party

The Des Moines Police Department once again this year will sponsor a Halloween party for children and their parents.

This year the party will be held at Des Moines Elementary School, Halloween night from 6:30 to 8

The children and parents first will assemble at the school, and then uniformed police officers will lead groups of children to the nearby Wesley

Cottages for trick-or-treating.

Parents can remain at the school while the children are out trick-or-treating. There will be coffee and other refreshments donated by the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce.

The children will later return to the school where they can enjoy a presentation by the "Safety

Kids" organization. Door prizes will be awarded to both children and

The party is for children up to 12 years old. Parents are asked not to drop off their children and leave, but remain for the evening.

The party has proven quite popular, attracting 250 people last year. This year it is being moved from the City Hall to Des Moines Elementary to provide more space.

Officer Bob Collins chosen as city's **Employee of** the Quarter

Des Moines police officer Bob Collins has been selected the city's Employee of the Ouarter.

Officer Collins started with the police department as a reserve officer in 1983 and was hired full time in 1984.

Two years ago he started the anti-drug D.A.R.E. program in Des Moines. He has taught D.A.R.E. classes at various Des Moines schools and has turned it into one of the premiere D.A.R.E. programs in the area

Last year he was selected from among area police agencies to attend a D.A.R.E. instructors course in Los Angeles. He completed that course and now teaches other potential D.A.R.E. instructors in the Seattle area.

Collins, 33, is active in commu-



Officer Bob Collins

nity service in both Des Moines and Federal Way where he lives with his wife and three children.

The selection committee for the city's employee-recognition program chose Collins for the honor because of his outstanding service to the community, and his demonstration of the city's "Sails with Pride" employee values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence.

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Wear light-colored clothing or reflective tape so you can be seen.
- Wear face make-up instead of a mask to see better.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Trick or treat with family members or friends.
- Plan your route, picking well-lighted, familiar streets.
- Cross streets only at intersections; never cross between parked cars.
- Let your parents check the treats before eating them.
- ADULTS should be aware that now that school is in session, they should reduce driving speeds near school zones and bus stops. Parents should remind their children of pedestrian safety rules.



The City of Des Moines and the Des Moines Theater have entered into an agreement that the theater will cease showing adult films on March 31, 1994.

Under the zoning code, exhibiting adult films in the CG zone is a non-conforming use subject to abatement. The city had initiated abatement proceedings and the agreement followed.

The agreement between the city and theater, although it allows the theater to continue showing adult films until March 1994, is good for both sides because it avoids costly and lengthy litigation, says City Attorney Jim Gorham.

Register to vote by Oct. 5

There is still time to register to vote in the Nov. 5 General Election. Citizens have until Oct. 5 to register at City Hall, the Des Moines Library or at any public school. Citizens must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen to register.



Frank Olson, left front, leads the city's street crew as department superintendent.

Street dept. crew stays busy year-round

The City of Des Moines Street Department works hard throughout the year maintaining and improving city streets and keeping them safe for motorists.

The 10 department employees perform routine maintenance of public streets, rights-of-way, and drainage facilities in the city. That includes asphalt patching, grading, graveling and maintenance of vegetation growth along the rights-of-way. They also repair and maintain street signs and lines. A department mechanic performs maintenance and repair work on all city vehicles.

The department also deals with surface-water flooding, cleaning drainage lines and making repairs to systems on the public rights-ofway. They will inspect flooding problems on private property and recommend solutions.

One of the busiest times of the year is in the winter when roads turn slippery. They are on the streets in early morning sanding and plowing arterials and neighborhood streets.

Department employees also must respond immediately when a traffic sign is knocked down or damaged, and install a new sign.

The department has grown from a 3-person crew with 3 vehicles in 1971 to a 10-person crew with 11 vehicles today. Frank Olson is the superintendent of the Street Department. He has been with the city for five years.

Marina office, shop to be enlarged, remodeled

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The Des Moines Marina office and shop facilities will undergo a major remodeling and expansion later this month.

The marina office will temporarily be moved during the project to the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce office across the the parking lot at the marina. Hours will remain the same: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m seven days a week.

The project will add office space, a conference room, a lunch-

room and locker room for marina employees, and improved shop facilities.

Also, the marina's north end parking lot will be resurfaced this fall. The marina will be closed for a few days during the project, which is expected to take a week.

This is the first time the parking lot has been resurfaced with new asphalt since the marina was built in 1970.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



Frank Jovanovich Mayor



Bob Wray Mayor Pro Tem



Audrey Bowers Council member



Richard Kennedy Council member



Carmen Scott Council member



Scott Thomasson Council member



Don Wasson Council member

JUNE 1991

- Approved Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 1992-1997.
- Passed ordinance establishing a LID for the construction of curb, gutter, sidewalk, piped and covered surface-water drainage system, landscaping and minor street-paving improvements on 20th Avenue South and South 240th Street.
- Continued review and discussion of various elements to update the Comprehensive Plan.

JULY 1991

- Passed ordinance requiring onsite recreation areas within new multifamily developments.
- Passed ordinance related to solicitors, amending and expanding provisions to provide protection for businesses as well as residences
- Passed resolution authorizing application for funding assistance for an Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Project to the Dept. of Natural Resources to develop a stairway access to the Des Moines waterfront.

■ Passed a resolution authorizing application for an Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Project to the Dept. of Natural Resources to acquire beach tidelands adjacent to Des

Moines Beach Park.

- Voted to authorize the City Manager to sign the SR509/South Access Road EIS Memorandum of Understanding.
- Continued review and discussion of various elements to update the Comprehensive Plan.

AUGUST 1991

- Passed a resolution supporting statewide implementation of Enhanced 911 emergency communication service and encouraging voters to approve Referendum 42.
- Passed a resolution authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement creating an intergovernmental planning council for King County.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to appoint a Special Citizen Advisory Committee to study the subject of building height calculations in certain portions of the CG zone.

- Voted to direct preparation of preliminary documents to initiate an annexation of the North Hill area to South 208th Street.
- Voted to authorize Administration to solicit bids for the Marina Office/
 Shop project.
- Approved a final plat for seven single-family residential lots for "Saltwater Park Trails" located at the 1300 block of South 250th Street.
- Continued review and discussion of various elements to update the Comprehensive Plan.

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