## Des Moines

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## City calls on Port to fulfill promises

The Des Moines City Council has passed a resolution calling on the Port of Seattle to fulfill commitments it made 20 years ago in the 1973 Sea-Tac Communities Plan to mitigate the impacts of aircraft noise following construction of a second runway at Sea-Tac International Airport.

Des Moines and other area jurisdictions are strongly opposing a proposal to build a third runway at the airport because of the noise impacts on the surrounding communities.

In the strongly worded resolution, also approved by the Normandy Park City Council and the Highline School District, and also being considered by the Tukwila City Council, the Port is called on to:

- Fulfill its commitment to deal with "permanent" aircraft noise impacts as promised in 1973.
- Fulfill its commitment to buy out noise impacted areas (30 parcels remain).
- Fulfill its commitment to insulate single-family residents (fewer than 700 have been insulated of the 5,790 promised in 1973).
- Fulfill its commitment to insulate public buildings.
- Revise its timing criteria for eligibility and completion of the Noise Remedy Program.
- Not rely solely on federal monies to fund noise mitigation commitments .

In conclusion, the Port is called on to meet all previous mitigation obligations prior to any other sizable capital expenditures, most notably any runway expansion:

Des Moines Mayor Richard Ken-(Please turn to page 2)



The friendly butler greeted guests to the Haunted House last year.

## The welcome mat is out again at the annual Haunted House

The City of Des Moines/Des Moines-Midway Rotary Haunted House welcomes guests again this Halloween season for the fifth consecutive year at the Des Moines Beach Park.

Scare Productions, which puts on the haunted house, promises plenty of thrills and chills this year with entirely different scenes and many other changes.

The haunted house is sponsored by the Des Moines-Midway Rotary Club, the City of Des Moines and Scare Productions, each getting a third of the proceeds.

It has turned out to be one of the most popular and well attended haunted houses in the Seattle area, attracting nearly 16,000 visitors last year. Proceeds are put back into the community in various ways, and some are used to fund construction

and operation of the following year's haunted house.

The haunted house opens its doors on Oct. 16 and runs through Halloween, Oct. 31. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

It is not recommended for children under age 6,

### Kids' party, safe trick-or-treating

The Des Moines Police Department again this year is hosting a Halloween party for children 10 and under, 5 - 7 p.m., Halloween night at Des Moines Elementary School. Officers will escort children trick-or-treating to Wesley Cottages.

There will be games, prizes and refreshments at the school. More than 400 children and parents attended the party last year. Parents must stay with their children at the party.

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#### DEPARTMENT PROFILE



The marina crew includes (front row, left to right) Scott Neufer, Mike Jackson, Kirk Wheeler, Bonnie Holmboe and Jesse Cadena, harbormaster; (back row, from left) Dave Kay, Earl Hollenbeck, Jerry Ellingsen and Joe Jewell. Not pictured are Jo Rost, Jimmy Brown and Pat O'Malley.

## Marina crew keeps busy year around

Efficient and smooth operation of the Des Moines Municipal Marina is essential for the many boaters who depend on the facility for access to Puget Sound.

The marina crew totals 12 personnel and one part-timer. The two-person maintenance division is responsible for the general upkeep of the facility, from repairing water lines to painting.

The service division is responsible for launching boats, assigning overnight moorage, selling fuel products, and light maintenance. During the winter when fewer boats are launched, service division personnel spend more time on maintenance and upkeep.

Some 9,500 boats are launched each year at the marina, 70 percent of those between May and October.

During a typical busy day about 220 boats are launched. A record 189 boats were launched in two hours and 50 minutes during a popular salmon derby several years ago.

The Des Moines Marina is one of the largest marinas on Puget Sound with 840 moorages. There are currently 750 names on the waiting list for moorage, with waits from one and one-half years to 65 years, depending on the size of the boat.

The 22-year-old marina is entirely self-sufficient, with revenue from boaters paying for all capital and operating costs. The bonds that paid for construction of the marina will be paid off in the year 2008.

The marina's main office and shops were remodeled and expanded last spring.

## Port's broken promises

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nedy said it is intended as a strong message to the Port, that while the community faces construction of a third runway, previous promises must be kept.

The City Council adopted the resolution unanimously.

Des Moines is the lead agency in the Regional Commission on Airport Affairs, a coalition of area organizations and citizens opposed to the third runway. The coalition is currently finishing detailed studies of the proposal and gearing up for presentations to the Puget Sound Regional Council and Washington State Air Transportation Commission.

The Port is expected to vote on the third runway proposal this fall. The Regional Council, which also must approve the runway proposal before it can proceed, is expected to vote next March.

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## City asks FAA to rescind airport passenger fee

The City of Des Moines has asked that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rescind the agency's tentative approval of an increased passenger fee at Sea-Tac International Airport until consultation with surrounding cities has taken place.

The Port of Seattle had requested FAA approval of a \$3 per passenger charge to be levied on airline tickets to raise \$28 million for airport maintenance and operation. The City's position is that most of the money raised should be used for noise abatement programs that have not been completed. Less than half of the funds are earmarked for noise mitigation.

"The Port should fulfill its past promises before it spends more," said City Manager Greg Prothman, who also heads the Regional Commission on Airport Affairs (RCAA).

"The City's position is that urban airports are wrong, but if we have to live with a bad situation, the Port is morally obligated to mitigate problems in the community caused by the airport."

#### **EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

Vicki Sheckler, legal secretary and clerk, has been chosen as the City's Employee of the Quarter. Vicki has been with the city for six years, the first five as receptionist and finance



clerk. She is secretary for the City Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney.

Vicki says she loves her job because it is challenging and she is always learning new things. Her supervisor, City Attorney James Gorham, says of Vicki: "She is cheerful, intelligent, resourceful and dedicated. Whatever success we have in the legal department is attributable in large measure to her work."

She was chosen for the honor for best demonstrating the city's "Sails With Pride" employee values of "Positive, Resourceful, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."

Vicki is married, has one daughter, and lives on North Hill.



These Little Leaf Linden trees are being grown in an Oregon nursery for the City of Des Moines. They will be planted along Marine View Drive.

## Little Leaf Lindens being grown to replace Memorial Elms that lined Marine View Drive

To the dismay of many residents used to seeing the beautiful Memorial Elms lining Marine View Drive, the downtown road improvement project required removal of those trees.

Most of the 29 elms removed were diseased and dying, according to parks supervisor Jon Jainga, so they would have been removed in time anyhow. The elm trees were planted in the 1930s to memorialize soldiers who died in World War I.

The good news is that the elms along Marine View Drive will be replaced with 100 Little Leaf Linden trees, to be planted next spring on both sides of Marine View Drive. These trees have dark green foilage, attractive round shapes and will in time form a canopy over the street,

like the elms did.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will rededicate the new trees as a memorial to all veterans.

Also, 120 red sunset maple trees will be planted on both sides of 7th Avenue South.

All of the trees are currently being grown at Oregon nurseries and will be 20 feet tall when planted. They will reach heights of up to 45 feet when fully grown. Each tree will have a tree well, landcaping and irrigation to ensure they will not become ill and die like most of the Memorial Elms.

"We're anxious to get these trees in so people will see how nice the downtown will be," said Jainga. "It will be gorgeous in the fall."

## Downtown road improvement project proceeds on schedule

Construction work is proceeding on schedule on the downtown road improvement project.

Most road work on 7th Avenue South has been completed, except final paving. Driveways, sidewalks and landscaping are being worked on, and utility companies are installing underground wire.

The storm drainage system on Marine View Drive is being completed, and trenches for underground utilities are being dug. Curbs and gutters will be constructed, followed by sidewalks, driveways and landscaping.

It is hoped that the project on 7th Avenue and Marine View Drive can be completed this fall, before Thanksgiving and the Christmas shopping season. But a lot depends on the weather. If it is a rainy fall, final paving may have to wait until next spring.

Residents are reminded that weekly and daily updates and advisories on traffic delays in Des Moines can be obtained on the city's informational channel, cable TV channel 28, or in the Des Moines News.

## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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Don Wasson Council member



Bob Wray

Council member

#### **JUNE 1992**

- Passed an ordinance adopting the City of Des Moines' Emergency Management Basic Plan.
- Held a two-day retreat to discuss major policy issues and rank their major concems in order to provide Administration future budget direction.
- Passed an ordinance re-establishing an advisory committee relating to park, recreation and a community multi-purpose center to submit recommendations to the voters of the City for approval of a general obligation bond proposition.

- Passed a resolution approving a 10-lot single family preliminary plat entitled "Saltwater Trails."
- Passed a resolution adopting the City's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for the years 1993-1998.
- Held a public hearing on the City's Comprehensive Plan: Parks, Recreation Open Space Element and Public Facilities and Utilities Element.
- Awarded a bid for the Highline Community College LID project and the Midway Elementary School sidewalk improvement to the low bid-

der, Gary Merlino construction, Inc., in the amount of \$550,786.

Directed Administration to proceed with implementation of the notification for the water quality and quantity controls, on all non-single family properties.

#### JULY 1992

- Directed the City Manager to establish a caretaker position at Des Moines Beach Park.
- Passed a resolution calling for an annexation of North Hill II, between 1st Avenue South and Des Moines Memorial Drive, and South 208th and

### South 200th Streets.

Began review of proposed King County Growth Management Policy.

#### AUGUST 1992

- Passed an ordinance adopting the Public Facilities and Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- Awarded the Police Department remodel bid to Paragon Painting.

- Passed a resolution opposing the granting of variances to Sea-Tac International Airport's Night-time Limitation Program Standards.
- Passed a resolution declining to ratify the countywide planning policies adopted by King County pursuant to the Growth Management Act and stating the objections of the City of Des Moines.

Pet owners are reminded that the City has a leash law. Dogs can't



run loose; they must be contained in a pen or fenced yard, or on a leash.

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