



## There's a Lot Going On in Des Moines!

Have you noticed all the activity and building going on in Des Moines lately? You haven't seen anything yet!

The only waterfront business district between Seattle and Tacoma is undergoing tremendous growth and transformation.

Development and land use permits are at an all time high. In the last 12 months, the number of building permits applied for and issued has increased by over 12%. In a city of 30,000 residents, over 400 new building lots are being reviewed.



The Farmers Market, located at the south end of the Des Moines Marina, is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through October 28th. Photo by Carmen Scott.

Currently there are proposed over 600 new condominium homes which will include mixed use properties with retail and upscale view homes and more expected.

The development process for the Port of Seattle buyout area located off 216<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue South is in environmental review. What this means to Des Moines and its residents is that a beautiful business and industrial district should be underway within the next 12 months and could provide up to 1,300 living wage jobs for Des Moines residents and surrounding neighbors. This incredible location, with views to boot, will be a Mecca for new business and established businesses who want an upscale, contemporary look, feel and location for their future and current office space.

Did you know that Des Moines Beach Park was recently awarded status on the National Register of Historic Places? In a grand ceremony last spring Governor Christine Gregoire presented the City Council with a plaque recognizing the Beach Park and its place in history.

The auditorium at Beach Park will be undergoing total renovation over the next year and as a result of the tremendous effort of the city and its staff, the renovation of the auditorium is fully funded and will be a magnificent venue for future concerts, gatherings, events, and celebrations.

In addition to the future renovation of Beach Park, the new bridge over Des Moines Creek has neared completion and is beautiful. In addition to the completion of the bridge, the trails below the bridge for bicyclists, hikers, walkers, and nature trail seekers will also be completed over the next several months.

*Destination Des Moines*, a recently created Community Development Advisory Board, is working on behalf of the community, its residents, and the city to develop and implement progressive programs to benefit the city as a whole. *Destination Des Moines* is a result of the efforts of over 300 citizens, business persons and community leaders, and city staff. Eight committees including events, arts, aesthetics, public safety, waterfront and tourism enhancement, business and economic development, and permit process streamlining have been meeting for over a year.

Have you been to the Waterfront Market on Saturday? If not, you will be delighted. While enjoying the clear blue waters of Puget Sound, feast your eyes and taste buds on magnificently colored flower bouquets for purchase, mouth watering home made treats and an array of seasonal fresh fruits and vegetables.

Des Moines, a walkable, friendly, progressive waterfront city. You haven't seen anything yet!

-By Leslie Newman, Vice Pres., *Destination Des Moines*

### OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to an open house on Wednesday, October 11, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St., to learn more about the plans and projects of *Destination Des Moines*. Please join us to learn how you can become involved in making our community better than ever!

## DES MOINES DIRECTORY

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### Other Numbers

Emergency.....911  
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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

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Before and After School Program

Quality before and after school child care is available for K-6th grade children living in the Des Moines service area and Woodmont Elementary students. Your children will have a blast with the exciting games, creative activities, arts and crafts and yummy snacks! Plus, time is set aside each afternoon for homework! The program is held at Des Moines, Parkside, North Hill, Marvista, Midway and Woodmont Elementary Schools. For more information, call Des Moines Park and Recreation at 206-870-6527.



### Halloween Carnival

Wear your costume and get ready to have fun! Carnival style games, costume raffle contest, candy, prizes, a magic show and much more! Hotdogs and soda will be available for purchase. Join us Tuesday, October 31st from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House. The cost for children 6th grade and under is \$2 per child. Par-

ents and guardians are free. For more information, call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527.

### 2006 Youth and Teen Basketball League

Registration is going on now! Come to the Des Moines Field House to sign your child up for basketball! Practices will start the third week of November, so come in early to reserve a spot on a team. For more information, please contact the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527.

### Breakfast with Santa

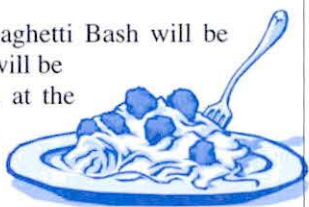
The Des Moines community is invited to a special breakfast with Santa at the Des Moines Activity Center on Saturday, December 9, 2006. Breakfast is from 8:30-11:00 a.m. with a coloring contest at 10:15 a.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or \$4 for advanced tickets. For more information, please call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527.



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 for your help!

### Seventh Annual Spaghetti Bash Fund Raiser October 6

Des Moines Activity Center's 7th Annual Spaghetti Bash will be hosted by Athens Pizza & Pasta! This tasty event will be held Friday, October 6th from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St. Enjoy a delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverage and a dessert. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.



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

We would like to thank our sponsors: Athens Pizza & Pasta, Dino's Greek and Italian Restaurant, Red Robin, B&E Meats, Taco Time, Circo Circo and Inge Schweizer.

### Des Moines Legacy Foundation Bayside Brunch November 5

It's a VIP Tropical Cruise at Sea! The Des Moines Legacy Foundation and Anthony's Restaurants invite you to attend the seventh annual Bayside Brunch scheduled for Sunday, November 5th, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Anthony's HomePort in the Des Moines Marina.

This year's theme guarantees **tropical fun in the sun**...so dress for the occasion! Anthony's will provide champagne and delectable brunch treats. The Live and Silent Auctions are a great opportunity for holiday gift shopping while supporting two very worthy causes -- Des Moines senior programs and services, and recreation youth scholarships.

Tickets may be purchased only in advance at \$60 per person (\$45 of which is tax deductible).

For more information or to reserve your VIP Tropical Cruise at Sea seating, please call Sue Padden with Des Moines Legacy Foundation at 206-870-6584.

### Murder Mystery Dinner February 2



It's a "who done it" with a twist...a local story with a local surprise or two! This is an audience participation event! Join Des Moines Activity Center on Friday, February 2, 6:00-9:00 p.m. for our own version of a Murder Mystery Dinner. Help us solve the mystery with your friends and family - a festive, fun night for all. All proceeds to benefit the programs and services at Des Moines Senior Activity Center. We'll provide a delicious catered dinner and dessert, and a murder mystery provided by Events on the Edge.

Tickets are \$21 per person or \$158 for a table of eight fun friends (save \$10). There will be prizes, celebrity waiters, and surprises! Tickets go on sale, December 1.

This event is sponsored by the City of Des Moines and Village Green Retirement Campus. For more information, call Des Moines Activity Center 206-878-1642.

### Latino Enhance Fitness!

Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center. This class will be lead in Spanish, but it is open to all who want to exercise and be healthy. Call 206-878-1642 for more information.

### Greetings From South King Fire & Rescue!

Your local fire department is nine months into the merger now and we are really rolling. With a new logo and a new name, you may wonder what other changes are taking place. Rest assured the same firefighters who've answered your calls in the past are still here, and there are more exciting changes that you may have not heard about.

The citizens of Des Moines now have a minimum of five firefighter EMT's responding from the Des Moines station. Many of them are trained in special teams that include a marine rescue team, a hazardous materials team, and a rope rescue team. The citizens have access to public education resources which offer fire and life safety education for youth and adults, CPR and first aid training, disaster preparedness training, senior home safety, and business fire extinguisher classes. The Des Moines station is open and staffed with the Public Education Officers and Emergency Management Chief.

Other additions include the Medic 13 paramedics which joined the Des Moines station September 1st. The paramedics will respond out of the station on a part time basis, operating from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Whether it is a question you have about the fire department or need your blood pressure checked, don't hesitate to swing by.

Chief Al Church continues to be your advocate with district resources and efficiencies and the district stands ready for you, continuing to provide professional, caring services to the Des Moines community.



## Thanks for Your Support!

On May 16th, the community of Des Moines voted to raise property tax levels to fund the restoration of the Police Department budget. That decision is considered a vote of confidence for our City Council, which voted unanimously to support the Levy Lid Lift ballot proposal, and a vote of confidence for our Police Department, which has worked so long and hard to provide the best services possible with the reduced resources that were available. This support by our community will provide a six year funding increase to restore the following positions to the Police Department:

- One sergeant and four officers assigned to the Patrol Cover Watch/Street Crimes Unit to deal with neighborhood gang, vice and drug activities.
- One sergeant assigned to the Administrative and Training Unit.
- Three Community Service Officers to provide crime analysis, crime prevention, and emergency management functions.
- One Records Specialist to process crime report and arrest information.
- New and improved automated information systems and services.

The Police Department has initiated the personnel selection process for these restored positions and will hire the new personnel as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your continued support of the Des Moines Police Department as we begin our restoration process to meet the law enforcement challenges of today and the future. - *Chief Roger Baker*

### Alarm Ordinance Very Successful

The Police Department is pleased to announce the City's new alarm ordinance has been successfully implemented. The ordinance is meeting or exceeding goals and expectations in reducing unnecessary calls for service and providing accurate information to reach alarm holders. False alarms in the City requiring a police response have decreased by approximately 50% since the implementation of this ordinance. This has allowed the Police Department to use their resources more successfully on a variety of other projects and provided a cost savings of about \$25,000 per year.

As required by Des Moines City ordinance, ALL residential and business burglary, hold up, and panic alarms must be registered with the Des Moines Police Department. Registration forms and a brochure may be obtained on the City of Des Moines web site at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov) by clicking on the forms section or calling the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301. The registration is required annually and the cost is \$25 per year.

Currently the penalty for failing to register your alarm is \$200 and \$200 for each false alarm of a non-registered system. If you would like further information, please contact MPO Barry Sellers at 206-870-7616 or email [bsellers@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:bsellers@desmoineswa.gov).

### Emergency Preparedness

For years the Des Moines Police Department has worked to address the growing need for emergency preparedness. In 2006, the Emergency Management Division (EMD) was created within the Department to provide the attention and resources needed to help the residents and businesses of the City prepare for critical situations. With the images of Hurricane Katrina still fresh in our minds, we need only look outside at the blue waters of Puget Sound and the snow capped volcanoes to see that we face equal, if not greater, natural and man-made threats. While the City will do everything we can to prepare US for disaster, our efforts will fail unless we prepare YOU for disaster.

It is the EMD's primary mission to educate the public about preparedness. In addition to the City's website at [www.desmoineswa.gov/emd](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/emd), future *City Currents* issues will feature preparedness tips, updates on City programs and other information to help us all stay prepared. Strong communities have proven to be some of the best prepared for disaster. Des Moines is a strong community and, with just a little effort from all of us, we too can be best prepared.

### Citywide Blockwatch Meeting

**October 18, 7:00 pm at Des Moines PD**

Are you concerned about crime in your neighborhood? Wonder what you can do? Attend this citywide blockwatch meeting designed to provide valuable information to be shared by neighbors to improve the quality of life in your specific neighborhoods. For information, contact CSO Seaberry at 206-870-7619.

### Crime Free Multi-Housing

**Landlord 101 Training**

**November 14, 8 am - 5 pm**

This class is required every three years under the City of Des Moines Crime Free Rental Housing Ordinance. This is the last class offered in 2006. Please call 206-870-7619 to register.

### Child Safety

Instead of "stranger danger", consider teaching your child to *Check First*. Most crimes against children are committed by someone the child knows! Children are not always able to accurately discern a safe person or a safe situation, so they need to think and act carefully in order to remain safe. One sure way to do this is to follow a simple safety slogan: **CHECK FIRST**. They should check first with the adult who is in charge at the time, and avoid the possibility of making the wrong decision. *Charlie Check First* is a new child safety program being instructed by the Des Moines Police Dept. For information, contact CSO Tonya Seaberry at 206-870-7619.

## How Far Do You Want Your Buses and Trains to Go?

With a growing population and economy and a 'rush hour' that gets longer all the time, Sound Transit (ST) is looking at options for expanding our regional mass transit system. The goal is to provide easier connections to more places for more people throughout the region.

Sound Transit wants to hear from you about draft investment options under consideration. Each one builds on the Link light rail system currently under construction and scheduled to start running between downtown Seattle and Sea-Tac Airport in 2009 and north to the University of Washington in 2016. Depending on the level of investment – ranging from 3 cents to 5 cents on a \$10 purchase – light rail would extend south from Sea-Tac to at least Kent-Des Moines Road, and possibly as far as the Port of Tacoma area. Also proposed are more Sounder commuter rail and ST Express bus service, and additional parking.

And transit is just part of the solution. That's why Sound Transit is working with the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) on an integrated "Roads and Transit" plan. The joint plan will address traffic growth, improve safety and keep people and freight moving throughout the region's most congested corridors, especially during peak commute times in Pierce, King and Snohomish Counties. The Roads and Transit package will go before voters in November 2007. For more information about Sound Transit 2, the Roads and Transit plan, and how to comment, please visit [www.soundtransit.org/st2](http://www.soundtransit.org/st2).



The Des Moines City Council and staff would like to thank **Jim Polhamus**, newly retired Chief of Fire District 26 and South King Fire & Rescue, for 31 years of dedicated service to our community.

*Happy Retirement Jim!*

## Critical Areas Ordinance Update

Des Moines is in the process of updating its development regulations for managing and protecting critical areas by the end of 2006. The review is mandated by the state's Growth Management Act; however, the City is entitled to come up with its own conclusions regarding necessary changes.

Critical areas include wetlands, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and aquifer recharge areas. This update will revise City regulations that affect development and other activities in and around these sensitive areas.

By law, the updates are being developed based on the best available science (BAS). The idea is to use the latest and best science to fashion appropriate regulations. In addition to doing a better job of protecting the community's environment, the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) update is also supposed to maintain a balance with other community goals. Ideally, the revisions will feature enough flexibility to support the City's land use objectives while striking a balance between protecting the environment and at the same time allowing people reasonable use of their property.

In July 2005, a BAS review of Des Moines' critical area regulations was completed. A key recommendation from the review was for the City to complete an inventory of its critical areas to provide a scientific basis for updating the CAO.

In June 2006, the critical areas inventory started. In addition, state agencies made presentations at the June 22nd City Council meeting and at a public open house/Planning Agency meeting held on June 26th. The purpose of the presentations was to provide community members, the Planning Agency and elected officials an opportunity to learn about BAS and state recommendations on critical area protection.

During July and August 2006, the Planning Agency and City Council discussed Ecology's wetland classification and rating system and wetland buffer options as well as the State permanent stream typing and stream buffers. The City will be considering amendments to development standards, buffer requirements and mitigation provisions this fall.

This planning effort includes a series of meetings with the Planning Agency and City Council. The public is invited to comment through these forums. Visit the City's website for more information and updates on the project at: [www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/development/development/plan.html](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/development/development/plan.html). You may also contact Denise Lathrop at 206-870-7576 or [dlathrop@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:dlathrop@desmoineswa.gov).



## Permitting Process Improvements

Late in 2005 a number of people from the public and private sectors began meeting to discuss ways to streamline and improve the City's permitting process. This was identified at the August 2005 Mayor's Des Moines Leadership Summit as one of the most important City needs. The group became known as the Permit Committee.

The Committee has held a dozen meetings to discuss various ways to improve permitting. Surveys were completed to determine the most critical issues or concerns. A long list of permitting problems and opportunities to accelerate economic development in Des Moines was narrowed down to 9 initiatives that are in various stages of implementation. One area that is already helping is a full complement of inspectors and an experienced and stable Building Division and Development Services staff level.

Committee members are continuing to work with staff to evaluate various changes to the process. An unusually high level of planning, developing and building activity is keeping staff very busy, but long term progress is becoming more evident each month.

## Des Moines Creek Business Park

The City of Des Moines and the Port of Seattle are partnering together to bring economic development to the City and region through construction of the Des Moines Creek Business Park. The 89-acre site is located along South 216<sup>th</sup> Street across the street from the Post Office and west of 24th Avenue South. Formerly a residential neighborhood, the property was purchased by the Port through its Noise Remedy Program and all the houses on the site were removed.

The types of businesses the Port is proposing for the site are logistics such as air cargo and distribution, manufacturing, and office. A master developer will decide what the ultimate development will be and the timing of development. It is expected that site development would be phased over a 7- to 10-year period.

State Environmental Policy Act review of the project is currently underway and is scheduled to be completed in early 2007, with a Draft Environmental Impact Statement scheduled for release in October 2006. The City and Port will enter into a Second Development Agreement in early 2007. The Port would then enter into an agreement with a master developer. Groundbreaking could occur on the site as early as late 2007.

## Accessory Living Quarters New Housing for New Times

Residents of Des Moines frequently ask if they can develop a second living unit on their single family zoned property for a family member or as a source of income.

The City Council recently authorized the creation of Accessory Living Quarters (ALQ) in all single family residentially zoned properties in certain situations. An ALQ is a structure that is subordinate and incidental to the main or primary dwelling unit and provides complete independent living facilities. Complete independent living facilities include permanent provisions for living, sleeping, cooking, and sanitation. There are other considerations that affect whether an ALQ can be approved, including size of the unit, parking, ownership, type of unit, and location.

There are two types of ALQs:

- An **Attached ALQ** is attached to the primary dwelling unit or contained within the footprint of the primary dwelling unit such as converted basements, attics, or garages.
- A **Detached ALQ** is a free standing dwelling unit that is not attached or physically connected to the primary dwelling unit in any manner.

Both pre-existing and new ALQs within the City of Des Moines are required to complete a City registration process and submit a nonrefundable fee under some conditions. All new construction, additions, or alterations will require a building permit.

If you desire more information about ALQs, please contact the City of Des Moines Planning, Building and Public Works Department located in Suite D of City Hall or call 206-870-7576.

The Des Moines Field House was the site of the **Second Annual Des Moines Pet Festival** on Sunday, August 27th. Several animal-related businesses participated, including veterinarians, groomers, trainers, pet stores, local artists, shelters and rescue groups, and DMPD Animal Control plus many interested pet owners. Events included contests, raffle drawings, and demonstrations, plus the Seattle Fire Department "Arson" (accelerant detection) Dog. A great time was had by all, people and pets alike!

## Residential Recycling Collection Event

Saturday, October 28, 2006, at the Des Moines Marina, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

\*Some fees may apply - cash only.

### ITEMS ACCEPTED:

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



### NOT ACCEPTED:

Paint, Solvents, Thinners\*\*  
Pesticides\*\*  
Household Chemicals\*\*  
Fluorescent Lights\*\*  
Window Glass  
Garbage  
Yard Waste  
Mattresses  
Plastics, Toys, Hoses, etc.  
Painted Wood  
Scrap Wood  
Furniture

### \*\*HAZARDOUS WASTES

The household hazardous wastes listed above are accepted at the King County Household Hazardous Wastemobile. You may view the 2006 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.

## 16th Avenue S. Improvement Project

Phase I - S. 272nd St. to S. 260th St.  
(Gas line improved from S. 279th St)

Construction is underway by Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to relocate gas and electrical utilities in the 16th Avenue South corridor. Selective tree removal and trimming began the week of July 17th and pole relocations began the week of August 7th. A PSE gas line is being upgraded from a 2" line to a 6" line from S. 279th St. through the project limits at S. 260th St. Following relocation of the electrical overhead, Qwest and Comcast will relocate their cables onto the PSE poles. This utility work is expected to continue into the fall of 2006.

The Highline Water District is also planning to replace its 6" water main and install new fire hydrants utilizing their own contractor. The work is expected to



start in early October and continue into the winter. The City is working with consultant KPG, Inc. to design improvements for 16th Ave. S. extending from S. 260th St. to S. 272nd St. The project involves numerous safety improvements including curbs, gutters, sidewalks, crosswalks, left turn lanes, bicycle lanes and traffic signal improvements, as well as

relocation of utilities in the corridor and major improvements at the 16th and Woodmont intersection.

City construction is expected to begin in January, 2007. A limited amount of right-of-way is required for the project and negotiations are substantially complete.

For further information, please call 206-870-6525 or e-mail the Planning, Building and Public Works Department at [lwright@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:lwright@desmoineswa.gov).

## Marine View Drive Bridge Construction Update

Bridge work is nearing completion at the north end of downtown. The deck has been completed and the approaches have been paved and re-stripped. To everyone's relief, the road has been fully opened to traffic.

Minor work still remains on the east side of the road to complete the sidewalk and pedestrian barrier and reconstruct the traffic island at the flag pole. Once the east sidewalk, pedestrian barrier and traffic island are complete, the sidewalk on the west side of the road will be closed and will not be re-opened until the landslide repair work is completed next year.

Work has also started underneath the bridge. The road embankment fill that was done in the 1920's will be removed to make way for a new Des Moines Creek stream channel and pedestrian trail. The corridor will provide a 40-foot wide stream section that includes fish habitat features such as boulders and tree stumps as well as stream weirs and pools to transition the upstream channel to the downstream channel. Along side the stream will be a 15-foot wide paved bicycle and pedestrian trail that extends to S. 200<sup>th</sup> Street.

## Marine View Drive and Des Moines Memorial Drive Landslide Repair Projects

Last January, following a month of heavy rains, oversaturated ground conditions caused two major landslides. One is on the west side of Marine View Drive just north of the new bridge where the hillside slid away, and the other is on the east shoulder of Des Moines Memorial Drive between the flag pole traffic island at Marine View Drive and S. 211th Street. Due to the lengthy process to acquire federal funding assistance, repairs are scheduled for next summer. Some temporary work is anticipated on Des Moines Memorial Drive to winterize the site this fall, however. This work will include patching the road where the surface has deformed, adding a pavement berm to direct road runoff away from the slide area, and piping the ditch on the west side of Memorial Drive. Engineering staff will closely monitor the two sites over this winter season.

## Securing Your Load – Safety and \$ Issue

Securing your load takes only a few seconds and it could save a life or prevent serious injury or at the very least, keep litter from our streets. In Des Moines, driving with an unsecured load could result in a \$194 fine, a \$103 fine for littering, plus a penalty up to \$5,000 for gross misdemeanor and possible jail time if a bodily injury is involved.

### Tips for Securing Loads

- Tie down with rope, bungee cords, netting or straps. Secure all items to your vehicle.
- Cover your load with sturdy plastic, canvas tarp or a net.
- Place lighter items at the bottom of your load.
- Don't overload - keep material level with the truck bed or trailer and securely tied down, netted or tarped.
- Always double-check your load.

If you observe unsecured loads on other vehicles, please call 911 and furnish a license plate number if possible.

## Building a Deck? Need a Permit?

Yes, a permit is required for such a common item as a deck. Why would a permit for such a seemingly simple item be required? One of the answers is to ensure that the deck will not fall down when in use. We've all heard the stories of decks failing and people injured, or worse killed, because of construction or design errors. When a permit is applied for, the Building Department has the opportunity to review the design to determine that the structure meets all building codes and will not collapse.

During construction, a building inspector will check to make sure that the project is built per plans and in a safe manner, again ensuring that it meets all code requirements and is safe to use.

This is one of many reasons to check with the Building Division and secure a permit before beginning construction.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available with the Des Moines Planning, Building and Public Works Office. For example:

- Organize archive records for the Building, Development Services and Transportation divisions.
- File and enter data for Transportation Division.

For information, please contact:

Barbara Wagner at 206.870.6535 or Linda Wright at 206.870.6525 for a volunteer application packet.

## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Approved the following ordinances:

- 1374 Amending Cabaret Licensing
- 1375 Authorizing a ballot measure to restore Police Dept. staffing
- 1376 Adopting Comprehensive Plan Amendments
- 1377 Approving Final Assessment Roll for LID #1-98-10
- 1378 Compliance with Growth Management Act
- 1379 Amending False Alarm Ord.
- 1380 Approving 2006 1st Quarter Budget amendments
- 1381 Amending Solid Waste Disposal and Collection Agreement
- 1382 Amending Graffiti Ordinance
- 1383 Amending Enforcement of Zoning Code Violations

### Approved the following resolutions:

- 1006 Supporting Highline School District Bond Proposal
- 1007 Supporting Farmers Market at South Marina Park
- 1008 Setting Public Hearing of Final Assessment Roll for LID #1-98-10
- 1009 Authorizing Fireworks Over Des Moines on July 4, 2006
- 1010 Approve Cameron's Crossing Final Plat
- 1011 Amending Council Rule 8, Special Meeting notice may be delivered by electronic mail
- 1012 Approving Criterium Bicycle Race on July 2
- 1013 Approving 6 Year Transportation Plan for 2007-2012
- 1014 Approving Highline Community College Shore Conditional Substantial Development Permit

- 1015 Approving Maslow Preliminary Plat

### Approved the following:

- Professional engineering design services for 2006 Arterial Maintenance Program to KPG \$58,146.84
- Interlocal with Normandy Park to provide Senior Services for 2006
- Lease with Joshua Green Corporation for office space for Police substation
- Agreement with WA Department of Transportation to provide additional funds of \$475,000 for the Marine View Drive Bridge Project
- Design & construction management services with Elcon Associates for Marina Security Camera System \$21,000
- Interlocal for 2007-2009 for Mount Rainier Pool with Pool Contributors and Pool Owners
- Contract with INCA Engineers for professional services for Marine View Drive Bridge/Des Moines Memorial Park \$8,023.61
- Agreement with Midway Sewer District for Placement of Puget Sound Energy and Qwest Utilities for Pacific Highway South Redevelopment Project
- Agreement for Storefront Studio Project with UW Office of Regional Affairs and the College of Architecture & Urban Planning

### Held the following Public Hearings:

- Shoreline Master Program Update
- Preliminary Plat - Maslow
- Received briefing on Growth Management Draft EIS on update of Vision 2020.

### RAIN BARRELS

*To encourage the use of recycled content material and more efficient use of water, the City of Des Moines is offering recycled plastic rain barrels at a substantial discount.*

*Available at City Hall while supplies last - \$25.00.*

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