



Are You Interested in Land Use and Development?

There is currently one vacancy on the Des Moines Planning Agency, a citizen advisory committee that specializes in land use issues. Mayor Scott Thomasson hopes you will consider serving on this committee and help the City evaluate certain types of development proposals and draft land use policies.

The Planning Agency rarely meets more frequently than one evening per month, and the members are often the first citizens to see development proposals planned for their neighborhoods. No special experience or expertise is required. Prospective members should have the desire to serve their community and the ability to work collaboratively to achieve the best land development allowed by State and City regulations.

Letters of interest should be addressed to Mayor Thomasson, 21630 11th Avenue South, Suite A, Des Moines, WA 98198. For more information, call Corbitt Loch at (206) 870-6568 or you can e-mail him at cloch@cityofdesmoines.com.



Nibble of Des Moines

September 15-16
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Des Moines Marina

Join the fun! Food, arts and crafts, merchant vendors, a petting zoo, pony rides and entertainment.

Call the Des Moines Chamber of Commerce at (206) 878-7000 for more information.

Olympic Elementary Soccer Field Dedication

The public is invited to attend the dedication of the newly renovated Olympic soccer field

Saturday, Sept. 8
10:30 a.m.

Olympic Elementary
616 South 200th St.

Following the dedication and refreshments, the Des Moines Midway Soccer Club will have its mini-jamboree on the field beginning at 11 a.m.



Soccer field renovations provide local fields for Des Moines youth.

The renovation of the Olympic Elementary School soccer field was possible through the collaborative efforts of the following funding partners: Highline School District, King County, Des Moines Midway Soccer Club, City of Des Moines and Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. A special thanks to the Des Moines community and our funding partners for making this new field possible.

Free Class for Babies and Parents at Library

Baby and Me is a class at the Des Moines Library for children through the age of 18 months and their parents. For babies, there will be music, toys, parent-child activities and baby friends. For mom and dad, there will be parent-child activities, new contacts with other parents of young children, prizes, and information on such topics as early brain growth and helping baby learn, safety, nutrition issues such as weaning and beginning solid foods and more.

Each parent will make a "memory book" with pictures taken at baby's first class. Classes begin September 27. Call Karen at (206) 764-5801 for registration and information. The Baby and Me Program is funded in part by a City of Des Moines Human Services grant.



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Other Numbers

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Des Moines Library . .206-824-6066
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Marina206-824-5700
City Job Line206-870-6593
City Information Line...206-870-7585
Web Site: www.ci.des-moines.wa.us

Traffic Circles to Slow Vehicles on S. 208th St.

Construction of a new Neighborhood Traffic Control Project (NTCP) is underway. Landscaped traffic circles are being placed on South 208th Street at the intersections of 4th Avenue South, 5th Avenue South and 7th Place South.

The circles are designed to slow vehicles down and also discourage cut-through traffic between 1st Avenue South and Des Moines Memorial Drive. To accommodate larger vehicles, the circles are designed to be "mountable" - this allows larger vehicles such as fire engines to drive over the circles' edges if necessary.

The circles are being installed in response to citizen concerns of speeding and pedestrian safety on South 208th Street. Residents in the area have worked closely with the City of Des Moines in developing a neighborhood approval petition.

Before and after speed and volume studies are being conducted in the area to determine the long-range effectiveness of the circles.

Design and construction of the NTCP project on 20th Avenue South is scheduled to begin next year.

DES MOINES SENIOR CENTER**Spaghetti Bash and Bake Sale Oct. 5**

Fall Feast! Spaghetti Bash and Bake Sale. Come slurp homemade spaghetti at Des Moines Senior Center, Friday, October 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. We'll have scrumptious spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread, hot and cold beverages and a BAKE SALE of delectable desserts!

Tickets for the Fall Feast are \$5 per person, children under 5, \$3 each. Bake sale items will be priced separately. Homemade pies, cakes, cookies, as good as grandma's because the ARE made by grandma!

Volunteers needed! Des Moines Senior Center needs volunteers to help out with the Spaghetti Bash and Bake Sale in October. We are looking for people to help bake goodies. If you would like to be a busy baker for the Senior Center, please call Sue at (206) 878-1642.

**Holiday Wreath Sales**

For the second year, the Des Moines Senior Center is selling holiday wreaths to support its many programs and services. Fresh noble fir wreaths measuring 16 inches in diameter are \$15 each. 22-inch wreaths are \$20. Orders will be taken beginning October 1 for delivery the week of Thanksgiving. Call Des Moines Senior Center, (206) 878-1642 for more details.

MAGICAL NIGHT OF GIVING

Join us on November 11 for a special night
of shopping at the Auburn Super Mall

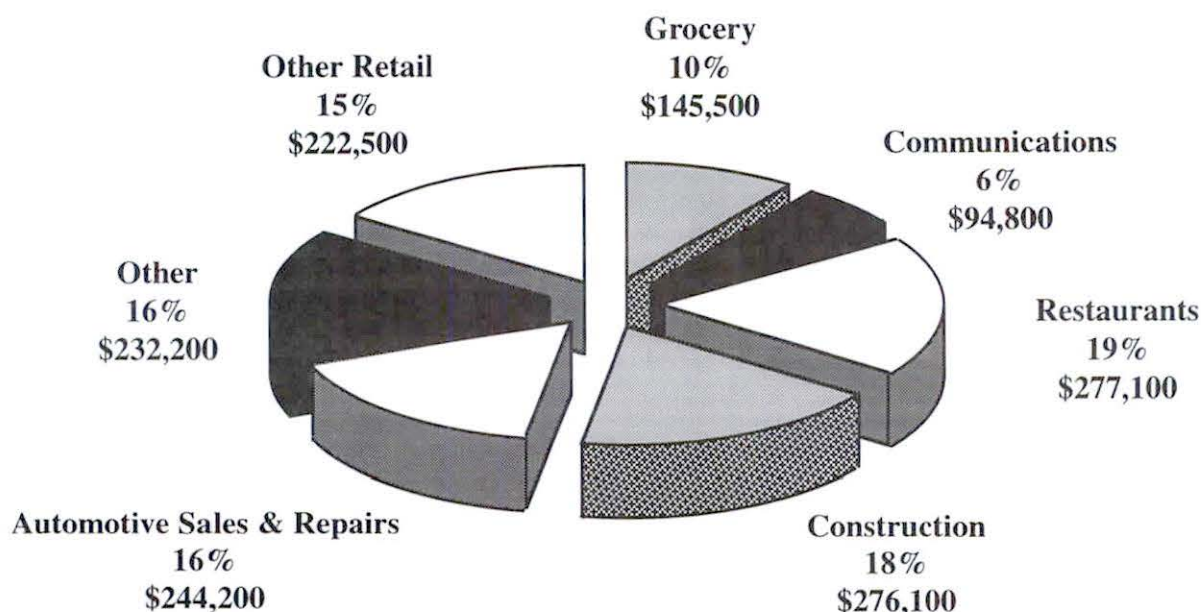
The Mall will be open to "ticket holders" only from 7 to 10 p.m. for a head start on your holiday shopping - ticket cost is \$5. There will be entertainment, door prizes, FREE gift wrapping and more! This event is a fund-raiser for the Senior Center and is open to shoppers of all ages. Transportation (for a limited number) will be provided for those who need it. Look for more information in the Senior Center monthly newsletter.



City of Des Moines
TAX TRIVIA!

Who Collects the Sales Tax in the City?

City of Des Moines
2000 SALES TAX REVENUE
\$1,492,400



Dogs Don't Have to Bite to be Vicious

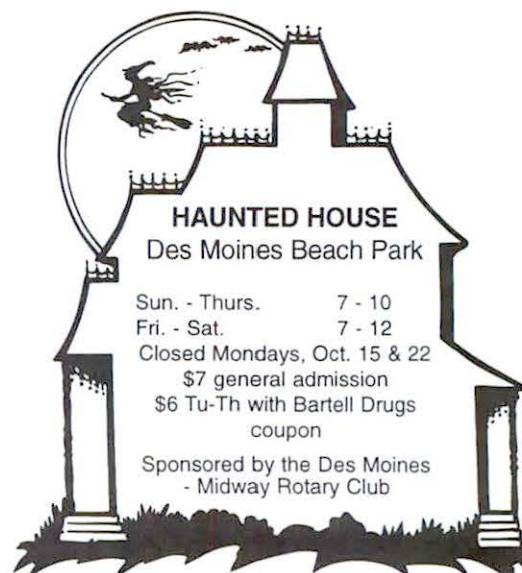
The City of Des Moines has laws that address many common animal problems; these laws are intended to "protect and serve people and pets"! However, many citizens do not realize the extent to which these laws can protect them.

As an example, many citizens don't call about a vicious dog that they have encountered because they do not realize that a dog does not necessarily have to BITE someone to be considered "vicious" or "potentially dangerous." Just by "exhibiting vicious propensities" and/or "endangering the safety of humans" a dog may be impounded and the dog owner may be issued a citation!

To learn more about these laws, it is easy to access the City's website at www.ci.des-moines.wa.us or, you may come to City Hall or the Police Department for an informational brochure or a packet of the actual laws. You may also call Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson at (206) 870-6549 for further information.

Police Warn About Investment Letter: A letter received recently by area residents asks for assistance in securing investments from African mining corporations. Des Moines Police advise that residents NOT GIVE THEIR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER OR OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION in response to this letter without first doing careful research. Please contact Sr. Detective Jim Gallagher of the Des Moines Police Department at 206-870-7611 to check on the validity of unsolicited investment opportunities in foreign countries.

Haunted House Open Oct. 12 - 31



Special Recycling Collection Event

October 27, 2001, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

at the Des Moines Marina

Items Must Meet the Following Guidelines

TIRES: Bias ply, steel belted, and studded tires accepted. Limit 6 tires per household (18 inches and below) free of charge. \$1.50 charge for each tire on a rim. \$5 charged for each large truck tire and \$15 charged for each truck tire on rim (cash only). No oversized tires accepted.

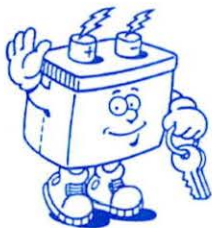


CARDBOARD: Please flatten. No wax coated cardboard.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS and CLOTHING: Clothing, furniture, and miscellaneous household items in good condition. Mattresses and items in need of repair will not be accepted.

PORCELAIN TOILETS and SINKS: Toilet seats, hardware, and base wax rings must be removed. \$5 charge (cash only).

LEAD ACID BATTERIES: Car, truck, marine, and motorcycle batteries accepted.



PROPANE TANKS: Residential tanks only. \$5 charge (cash only).

BULKY WOOD: Includes tree branches (minimum 6 inches in diameter), logs, clean wood, plywood, pallets, and other untreated and unpainted wood. No leaves, grass, small branches, sod, or brush. Please lay a tarp under material for ease of removal.

MOTOR OIL, FILTERS, & ANTIFREEZE: Motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, 2-cycle oil, steering fluid, crankcase oil, kerosene, and home heating fuel. Do not mix with antifreeze, solvents, gasoline, or other substances.



APPLIANCES and SCRAP METAL: Auto parts, lawn chairs, lawn mowers, stoves, barbecues, iron, steel, aluminum, brass, copper and other ferrous and nonferrous metals. \$5 will be charged for each water heater that still has insulation coating (cash only). Metals that are insulated, rubber or oil coated, previously or currently contain chemicals, paint, or hazardous materials will not be accepted. Light fixture ballasts, television sets, and sealed drums will not be accepted.



REFRIGERATORS/FREEZERS: \$25 will be charged for each refrigerator or freezer. \$25 will be charged for each household air conditioner (cash only).

CONCRETE, ASPHALT, ROCK, and BRICK: Residential material only. No wood or metal attached. Please lay material on top of a tarp for ease of removal.

Not Accepted



NO PAINT*

NO PESTICIDES*

NO SOLVENTS & THINNERS*

NO HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS*

NO CLEANING PRODUCTS*

NO WINDOW GLASS

NO GARBAGE

NO YARD DEBRIS

NO TELEVISIONS

NO MATTRESSES

NO SCRAPWOOD

NO PLASTIC TOYS, HOSES, etc.

* These household hazardous wastes can be disposed of through the King County Hazardous Wastemobile.

HAZARDOUS WASTES

The household hazardous wastes listed above are accepted at the Hazardous Wastemobile.

The Wastemobile will visit Renton on October 26, 27, 28 and November 2, 3, 4.

Wastemobile hours are: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Location: Fred Meyer - 365 Renton Center Way in Renton.



'Adopt a Spot' and Help Beautify Des Moines

The Des Moines Park and Recreation department announces its New Seasonal Planting "ADOPT A SPOT" Program. This program is designed to provide great sponsorship opportunities for Des Moines area residents and businesses as well as enhance the beauty of Des Moines.

Currently there are 20 "SPOTS" that have yearly seasonal planting. "SPOTS" include large individual clay pots at Big Catch Plaza, The Lifeboat, areas at the Field House, Beach Park and more.

Each sponsorship will receive a "Citizens for Outdoor Recreation and Parks Stewardship" (CORPS) sign at their "SPOT" which will include their name and/or business logo. Other recognition will include "SPOT CHECKS" in the *City Currents*, Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Brochure and the City of Des Moines website.

Help us enhance the beauty of our community with your sponsorship in our "ADOPT A SPOT" Program. Anyone interested in learning more about this program can call Park Manager Bill Miller at 206-870-6598 or e-mail him at bmiller@city-ofdesmoines.com.



The Lifeboat across from Big Catch Plaza and the clay pots (below) in the Plaza can be sponsored in the Adopt A Spot program.



Be Considerate of Your Neighbors

Tempers flare when people park cars that block residents' driveways and mailboxes.

People attending ball games, school events, swim meets or other activities need to be considerate of the residents in those areas. At times the designated parking areas are not used in order to be closer to the activity. Where a designated parking area is available, please use it!

It should be noted that the Post Office will not deliver mail when cars are parked in front of mailboxes.

City offices receive a number of calls each year from residents complaining about their blocked driveways and mailboxes. Please be careful and considerate where you park.

Illegal garbage dumping is a source of irritation to homeowners and citizens in general. A vacant or dead-end area is not meant for dumping. Several phone calls are made to the city each month requesting that illegally dumped trash be picked up.

Another problem is **litter** which is tossed along roadways. Please use trash bags or containers in your car. Monies spent taking care of illegally dumped garbage and litter are your tax dollars which could be used more productively in some other way.

Thank you to those who are conscientious citizens.



PARKS AND RECREATION

Youth and Teen Basketball League

Open to all children, kindergarten through 12th grade. Games are played on weekdays and weekends at the Des Moines Field House and Pacific Middle School beginning December 15th. Registration starts Monday, October 15 for all ages. Call the Park and Recreation Department at (206) 870-6527 for additional information.



Youth and Teen Basketball League Sponsorship Opportunities

Let your business be seen by thousands of potential customers. Sponsor one or more teams. For additional information on team sponsorships, please call D. Carter at (206) 870-6527. The last day to sponsor teams is Friday, November 9.

Before and After School Programs

Quality before and after school child care is available for 1st - 6th graders living in the Des Moines service area and Woodmont Elementary students. Please call (206) 870-6527 for additional information.

Register Now for Fall Classes

Registration for fall classes is underway. Call (206) 870-6527 to register or for additional information on these and other offerings.

- Handmade Soap Making
- Cardio Step & Lift Aerobics
- Resist-A-Ball & Stretch
- Kick Box Aerobics
- Massage
- Adult Watercolor
- Basics of Drawing
- Youth Mural Painting

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Carnival-style games, candy, and prizes for everyone!

Field House Gym
Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m. \$2



Building Community Together!

It is time to update the Des Moines Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Master Plan. Please find your copy of the 2002 Master Plan Citizen Survey in the Fall 2001 Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Guide mailed to you last week. We hope that you make your voice heard, complete the survey and return it to us postage paid by October 15.

The current master plan is based on city-wide workshops conducted in 1995-1996, by the Des Moines Park and Recreation Department and an appointed citizens committee whose charge was to determine the long-range recreational needs of Des Moines neighborhoods. Anticipating future annexation to the city, Woodmont and Redondo areas were included in the planning process. During the same time frame, a feasibility study for a Des Moines Community Senior Center was conducted. Priorities for parks and open space, recreation and senior services development were established in direct response to the needs identified through an inventory of existing parks, citizen and user group surveys and interviews and input received during public meetings. The planning process culminated in Des Moines City Council's adoption of the Park and Recreation Master Plan in 1997. The plan provides the vision and direction for parks, open space, recreation fa-

cilities, services and programs for Des Moines.

As the primary provider of Des Moines' community park and recreation programs and facilities, the City recognizes the importance of these services to the health, vitality and quality of life of its citizens. The 1997 Master Plan recommended a long-range capital program including: park land acquisition, facility renovation and repair, new facility development, and interlocal projects development.

The projects listed below have been achieved since the adoption of the plan through joint planning, volunteerism, and the shared financial resources of Des Moines citizens, youth sports groups, Highline and Federal Way School Districts, Highline Community College, cities of SeaTac and Normandy Park, King County, Water and Sewer Districts, the State of Washington, and local businesses, service organizations and foundations.

SUMMARY OF PARK LANDS ACQUISITION PROJECTS 1997-2001

Community/Senior Center Property: Land Acquired in 1998-1999 with Community Development Block Grant Funds

Massey Creek Plaza: Land Acquired with Surface Water Mgt. Funds

Parkside Wetlands: Land Acquired with King County Conservation Futures Funds

Sonju Property: Land Acquired through Owner Donation

Sports Park: Land Acquired in 1998-1999 with State Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and City Funds

SUMMARY OF NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS 1997-2001

Community/Senior Center: Partial funding committed; seeking additional funding

Des Moines Creek Trail Phase I: Completed

Massey Creek Plaza:
Area Planted

Sports Park: Phase I Sports Fields Underway

SUMMARY OF RENOVATION AND REPAIR PROJECTS 1997-2001

Cecil Powell Park: Play Equipment Repairs Underway

City Park: Irrigation Installation Completed

Des Moines Beach Park: Completed Renovations of Historic Cabin Roofs, Dining Hall Floor, Structure and Foundation Repairs; Vehicle Bridge Replaced

Des Moines Field House Park: Interior Renovations Completed: Roof, Insulation, Paint and Caulking, Basement Improvements, Gym Floor, Building Fire Suppression System and Alarm; Exterior Improvements: Baseball Fields Lighting and Field Drainage, Skate Park, Tennis Court Resurfacing, and Play Equipment Surfacing

Midway Park (Phase I): Irrigation Installation Completed

Overlook I & II Park: Irrigation Installation Completed

SUMMARY OF INTERLOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS 1997-2001

Mt. Rainier/Pacific/Midway Schools: Midway Baseball Field renovated with City, Highline School District, King County and South Highline Little League Funds

Olympic School: Two Baseball Fields and One Soccer Field renovated with City, Highline School District, King County, State IAC Funds, South Highline Little League and Des Moines/Midway Soccer Club Funds

Water Tower Park: Park Completed with City, Highline Water District and Rotary Funds

Woodmont Elementary School: Soccer Field Renovation Planned in 2002 with City, Federal Way Public Schools and Des Moines/Midway Soccer Club Funds

Zenith Park: Sports Court, Parking Lot and Field Improvements Completed in 1997

Look for Survey in Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Guide

The postage paid Citizens' Survey is located on pages 37-40 of the Fall 2001 Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Guide. If you did not receive your copy of the Fall Guide, please call the Park and Recreation Office at (206) 870-6527 or e-mail us at recreation@cityofdesmoines.com.

Win Two Tickets to the Bayside Brunch!

Return your completed Parks, Recreation and Senior Services survey by October 1, 2001 and you will be entered in a drawing for two free tickets to the Bayside Brunch & Auction at Anthony's Homeport in Des Moines, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on November 4, 2001. Tickets, which are valued at \$50 each, are donated by Des Moines Legacy Foundation.

Take a Second Look at the Third Runway

The Port of Seattle says that a third runway at Sea-Tac Airport is needed to decrease flight delays and accommodate air traffic growth. However, new documents and associated FAA and Port data confirm that a third runway will not measurably reduce delays and is not necessary to accommodate forecasted growth.

Originally sold to this region at a cost of \$223 million, the price tag now exceeds **\$1 billion** – roughly four times the average cost of a new runway. It is time to take a close look at the third runway – it is time to separate myth from fact and demand answers from Port officials.

Myth: A new third runway will greatly reduce delays at Sea-Tac Airport during the poor weather conditions that occur 44% of the time.

Fact: Weather data compiled by NOAA shows that poor weather conditions occur only 2.8% of the time during peak arrival demand periods. There is an excess of capacity at Sea-Tac for most of the year to accommodate air traffic demand.

A recent FAA report documents that in the year 2000, only approximately 1% of aircraft operations at Sea-Tac experienced significant delays.

An airline-sponsored analysis of Sea-Tac delays data concluded that the cause of delays at Sea-Tac included such things as inbound flight weather delays in other cities, mechanical problems and similar items, not the lack of a third runway. In fact, that analysis concluded that less than 30 seconds of each delay at Sea-Tac is attributable to the lack of a third runway.



Myth: A third runway will allow Sea-Tac to meet air traffic growth demands.

Fact: The Port's forecast of aircraft operations for the year 2005 and beyond is 460,000, only 3% higher than the level achieved with low delays (1%) in the year 2000.

One of the major airlines at Sea-Tac stated in a recent letter "future passenger and operations growth are currently significantly below the level necessary to justify a new runway for the foreseeable future".



Myth: A third runway at Sea-Tac is the only viable alternative to help this region meet future air traffic demands.

Fact: The FAA noted in a recent report that technologies, which are readily available today could increase Sea-Tac capacity by 5% – more than the Port's forecasted traffic increase. These technologies, available at a fraction of the cost of a third runway, are already used successfully at other airports.

The third runway would throw a billion dollars in construction costs at a "problem" which could be resolved for far less.

Myth: Building a new runway is a safe approach to accommodating this region's air traffic needs.

Fact: The third runway would increase dangerous runway incursions – identified nationally by the FAA as a serious safety hazard. Any aircraft using the third runway would have to cross the two existing runways when taxiing to and from the passenger terminal. The number of such crossings could increase by 50% to 100% over the rate experienced today. Because the new taxiway system is more complex, we can expect the incursion rate and collision risk to increase by at least that much.



Myth: The third runway will be good for the Puget Sound region.

Fact: It makes no sense to spend more than **\$1 billion** on just one limited use runway when the Port and Puget Sound Regional Council acknowledged long ago that the region's long-term need is for a new airport. Sea-Tac cannot fill the bill because it is so small: only about 2,000 acres compared with the 10,000, 20,000 and even 40,000 acres which typify airports around the country.

At \$200 million, a third runway might have been affordable for the region. At **\$1 billion** and up for a limited use runway at an airport that has no room to grow, it is a burden that this region cannot bear. Washington DC, Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York and other major metropolitan areas all have regional airport systems which provide competition for flights and choices for consumers. The third runway offers none of these benefits.



Myth: The third runway is a "done deal".

Fact: The Port cannot proceed with full construction until and unless the Army Corps of Engineers issues a permit to fill wetlands – a permit which is far from certain given the unmitigatable environmental damage from a proposed third runway. Also, the ACC has appealed the recent Department of Ecology decision to issue a 401 water quality permit. Many of the same problems which caused the State Pollution Control Hearings Board to overturn the "Battle Mountain Gold" mining decision are present in the Port's third runway application – the parallels and similarities in each case are striking.

For more information contact the Airport Communities Coalition at 206-870-6581.

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Approved the following agreements/bids/contracts:

- Des Moines Field House Automatic Fire Protection Sprinklers System construction services with Patriot Fire protection for \$77,680, plus tax, plus 10% contingency.
- Contract for street, bike route and pedestrian walkway cleaning to Action Services Corporation.
- Consultant contract for Des Moines Field House ADA design, engineering and construction management services with Grulich Architecture and

Planning Services for \$24,000, plus 10% contingency.

- Contract for construction of the 16th Avenue Slide Repair and Culvert Replacement Project to Northwest Cascade, Inc. for \$599,683.95, plus 10% contingency.

Approved the following ordinances:

- No. 1282 establishing Elementary School Minimum Lot Size.
- No. 1283 amending Des Moines Municipal Code, Chapter 7.32, regarding junk vehicles.
- No. 1284 relating to street development standards for the Pacific Ridge Area.

Approved the following resolutions:

- No. 906 adopting the Marina Master Plan.
- No. 907 conditionally approving the Midway Sewer District's Comprehensive Plan.
- No. 908 adopting the Six Year Transportation Plan for the years 2002-2007.

In other action the Council:

- Held a working retreat discussing various topics and establishing strategic objectives for 2001 and 2002.
- Held a public hearing on, and approved, a Solid Waste Franchise Agreement with Sea Tac Disposal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 13:** Public Hearing - Adult Uses
- Sept. 13:** Public Hearing - Preliminary Plat "Mediterranean Heights" Single Family - 13 Lots
- Sept. 13:** Public Hearing - Preliminary Plat "Cedar Brook"- PUD Homes, 30 Units
- Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8:** Preliminary Budget Presentations
- Nov. 15:** Public Hearing - Draft 2002 Budget

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