

# Des Moines CITY CURRENTS



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## Work Continues on 16th Avenue South

Roadway construction on 16th Ave. S. between S. 260th St. and S. 272nd St. has been remarkable with installation of a deep sewer main, substantial widening of the roadway and construction of retaining walls in preparation for final construction of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, a bicycle lane and left turn lanes.

**Progress Report:** Over a long weekend in August the City's contractor closed the Woodmont Drive/260th/16th intersection for final grading and paving in order to minimize impacts to the lower Woodmont community, which was already impacted by closure of the Saltwater Park Bridge (see related article on page 7). It is anticipated that most of the major work at the Woodmont Drive S. intersection will be completed as summer closes and commuter traffic increases. The contractor has graded much of the east side of the roadway in order to accommodate traffic for construction of side sewers, the new storm drainage system and a retaining wall in the vicinity of Woodmont Elementary School.

**What's Next?:** The City's contractor continues moving from north to south to complete the work. As the storm drainage system is completed, the contractor will be installing curbs and gutters, as well as setting grades for the new sidewalks. New poles and signals are being installed at S. 260th St. and Woodmont Drive S., as well as the south leg of S. 272nd St. New left turn pockets will be provided along 16th Ave. S. Plans are to complete installation of a new school crossing in front of Woodmont Elementary. Depending upon weather conditions this fall, it is possible that a significant portion of the roadway will be ground and paved. Improved lighting, landscaping, final paving and striping are components of the project that are planned to be completed

by May, 2008.

Ongoing coordination will continue with the neighborhood, adjoining property owners, affected utilities and the Woodmont Elementary School to ensure that construction moves forward as smoothly as possible.



*Paving of Woodmont Drive S.*

If you have concerns or questions about the project, please leave a message on the construction hotline at 206-870-7585 or send an email to [16thaveinfo@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:16thaveinfo@desmoineswa.gov). Updates on the 16th Ave. S. project are also posted on the City's web site at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov).

Your patience and concern for pedestrian and worker safety is appreciated. Please drive slowly and allow up to an additional 15 minutes travel time when traveling through this construction area.

## 8th Annual Spaghetti Bash - October 12

Mark your calendar for the Des Moines Activity Center's 8th annual Spaghetti Bash hosted by these wonderful local businesses:

Athens Pizza and Pasta, Red Robin, Taco Time, Safeway and B & E Meats. Enjoy a delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage.



Friday, October 12th, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St.  
Cost - \$7 for adults; \$5 for children 12 & under.

Tickets go on sale September 17th and will also be available at the door. For additional information, please call Des Moines Activity Center at 206-878-1642.

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Emergency.....911  
Animal Control .....206-870-6549  
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Fire (non-emergency) ...253-839-6234  
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Library, Woodmont .....253-839-0121  
Marina.....206-824-5700  
Police (non-emergency) 206-878-3301

## Minor Home Repair Funding Available

Minor home repair funding is now available to Des Moines residents! Services are offered to low/moderate income residents who have owned their home for at least one year. Some restrictions apply. Please call the Code Enforcement Office at 206.870.6719 for details. *This program is funded by King County Community Development Block Grant dollars.*



## Waterland Music Series

Sponsored by Des Moines Arts Commission  
and the Highline Community College Foundation

The Waterland Music Series proudly brings top flight musicians from the Puget Sound area to Highline Community College. Performances will be hosted at the Highline Community College Performing Arts Center (Building 7) at 2400 S. 240th St. in Des Moines. Tickets may be purchased at the Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department, 1000 S. 220th St., or at the door. The three part series will run November 6th, February 12th and April 29th at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are: \$15 for individual performances, \$30 for the series; students, \$5 for each performance.

**Tuesday, November 6th—7:30 p.m.**

### **Piano Trio FINISTERRA**

In 2003, three award-winning musicians began working as a self-promoted group with the name "Finisterra" and quickly gained an enthusiastic and growing following. Individually the three come from an impressive musical background bringing a rich variety of musical experiences to their work as a trio. Members of the trio have garnered recognition as performers and have been heard in such prestigious halls as the New York Lincoln Center, Chicago's Orchestra Hall and Seattle's Benaroya Hall.



**Tuesday, February 12th—7:30 p.m.**

### **Jazz Vibraphonist SUSAN PASCAL**

Jazz vibraphonist Susan Pascal's music strikes a fine balance between spontaneity and imaginative arrangements, originals and great jazz and American songbook standards. Ms. Pascal has performed at the Seattle Art Museum's Art of Jazz series, Downtown Seattle Association's Out to Lunch series, the Bellevue Live series, KPLU-FM's jazz cruises and at festivals such as Bumbershoot, Bite of Seattle, and the West Seattle Jazz Festival.

**Tuesday, April 29th—7:30 p.m.**

### **Classical Guitarist MICHAEL NICOLELLA**

Michael Nicolella is recognized as one of America's most innovative classical guitar virtuosos. He has received wide critical acclaim for his performances, recordings and compositions. A uniquely eclectic and versatile artist, Michael blurs the lines between musical styles and disciplines. He has performed with the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Creative Orchestra, Seattle Guitar Quartet, Contemporary Chamber Ensemble, Seattle Choral Company, and the Northwest Symphony Orchestra.



## Car-Fit Program for Older Drivers

### Back by Popular Demand!

A new innovative program called Car-Fit is helping older drivers adapt their vehicles to make them "fit" better. Trained volunteers use a 12 point checklist to examine driver seat position, ability to reach the pedals, and mirror position among other things. Following the 20 minute car check participants may consult a driver rehabilitation specialist, who can suggest ways to maintain and strengthen their driving abilities. The program is a collaboration of AAA, AARP and other senior organizations. Call 206-878-1642 to make an appointment. This is a free service.  
Tuesday, September 18, 12:30-3:30 pm.

### Flu and Pneumonia Shots



Flu and pneumonia shots will be given first come, first served on Tuesday, October 16, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Des Moines Activity Center. Visiting Nurse Services will bill your Medicare Part B or Secure Horizons insurance. Secure Horizons will not pay for pneumonia shots. No Medicaid coupons are accepted. If you belong to Group Health you must pay for the shots or have your shot at a Group Health Clinic. Flu shots are \$28 and pneumonia shots are \$40. Please be sure to bring your insurance paperwork or your insurance/Medicare card with you. This program is subject to availability of flu vaccine serum.

Tuesday, October 16, 9 a.m.-12 noon

### MyGirl Boat to Follow the Argosy Christmas Ship

The Des Moines Activity Center has chartered the boat *MyGirl* to spend a special evening on Puget Sound. Enjoy holiday singing, hot cocoa and decorated boats while onboard the *MyGirl* with 59 other guests. You will follow the Argosy Christmas Ship and other decorated boats to Des Moines Beach Park and Redondo Beach. The cost includes a box dinner, boat ride and escort. The trip departs from and returns to the Des Moines Marina. Passengers must be 18 years of age or older. Call 206-878-1642 to reserve your space.

Wednesday, December 12th  
Board between 5-6 p.m.

Depart at 6:30 p.m. - Disembark 9 p.m.  
Cost \$43

# A VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Recapture the warmth of a holiday gathering a century ago in "Grandma's parlor", featuring John Doan in a live performance of his Emmy-nominated PBS television special. Professor Doan entertains beautifully on marvelous antique instruments, and encourages the audience to join in the fun. The program is lively, nostalgic, & heartwarming.

When: December 1st 1:00 p.m.

Where: Des Moines Cinema  
22333 Marine View Drive  
(downtown Des Moines)

Tickets: \$10.00 Adults  
\$8.00 Seniors 62 & older  
Children 12 & under

Purchase tickets at:  
Des Moines Parks & Recreation  
(Fieldhouse) 1000 S. 220th Street  
Des Moines, WA 98198  
206-870-6527



Sponsored by the Des Moines Historical Society, the Des Moines IOOF Lodge #305, Destination Des Moines, Des Moines Parks & Recreation Dept.

## Eighth Annual Bayside Brunch November 4th Lights, Camera...Auction!

Mark your calendar for this special event. You'll think you're at the Academy Awards. Dress as your favorite Hollywood star, legend or movie character and be entertained and awarded! There will be great auction items, NEW ways to win great prizes, and as always, great food provided by Anthony's HomePort! Proceeds from Bayside Brunch benefit the programs and services provided by Des Moines Senior Activity Center.

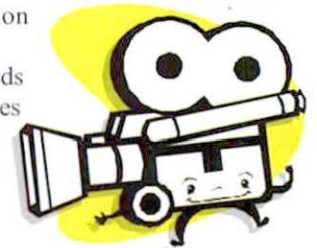
Funds from the 2007 event will also provide swimming lessons for low income teens and funds for Des Moines Parks and Recreation sponsored after school activities at Pacific Middle School.

Sunday, November 4, 2007, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Entire first floor of Anthony's HomePort - Des Moines Marina  
\$60.00 per person (\$45 of which is tax deductible)

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Tickets will go on sale in September. If you would like to be placed on the invitation list or if you have an auction item to donate to the event, please contact Sue Padden at 206-870-6584 or email [spadden@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:spadden@desmoineswa.gov). All donations are tax deductible.



## Park and Recreation Programs



### Before and After School Program

Quality before and after school child care for K – 6th grade children in the Highline School District (Des Moines, Parkside, Midway, North Hill and Marvista Elementary) and K-8th grade at Woodmont Elementary School. Children will have a blast with exciting games, creative activities, arts and crafts and yummy snacks! Plus, time is set aside each afternoon to do homework!

For more information please call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527.

### Halloween Carnival

Wear a 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 the fun on 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. Parents and guardians are free. For more information call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527.

### Young Adult Socials

Join young adults from Des Moines, Burien, SeaTac and Tukwila for food, fun, games and much more! The cost is \$2 at the door. Call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527 for upcoming schedule.



### Move IT! Fitness Class for Young Adults

Get off the couch and MOVE IT! This exercise class is specifically designed for young adults and will improve physical fitness in a fun, supportive environment. Classes are Mondays and Fridays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House. A \$2 drop-in rate will be charged. Call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527 for additional information.

## Upcoming Teen Activities and Events

**Activity Fridays**-Free activities in the Pacific Middle School gym, cafeteria and computer lab. Sign in by 3:00 and stay as late as 6:00 p.m. on Fridays for fun and games, snacks & more! Bus transportation home available the first Friday of each month, and each Friday from November-February.

**Teen Dance Parties**-The 3rd Friday of each month during the school year from 7:30-10:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House (1000 S. 220th St., Des Moines). 6-8 graders only. \$5 and ASB/I.D. card required for entry.

**Des Moines Youth Council**-This community service oriented group for 6-9th graders will begin meeting again to plan events such as Teen Dance Parties and Activity Fridays. The group meets on Thursday evenings from 4:45-5:15 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House.

**Traveling Teen Tour**-Participating Pacific Middle School students will be picked up at school and dropped off at the Des Moines Field House after a different field trip each Wednesday from September 19-October 31. Cost is \$20 for all trips or \$5 for a drop in. Regular program hours are from after school to 6:00 p.m.

**After School Computer & Web Design**-Available to Pacific Middle School students, Tuesdays from 2:45-4:00 p.m. in the Computer Lab at school. Mr. Schifter will teach basics of computer and web design on Tuesdays with regular dismissal time throughout the school year.

**More information** is available at [www.desmoineswa.gov/teens](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/teens) or by calling Nic Lind at Des Moines Parks, Recreation & Senior Services, 206-870-6527.

## Fall Cleaning and Recycling Opportunities

Three recycling events are coming in October. Mark your calendar and take advantage of these opportunities!

- Fall Clean—October 22-26. Allied Waste will pick up all the garbage, recycling and yard waste you can get ready for them.
- Fall Recycling Collection Event at the Marina—October 27.
- King County Wastemobile at the Police Training Center on 1st Ave. S. in South Burien—October 12-14. (Check out what is accepted by accessing [www.govlink.org](http://www.govlink.org).)

Mailers will be arriving in early October to remind residents of the Fall Clean and Fall Recycling Collection events.

Information will also be available on the City of Des Moines website: [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov).

## Traffic Safety Improvements Planned for School Zones

The City of Des Moines Transportation Division has plans to improve traffic safety in school zones by upgrading traffic signs. The new School Zone signs include **School Crosswalk Ahead** signs and **School Crosswalk** signs as illustrated below. School speed limit signs will comply with the requirements of the WAC and the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The color of school zone signs will change from yellow to fluorescent yellow-green.

Watch for these new traffic signs in elementary school zones. Remember to drive with extra care in school zones as children don't always think about their safety.





## Choices - Des Moines Youth Summit November 2

The Des Moines Police Department, in partnership with the City of Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department and South King County Fire and Rescue, invites all Des Moines students between the ages of 13 -17 to register for the 2007 Des Moines Youth Summit. The Youth Summit will be a day long program to educate, inform and entertain students on the power of choices. In addition, there will be a two hour afternoon **parent awareness seminar.**

The Youth Summit will be held Friday, November 2, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Des Moines Police Department and Field House.

Registration information can be obtained on the City of Des Moines website, [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov), or at sponsoring agency locations. If you would like more information, please contact CSO Tonya Seaberry at 206-870-7619 or email at [tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov).

## Levy Lid Lift Update

The Des Moines Police Department continues the process of filling several positions that had been lost during previous budget cuts and were restored by the voter approved Levy Lid Lift. Competition with other cities also wanting to hire the most qualified personnel available continues to slow the process. To facilitate the hiring process, a new website focusing on police recruitment has been developed -- [www.desmoineswapd.org](http://www.desmoineswapd.org).

Hiring incentives are being offered to qualified applicants. So far this year, three restored commissioned officer positions and two non-commissioned community service officer positions have been filled. A number of background investigations are currently being conducted and it is hoped that more positions will be filled soon. The support of the Des Moines community continues to be a source of pride to the Police Department.

## Police Officer Recruitment Continues

The Des Moines Police Department is currently accepting applications for full-time police officer positions. Since the passage of the Levy Lid Lift in 2005, Des Moines P.D. has been recruiting to fill the newly authorized positions. Currently a \$3,500 hiring incentive for entry level officers and \$7,000 for lateral police officers is being offered. The City also offers a very competitive employment package including paid employee insurance, annual vacation accrual, paid holidays, a combination of retirement programs to include state pension, 401 and 457 investment programs.

Entry level candidates may obtain more information by contacting Public Safety Testing at 866-447-3911 or [www.publicsafetytesting.com](http://www.publicsafetytesting.com) and lateral applicants may obtain qualification requirements and an application packet by contacting Vicki Sheckler at 206-870-6553 or visiting [www.desmoineswapd.org](http://www.desmoineswapd.org). If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Commander John O'Leary at 206-878-3301.



## Burglary, Hold Up and Panic Alarms Must be Registered

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 information 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 by calling the Des Moines Police Department at 206-878-3301. Registration is required annually at a cost of \$25 per year. Currently the penalty for failing to register your alarm is \$200 per year and \$200 for each false alarm of a non-registered alarm system.

After one complete year in effect, the ordinance is considered to have been highly successful and beneficial to both the Des Moines community and the Police Department. The success of the alarm program is demonstrated by a decrease in false alarm calls of over 56%. This decrease in false alarms represents a cost savings to the Police Department of \$32,192.

For additional information, please contact Community Service Officer Promise Tachtevrenidou at 206-870-7618 or email [ptachtevrenidou@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:ptachtevrenidou@desmoineswa.gov).

## Child Restraint Law Changes Effective June 1st

Washington's Child Restraint Law changed on June 1, 2007 as follows:

- Children under 13 years old must be transported in the back seat where it is practical to do so.
- Children up to their 8th birthday, unless already 4'9" tall (57 inches) must be transported in a proper child restraint system. (For example a child car seat, booster seat, vest or other restraint federally approved for use in the car.)
- Children 8 years of age or at least 4'9" tall who wear a lap/shoulder seat belt MUST wear it correctly (NOT under the arm or behind the back).
- Restraint system must be used according to the car seat AND vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- Vehicles equipped with lap-only seat belts are exempt.

If you have questions or concerns about how your child rides or need assistance with your child restraint installation, you can visit one of South King County's five inspection locations. Inspections are free. For more information call: 1-800-BUCKLUP.



1st Tuesday of each month	5:30-7:00 p.m.	St. Francis Hospital - Medical Office
2nd Wednesday of each month	5:00-6:30 p.m.	Valley Medical Center - North Garage
2nd Thursday of each month	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Auburn Medical Center - Parking Garage
3rd Friday of each month	1:00-2:30 p.m.	Highline Medical Pavilion - Cedar Garage
Last Wednesday of each month	9:00-10:30 a.m.	Ikea of Renton - West Parking Garage

## Zoning Code Update

Des Moines is currently updating the Zoning Code codified as Title 18 DMMC. This work entails completing a review, reorganization and rewrite of the Code. Updating and reorganizing the Zoning Code to a user-friendly format is anticipated to streamline the development review process for both City customers and staff. Incorporation of use tables are intended to help illustrate development standards. During fall of 2007, the Planning Agency and City Council will be reviewing proposed updates to the Code. For more information contact Denise Lathrop at 206-870-6563.

## Posting Signs in City Rights-of-Way

The City of Des Moines would like to remind all citizens that it is illegal to post signs in City rights-of-way or on utility poles. The area between fence line and roadway should be sign free.

Signs that create a safety hazard for pedestrians or vehicular traffic are prohibited throughout the City of Des Moines. If an object or sign found in a public right-of-way constitutes a hazard or interference to public safety, it may be removed without notice by the City. Interference is classified as the following categories: pedestrian; storm drainage; visual clutter interfering with safety, traffic flow or directional signs as a hazard to public safety; sight line; parking; or safety hazards for work crews.

## Des Moines Creek Business Park

The City of Des Moines and the Port of Seattle are working together to bring economic development to the City and region through development of the Des Moines Creek Business Park (DMCBP) site north of S. 216th in the Port buyout area. Recognizing that the Port will not be the ultimate developer of the DMCBP and that the exact form, use mix and phasing of the development will not be known until a developer is selected, the project team is working on ways to build certainty into the development review and approval process. In July 2007, City Council adopted a resolution and an ordinance aimed at streamlining the review and approval of DMCBP. The resolution sets out the Council's vision and preferred land use mix, clarifying the entitlement and approval process, and committing to a schedule to execute the Second Development Agreement for the DMCBP. The ordinance removes the open space/park impact fee requirement in the business park zone to comply with the Comprehensive Plan and State statutory requirements. In September 2007, Council will be considering an ordinance amending DMMC 18.25.020 to expand the permitted uses as agreed to in the First Development Agreement for DMCBP to include services, light manufacturing, wholesale trade, warehousing, retail and the streets. Vacation of public rights of way and subdivision plats are scheduled later this fall.

## Pacific Ridge Development

In 2000, Des Moines adopted the Pacific Ridge Zone, Neighborhood Improvement Plan and Design Guidelines. These actions were the culmination of two years of planning aimed at establishing development regulations that would promote redevelopment of properties in the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood to create an attractive, safe and desirable area to work and live. Six years after its establishment, the City completed a review the Pacific Ridge Vision and Plan, to explore ways to jump start redevelopment of the neighborhood. At a March 22, 2007 study session, City Council received comments from developers, contractors, planners and real estate professionals regarding changes that should be considered to facilitate redevelopment of Pacific Ridge. Since that time, Council has adopted ordinances amending height and mixed use requirements in the Pacific Ridge (PR) zone. Specifically, the amendments increase the maximum building height to 85 feet for all properties zoned PR-CI east of Pacific Highway, and establish an additional height bonus to allow buildings up to 200 feet in the PR-R zone. This fall Council will be considering amendments to the parking requirements, building construction regulations and private recreational space. These ordinances represent the first steps in making improvements to the zoning code that support redevelopment of the Pacific Ridge neighborhood.



*City maintenance crew tries out the new sealer.*

## Crack Sealing Adds Life to Roads

City crews have been busy sealing cracks on various streets this summer. Crack sealing is done during spring and summer months when conditions are dry and temperatures exceed 50 degrees. Sealing adds life to paved road surfaces by keeping rain and surface water from entering the sub-surface and washing away the compacted gravels that support the paved road.

A sealing crew usually consists of five people: a truck driver, two flaggers, a hot lance person or blower, who blows the debris loose from the crack, and one person applying the hot crack sealing fluid. In January, the City purchased a Crafcro crack sealer, thus eliminating the need to borrow or rent a sealer.

Your patience when crews are performing their maintenance and repair work is appreciated.

## Saltwater Park Bridge Closure Update

Marine View Drive at the Saltwater Park Bridge will remain closed to traffic until at least November 1st, while work is done to repair the south approach to the 1934 bridge. Following heavy rains relating to the major windstorm last December, the soils that were already saturated from the record rainfall in November caused the concrete cribbing retaining wall supporting the south approach to fail.

While on the surface the damage may not seem severe, a geotechnical report indicates that because the two southerly bridge piers are located on shallow footings, and because the cribbing wall system has shifted and is placing lateral pressure on the piers, the bridge could sustain structural damage should the piers settle or if the lateral pressure becomes excessive. As an initial emergency repair, a contractor stabilized the soils in the vicinity of the piers. This involved injecting concrete grout into the soil to a depth of 10-12 feet covering an area of about 800 square feet. This work started June 25th and was completed in early July, which allowed the Saltwater State Park campground area to be reopened to the public.

The main repairs will begin by replacing the failed crib wall with a new sheet pile wall. The steel sheet pile wall will be driven to a depth of 50 feet and should extend the full width of the road before tapering into the hillside. In addition, the sheet pile wall will be supported by a row of tie backs (soil anchors) that extend into the hillside approximately 50 feet. To further stabilize the approach, a new reinforced concrete approach slab will be made at the road surface (over the steel sheet pile wall). This work is expected to take 3 ½ months to complete.

The cost for the repairs is estimated at \$1.8 million. The City expects almost all of the funding to be provided by the Federal Highway Administration and the State of Washington.

For additional information, please see the link on the City's Web site at: <http://www.desmoineswa.gov/>. As new details become available, information will be updated on the City's web site.

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## Changes to Building Code Effective July 1st

Every three years new building codes are published nationally. Washington State has adopted these revised building codes, which went into effect for all projects submitted for review and permit on or after July 1, 2007. The last time new codes were adopted was 2004. That was the big change from the Uniform Codes to the International Codes.

One of the changes that will affect residential construction is the requirement for detached accessory buildings. The 2003 code allowed for a maximum 200 square foot 'shed' or accessory building with no permit required. The 2006 code reduced this to a maximum of 120 square feet. The primary reason for the change was that 200 square feet allowed for a one car garage to be constructed with no review or permit. While this didn't present a major concern in Des Moines, other parts of the country were experiencing problems with these types of structures.


Another change was the elimination of the requirement for smoke alarms to be installed when changing out old windows in an existing residence. While installing smoke alarms is always a good idea, the 2003 code required, whenever possible, that alarms be wired directly into the house electrical system. This usually involved a licensed electrician, was time consuming, and could be expensive. With the adoption of the 2006 code it is now no longer required.

These changes have been adopted by Washington and have been accepted in all 50 states.

## Work Continues Under the Marine View Drive Bridge

The bridge on the north end of town is complete with the exception of the stream work below the bridge. In July, King County crews abandoned the existing creek culvert and diverted the entire stream flow to the new stream section below the bridge. In addition to the culvert work, the stream banks, both upstream and downstream of the bridge, were constructed and planted with vegetation. Some minor work to adjust the height of two of the stream weirs to ensure easier fish passage was also done this summer.

Adjacent to the bridge is a landslide repair project that is scheduled for this fall. Until the repair work is done, the sidewalk on the west side of Marine View Drive will be closed. Pedestrians are asked to use the sidewalk on the east side of the road.



**WE NEED  
YOUR  
HELP!**



Beautiful autumn leaves cause problems each year by clogging street drainage systems and creating or adding to flooding in some areas. Although the City increases the street sweeping schedule during fall and winter, and City crews do their best to keep drains clean, all citizens are asked to assist by removing leaves from storm grates and catch basins by your property. Please **DO NOT RAKE OR BLOW** your leaves into the street gutters, which just moves the problem to your neighbors and clogs up the storm drainage system. Thank you in advance for your help.

## City Council Highlights

### Approved the following ordinances:

- 1041 Adopting Shoreline Master Program
- 1042 Increasing monetary penalties for Civil Infractions
- 1043 Approving a Law Enforcement Officers & Fire Fighters Disability Board

### Approved the following resolutions:

- 1034 Adopting the Federal National Incident Management System
- 1035 Interfund Loans from the Revenue Stabilization Fund to the Police Services Restoration Fund
- 1036 Declaring May 19-25, 2007 as National Safe Boating Week in Des Moines
- 1037 Proclaiming May 2007 to be Older Americans Month in Des Moines
- 1038 Recognizing National Public Employee Recognition Week of May 7-11, 2007
- 1039 Adopting the Marina Master Plan
- 1040 Authorizing the Puget Sound Bicycle Racing Club to conduct a bicycle race event on July 1, 2007
- 1041 Authorizing withdrawal & release of King County from the Des Moines Creek Basin Interlocal Agreement

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

- Engineering Design & Permitting Services for Marina Maintenance Dredging Project to Anchor Environmental

LLC for \$177,967

- School Resource Officer at Mount Rainier High School
- Extend Interlocal for one year with Highline Water District's North Hill Water Storage Tank Property for parks and recreational use
- Professional Engineering Design Services for 2007 Arterial Maintenance Program to KPG for \$26,585.38
- Professional Engineering Services for the Lower Des Moines Creek Hydraulic Evaluation to Tetra Tech/KCM for \$58,011

### Other Action:

- Continued review of updates for International Building, Mechanical, Plumbing & Fire Codes
- Began review of the Pacific Ridge Zone
- Began discussion of "Priorities of Government/Budgeting for Outcomes" process
- Began review and continued discussion of Des Moines Creek Business Park Draft 2<sup>nd</sup> Development Agreement
- Authorized support to the Mt. Rainier High School Track Renovation project for \$10,000 in 2008.
- Received the following briefings:
  - ◆ Washington State Legislature 2007 Session Highlights
  - ◆ State of the Port of Seattle

## Des Moines Marina Acquires Hazardous Spill Response Trailer

Earlier this year Des Moines Marina staff and members of South King Fire and Rescue attended a training session on use of the Hazardous Spill Response Trailer and equipment that had recently been acquired through a Department of Ecology grant. The session consisted of three hours of classroom training on exposure to hazardous materials and four hours of on-the-water training on how to set the containment booms. The trailer contains enough large containment booms to completely seal off the entrance of the Marina to keep a spill from entering or leaving the basin.

Crews also trained in anchoring the booms off-shore. The Department of Ecology has identified hundreds of locations around Puget Sound where booms can be placed to contain

or re-direct a spill. Detailed maps and a list of the anchoring equipment needed for each location are permanently stored in the trailer. Des Moines Marina or South King Fire and Rescue personnel could be called upon to set the booms at one of the locations in our area if there is a major spill event similar to the one that occurred off the south end of Vashon Island in 2005. A more likely scenario is that our crews would deliver the boom to spill response professionals if there is a major event near the Marina.

Acquiring the Spill Response Trailer and having it available for multi-agency response to incidents involving hazardous materials significantly increases the City's ability to protect the environment in our area.

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