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Haunted House doors will creak open Friday the 13th

The Des Moines Haunted House returns this year with a special Friday the 13th sneak preview.

Since Oct. 13 falls on a Friday this year, Haunted House sponsors decided to open on the 13th for one day only, and then reopen on Oct. 18 through Halloween, Oct. 31.

Sponsors promise a "full-scale show" with a full cast and all the special effects. Hours for the Friday the 13th sneak preview will be 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 with proceeds going to the Des Moines Food Bank.

Scare Productions has put together an entire new show this year, with new sets, new characters and new special effects. The over all effort requires nearly 100 volunteers each night. Scare Productions teams with the City of Des Moines and the Des Moines - Midway

Rotary Club to put on the Haunted House, with one-third of proceeds going to each.

Haunted House hours starting Oct. 18 will be 7 - 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday; 7 - midnight Friday & Saturday. Admission is \$4. It is located in Des Moines Beach Park just north of the marina.

A special "Family Hour", during which the special effects are toned down for younger children, is held each night from 7 - 8 p.m. The Haunted House is not recommended for children 6 or under.



Crossing street doesn't have to be so risky

Have you ever enjoyed an afternoon walk in the downtown Des Moines area, window shopping, having an ice cream cone or a latte? As you strolled around town you tried to cross Marine View Drive (or any other busy street) and nobody stopped for you and you felt like you were risking your life just to cross the street? You *were* risking your life.



Last year, 8,000 people in this country lost their lives while crossing the street. Studies have shown that as many as 95 percent of all drivers in King County don't stop for pedestrians. This is a very serious concern for us, the residents of Des Moines.

Washington State law says that crosswalks exist at all intersections, except where prohibited by signs. At any crosswalk (marked or unmarked) drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

As drivers, we must remember that in a battle between a 2,000 pound car and a 140 pound pedestrian, the car always wins. That means you may have to be delayed slightly to allow a pedestrian to cross the street, but you may have just saved his or her life by offering a safe chance to cross the street. As a pedestrian, you have the responsibility to choose an appropriate time to cross, giving drivers ample time to see you and come to a stop.

If we all work together, drivers and pedestrians, by respecting the rights of each we can make Des Moines a safer place. Give it a try.

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Welcome, new residents

Some recently annexed residents of Des Moines may not have received the July issue of City Currents that officially welcomed them to the city.

The North Hill III annexation, which went into effect July 1, brought 1,733 new residents into the city.

The newly annexed area is bounded by 1st Avenue South on the west; Des Moines Memorial Drive on the east; South 200th Street on the south; and South 192nd Street on the north.

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**Marina to expand recycling
program for boaters**

Several months ago the Des Moines Marina instituted a recycling program for boaters and now plans to expand it.

Last winter small recycling containers were placed by each dumpster for use by persons with boats moored at the marina. The containers began filling up quickly as boaters became aware they were there.

Recycling areas with larger containers are being situated next to two centrally located dumpsters.

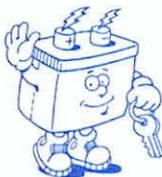
**Special collection & recycling event**

The City of Des Moines is sponsoring a special collection and recycling event to reduce the amount of hazardous material within the city. The event takes place **Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** at the south end of the marina near Anthony's.

FREE!

You can bring the following items:

- **Uncontaminated oil-based products:** Oil filters, motor oil, auto fluids, kerosene, diesel oil and home heating fuel. Do not mix with antifreeze, gasoline, solvents or other substances.
- **Light truck, car, motorcycle tires:** Tires must be taken off rims. Limit 8 passenger tires per household (18 inches or under) free of charge. \$8 for each large truck tire and \$14 for each tractor tire.
- **Uncontaminated Antifreeze** (do not mix with oil, gas, solvents or other substances.)
- **Lead Acid Batteries:** Car, truck, marine and motorcycle batteries accepted. No household batteries please.
- **"Clean" scrap wood.**
- **Scrap metal:** Both ferrous and non-ferrous metals.
- **Appliances:** Refrigerators and freezers require a \$15 charge to properly dispose of hazardous chemicals. Water heaters with insulation coating are charged \$5.



The event is funded primarily by the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program and the King County Solid Waste Division. Both programs are funded through garbage disposal fees paid by all King County residents.

The City of Des Moines 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 being thrown into roadside ditches, used antifreeze from being drained into alleyways, and lead acid batteries from being thrown into landfills.

Win 'Bear Claw' quilt in raffle for Food Bank

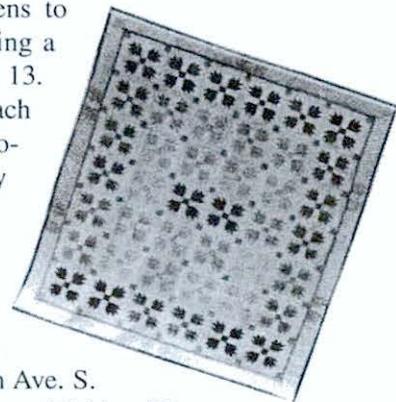
The City of Des Moines encourages citizens to support the Des Moines Food Bank by purchasing a ticket for a special quilt being raffled off on Nov. 13.

The king size quilt (90 by 110 inches) is a peach and maroon "Bear Claw" design that has been professionally quilted "with tender loving care" by Helen Rose, with the pieces made by Flo Nicholson, both Food Bank volunteers. The quilt is pictured, right.

Raffle tickets are \$4 each and available at the Des Moines Food Bank, located in the basement of the United Methodist Church, 22225 9th Ave. S. Hours are 9:30 a.m. - noon, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The winner of the Nov. 13 drawing will be notified by mail or phone.

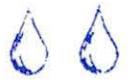
The Food Bank also is selling historic Des Moines afghans for \$50 each. The afghans are 100 percent cotton, 50 by 60 inches, and have artwork of familiar Des Moines scenes.

The afghans can be seen at the Des Moines Food Bank or ordered by calling 878-2660.





Surface Water News



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RECENT DRAINAGE PROJECTS

Summer is synonymous with warm weather, sun tans, backyard barbecues, and most importantly, vacations! However, this past summer our Public Works crews had anything but a vacation when it came to vegetation control. The crews worked vigorously to control and maintain the vegetation growth in our many stormwater ditches. They also stopped at all detention facilities within the city limits and gave them a thorough grooming.

Public Works crews were also out on patrol in our vactor truck, cleaning numerous catch basins and associated piping, in preparation for the fall rainy season. Also, for those who travel across Des Moines Creek on Marine View Drive South between First Avenue South/Des Moines Memorial Drive South and South 216th Street, you should notice a significant lack of puddling. In August, our crews performed some extensive work in the area which entailed lowering an existing catch basin, resloping the gutters, and repairing curbing. The purpose of the work is to convey water away from the Des Moines Creek crossing instead of letting it puddle up, thus improving traffic safety.

Our crews also kept busy by repairing catch basins, installing berms, and installing 296 feet of 12 inch pipe as well as one new catch basin as part of our Pipe Program.

The Public Works crews were busy cleaning up after a recent Highline Water District water main break at 10th Avenue South and South 232nd Street. The crews cleaned the silt and debris out of the manholes across from the Willows Apartments (10th Avenue South and South 230th Street) to minimize sediment in Massey Creek.

Capital Improvement Projects



Construction is nearly complete on the City Park Detention Facility located at the northeast corner of Kent-Des Moines Road and 22nd Place. The detention project involved construction of a 15-foot high gabion (rock filled cages) wall, installation of an outlet control structure with an overflow rack, a new and larger trash rack, and maintenance access to the facility. Workers are now completing the fencing and landscaping on the project. The project is one of three regional detention facilities that are planned to help alleviate flooding of the Lower Massy Creek.

Over 700 feet of 36 inch and 24 inch diameter pipe was installed through a storm easement behind Grace Lutheran Church adjacent to the City Park. The bypass pipe will intercept flows from over 150 acres of land (east of the site to Interstate 5 and north to South 216th Street) that will now drain to the City Park Detention Facility. The new bypass system will prevent flooding of nearby homes that are adjacent to the park and provides capacity for future upgrades to the drain system feeding to the new detention facility.

DES MOINES CREEK BASIN PLAN

An interlocal agreement is in the final stages of negotiations between the City of SeaTac, Port of Seattle, and the City of Des Moines to jointly prepare a basin plan for addressing surface water and fish habitat issues within the Des Moines Creek basin. When completed, the Basin Plan will serve as a policy framework for guiding decisions and appropriations regarding surface water capital improvements, fish habitat improvements, drainage regulations and enforcement, drainage maintenance, recreation and wildlife, and other significant issues. All three parties agree that it will take a cooperative effort to identify and address problems that cross jurisdictional boundaries as well as provide the greatest costs savings to the public.



City Park Detention Facility under construction.

POLLUTION INFORMATION

- On where to recycle used oil, call the Department of Ecology's toll free Recycling Hotline, 1-800-RECYCLE.
- On safe disposal of hazardous substances, call Ecology's Hazardous Substance Information Hotline, 1-800-633-7585.
- For reporting an oil spill, please call the City's Public Works Department (ask for maintenance) at 878-8626.

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DID YOU KNOW THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE?

- Absentee Ballot Requests and Voter Registration Forms
- Cable TV Channel 28
 - Public Meeting Information
 - Delayed Video Broadcast of Council Meetings
- City Council Meeting Material
- City Map
- Copies of Ordinances/Codes
- Community Services Telephone Lists
- Solicitor Permit Applications
- Video Tapes of Council Meetings (2 week check-out)
- Various Information/Brochures:
 - A Citizen's Directory of Elected Officials (State & National)
 - Animal Control, Laws and Services
 - Bus Schedules for Routes 130 & 132
 - Consumer & Business Fair Practices, Attorney General's Office
 - Des Moines Marina Newsletter
 - Greater Des Moines Senior Center Newsletter
 - King County Hazardous Wastemobile Schedule
 - Landlord-Tenant Law, Attorney General's Office
 - Motor Vehicle Emission Program Information and Tips
 - Recreation Programs
 - The Constitution of the United States

THE FOLLOWING ARE ALSO AVAILABLE:

- Business License Application
 - Commercial \$50.00
 - Home Occupation \$20.00
- Dog License (Proof of Rabies Vaccination Required)
 - New or Renewal \$10.00
 - Sr. Citizen Lifetime of Dog \$20.00
- Fingerprinting \$10.00 (Live or work in Des Moines)
- History Book
 - "100 Years of the Waterland Community" \$10.00
- "No Solicitors Allowed" Signs
 - Plastic 2 1/2" x 5" \$2.00
 - Metal Reflective 12" x 18" \$10.00



THIRD RUNWAY UPDATE



*By Ken Reid, Director, Airport Communities Coalition
(Cities of Des Moines, Normandy Park, Tukwila, Burien and Highline School District)*

The ACC on August 3rd submitted some 500 pages of comments on the FAA/Port of Seattle's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Issued on April 27th for public review and comment, the DEIS purported to, as required by state and federal law, clearly describe the proposed actions, analyze alternative means to satisfy the intended purposes, define the resultant impacts of the proposed actions, and identify measures to mitigate those impacts. The flaws, misrepresentations and oversights in the DEIS, represented by a 2200 page document for which the Port has paid nearly \$5 million dollars, are too numerous to describe here. A few glaring examples are illustrative:

- The DEIS falsely asserts that the exact same level of activity, airplanes, passengers and autos, will occur in the year 2020 whether the project is built or not!
- The DEIS ignores the legal role of the Puget Sound Regional Council and its Expert Arbitration Panel in enabling the third runway project to go forward; it cannot without their approvals.
- The DEIS fails to analyze reasonable alternatives which are available to satisfy their self-described purpose and need, and capable of doing so at dramatically reduced cost and environmental damage. Alternatives including rail, use of other airports, other demand management measures and lesser "build" alternatives are dismissed out-of-hand.
- The DEIS seriously underestimates the environmental consequences of the proposed expansion and side-steps responsibility for abating or mitigating even very severe damages. The regional and localized impacts of a million huge trucks necessary to move required fill dirt alone, for instance, is virtually dismissed; the tremendous traffic congestion, roadway damage and costs which would result are dismissed.
- The air quality analysis is filled with implausible assumptions and errors, the product of which is an improper assertion that regional air quality will not be "significantly" impacted. In fact, our air quality would be seriously threatened by the level of activities proposed.
- The proposed third runway and its related projects pose real and serious threats to the ACC communities in the foregoing areas and to water quality, public services and infrastructure, business disruptions, noise and overall community integrity.

The Port and FAA must next respond in writing to each comment submitted on the DEIS. Hundreds of individuals, agencies and organizations commented on the document, many offering the same or similar concerns as the ACC. Upon issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) ACC will thoroughly assess the extent to which our concerns have been satisfactorily addressed. Failure of the project's proponents to adequately respond to our objections and the many other legitimate concerns of others will form another basis for appeal of any decision to move ahead.

Another major step facing the Port in its efforts to move their ill-conceived and unjustified expansion concept forward involves the Puget Sound Regional Council and its Expert Arbitration Panel. The Panel must find that the Port is meeting both demand and system management and noise reduction objectives in order for the Regional Airport System Plan to be amended to allow the third runway. The Panel has scheduled its next round of hearings on both subjects for November 20 and 21. ACC will be contributing informed testimony during this process and fully expects the Panel to continue to hold the Port's feet to the fire. The Panel to date has been an extremely encouraging group, asking all the right questions and demanding thorough and direct answers. Their process must conclude by April 1, 1996 and promises to expose significant holes in the Port's logic and motives in justifying the project.

Stay tuned, we'll keep you posted.

Sept. 15, 1995



Trout Unlimited wants to make Des Moines Creek a healthy habitat for fish again.

Group hopes to rebuild Des Moines Creek

If plans by Trout Unlimited are successful, Des Moines Creek will once again be a healthy habitat for salmon and trout – the way it was before pollution and development ruined the spawning grounds.

The organization, made up of local fishing enthusiasts, is coordinating with the City's Surface Water Management Division and other agencies on a plan to rebuild the creek, which originates near the T-Tac Airport and empties into Puget Sound at Des Moines Beach Park, north of the marina.

"Des Moines Creek used to support a lot of salmon and steelhead," said Derek Rowe, founder of Trout Unlimited and longtime area resident. "We want to re-establish it as a good spawning stream for fish."

Erosion of the stream banks and pollution from surface water runoff have over the years ruined the spawning grounds. Mud and silt from erosion covers the gravel fish need as a place to lay eggs. Oil and antifreeze that washes off

surface streets and drains into the stream kills fish.

The first step, probably this fall, will be to do an extensive survey of the waterway and measure depths, widths and waterflows "foot by foot", Rowe said. That information will be given to the King County Surface Water Division which will run it through a computer and determine what needs to be done to restore the fishery.

A lot of work will need to be done to stabilize the banks to prevent more erosion, Rowe said. Vegetation will be added to the banks to shade the water and keep the water temperature low. Logs and large rocks will be brought in to slow the water flow and create pools. Mud and silt on the stream bottom will be replaced with gravel and sand.

The survey and rebuilding project will require the help of volunteers. Any group or individual with an interest in rebuilding the stream should contact Trout Unlimited President Al Miller at 243-3122.

City will help homeowners fill ditches next to street

The City has developed a neighborhood pipe program to help fill those nuisance ditches that line our streets. By filling the ditches, more area of the right-of-way can be used for street parking and pedestrian paths. The pipes are much easier to maintain than the ditches and the new catch basins will prevent trash from entering the drainage system.

In a joint venture with the homeowners, City Public Works crews will

provide the heavy equipment and labor to install the pipes, catch basins and backfill material (gravel) to fill in the ditches if the owner pays for the materials.

For those interested, a cost estimate can be obtained from Wayne Matthews at 870-6567. He would be happy to make a site visit and suggest improvements that are needed for your particular site (some restrictions apply).

Citizens needed for Police Department Advisory Board

The Des Moines Police Department is seeking individuals to serve on the department's Citizens Advisory Board.

The purpose of the Citizens Advisory Board is two-fold: 1) to educate citizens about various aspects of the police department, and 2) to educate members of the Police Department about community and neighborhood concerns.

The Advisory Board is made up of up to 20 citizens from different areas of the city. The Board meets once a month (the last Wednesday) from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

The Advisory Board has been instrumental in bringing public safety improvements to various neighborhoods. Lt. Mitch Barker said members brought concerns to the police department's attention which resulted in street lights being installed in one neighborhood, brush cleared from a vacant lot in another, and the creation of a police bike patrol.

"We educate the citizens about our police department, and they educate us about their neighborhoods," Barker said.

Any citizen interested in serving on the Advisory Board can contact Lt. Barker at 870-6545.

Work on new police station is behind the scenes, for now

The site for the new Des Moines Police Station may be quiet these days, but a lot of behind-the-scenes work on the new facility is taking place.

The floor plan for the new police station is being reviewed by architects and police department staff and minor adjustments are being made before it is finalized. The site on 11th Avenue South, just south of the existing police station, is seeing some minor activity as soil samples are taken and other preliminary work is done to prepare for construction.

More notable activity will begin in January or February as crews begin excavation. Actual construction of the new 15,000 square-foot facility is scheduled to begin in early spring.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



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JUNE 1995

- Held a two day retreat at Leavenworth, WA to identify goals for 1996.
- Approved the following ordinances:
 - No. 1137 prohibiting the use and sale of fireworks for holidays other than the 4th of July.
 - No. 1138 finalizing the North Hill III annexation.
 - No. 1139 revising the sign code regarding banners.
- Held a public hearing and passed Resolution No. 790 granting an

Unclassified Use Permit for a cabaret to China Sea Restaurant.

- Held a public hearing and passed Resolution No. 791 approving the Six Year Transportation Program for 1996-2001.
- Approved Resolution No. 792 setting policies for the North Hill III annexation.

JULY 1995

- Rated previously identified priorities for 1996.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1140 repealing obso-

lete zones.

- Held a public hearing regarding the solid waste agreement with Sea-Tac Disposal Company.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1141 regarding street system improvement procedures.
- Reviewed five year financial assumptions.
- Approved Resolution No. 793 granting permission to the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce to use marina property for an on-water boat show and sale of prepared food and non-

alcoholic beverages.

- Awarded the following contracts:
 - Construction of the City Park Detention and Bypass Projects to Tydico, Inc. in the amount of \$157,974.76, including sales tax, plus a 10 percent contingency, and authorized the City Manager to sign said contract.
 - Demolition of two abandoned buildings located at Des Moines Beach Park to Gaston Brothers for the amount of \$14,824, including sales tax, plus a 10 per-

cent contingency, and authorized the City Manager to sign said contract.

AUGUST 1995

- Continued review of the solid waste agreement with Sea-Tac Disposal Company.
- Approved Ordinance No. 1143, a 1995 budget amendment for the North Hill III Annexation revenues and expenditures.
- Attended a special meeting for a workshop on Regional Options for Affordable Housing.

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