



Marina improvements planned

This winter the City will begin work on a series of improvements at the Des Moines Marina.

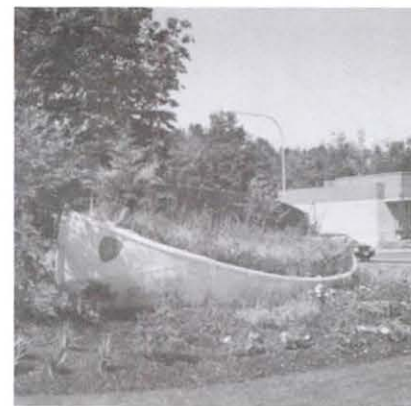
Many of the improvements, which are outlined in a master plan covering the next 20 years, are being done in December and January, which are slower months at the marina.

First on the list is replacement of underground fuel tanks. The new tanks will have increased capacity and comply with the latest requirements from state and federal governments. The new tanks will be installed at the site of the current tanks, in the parking lot just north of the marina office.

Another major project beginning in December is repair of the timber bulkhead that runs the length of the marina. More rocks and concrete will be added to reinforce the base of the bulkhead, which has deteriorated over the years.

Damage to the "L" dock from last winter's storms is being repaired. Also, all key locks on the marina gates are being changed to a card lock system.

Next spring, construction will begin on a new restroom facility at the south end of the marina. The new restrooms, complete with showers, will be for marina tenants, with a smaller area set aside for the general public.



This planter is off Marine View Drive at the north entrance to Des Moines.

Boat planter beautifies downtown

A new fixture at the northern entrance to downtown Des Moines is a row boat planter. The boat was donated by a local resident and installed on Marine View Drive across from Big Catch Plaza.

Volunteers from the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club helped plant the flowers and set up the planter as part of the CORPS (Citizens Organized for Recreation and Park Stewardship) program.

The City Parks Department hopes to install a similar nautical-theme planter at the southern entrance to downtown at a later date. Volunteers and organizations are being sought to help maintain the planters. For information, contact Rick Still at 870-6527.

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Visit the City's Internet web site

The City of Des Moines offers information about City government over the Internet. The City's home page offers information about elected officials, upcoming meetings, minutes from previous meetings and access to the Des Moines Municipal Code, as well as links to other officials, agencies and information. City Currents will soon be available over the Internet.



The address is:

<http://www.ci.des-moines.wa.us>

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Please
don't block
mail boxes

Residents are asked to please not park their vehicles in front of mail boxes.

When a vehicle blocks a mail box, it can result in the mail not being delivered that day.



The first phase of the Des Moines Creek Trail is being carved on a hillside next to the sewer treatment plant. The trail will run from S. 200th St. to Des Moines Beach Park.

Work underway on creek trail

Work has begun on Phase One of the Des Moines Creek Trail Project from South 200th Street to the Midway Sewer District Wastewater Facility.

When completed by the year 2000, the trail for pedestrians and bicyclists will stretch from South 200th Street to Des Moines Beach Park. Neighborhood trails will provide additional access to the trail.

The project involves a number of local and regional government jurisdictions and is funded by the King County Open Space Bond Issue, federal transportation funds, and the cities of Des Moines and SeaTac.

Following completion of the first phase of the trail, a new Marine View Drive bridge at Des Moines

Creek will be constructed. The 62-foot bridge opening is sized to allow for a large stream opening plus a 16-foot wide pedestrian/bike passage. The passage will also allow for installation of the Midway Sewer District's new sewer outfall line.

The state transportation department widened Marine View Drive creek crossing in 1993, but did not have funds available for a new bridge, which was recommended by Des Moines city officials to provide room for the Des Moines Creek Trail.

The final phase of the trail project, from the sewer treatment plant to the Des Moines Beach Park, will be conducted following completion of the bridge project.

1998 City budget process begins

The process of developing a City budget for 1998 is well underway.

In September, the City Manager and Finance Director prepared a preliminary budget based on revenue and expenditure projections, as well as funding requests from City departments. The preliminary budget next is presented to the City Council for its review and direction. The Council will conduct work sessions on the budget in October and November before tentative final adoption at its Dec. 11 meeting.

Public input is an important part of the budget process, and a public hearing on the budget will take place during the regular City Council meeting on Nov. 20.

The City Council's goal is to adopt a budget that represents the needs and desires of Des Moines citizens. Residents can provide input by attending the public hearing, or by writing to the City Council.

The preliminary budget will be available to the public at Des Moines City Hall after Nov. 1.

AIRPORT COMMUNITIES COALITION

Suit filed against FAA in runway fight

In yet another round of combat, ACC cities continue to fire salvos at the Port of Seattle's plans to build a third runway at Sea-Tac. On Monday, August 25, the ACC filed a lawsuit against the FAA in the U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit in San Francisco.

The ACC believes that the FAA's approval of the third runway is a blatant violation of federal environmental laws and the agency's role in overseeing national aviation regulations. The FAA is required to conduct an independent review of the Port's Environmental Impact Statement to ensure its consistency with federal law. The ACC's position



is that the Port's EIS is not consistent with federal environmental laws, and it appears as if the FAA merely rubber stamped it.

This lawsuit reinforces the airport communities' commitment to the fight against the third runway. The ACC continues to move forward on its existing litigation outlining the serious environmental violations by the Port of Seattle, the Puget Sound Regional Council, and now, the FAA.

Annual Haunted House opens October 16



The annual Des Moines Haunted House opens October 16 and runs through Saturday, November 1.

The Haunted House is at Des Moines Beach Park, just north of the Des Moines Marina. Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday; 7 to midnight Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$5 per person.

A "Family Hour" is held each night from 7 to 8 p.m. During this time the special effects are toned down for younger children. The

Haunted House is not recommended for children under age 7.

The Haunted House is sponsored by Scare Productions, the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines - Midway Rotary Club. The Rotary Club uses proceeds to fund community service projects.

Scare Productions has changed the set this year, with a new front yard, new characters and new special effects.

Do you know someone who makes a difference?

The Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce would like to honor the individuals, groups and organizations who make Des Moines a caring community.

Do you know of someone who makes a difference in the community? Please contact the Chamber at 878-7000 (FAX 824-8779) by Oct. 15

to submit the name of someone you think helps make Des Moines such a great place to live.

The award winners will be honored at the Second Annual Des Moines Community Summit and Open House scheduled for November 6 at Grace Lutheran Church



New signs at the Marina ask people not to feed the geese and ducks.

Signs at Marina seem to be working

The new signs asking the public not to feed ducks and geese at the Des Moines Marina are having positive results.

Last summer a new flock of about two dozen geese landed at the park and stayed well into the winter, adding to the smaller number of "resident" geese. The geese ate the grass in the park, leaving droppings throughout the area and causing complaints from citizens.

The Marina staff heard that another city was successful in reducing geese populations in parks by installing signs asking people not to feed the geese and ducks. Similar signs were installed at the Marina, and eventually the "non-resident" geese moved on, leaving only the more manageable number of "resident" geese and ducks.



**Tuesday, Nov. 4 is
General Election Day**

**DON'T FORGET TO
VOTE!**

Des Moines fall recycling event October 25

The City of Des Moines is sponsoring a fall special collection and recycling event to further reduce the amount of hazardous materials within our city. The one day event will be held Saturday, October 25 in the parking lot at the south end of the Des Moines Marina near Anthony's Home Port, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event is funded primarily by the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program and King County Solid Waste Division. Both programs are funded by garbage disposal fees paid by all King County residents. The City is using these funds to provide additional recycling and hazardous waste disposal opportunities to its residents. With these funds the City is

attempting to divert such hazardous materials such as used motor oil from being dumped down storm drains, old tires from being thrown into roadside ditches, used anti-freeze from being drained in alleyways, and lead acid batteries from being thrown into landfills. The event also collects hard to recycle materials such as bulky yard waste, clean scrap wood, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, reusable or recyclable household goods, and for a small fee, appliances.

For more details regarding what can and cannot be brought to this special fall event, look for a flyer in your mail soon or call City of Des Moines Community Development at 878-8626.

*Mark your
calendar early
for holiday tree
recycling days*

To get a jump on holiday preparations, the City of Des Moines would like to remind its residents that SeaTac Disposal will collect clean trees curbside January 14, 15, and 16, 1998 (during your regular pickup day). At no charge, they will take clean trees (no flocking, tinsel, ornaments, or lights) cut into 3-foot lengths. Trees with decorations will be picked up as extra garbage and you will be charged an additional \$3.50. Please cut this announcement out and place it somewhere to remind you of this special recycling event provided by the City of Des Moines and SeaTac Disposal Company. Happy Holidays!

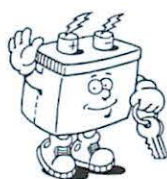


YOU CAN BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

UNCONTAMINATED PETROLEUM BASED PRODUCTS: Oil filters, motor oil, brake fluid, transmission fluid, steering fluid, crankcase oil, kerosene, diesel oil and home heating fuel. Do not mix solvents or other substances into petroleum products.

CAR, LIGHT TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLES TIRES: Tires must be taken off rims. Bias ply, steel belted, and studded tires accepted. Limit 6 passenger tires per household (18 inches and below) free of charge. \$3 for each passenger tire on a rim, \$5 for each large truck tire and \$15 for each large truck tire on a rim. (CASH ONLY).

UNCONTAMINATED ANTIFREEZE: Do not mix with oil, gasoline, solvents, or other substances. No limit.



LEAD ACID BATTERIES: Car, truck, marine, and motorcycle batteries accepted. No household batteries, please.

CLEAN SCRAP WOOD: No painted, stained, or treated wood, please.

SCRAP METAL: Both ferrous and nonferrous metals accepted.

APPLIANCES: To properly dispose of hazardous chemicals, there will be a \$15 charge for each refrigerator or freezer and \$20 for household air conditioners. (CASH ONLY).

BULKY YARD WASTE: Large branches/logs greater than 6 feet in diameter will be accepted. No brush, leaves, sod, grass clippings, rocks or stumps accepted.

TEXTILES & REUSABLE OR RECYCLABLE HOUSEHOLD GOODS: Clothing, furniture, and miscellaneous household items that are in usable condition will be accepted and will be given to a non-profit organization for resale. Items in need of repair will not be accepted.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

No Paint
No Cleaning Products
No Household Chemicals
No Pesticides
No Solvents and Thinners
No Window Glass
No Concrete
No Painted Wood
No Garbage
No Plastic Pools, Hoses, Toys, etc.

Many household hazardous wastes can be disposed of through the King County Hazardous Wastemobile. The Wastemobile will be in Federal Way from October 30th through November 8th. For locations and more information, please call the Health Department Hazards Line at 296-4692.



STREET PROJECTS



South 240th and 16th Avenue signal project

The intersection at South 240th Street and 16th Avenue South, now a four-way stop, will soon have a new traffic signal. Installation of the traffic signal should be completed by mid November. The project also includes widening of the intersection and new curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Pacific Highway South project being designed

The City is continuing design work of the Pacific Highway South project, from South 216th Street to Kent-Des Moines Road. The project includes widening of the highway; new curbs, gutters and sidewalks; undergrounding of overhead utilities; drainage; and aesthetic improvements. A new signal will be constructed at South 224 Street and Pacific Highway.

The highway project will include improvements such as those on Pacific Highway South (International Boulevard) as it passes next to Sea-Tac International Airport. The Des Moines project will have its own

unique characteristics, and the City will be asking citizens for their help in determining how the highway should look as it passes through Des Moines. Please watch for surveys and public hearing notices on the project.

Street overlay projects being completed

The summer street overlay projects are being completed this fall as scheduled. Rain in the early part of September delayed the projects, but drier weather later in the month allowed them to proceed.

7th Avenue South between South 236th and 240th was scheduled for an overlay but the project was delayed. Residents along 7th Avenue are forming a Local Improvement District to place overhead wire utilities underground.

The City wants to be able to do both projects at the same time instead of having to tear up a newly resurfaced street to place utilities underground. The project probably will be conducted in 1998.



Engineering Department moves offices

The City of Des Moines Engineering Department has moved from the City's satellite office at 805 219th St. to the City's Public Works building at 21650 11th Ave. S., next to City Hall.

Previously police detectives were using the office space at the Public Works Building. They have

moved to the new police station a block south on 11th Avenue South.

The Community Development Department remains housed in the offices at 805 219th St. Community Development staff and the Legal Department eventually will move to offices in the former police station.

SENIOR CENTER

Flu, pneumonia shots

Des Moines Senior Center and Fairwood Pharmacy will host flu and pneumonia shots for the Des Moines community on Wednesday, October 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Des Moines Senior Center, 22030 Cliff Ave. Adults 55 and older may come between 9 and 11 a.m. Those under 55 years of age are welcome from 10 to 11 a.m. Costs for the shots are flu shots, \$10; pneumonia shots, \$20. If you are enrolled in Medicare Part B, the cost of your shot will be reimbursed by Medicare. The best time to get your flu shot is in the fall. For more information please call Des Moines Senior Center, 878-1642.

Computer lab set up

Mt. Rainier High School PTSA and Des Moines Senior Center have joined together to develop a computer technology lab at the Senior Center. With computers donated by Boeing and the Cities of Des Moines and Normandy Park, students are setting up the lab and will be teaching several classes when the lab officially opens in January 1998. The Senior Center has also received current software from Microsoft for the lab. When completed, the lab will have eight computers, two printers, E-mail and Internet access. For more information or to volunteer to help with the computer lab, please call the Senior Center, 878-1642.

Give a senior a lift!

Help seniors maintain independence and a high quality of life by volunteering to drive the Des Moines - Normandy Park Senior Shuttle. As a volunteer, you would drive the shuttle van to transport seniors on errands and essential appointments. The shuttle helps homebound seniors get to doctor's offices, banks, grocery stores, pharmacies, dentist's offices and much more. The shuttle is based at the Des Moines Senior Center and provides rides in the local area only. To volunteer, call 878-2066.



LOOKING BACK

From "One Hundred Years of the Waterland Community"
by Richard Kennedy and Grechen Schmidt

With people came the problem of mail delivery. Mail was first brought to Des Moines by horseback, the carrier bringing it from Tacoma to the small communities along Puget Sound. When the small ships made Des Moines a regular daily stop, the mail was carried by ship. At first it was landed at the dock next to the mill south of the mouth of Des Moines Creek. From there it was taken by wheelbarrow to the post office for sorting. The children loved to ride in the wheelbarrow when it was empty. When the dock burned in 1908, a new dock was built at the foot of S. 227th St.



A 1915 mail truck in front of Des Moines Post Office on 6th Avenue.

There are stories told that when the dock was not in repair so the ships could stop or the water was too rough to dock, the mail sacks would be dumped into the water by the captain and it was up to the Des Moines people to fish them out! On extremely foggy days, often Lucile Walker Bean would stand at the end of the dock beating a triangle to guide the ships to the dock.

When the ships stopped carrying the mail, the Neal brothers carried it on their stage line. Later they gave the contract to the Ellington brothers' company, Des Moines Auto Company, in 1918. They carried the mail faithfully for many years, except for a four year period in the early 1930s when Max Elsner of Zenith underbid them.



Zenith got its first post office in 1906, at the southwest corner of S. 240th St. and Marine View Drive S. Mail was delivered by boat which docked at the Zenith dock.

Police Department settling into new home

The Des Moines Police Department is settling into its new home on 11th Avenue South across from the Des Moines Field House park. The new police station was completed in July, just a few months behind schedule.

Nearly 300 people attended an a July 11 Open House at the new police station. Tours have been given to more than 500 people, including those attending the Open House. Tours are still being given to groups and individuals.

Lt. Kevin Tucker, who helped administer the police station project, said the Police Department is very pleased with new facility and the quality of construction.

"Everyone is very proud of the facility," he said. "Officers feel better about their work environment. It makes us feel much more professional."

Police hosting kids' Halloween party

The Des Moines Police Department is hosting its annual Halloween Party for elementary and middle school children.

The kids should meet at the Des Moines Field House on 6 p.m. on Halloween evening (Oct. 31). From there, groups of children will be escorted by police and fire personnel to homes in Wesley Gardens for trick-or-treating. The groups will return to the Field House for refreshments and prizes for both children and adults, who are welcome to remain with their children during the activities.

The Des Moines Field House is located at South 220th Street and 11th Avenue South.





SURFACE WATER NEWS



City Park Culvert Replacement Project

Replacement of a collapsing 24-inch concrete culvert below Kent-Des Moines Road is nearly complete. The project is located immediately downstream of the recently completed City Park Detention Facility at Kent-Des Moines Road and 22nd Place. The project included the replacement of the culvert using a new technology called "pipe bursting".

The project construction became difficult when, despite exerting over 200 tons of pressure during the pipe bursting operation, the pipe bursting head became stuck about 20 feet into the existing pipe. An excavation pit was dug to retrieve the head which was buried nearly 20 feet deep. Upon inspection of the existing pipe, it was found to have collapsed more than 10 inches. Problems were further compounded when a nearby water main settled and broke. However, after repairing the water main, modifying the pipe bursting head, and re-ordering a smaller replacement pipe, the project went smoothly. Remaining items that need to be completed include the installation of the a new trash rack and overflow rack downstream of the new culvert and a control gate within the detention facility outlet that is needed to control the water elevation within the detention facility.

Des Moines Memorial Drive Slide Repair

Repair of the road slide that occurred earlier in the year commenced in mid-September. The slide is located on the east side of Des Moines Memorial Drive just south of South 212th Street. The project includes the construction of a rock buttress near the toe of the slide, filling the eroded area with rock and rebuilding the road shoulder embankment to a more favorable inclination. The project also includes construction of a 12-inch storm drain outfall that will collect drainage from the west side of Des Moines Memorial Drive and discharge the storm water at the bottom of the slope (away from the slide area). This project is being funded by federal highway emergency relief funds.

Marine View Drive Slide Repair Project

Construction of new drainage facilities on Marine View Drive (south of 10th Place South near South 272nd Street) was completed in July. The work involved filling the open ditch and installation of 600 feet of pipe on the east side of Marine View Drive and constructing an asphalt berm on the west side of the street. This work will prevent storm runoff from the road from draining into the slide area that is located next to the road. The City is currently evaluating several options for making a permanent repair of the road shoulder. This project is being funded by federal highway emergency relief funds and the City's surface water management utility.

Safety tips for school children

With school back in session, the Des Moines Police Department suggests parents take a few minutes to remind their children of basic rules that will help to keep them safe during the school year.

- Make sure your child knows his/her full name, address, including city and state, telephone number including the area code.
- Be sure kids know to call 911 in emergencies and how to use a public telephone.
- Tell your kids never to accept rides or gifts from someone they do not know.
- Tell your children to go to a store clerk, security guard, or police officer for help if they get lost in a mall, store or street.
- Set good examples with your own actions. Children will duplicate what they see their parents do.
- Encourage your child to walk and play with friends, not alone.
- Make sure your child is taking the safest route to and from school, stores, and friends' houses.
- When your child is home alone, post a list by the phone which includes a phone number where you can be reached and people to call in case of emergencies.
- Always have your child check in with you when he or she leaves and returns home.
- Make sure your child knows how to lock the doors and windows to your home.
- Teach your child not to let anyone into the house when are not there and never to tell a caller that you are not home.
- Work out an escape plan in case of fire or other emergencies. Rehearse the plan with your children.



CITY COUNCIL



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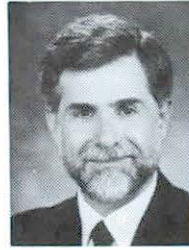
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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS, THIRD QUARTER 1997

• Passed the following ordinances:

- Ord. No. 1191 approving a preliminary subdivision Portage Point Estates at 24300 block of 11th Avenue South for 7 single family residential lots.
- Ord. No. 1192 reinstating CG zoning for proposed Post Office site at 2031 South 216th Street.
- Ord. No. 1193 relating to procedures for public hearings and amending the Comprehensive Plan.
- Ord. No. 1194 establishing LID #1-97-9, 4th Place South, south of S. 202nd Street to approximately South 204th Street.
- Ord. No. 1195 affirming current moratorium on acceptance of applications for & issuance of any permit for telecommunications facilities.
- Ord. No. 1196 establishing pre-annexation zoning for the Redondo Riviera area.

• Passed the following resolution:

- Res. No. 832 adopting the 1998-2003 Six Year Transportation Plan.

• Awarded the following contracts:

- Design and engineering services for the Marina Bulkhead Repair Project to Reid Middleton, Inc.
- Professional Engineering Design Services for the Pacific Highway South Redevelopment Project to CH2MHILL, Inc. - \$273,229, plus 10% contingency.
- Construction contract for the 1997 Arterial Maintenance Project to M.A. Segale Inc. - \$579,551.25.
- Professional engineering construction management services for the 1997 Arterial Maintenance Project to Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure Inc. - \$41,348.

- Professional engineering construction management services for the Des Moines Creek Trail to Harding Lawson Associates Infrastructure Inc. - \$84,067, plus 10% contingency.
- Construction of Des Moines Creek Trail Project Phase I, Schedules A and B to Tucci & Sons, Inc. - up to \$432,122.32, plus tax & 10% contingency, and Schedule C - up to \$120,362.50, plus tax and 10% contingency.
- Construction of the Field House Tennis Court Improvement Project to Emerald Paving, Inc. - \$44,415.22, plus 20% contingency.

Held the following public hearings:

- Common Wall Single Family Zoning Regulations
- 1998 Community Development Block Grant Applications

Upcoming Fourth Quarter Events

October 23 - Des Moines City Council Public Hearings:

- 1997 Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- Hazardous Materials in Business Park (BP) Zone

November 6 - Community Summit - Grace Lutheran Church

November 13 - Des Moines City Council Public Hearing: Redondo Parking Regulations

November 20 - Des Moines City Council Public Hearing: 1998 Budget

December 4 - Christmas Ship and Bon Fires at Des Moines and Redondo.

December 6 - Holiday Tree Lighting

- *City Council hearings and action dates are tentative. Please call City Hall at 878-4595 to confirm.*

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