



## City Council Votes to Place Proposed Police Department Levy Lid Lift on November Ballot

The City Council, at its regular meeting on September 8, 2005, approved Ordinance No. 1367 providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Des Moines at an election to be held on November 8, 2005, a proposition authorizing the City to increase its regular property tax levies annually for six consecutive years above the limit established in RCW 84.55.010 in order to restore funds for essential law enforcement services.



Since 1999, the Des Moines Police Department has cut seven Patrol Officer positions, four Community Service Officer positions, one Records Specialist and a half time Animal Control Officer. All of these positions were cut from the Police Department budget

due to budget shortfalls within the City of Des Moines General Fund caused by several factors, most notably significant reductions in revenues resulting from voter approved initiatives and increases in costs (for example, health care insurance, fuel, and labor). These cumulative staff cuts have reduced the Police Department personnel by 24% and have impacted the Police Department's ability to provide basic and proactive police services to our community. The Police Department no longer has the staffing levels to provide directed, proactive policing activity to address the increasing crime rate in our community.

If approved, the proposed levy lid lift would generate approximately \$1 million in 2006 and would be used to restore some of the Police Department positions which were eliminated over the last five years. The ballot proposition would restore six Officers, two Community Service Officers and one Records Specialist and provide funds to upgrade police technology.

From 1997 to the year 2000, Part One Crimes (murder, rape, arson, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft) in the City decreased from 1,434 to 1,079. During this time the Police Department was at full staffing with special teams working to eliminate the sources of crime in the community. From 2000 to 2004, when the budget shortfalls occurred,

Part One Crimes increased from 1079 to 1401. Since 2000 there has been a steady increase in 9-1-1 calls for service from the Des Moines community. In 2000, there were slightly more than 19,000 calls for service and in 2004 there were over 23,000. From 1997 to 2004, the City's population was unchanged, hovering at approximately 29,000.

The restoration of funds will allow the Police Department to fully implement the approved five year Police Department Strategic Plan to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community by providing the resources to implement a crime analysis function, create a new community policing patrol team, and focus on crime in our neighborhoods. It will also provide the appropriate level of police service that is essential to continue the crime prevention programs recommended in the City's Economic Development Strategy.

This ballot proposition would approve an increase in the City's permanent regular property tax levy rate for 2006 to the authorized rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, authorize annual levy rate increases of 4% for each of the five succeeding years, and increase the levy rate thereafter by the maximum allowed by RCW 84.55. The purpose of the levy rate increase is to restore funds exclusively for law enforcement purposes to previous years' levels. If the levy lid lift is approved, city property taxes would increase in 2006 by about \$110 on a home with an assessed valuation of \$250,000.

For additional information, please contact Police Chief Roger Baker at 206-878-3301 or Finance Director Paula Henderson at 206-878-4595.

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### Other Numbers

Emergency ..... 911  
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City Job Line..... 206-870-6593  
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Library, Des Moines .... 206-824-6066  
Library, Woodmont ..... 253-839-0121  
Marina..... 206-824-5700  
Police (non-emergency)206-878-3301

## SENIOR SERVICES

### Sixth Annual Spaghetti Bash October 14 at Des Moines Activity Center

It's time for Des Moines Activity Center's 6th Annual Spaghetti Bash, hosted by Athens Pizza & Pasta! This tasty event will be held Friday, October 14th, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center. Enjoy a delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverage and a dessert. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12.

Tickets are on sale now at the Activity Center and will be available at the door. For more details please call Des Moines Activity Center, 206-878-1642.

Thanks to our wonderful sponsors: Athens Pizza & Pasta, Red Robin, B & E Meats, Taco Time, Circo Circo and Inge Schweizer.

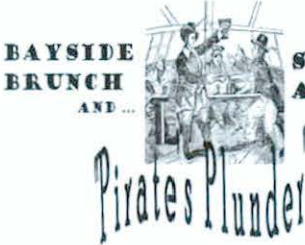
### Des Moines Legacy Foundation Bayside Brunch at Anthony's HomePort Nov. 6

**Ahoy Mates!** The Des Moines Legacy Foundation and Anthony's Restaurants invite you to attend the sixth annual Bayside Brunch set for Sunday, November 6th, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Anthony's HomePort by the Des Moines Marina. This year's theme is "Pirates Plunder!" featuring a delectable Pirates Platter with grog/champagne. The event also includes a Live and Silent Auction of delightful pirate treasures, IF the pirates will allow their precious bounty to be sold! Auction items from the Captain's treasure chest range from hand blown glass, artwork, golf vacations, spa packages, weekend getaways, and local gifts and services available in our Pirates Plunder treasure chests. Tickets may be purchased only in advance at \$60.00 per person (\$45 of which is tax deductible).

Proceeds from the Bayside Brunch will benefit the Des Moines Senior Activity Center's programs and services for older adults in our community and Des Moines Parks and Recreation Youth Scholarships. For more information or to order your "voyage on the Good Ship Legacy" please call Des Moines Legacy Foundation at 206-870-6485.

Des Moines Legacy Foundation  
& Anthony's Restaurants  
Invite you to attend the 6th Annual

**BAYSIDE BRUNCH AND ... SILENT AUCTION**



*Anthony's HomePort, in Des Moines*  
Sunday, November 6, 2005

## Marine View Drive Bridge Construction Update

After four months of construction, Stage 1 work on the east half of the road on the Marine View Drive Bridge is now complete. Construction crews started Stage 2 on the west side in August.

Stage 1 involved drilling and constructing twenty 5-foot diameter shafts (piles) varying between 60 feet deep and nearly 100 feet deep. The shafts will form a continuous wall and will be the supports for each of the two bridge abutments.

When the bridge work is completed, the road embankment now supporting

Marine View Drive between the abutments will be removed to create an underpassage for the new Des Moines Creek Trail, Midway Sewer Outfall, and the realigned Des Moines Creek.

Stage 2 of the project involves both shaft drilling and bridge deck construction and is anticipated to take five months to complete. This will be completed by June 2006. Then the work shifts to Des Moines Beach Park. The project completion date is December 2006.

To accommodate traffic movement

through the work area, the signal timing has been adjusted with north-south green time added to the signal at 216th Street. Signals must be periodically adjusted to optimize traffic through the area. Calls or questions regarding traffic issues may also be directed to the Des Moines Public Works Department at 206-870-6522, or Project Manager Loren Reinhold at 206-870-6524.

Thank you for your patience and any inconvenience experienced during this difficult project.

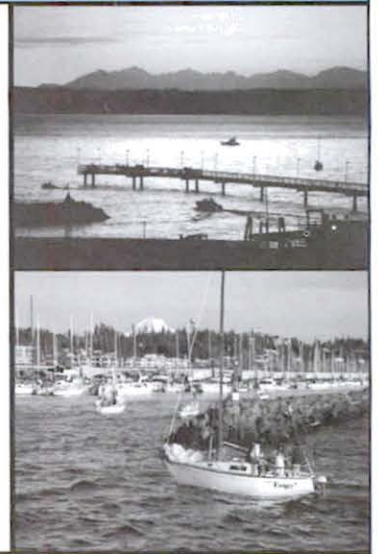
# Des Moines City Council

## Vision

A friendly and safe waterfront community embracing the future while preserving our past.

## Mission Statement

We enrich the community by providing leadership, administration, and services reflecting the pride and values of Des Moines.



## Strategic Objectives

### Promote Economic Vitality on a Citywide Basis

Adopt and implement an economic development strategic plan

- Complete the revision/update of the Marina Master Plan to include exploring additional retail sales, restaurants, and marine recreational opportunities
- Facilitate development of the Port of Seattle buyout area.
- Develop and implement a business plan for Beach Park
- Explore the feasibility of waterfront tourism and passenger ferry service
- Develop and implement a marketing strategy to promote the City throughout the region, state, and country
- Encourage, where appropriate, partnerships between agencies/entities and the private sector to support job creation and retention

Review and revise City regulations, rules, standards, procedures, and processes to support responsible economic development

- Zoning Code
- Permit Process
- Comprehensive Plan revision
- Street Standards

### Preserve and Enhance the Livability of the City of Des Moines

- Expand community involvement through boards, commissions, and committees; stewardship programs; and volunteerism
- Implement the Police Department Strategic Plan with an emphasis on community policing and introduction of new crime fighting/prevention technologies
- Prevent and eliminate unsafe and unhealthy living conditions in the City through an aggressive code enforcement and abatement program
- Create, preserve and enhance habitat, greenbelts, stream corridors, shorelines, viewpoints and open spaces
- Provide diverse active, passive, and social recreational opportunities
- Maintain, enhance, and support the City's infrastructure systems

### Influence Regional and State Issues and Decisions Through Active Involvement

- Become members of and provide leadership on committees, commissions, and other organizations that impact the successful outcome of the City's

strategic objectives

- Review and revise the City's legislative policy positions to reflect the strategic objectives and actively support those positions by providing information and testimony when appropriate

### Provide Administrative Functions and Systems to Support Implementation of the City's Strategic Objectives

- Develop and implement a comprehensive five-year financial plan
- Revise, maintain, and implement the Emergency Management Plan
- Complete the consolidation of the Community Development and Public Works Departments
- Pursue partnerships with other agencies/entities for the efficient and effective provision of services
- Continually improve service delivery through the use of technology and innovative problem solving
- Aggressively pursue grants and other funding that support the City's strategic objectives

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# Shoreline Master Program Update

## What is the Shoreline Master Program Update?

Do you live along the Puget Sound shoreline? Do you enjoy boating, fishing, viewing wildlife, or just going to the beach? If so, you'll be interested to know that the City of Des Moines is updating the City's Shoreline Master Program (SMP). The SMP establishes goals and policies for managing the City's shoreline resources. Since it was first developed in 1988, the amount of Puget Sound shoreline area within the City has doubled because of the annexations in the Woodmont and Redondo neighborhoods into the City. The SMP is being updated to reflect these changes and to meet current state requirements and guidelines.

## Where Are We in the Process?

The City began work on the SMP update last summer. To date, we have completed an inventory report that describes the current conditions along the City's shorelines, including existing land and shoreline uses, recreational opportunities, fish and wildlife habitat, and potential opportunities for shoreline restoration projects. The City has also completed a draft update of the SMP goals and policies that will guide future shoreline use and development. Two public open houses and Planning Agency meetings were held last fall and spring.

## Where Are We Going From Here?

The City will continue work on updating the SMP through the fall, focusing on development regulations and restoration planning. Planning Agency and City Council meetings will be held to discuss the updated SMP. Check the City's website for the next scheduled meeting.

## How to Get Involved

- Attend and participate in open houses and public meetings.
- Visit the City's website for updates on the project <http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/development/development.html>
- Offer your feedback by calling or sending comments to:

Robert Ruth  
Development Services Manager  
21630 11th Ave. S., Suite D  
Des Moines, WA 98198  
Phone: 206-870-6555  
E-mail: [rruth@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:rruth@desmoineswa.gov)



## Special Recycling Collection Event Saturday, October 29, 2005, at the Des Moines Marina

Watch for a flyer with information on hours, collection guidelines, and fees to be mailed to Des Moines residents in mid-October.

### ITEMS ACCEPTED:

Cardboard  
Tires\*  
Household Goods  
Residential Porcelain Toilets  
Lead Acid Batteries  
Propane Tanks\*  
Bulky Yard Waste & Scrap Wood  
Motor Oil, Filters & Anti-freeze  
Appliances & Scrap Metal\*  
Refrigerators, Freezers, & Air Conditioners\*  
Concrete, Asphalt, Rock and Brick  
Electronic Equipment\*



\*Some fees may apply - cash only.

### NOT ACCEPTED:

Paint, Solvents, Thinners\*  
Pesticides\*  
Household Chemicals\*  
Fluorescent Lights\*  
Window Glass  
Garbage  
Grass, Leaves, Brush, etc.  
Mattresses  
Plastics, Toys, Hoses, etc.  
Painted Wood  
Furniture



### \*HAZARDOUS WASTES

The household hazardous wastes listed above are accepted at the King County Household Hazardous Wastemobile. You may view the 2005 Wastemobile schedule at: <http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/> or call the Hazards Line at 206-296-4692.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

City of Des Moines · Des Moines Marina · King County  
Local Hazardous Waste Management Program · King  
County Solid Waste Division · WA State Dept. of Ecology ·  
Seattle Goodwill

For more information, please contact Laura Techico at 206-870-6595.

## Local Artists Sought for a New Des Moines Cultural Register



The City of Des Moines is seeking to create a data bank of local visual artists, performing artists, crafts persons and cultural organizations. The intent of the database is to create a resource for artist networking and to make contact with local artists when community arts opportunities arise.

Please forward the following information: 1) Artist, Organization or Business contact information: name, address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address, and (include your web site address, if relevant); 2) Professional or Amateur: are you a professional artist or arts organization (create art as your livelihood) or are you an amateur artist (create art as a hobby); 3) Type of artist or art produced: Visual Artist--e.g. Sculpture, Oil Paint, and etc., Performing Artist--e.g. Music, Theatre, Dance, Multi-media and etc., Crafts Person--e.g. Stained Glass, Wood Work, Jewelry, and etc; 4) Promotion--list methods used to publicize your work (web-site, press releases, mailings, King County or other artist roster, word of mouth, and/or other (please specify).

Send the above information to [recreation@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:recreation@desmoineswa.gov) or fill out the Des Moines Cultural Register Form available at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov) in the **Forms** Section (scroll down to the Parks and Recreation Forms Library). Send the completed form to Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department 1000 S. 220th Street Des Moines, WA 98198.

## New Des Moines Community Events Web Site Coming Soon!

The City of Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department is now collecting information for the new Des Moines Community Events Web Site. The site will provide a calendar listing of Des Moines festivals, cultural, historical and special events, points of interest, walking maps and other unique tourism opportunities that are open to the general public. The site will link to event producer's web sites and provide download opportunities for event ticket sales, registration forms, directions, maps and more!

We need your help gathering the data to be placed on this new site. Please forward the following details related to your organization including: 1) Organization information--organization name, contact person, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address (include your organization's web site address, if relevant); 2) Event frequency--is the event held annually or is it a series of events; 3) Type of event or program--is the activity a performance, tour, sporting event, boating event, specialty show, festival, crafts show, museum, or other (please specify); 4) Public access--does the event have a fee (provide fee information) or free of charge; and 5) Communications--list methods used by your organization to publicize its activities (web-site, newspaper, radio, television, mailings, posters, and/or word of mouth).

Send your organizational information to [recreation@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:recreation@desmoineswa.gov) or fill out the Des Moines Community Events Form available at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov) in the **Forms** Section (scroll down to the Parks and Recreation Forms Library). Send the completed form to Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department 1000 S. 220th St., Des Moines, WA 98198. Please contact Patrice Thorell at 206-870-6527 if you have questions or would like additional information.

We would like to thank the Commissioners and staff of **Fire District 26** for their recent donation of a portable defibrillator to the City of Des Moines.

This machine will be housed in the Council Chambers/Court area of City Hall. Over the next few weeks, Fire Department personnel will train City employees in the use of this life saving machine.

Earlier this year the **Des Moines Legacy Foundation** purchased two portable defibrillators for the City - one for the Des Moines Activity Center and one for the Field House. While we hope these machines will never be used, we feel fortunate to have them close at hand in the event of an emergency. Many thanks to both organizations for their generous donations to the citizens of Des Moines!

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Before and After School Program

Quality before and after school child care for K - 6th grade children! Your child will have a blast with exciting games, creative activities, arts and crafts and yummy snacks! Plus--time is set aside each afternoon for homework! Before school: 6:30 a.m. to school start; after school until 6 p.m. Early Release care is also available.

**Before and After School programs are at the following elementary schools:** Des Moines, North Hill, Marvista, Midway, Parkside and Woodmont.

Limited scholarships are available for those in need. Monthly and Drop-in rates are available. Call the Field House office for more information at 206-870-6527.



### Breakfast With Santa

**December 10, 8:30 a.m.**

Join in the fun at a special Saturday breakfast with Santa at the Des Moines Activity Center! Parents, grandparents, and kids can enjoy a fabulous breakfast and a chance to visit with Santa.

Saturday, Dec.10, 8:30-11:00 am  
Des Moines Activity Center  
2024 S. 216<sup>th</sup> St.  
Tickets: \$4 advanced  
\$5 at the door

**Here are a few more fun activities offered through the Des Moines Recreation Department:**

Players Only 3 on 3 Hoop League (17+)  
Dodgeball (17+)  
Mini Hoopers (3-5)  
2005 Youth & Teen Basketball League  
**(Volunteer coaches needed)**  
Pre-Season Hoop Camp ( 8-12)  
Preschool Playhouse (3-5)  
Creative Movement ( 3-4)  
Gymnastics (18 mo.-9 yr)  
Step Aerobics and Lift  
Pilates  
Yogacize  
American Boating Course

Please call 206-870-6527 for additional information.

## Traffic Signals to be Constructed in 2005

### New signal at the intersection of S. 216th Street and 24th Avenue S.

Traffic volumes at the intersection at S. 216th Street and 24th Avenue S. have grown such that the two stop signs on the minor approaches (24th Avenue S.) are unacceptable in terms of both accidents and vehicle delay. The intersection will be fully signalized and new left turn lanes will be added. Other notable features include pedestrian crossing landings and signal interconnection with nearby Pacific Highway.

In addition to improving safety and reducing delay, signal installation at this intersection will play an integral part in increasing transportation options for Des Moines. The project will provide the additional capacity for expanded use of the 24th Avenue corridor in the future. It is anticipated that 24th Avenue S. will eventually be linked to the City of Sea-Tac's 24th/28th Avenue project, and ultimately connect with an interchange on the 509 extension project. The bulk of the funding for the signal project was received through a grant from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB).

### Pedestrian signal near Wesley Homes on S. 216th

The pedestrian activated signal on S. 216th Street just west of 11th Avenue S. will also be reconstructed. The existing signal has become prone to breakdowns and service parts are becoming very scarce. The signal will be completely rebuilt with a modern electronic controller and the existing span wire setup will be replaced with new arm mounted signal heads. Funding for this signal is provided through the King County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.



Both of these projects will increase transportation safety in the City of Des Moines. Traffic disruption during construction should be minimal. Please call 206-870-6522 for more information.

## Road Closures -- Snow Plowing Schedule

In the event of a snowstorm, the City's Public Works Department has set up a priority list of streets and roads that receive plowing and sanding applications. Some of the streets and roads that are on steep hills and have a history of hazardous conditions will be closed to traffic due to the unsafe conditions.

### Streets and roads that might have to be closed:

4th Ave. South--S. 210th to S. 216 <sup>th</sup>	S. 206th St--9th Ave. S. to DMMD
S. 208th St--9th Ave. S. to DMMD	S. 212 St.--7th Pl. S. to DMMD
S. 224th St.--30th Ave. S. to Pac Hwy S.	S. 230th St.--12th Ave. S. to KDM Rd.
S. 240th St.--24th Ave. S. to 16th Ave. S.	S. 234th St.--25th Ave. S. to KDM Rd
10th Ave. S.--S. 226th St. to KDM Rd.	S. 250th St.--20th Ave. S. to 16th Ave. S.

### Streets and roads that have a high priority for plowing and sanding:

S. 216 <sup>th</sup> St.--MVD to I-5	MVD--S. 216th St. to S. 264th St.
S. 264 <sup>th</sup> St.--MVD to Woodmont Dr.	S. 240th St.--MVD to Pacific Hwy. S.
DMMD--S. 216th St. to S. 208th St.	7th Ave. S.--MVD to S. 227th St.
Pacific Hwy S.--S. 216 <sup>th</sup> to KDM Rd.	KDM Rd.--Pacific Hwy S. to MVD
S. 227th St.--7th Ave. S. to MVD	S. 260 <sup>th</sup> St.--16 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to Pac. Hwy S.
S. 272 <sup>nd</sup> St.--12 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S. to Pac.Hwy S.	MVD--Redondo Beach Dr. to S. 272 <sup>nd</sup> St.
Redondo Beach Dr.--S. 280 <sup>th</sup> to S. 288 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.--KDM Rd. to S. 272 <sup>nd</sup> St.
Woodmont Dr.--8th S. to 16 <sup>th</sup> S.	8 <sup>th</sup> Ave. S.--So. 192 <sup>nd</sup> to So. 200 <sup>th</sup> St.
Redondo Way--Redondo Beach Dr. to city limits	

Sandbags are available to citizens at \$1.00 per bag for the individual's use for traction or extra vehicle weight.

If you have questions please contact Frank Olson at 206-870-6559, Linda Wright at 206-870-6522, or visit our website at <http://www.desmoineswa.gov>.



**We Need  
Your Help!**

THE AUTUMN LEAVES are beautiful BUT a problem for City work crews. They clog street drainage systems and when the rains start, they increase flooding in certain spots. Public Works has increased the street sweeper's schedule during fall and winter. Our crews are on alert for clogged drains and we do our best to keep them clean, but we **need the help of all citizens** to remove leaves from the storm grates and catch basins by your property. Please do not rake or blow your leaves into the street gutters. This just moves the problem down the street to your neighbors, and clogs up the storm drainage system. We love our trees, but with them comes extra work; however, if we all pull together, we can reduce the problems they cause. Thank you in advance.

### Too Much English Ivy in Your Yard?

English Ivy is a non-native, invasive vine that climbs up trees and competes with other plants and vegetation for water and nutrients. If it's starting to take over your trees, act now to prevent them from becoming top heavy, blowing over and/or dying. Kill ivy upper vines that suppress tree growth by shading out foliage, or cutting the vines off of the trunk as far up as can be reached. You can also dig up roots and remove all ivy clippings repeatedly to prevent re-growth. Ivy's shallow root system provides little erosion control, accelerates rot of structures and provides great habitat for rodents and other undesirable critters. Other native groundcovers such as wild strawberry, kinnickinnick and low Oregon grape are great substitutes. Native shrubs in your landscape can reduce water and maintenance needs, and attract birds instead of rats. Your neighbors will thank you.

### A Job Well Done!

Our Pacific Highway South Redevelopment Project between S. 216th Street and Kent-Des Moines Road has won two awards:

- The Association of Washington Cities Municipal Achievement "Silver" Award
- The Washington State Department of Transportation "Best City Project".

We appreciate the patience of all our citizens and neighbors while this award winning project was completed.

## Crime Free Rental Housing Program

The Des Moines Crime Rental Housing Program is a 3-part program designed to improve the overall quality of life of the residents of Des Moines. The program will educate and create active community partners. The main goal of the program is to reduce crime and improve the quality of life of those who live, work and play in the City of Des Moines. Space is limited! Call 206-878-3301 to register.

Remaining training dates for 2005:  
Saturday, October 15, 2005, 8am - 5pm  
Tuesday, November 15, 2005, 8am - 5pm

## Register Your Alarm System!

The City of Des Moines Alarm Ordinance requires all alarm systems to be registered. You may obtain an alarm registration application by coming to the Des Moines Police Department, accessing the City of Des Moines website at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov), or by calling 206-878-3301.

By registering your alarm you will provide information to 9-1-1 dispatchers and the police whenever there is an alarm. The permits are non-transferable.

The yearly cost to register your alarm is \$25.

## Halloween Safety Tips

### Unhaunting your house

- Welcome trick-or-treaters by turning on your exterior lights.
- Remove objects from your yard that might present a hazard to visitors
- Drive slowly.
- Report suspicious or criminal activity to 9-1-1 immediately.

### Trick or Treat Pointers!

- Stay in well-lighted areas
- Never go out alone
- Have your parents check your treats
- Wear light colored clothing
- Plan your route in advance with your parents
- Carry a flashlight



### Keep Your Pets Safe on Halloween Too!

Remember, NO Halloween candy for dogs! As much as Tuffy acts like he wants your Snickers bar or M&M's, chocolate can be deadly for dogs. Some dogs are very sensitive to the theobromine (caffeine) in chocolate and it can cause a toxic reaction resulting in seizures and death. So make sure to keep all chocolate products out of Tuffy's reach, not just on Halloween but all year round.



## Friends of Des Moines Creek Plan Early January Work Party

Friends of Des Moines Creek are teaming up with Des Moines Rotary Club on their "Day of Service" (January 21, 2006) to maintain and plant along Des Moines Creek within Beach Park. Work will take place from 8:30 to noon.

**Additional volunteers are needed.** Please email Laura Hartema at [fishpeople@integrity.com](mailto:fishpeople@integrity.com) if you would like to attend. Details will be provided to those that respond nearer the project date.

## Stop Mail Theft

As is the case in most areas of the country, Des Moines has experienced an increase in mail theft. The following steps will help guard against this type of loss:

- If you see suspicious activity around your mailbox or that of neighbors, call the police immediately. Some thieves follow mail delivery trucks in cars or on foot and take out what the mail carrier has just put in the box. If possible, get a license plate number.
- When reordering checks from your banking institution, pick the checks up at your local bank branch - do not have them mailed to your home.
- Use direct deposit whenever possible. This is especially important for those who receive social security checks and are favorite targets for this type of thief.
- Shred documents and papers containing personal information or account numbers—don't just throw them in with your recycling.

Taking these few steps may save you or your neighbor a lot of headaches. Make it as difficult as possible for the thieves who want to make you their next victim.

## Do You Know Who to Call?

**Street Light Outage**  
[www.Intolight.com](http://www.Intolight.com)  
or 1.877.229.1235

Provide the 6 or 12 digit number on the pole and the address.

**Utility Locate**  
1.800.424.5555

If you are digging 12 inches deep or more, please call.

## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Approved the following Ordinances:

- No. 1358 imposing a 1% Lodging Tax
- No. 1359 authorizing King County to perform roadway/bridge repairs to Saltwater State Park Bridge
- No. 1360 registration of burglar/ robbery alarms providing for cost recovery and penalty for repeat false alarms
- No. 1361 revising Flood Hazard Areas Code
- No. 1362 prohibiting fireworks effective July 2006
- No. 1363 formally establishing a traffic school administered by the Police Dept.
- No. 1364 updating the Criminal Code
- No. 1365 adopting 2005 Budget amendments
- No. 1366 adopting 2005 Budget amendments

### Approved the following Resolutions:

- No. 989 opposing Highline School District Boundary Adjustment as proposed
- No. 990 amend Council Rules to provide a public comment period during Council study sessions
- No. 991 authorizing the 2005 4th of July Fireworks Over Des Moines
- No. 992 approving a settlement and

release agreement with Alex White & Co., Inc.

- No. 993 adopting six-year Transportation Improvement Program for 2006-2011
- No. 994 extending completion date for Comprehensive Plan Revisions
- No. 995 authorizing Rotary Club's 2006 Poverty Bay Wine Festival

### Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Puget Sound Energy & Potelco for relocating Marina's primary metering equipment
- Waldron & Co. to conduct recruitment for position of Planning, Building & Public Works Director
- Professional engineering Design Services for 2005 Arterial Maintenance Program to KPG
- Replacement of North City Hall HVAC systems with Design Air, Ltd.
- Construction of Marine View Drive Bridge Project to Condon Johnson & Associates
- Housing Fraud Investigation Interlocal with King County
- Installation of lighting equipment at Underwood Memorial Park with Razkoz Electric Inc.

- Critical Areas Ordinance Consultant Agreement with AHBL Consultants
- Construction of South 216th/24th Ave. S. Signalization Project and the S.216th Street Pedestrian Signal Modification to Totem Electric

### Held retreats for:

- Status report and policy direction regarding Economic Development strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Zoning Code

### Held the following Public Hearings:

- Justice Assistance Grant for the Domestic Violence Advocate Program, accepted.
- First Development Agreement with the Port of Seattle regarding the Des Moines Creek Business Park
- Assignment of Breakers Restaurant Lease, approved

### Other Business:

- Accepted completion of an Economic Development Strategy from Ravenhurst Development
- Received briefings on potential merger between King County Fire District #26 & Fire District 39.

## Ready-Set-Read

Reading Challenge  
September, 2005–April 30, 2006

If you are in elementary school, take the Reading Challenge. Pick up a Ready-Set-Read Chart at the library, read 20 minutes for 20 days within a month, have a reading coach (parent, teacher, etc.) sign your chart and win a prize!



Teens, ages 12 to 18, can read three books, write three short thoughtful reviews and get a new paperback book....free! Pick up an entry form at any King County Library System library or online at [www.kcls/read3](http://www.kcls/read3). Books read for school count for this program. Details are available at all KCLS community libraries.

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