



Ahead of Schedule and Within Budget!



Left to right, Midway Sewer District General Manager Ken Kase, Des Moines Mayor Bob Sheckler, Washington State Transportation Improvement Board Chair and Federal Way Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge, Des Moines Councilmember Dave Kaplan, Des Moines Planning, Building & Public Works Director Grant Fredricks, and Des Moines City Manager Tony Piasecki.

City, regional and state officials joined in a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 23rd to mark completion of Phase 1 of Des Moines' 16th Avenue South Improvement Project - S. 260th to S. 272nd Street. The project widened the roadway from two lanes to include a left-turn lane with landscaped medians and bike lanes, and added an underground storm drainage system. Midway Sewer District installed a new sewer main as part of the project.

Mayor Bob Sheckler noted that as construction costs skyrocketed, the \$6 million project was completed "ahead of schedule and within budget." "I am so pleased by the final outcome as this is a true, safe-walk route for elementary school children."

Safety enhancements included sidewalks, improved street lighting, a clearly marked school crossing in front of Woodmont Elementary, and a new traffic signal system at S. 260th Street and Woodmont Drive S. that is designed to reduce travel delays.

State Transportation Improvement Board Chair Jeanne Burbidge said the agency was able to return \$3 million of gasoline tax revenues to the City of Des Moines. Grant Fredricks expressed the City's gratitude to the 33rd Legislative District delegation, which helped supply funding for Phase 1 of the project; however, "the partners we appreciate most, without whose cooperation this project would not have been possible, are the neighbors," he added.

Scarsella Bros. Inc. was the general contractor. KPG and DMJM Harris were the engineering and construction management firms.

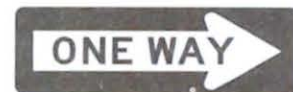
Additional improvements to 16th Avenue S. are planned and the City is pursuing funding for the next phases of this project. For further information contact the Des Moines Planning, Building & Public Works Department at 206-870-6522.

Traffic Revision Ahead for 8th Avenue South

On August 7th, the Des Moines City Council voted to limit traffic operations on 8th Avenue South, between Kent Des Moines Road and South 223rd Street, to one-way only in the northbound direction to make the road safer.

This change is the result of a traffic engineering study on the existing operations and traffic control of 8th Avenue South. Concerns had been raised about speeds, volumes, and entering sight distance in the corridor.

In addition, 8th Avenue South is lacking a preferred cross section. This makes



re-development of the adjacent parcels and construction of frontage improvements such as a sidewalk more difficult.

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## DES MOINES DIRECTORY

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Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.)

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Library, Woodmont.....253-839-0121  
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Midway Sewer District .206-824-4960  
Puget Sound Energy.....800-321-4123  
Qwest .....800-573-1311  
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Water District #54.....206-878-7210

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:

Utility Locates:.....800-424-5555

## 2009 CALENDAR



Beautiful new photographs by Des Moines City Councilmember Carmen Scott will grace the pages of a 2009 event calendar that will be available for purchase this fall. Sponsored by the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, the wall/appointment calendar will feature community events, including those planned as part of the City's 50th birthday celebration which will take place next year.

### Spaghetti Bash Coming October 10th

Join other spaghetti lovers on Friday, October 10th, for the Des Moines Activity Center's 9th annual Spaghetti Bash co-hosted by these generous local businesses: Athens Pizza and Pasta, Dino's Greek & Italian Restaurant, Taco Time, Safeway, Circo Circo and B & E Meats. Proceeds from the dinner go to Activity Center programs. This delicious meal of spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert and a beverage will be served from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th Street. The cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets go on sale September 15th and will also be available at the door. For more information, please call 206-878-1642.



**Not a fan of spaghetti? Try...**

### Des Moines Legacy Foundation's 9th Annual Bayside Brunch - November 9th

Happy Birthday to the City of Des Moines! Come dressed to celebrate the kick-off celebration for 50 fabulous years as a city! We'll have great live auction items, fascinating memorabilia about our city, and guests who played a key role in the City of Des Moines' development. As always, there will be the extravagant brunch buffet provided by Anthony's HomePort!

Proceeds from Bayside Brunch benefit the programs and services provided by Des Moines Senior Activity Center.

Sunday, November 9, 2008, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Anthony's HomePort at Des Moines Marina (entire first floor)  
\$75.00 per person (\$60 of which is tax deductible!)  
**ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY.**

Tickets sales begin September 10th. Would you like to be on the invitation list? Please contact Sue Padden at [Spadden@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:Spadden@desmoineswa.gov) or 206-870-6584.

## THE CITY OF DES MOINES IS TURNING 50!

Des Moines, Washington became a city on June 17, 1959, and next summer marks our **50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**. To plan for this occasion, the City Council held a summit to get ideas from members of the community on just how we could celebrate this momentous event. A steering committee met several times and presented a number of suggestions for events that will run throughout the entire 2009 year. Those events are listed below.

### Kick-Off Event

January  
Black Tie Event  
Des Moines Yacht Club  
Entertainment - Joey Jewell

### Fourth of July

Primarily at Marina/Beach Park Area  
Local food booths; arts and crafts  
Music  
Youth Event  
Farmers Market  
Beer/Wine Garden  
Children's Carnival – bouncy toys

### June 17<sup>th</sup> (actual birthday) (afternoon-evening)

Open House (Odd Fellows Hall)  
Large Cake  
Speakers  
Time Capsule  
Historical Display  
Longtime Citizens Participate

### Weekend of July 17-19

Downtown area

- Parade
- Food Booths
- Arts and Crafts Booths
- Beer/Wine Garden
- Music/Dance/Cultural Stages
- 50's cars – Hot August Nights
- Youth Event
- 50's Music, 50's Movies, Sock Hop

Marina area

- Boat Parade (lighted Friday night)
- Boat Races: sail, funny, jet skis, dragon boats
- Wind Surfers
- Children's Carnival - bouncy toys
- Farmers Market
- Antique Boat Show

### Other Committees

Fundraising  
Publicity  
Youth events

Committees are forming now. If you would like to participate in the planning for one or more of these birthday celebration events, please contact Sue Bowman at 206-870-6552.

One recurring suggestion has been a **50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY LOGO CONTEST**. The winning logo will be on everything from t-shirts to banners. Citizens are invited to submit ideas for the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Logo by completing the form on the other side of this page and returning as indicated.



# CITY OF DES MOINES 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY LOGO CONTEST



The City of Des Moines, Washington, also known as the "Waterland City", celebrates its 50th Birthday on June 17, 2009 and is holding a Logo Contest to commemorate an exciting year of community events which will begin in January and continue to December 31, 2009.

The City's 50th Birthday Logo should reflect the City's vision: **"An inviting and safe waterfront community embracing the future while preserving our past"** and will be used to promote the City on its web site, TV Channel 21, and on promotional items such as banners, patches, shirts and hats.

The winning logo will be selected by the Des Moines City Council after being narrowed down to the five most outstanding entries by the City of Des Moines Arts Commission. **Logo contest submission deadline is Monday, November 3, 2008.**

### Contest Rules:

- Anyone can enter! Submissions by persons under age 18 require written parental permission as indicated below.
- All entries must be accompanied by the entry form below. One entry is accepted per form. Photo copies of the form are acceptable.
- The preferred format for logo submittal is jpeg or tiff electronic format, 800 x 600 resolution. Hand drawn images will also be accepted. Images must be legible at large and small sizes. The logo must contain the City's name and the words "50th Birthday".
- All submitted images will become the property of the City of Des Moines and will not be returned. Contestant's authorship recognition will be retained.
- By submitting the entry form, contestants certify that they are the author of the material being submitted to the City of Des Moines, and give its licensees permission to reproduce, distribute, publish, display, and/or modify the submission and otherwise use the material for any purpose in any form and on any media as required for the City's 50th Birthday.
- **Logo contest submission deadline is Monday, November 3, 2008.** Please direct questions to City Hall at 206-870-6541.



## City of Des Moines 50th Birthday Logo Contest Entry Form

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if contestant is under age 18) \_\_\_\_\_

Short Explanation of Your Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LOGO CONTEST SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008.**

Email logo contest entries to: [50thbirthday@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:50thbirthday@desmoineswa.gov). Non-electronic logo contest entries may be delivered or postmarked for delivery by 4:00 p.m. on November 3, 2008 to:

Des Moines 50th Birthday Logo Contest  
21630 11th Ave. S., Suite A  
Des Moines, WA 98198

**ATTACH LOGO**

## Special Programs Offered Des Moines Teens

### ASP@P! After School Programs at Pacific Middle School:

Kids -- check out the Youth Council MySpace or Facebook page to see what's going on!

MySpace: [www.myspace.com/dmcouncil](http://www.myspace.com/dmcouncil)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ages/Des-Moines-Youth-Council](http://www.facebook.com/ages/Des-Moines-Youth-Council) 20626693015

**Activity Afternoons:** Looking for FREE after school fun? Pacific Middle School students can stick around on Fridays for Activity Afternoons. Create cool craft projects, play sports in the gym, access the web in the computer lab or win prizes with cool contests. On Fridays there are plenty of options for fun provided at no charge-- thanks to the generosity of Des Moines Rotary Club! A completed Participation Agreement form must be on file to attend. Forms are available in the Pacific Middle School office and can be returned to the office or given to program staff. Call Des Moines Parks and Recreation at 206-870-6527 for information.

**Traveling Teens:** Pacific Middle School students can join recreation staff for a different afternoon adventure each Wednesday! We leave from Pacific at 2:55

p.m. Fall session field trips will include Woodland Park Zoo, movies, Laserquest and more. Following each trip, students will be dropped off at the Des Moines Field House. Pre-registration is required. Need based scholarships are available. Drop-ins allowed if space permits. Call 206-870-6582 for more information.



### Des Moines Youth Council — Teens Making a Difference in the Greater Des Moines Area:

As school begins, Des Moines Youth Council will resume meeting to plan activity afternoons, teen dances and help make a difference in our community! See what the buzz is about -- participating teens learn leadership and work skills and have a great time. In addition to community involvement, the 2007-08 Council went roller-skating and to Wild Waves! We welcome returning and new members when school begins in September! Interested 6th-9th grade students or parents in Des Moines can contact Nic Lind at 206-870-6582 for information. Our dynamic teens played a vital role in the following activities during 2007-08:



- Assisted at Teen Dances [includes free admission for members]
- Assisted at the Halloween Carnival, Argosy Christmas Ship, Spring Egg Hunt, and Children's Arts Festival
- Assisted at Activity Afternoons

**Field House Dance Parties:** 6th-8th grade students from Des Moines can celebrate a night off from the books at our Field House dance parties on the third Friday of each month during the school year. Students dance, participate in contests for prizes and meet up with friends. Concessions are available to purchase, with proceeds benefiting Des Moines Youth Council. Student I.D. card is required for admission. Call 206-870-6527 for additional information. The first dance is September 19th from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. with a minimal cost of \$5.

### Before and After School Program Continues

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 enjoy 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 & Recreation at 206-870-6527.

### Des Moines Field House to Host 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 available for purchase. Join the fun on Friday, October 31st, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House. Costume raffle will take place at 5:50 p.m. The cost for children 6th grade and under is \$2 per child. Parents/guardians are free. For more information call the Des Moines Field House at 206-870-6527.



### Des Moines Minor Home Repair Program

Minor home repair services are being offered to low/moderate income residents who have owned their home for at least one year. Some restrictions apply.

For additional information, please call Erika Sullivan at 206-870-6558.

This program is funded by King County Community Development Block Grant Funds.

## The Des Moines Arts Commission Presents...

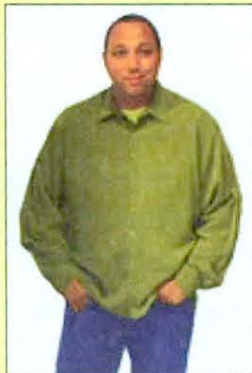
### Comedy Night Featuring Kermet Apio

October 10th, 7:30 p.m. at Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220<sup>th</sup> St.

Tickets: \$10 Pre-sale/\$15 at the door

Join the Des Moines Arts Commission in welcoming Kermet Apio to the Des Moines Field House for our first ever Comedy Night! Apio boasts previous performances with The Smothers Brothers, Sinbad, Weird Al Yankovich, the Righteous Brothers and Rita Rudner. He has provided laughs to crowds from here to Ontario, Canada, with numerous stops between including gigs at the Comedy Underground, Giggles, The Green Room and many, many more.

Don't miss this opportunity for an evening of laughs! Comedy samples at: [www.ikerm.com](http://www.ikerm.com).



### Waterland Music Series

The Waterland Music Series, hosted by the Des Moines Arts Commission and the Highline Community College Foundation, brings top musicians to Highline Community College. All performances will be hosted in Building 7 on the college campus at 2400 S. 240th St. in Des Moines. Doors open at 7:00 pm, performance begins at 7:30 pm. Advance tickets are available at Des Moines Parks and Recreation, 1000 220th St. Pricing: \$30 for the series, \$15 for individual performances, \$5 per performance for students (elementary through college).



Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 pm

#### **Billet Deux**

Acoustic Jazz

[www.billet-deux.com](http://www.billet-deux.com)

Tuesday, February 3, 2009, 7:30 pm

#### **Geisa Dutra**

Classical Pianist

[www.geisadutra.com](http://www.geisadutra.com)



Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 7:30 pm

#### **The Main Attraction**

Vocal Musicians

[www.themainattraction.org](http://www.themainattraction.org)



### Afternoon with the Artist - November 22, 12-5 p.m.

The Des Moines Arts Commission invites arts aficionados to our new found venue for artists in Des Moines, the Des Moines Activity Center located at 2045 S. 216<sup>th</sup> St. Artwork will be available to purchase or appreciate. Join us for an afternoon of artwork and socializing and leave with a new piece to help contribute to future arts endeavors in our community.

## Candidates Sought for Des Moines Arts Commission

The Des Moines City Council is accepting applications for candidates for appointment to an unexpired 3 year term on the Des Moines Arts Commission. The Commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th Street in Des Moines. For information regarding Arts Commission programs, please go to [www.desmoineswa.gov/artscommission](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/artscommission).

Applications will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. September 30, 2008. Interested persons should contact the City Clerk's office for details on the scope of duties and an application form at 21630 11th Ave. S., Des Moines WA 98198, call 206-870-6519 or email [dstaab@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:dstaab@desmoineswa.gov).

### Back-to-School Safety

As summer vacation comes to an end, students throughout Des Moines are heading back to school. With the excitement of a new school year, let's not forget to talk with our students about safety.

#### Tips for School Bus Riders

- Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.
- After getting off the bus, move immediately to the sidewalk and out of traffic.
- Never reach under the bus to pick up dropped items.

#### Tips for Pedestrians or Bike Riders

- Never travel to and from school alone. Use the buddy system.
- Obey all traffic signals and crossing guards along the way.
- Wear reflective clothing.

#### Tips for Drivers and Passengers

- Leave early and give yourself enough time to travel at a safe speed.
- Do not talk on your cell phone while driving.
- Always wear your seat belt and require all of your passengers to do the same.

## Dredging Next Step in Marina Improvements

A \$750,000 dredging project at the Des Moines Marina, expected to begin in September, is the next step in implementing a revised, forward-looking Marina Master Plan. Adopted earlier this year by the Des Moines City Council, the updated comprehensive plan focuses on facilities and services in high demand with recreational boaters.

Contractors were to submit their bids to the city by Aug. 14. Harbormaster Joe Dusenbury says an estimated 8,700 cubic yards of sediment will be removed from the marina harbor – a maintenance project that has to be done every 10 to 15 years. He anticipates the job will be completed by late fall.

In 1994, when the marina last was dredged, the total cost was \$200,000. This year, environmental testing on the sediment, design and permitting alone cost \$191,000. The actual work will cost about \$549,000.

Recommendations in the revised master plan call for upgrades that will “help the marina maintain a competitive advantage in attracting moorage tenants and guests,” with a marketing aim of making Des Moines a destination point for boaters with the marina as the gateway to the city. These objectives are based on “the marina’s primary purpose and function as a boating facility while simultaneously promoting the marina as a premier destination for those arriving by automobile, bicycle, or on foot.”

Land-based improvements will support in-water activities as well as enhance facilities used by the non-boating public, and make the marina “more attractive and pedestrian friendly.” Proposals stemming from the University of Washington’s recent Storefront Studio Project, which involved senior architectural students designing potential upgrades for the Marina District, included links between downtown and the waterfront that compliment the master plan.

Short term capital improvements include replacement of the bulkhead, with the addition of raised concrete sidewalks, pedestrian amenities, and new landscaped areas; reconstruction of restrooms; power and water system upgrades; and reconfiguration of the parking areas. Long range improvements include reconfiguration of moorage slips and covered moorage; and improvement of pedestrian access between Beach Park, Des Moines Creek Trail, and the marina.

Marina capital projects already completed include upgrades to the marina electrical distribution systems, the remodel of M dock, installation of a fire standpipe system at K, L, M and N docks, and installation of a security camera system, as well as renovation of the Redondo boat launch.

The Des Moines Marina – the only full-service marina between Shilshole in northwest Seattle and Point Defiance in Tacoma – offers both guest and permanent moorage, dry storage for boats 20 feet long and under, fuel, pump-out stations, and a full-service boat yard. Non-boaters visit its restaurants, public fishing pier, and adjacent Des Moines Beach Park, with their views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains.

## UW Storefront Studio Develops “Marina District Enhancement Plan”

The UW Department of Architecture Storefront Studio operated from April to June in a temporary office located in downtown Des Moines. The primary goal for the Storefront Studio was to integrate and connect the historic downtown with the marina/waterfront areas of the City of Des Moines to promote economic development and to improve the pedestrian experience.

This area, known as the “Marina District” is located between Marine View Drive S and the Des Moines Marina/Beach Park, and Kent-Des Moines Road/S. 227th St. and S. 216th St.

Over 40 exciting ideas and recommendations emerged from the students’ work. Concepts ranged from facade enhancements, street beautification and a fountain plaza, to a whimsical sea serpent enticing people to the water’s edge. Students also worked with property owners to develop designs and provide technical assistance for exterior façade or other improvements to the property such as landscaping. Special attention was given to Marine View Drive, S. 223rd, S. 227th and the Marina.

At the July 17th City Council meeting, Project Director Jim Nicholls and architecture students provided City Council with the “Marina District Enhancement Plan” and led a discussion on their findings. This fall, during their budget deliberations, the City Council will prioritize these for possible implementation.



*UW architecture students envision a colorful Sea Serpent stretched out along the Des Moines breakwater. (Artist: Jack DeBlauw)*



**envision**  
**MIDWAY**  
a collaborative planning project

“Envision Midway” is a joint planning project between the cities of Des Moines and Kent focusing on the SR-99 (Pacific Highway S.) transportation corridor and the surrounding land uses. The mission of the project is to transform the Midway community into a sustainable urban area that enhances commercial development and

optimizes its geographic location, wide range of transportation options, educational institutions, and views.

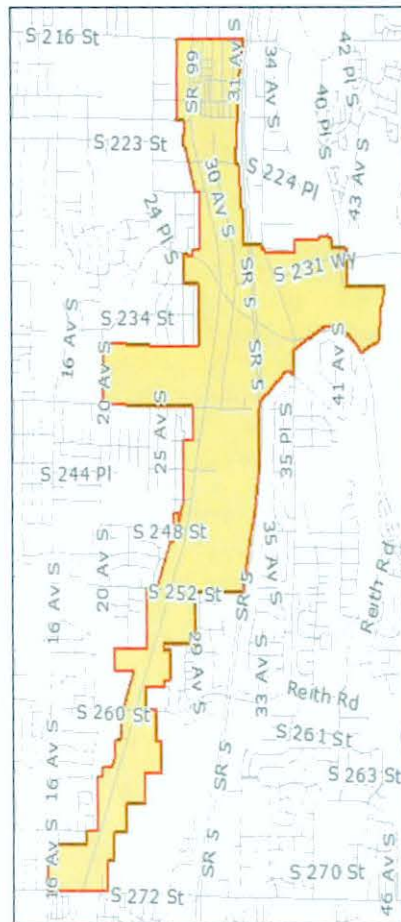
Since May, a series of open houses and workshops were held for the public and a stakeholders committee.

Discussion of general land use focused on three key areas:

1. North of Kent-Des Moines Rd -- predominantly high-density residential and mixed use
2. Kent-Des Moines Rd to S 240<sup>th</sup> -- high density mixed use, small store fronts, and services for students
3. South of 240<sup>th</sup> -- auto oriented services on larger parcels, visual corridor to connect to the landfill and medium density mixed use around the Redondo shopping center.


It was suggested that the land use pattern be modeled after the Pacific Ridge Neighborhood development standards where retail and commercial uses are located along Pacific Highway and residential uses to the east. Metro’s Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) was seen as providing reliability until the future of light rail is determined. East-west connections for pedestrians and vehicles throughout the area was a recurring topic among all the groups.

Learn more and post your ideas about Midway’s future at [www.envisionmidway.com](http://www.envisionmidway.com). For more information, please call Denise Lathrop with the City of Des Moines at 206-870-6563. The next workshop is **October 15** at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St.



Midway Study Area

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



Falling leaves this time of year cause problems for property owners and City work crews alike. Leaves clog street drainage systems and when the rains start, they increase the possibility of flooding.

The City increases the street sweeper’s schedule for fall and winter and work crews are on alert for clogged drains. Everyone does their best to keep drains clean, but we need the help of all citizens to remove leaves from the storm grates and catch basins near 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.

Thanks in advance for your help.

**New Washington State Cell Phone Laws**

Washington State has **two** new cell phone related driving laws. The first went into effect on January 1, 2008, and bans all text messaging while driving. The second law went into effect on July 1st and bans the use of a wireless device, such as a cell phone, being held to your ear while you are driving. Unlike the text messaging ban, you are allowed to use your cell phone if the communication is made using a hands-free device.

Both of these laws are secondary enforcement laws, meaning you will only receive a ticket for this if you are pulled over for another driving violation. While these violations do not go on your driving record, the cost per infraction is **\$124.00**.

**Business Licenses Expire December 31st**

All 2008 business licenses will expire on December 31st. If not renewed on or before February 15th, a new application must be made, accompanied by an additional fee of 100% of the fee payable upon an original application.

- Commercial License - \$150.00
- Home Occupation License - \$30.00
- Rental of Real Property License - \$150.00 + per unit charge
- Single Rental of Real Property License - \$30.00 + per unit charge

Businesses new to Des Moines are required to acquire a license prior to opening. Additional licenses and fees are required for live music/entertainment, amusement devices, or mobile and itinerant vendors. Application forms are available from the City Clerk’s office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or by calling the office at 206-878-6519.



## Three Cleaning and Recycling Events Planned for Fall

Three recycling events are coming your way this fall. Mark your calendar and take advantage of these opportunities!

### October 10-12

King County Wastemobile at the Police Training Center at 19010 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. S. in south Burien. (Check out what is accepted by at [www.govlink.org](http://www.govlink.org).)



### Fall Clean

#### October 20-24

Allied Waste will pick up all the garbage, recycling and yard waste we can get ready for them.



### Saturday, November 1

Fall Recycling Collection Event at the Des Moines Marina

Mailers will be sent out 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).

## Marine Science & Technology (MaST) Center at Redondo Now Open to the Public

Community members can feel a greater connection to the Puget Sound by touching aquatic life at Highline Community College's new Marine Science & Technology Center (MaST Center) located at Redondo Beach in Des Moines. The 5,270-square-foot public education center was dedicated on June 16th in a ceremony led by Congressman Adam Smith, Highline President Jack Birmingham, Des Moines Mayor Bob Sheckler, and Dan Altmayer, Highline Community College Foundation board member and co-chair of the capital campaign.

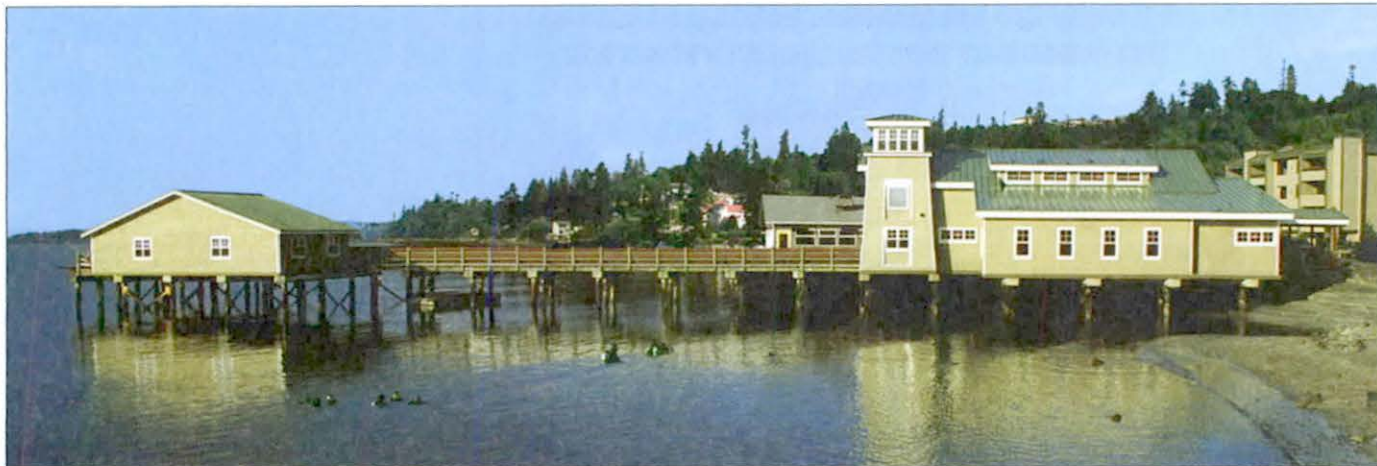
The new MaST Center opened to the public this summer after years of effort from Highline Community College, the City of Des Moines and the community. In the 1960s, Highline developed an Undersea Diving Program, but the program was phased out in the early '90s. By the late '90s, the dock was used as a learning lab for Highline students and helped support research for water quality in the Puget Sound. In 2003, the MaST Center was officially opened and work for the new facility began in fall 2006.

Visitors can explore the MaST Center and the *touch tanks* for free from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays during Water Weekends. The touch tanks feature a variety of crabs, rockfish, flounders, sole, sea cucumbers and sea stars from the Puget Sound. "Having people touch the creatures in our tanks gives them a better connection with the Puget Sound," said Bob Maplestone, director of the MaST Center. In addition to the two touch tanks, the MaST Center features nine large observational tanks, making it the third largest aquarium in the state. Specialty tanks for jellyfish, eelgrass and octopus are also in place, awaiting new occupants. The facility also plans to add six tanks for smaller Puget Sound marine life in the next few months. The goal is to have more than 80 species of local marine life on display in the next couple of months, Maplestone said.

For those who want to learn more about the Puget Sound, the center is hosting "Science on the Sound," a semi-monthly seminar that features experts discussing issues pertinent to the Puget Sound and the region. The seminars take place at noon every other Saturday beginning in September. Community members can watch videos of past seminars at Highline's Web site, [www.highline.edu](http://www.highline.edu).

Community members can also get a closer connection to the Puget Sound by volunteering to be MaST Stewards. Duties for MaST Stewards may include talking with the public, maintaining the tanks and systems, and feeding the animals. The center provides training for volunteers.

For more information on the MaST Center, visit [www.highline.edu/mast](http://www.highline.edu/mast) or e-mail [mast@highline.edu](mailto:mast@highline.edu).



Highline Community College's new Marine Science and Technology Center at Redondo offers hands on learning experiences.

## Port Approves Right-of-Way Purchase from Des Moines

The Des Moines Creek Business Park moved a step closer when the Port of Seattle Commission voted on July 22nd to purchase 11 acres of vacated streets in the 89-acre Des Moines Creek Business Park for \$3.8 million. The funds will be deposited into an interest bearing escrow account not later than October 1st. The City will receive the funds when the site master plan is approved and the final development agreement with the Port is signed in 2009.

In May, Majestic Realty Company was named the developer for the Des Moines Creek Business Park project. Majestic is a privately held real estate development firm based in City of Industry, California. The firm was chosen out of a field of 10 applicants to develop the approximately 89 acres of property northwest of South 216th Street and 24th Avenue South.

Majestic's proposal was the most responsive to the objectives of the City of Des Moines and the Port of Seattle for a business park that balances commercial and retail uses that will grow the City's tax base and support growth in air cargo. At full build-out, the project will have over 1 million square feet of development including 234,000 square feet of retail, 231,000 of office/R&D and business services, and 535,000 of manufacturing and logistics. The project is expected to generate over 1,600 direct on site jobs and direct annual tax revenues of \$10 million. The City's share is estimated at \$1.5 million a year.

Majestic's initial development budget for the project is estimated at \$73 million. Major portions of South 216th Street and 24th Avenue South fronting the project and connecting it to Pacific Highway South will be constructed. Business park development will include flexible-use buildings for users that need to be close to Sea-Tac Airport for their business such as freight, avionics manufacturers and air cargo company offices. Majestic will use the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System as a performance standard for designing the entire project.

The Port of Seattle and Majestic expect to complete negotiations for a long-term ground lease this fall. The Des Moines City Council will review a master plan for the site this winter before construction begins next year. The build-out of the project is expected to be in three phases over five years, with ground breaking for the first phase as soon as the summer of 2009.

## 8th Ave. So. Revisions (Continued from page 1)

The traffic engineering study validated many of the concerns. Several alternatives were evaluated and discussed at the August 7th Council meeting. In the end, the City Council agreed with staff's recommendation to make this roadway segment one-way northbound.

The City is planning to make this change in September and will be closely monitoring the operations. A follow-up study will be conducted after one year to evaluate how the revision is working.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact Brandon Carver at 206-870-6543.



## Special Event Permits Available Online

A special event permit is required by anyone planning an event such as a block party, bazaar, dance or other event that might impact City streets, parks or rights-of-way, or may create excessive noise or congestion. This permit is free, but should be obtained 90 days prior to the event. If you are unsure whether a permit is required for your event, please check with the City Clerk's office at 206-870-6519. The application is available online at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov) or at City Hall Monday-Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm.



### Des Moines Waterfront Farmers Market

EVERY SATURDAY THRU OCTOBER 25TH 10AM-2PM

## Second Annual Chili Cook-Off

Tasting Sat Oct 25th  
Noon to 2pm  
Until Supplies Last



<b>Entry Fee</b> <b>\$30.00</b>	<b>Application</b> <b><a href="http://www.DMFM.org">www.DMFM.org</a></b>	<b>Tasting \$3.00</b> <b>or Food Donation</b> <b>DM Food Bank</b>
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## Free Workshop to Offer Tips on Controlling Invasive Weeds

Sasha Shaw, King County Noxious Weeds expert, will be in Des Moines on Thursday, September 18th, to teach us how to identify and control invasive and noxious weeds in our gardens.



Date: September 18, 2008  
Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Place: Des Moines Maintenance Facility  
2255 S. 223rd St.

Please call 206-870-6869 or email [rfamurewa@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:rfamurewa@desmoineswa.gov) to register for this very informative workshop.

### Pet News

Fall is around the corner, the kids are heading back to school, and our pets will be missing their summertime playmates! We need to be sure that our pets are safely at home when the children leave for the school bus, as dogs especially want to follow the little ones. We also need to give our pets extra attention this time of year so they don't become lonely or anxious. So take a little extra time to play with Towser and Tinkerbelle each day, and everyone will enjoy the new school year!

Master Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson is happy to do Dog Bite Prevention and Responsible Pet Ownership presentations to school children, day cares and community groups. Please contact her at 206-878-3301 or [jmagnuson@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:jmagnuson@desmoineswa.gov) if you would like to set up a community presentation.

## Meet Your City Surface Water Maintenance Crew

Five crewmembers maintain the entire City drainage system, which includes 74 miles of underground drainage pipes, 3890 catch basins, 63 detention facilities and 14 miles of open ditches. They also install new drainage systems, pipes and catch basins. They are busy guys!



SWM Crew, left to right: Jamie Eyler, Dave McGinnis, Lead Sonny Williams, and Brad Rogers. Not pictured is the newest member of the crew, Jeremy Stump.

## Some Options for Residents Tired of Those Gravel Streets

The City of Des Moines has 50 gravel roads which produce dust, especially during the summer. The City waters the streets as resources allow and is currently trying out an additive that will keep moisture in the roadbed. In years past, it was common practice to spread heavy oil based products over gravel roads to control dust, but that kind of treatment has been long since eliminated because of environmental impacts.

The City does not have the resources to pave the gravel streets without financial contributions from homeowners served by these roads. The City goes through a detailed methodology when selecting roadway segments for pavement maintenance so that we can maximize the limited resources available.

Many of the gravel roads in the City existed before they were annexed into the City. Property with an improved frontage is generally more expensive as the cost of the frontage improvements is transferred to the purchaser. Property values and property taxes are typically less for property on unimproved streets compared to properties on improved streets.

If homeowners would like to pave their gravel streets, there are two mechanisms available. One option is through a Local Improvement District (LID) process. Another option is a right-of-way permit process. With LIDs, the City manages the project including: design, bidding, construction, inspection, administration, accounting and billing. The LID is used when the right-of-way improvements are extensive and complicated to construct and is also more time consuming and expensive for the homeowner. In most cases the right-of-way permit process can be used by citizens or homeowner's associations to pave their gravel streets. It requires a simple plan view drawing that has details of the limits of the proposed work attached to a City right-of-way permit. The City will provide a free right-of-way permit, but there is a small fee for inspection. The City also provides specifications for the road preparation. Call 206-870-6522 for additional information.

### Annual Report and Stormwater Management Program

On February 16, 2007, the City's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase II permit (NPDES) became effective. This is a municipal storm water permit issued by the federal government that regulates pollution in the city's drainage systems. The City's annual report and Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) is now available on the city website for your review and comments.

The website presents some of the projects the City has completed ahead of schedule, as well as progress report on our efforts to improve surface water. The link to the information is [http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/pub\\_works/water.html](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/pub_works/water.html). The comment page is also on the same page or call 206-870-6869.

### Residential Auto Care and Household Chemicals

Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents and prescription drugs. Do not pour used oil on the



ground or into storm drains because this has the same result as dumping the hazardous materials directly into a water body.

For more information on collection of household chemicals or used oil, contact King County Local Hazardous Waste Management at 206-296-4692. The City encourages all citizens to adopt environmentally friendly car washing by using a commercial car wash instead of the pavement at home. The commercial car wash drains into the sanitary sewer.

### Lawn Care

As we approach another wet season, please be aware of the danger fertilizer

poses on our surface water. Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens mix with run-off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- Don't over water your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When necessary, use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it on the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects



materials into a storm drain through a pipe or cross connection in which pollutants flow from the drain into water body and contaminate anything it contacts. To protect the quality of our streams and public health, please report sources of pollution you witness along the roadside or commercial properties including improper connection outlets to ditches or creeks.

### How Can You Help?

We want to increase volunteerism and develop partnerships with community groups to work collaboratively in addressing some of our water quality needs. Community clean-up programs are great examples of how volunteers can help us improve the City's surface water.

For more information, please contact Ruth Famurewa, NPDES Coordinator, at 206-870-6869.

### Illicit Discharge

An illicit discharge is the introduction of pollutants or non-stormwater

### Report Illegal Discharge!



After years of planning and a year of construction, the two west wings of **Judson Park** are nearing completion. The 64 units were constructed by W.G. Clark. Drive by and take a look at this beautiful new addition to our community.

## Housing Boom About to Hit Des Moines

Home builders are re-discovering Des Moines as a great place to build close-in affordable homes. Almost 300 new affordable homes will be built on five new subdivisions that have been approved by the Des Moines City Council over the past two years. These new lots exceed the total number of lots created by the City Council since the City was incorporated in June 1959.

Over 800 people will be added to Des Moines' current population of 29,180 when these homes are occupied. Home prices are expected to start in the upper \$200,000 range with average prices between \$350,000 and \$400,000. This makes Des Moines among the most affordable close-in King County cities for high quality, new construction with great access to bus rapid transit services and a broad range of urban amenities.



*One of the new homes planned for Crestwood Park in the S. 272nd area.*

An additional 60 people will be moving to Des Moines as Dream Craft completes 27 homes at Graceview, a subdivision on Kent-Des Moines Road at S. 234th that they will start building this fall.

Des Moines will benefit in five important ways from these developments:

- Over \$100 million will be added to Des Moines' assessed value supporting City, fire and school services through increased property taxes. The City's share of these taxes will be \$150,000 per year. Schools and fire emergency services will similarly benefit.
- Home construction will generate another \$840,000 in one-time City sales tax revenues.
- Building permits and fees will produce another \$960,000 through 2010 and more in later years as these subdivisions are fully built out. These fees will be used to pay for City planning, permitting and inspection services.
- As these homes are sold, the City's share of state real estate excise tax will be about \$500,000. These taxes are used to pay for the City's capital projects in Beach Park and for City roads.
- And as these homes are occupied, furnished and landscaped, the City will receive additional sales and utility taxes. These taxes go into the City's general fund and support a broad range of City services including police, recreation, parks, senior services, code enforcement and public works.

Over 200 of these new home sites are located south of S. 260th on or near Pacific Highway South in the three largest subdivisions ever approved in Des Moines in its 49-year history. Blueberry Lane will soon begin site development on their 66-lot subdivision on North Hill near Des Moines Memorial Drive and S. 196th. Drivers on S. 240th should see the City's most recently approved subdivision, Highline View Estates, begin site development next year. These 21 single family lots are just across the street from Highline Community College.

For information on any of these new developments, please contact Jason Sullivan at the City at 206-870-6551.

## New Des Moines Assistant City Manager Named

Lorri Ericson, former planning and research/administrative services manager for the Puyallup Police Department, has been named Assistant City Manager of Des Moines.

Ms. Ericson "brings a wealth of public sector experience and knowledge to our team," City Manager Tony Piasecki said recently in announcing her appointment. She began her new job on July 21.

Mr. Piasecki described Ms. Ericson, who was selected from a pool of 96 candidates, as "the best interpersonal and technical fit for our organization and team."

"I'm eager to become a productive part of the wonderful Waterland community," Ericson said. "I just want to do my part to make a difference. I'm totally excited to join this wonderful team of people. I think it will be a good match."

Des Moines has been without an Assistant City Manager since 2004 when Corbitt Loch resigned to pursue other opportunities.

Primary reasons for hiring Ms. Ericson included her background in human resources, information technology, and special projects, as well as capital improvement projects. She

also has managed the Puyallup Police Department's communication section, served as a project manager on information technology and communications projects for that city, and worked as a senior consultant on government projects for AltaVista Group, a private sector firm.



*Assistant City Manager Lorri Ericson*

She has a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Central Washington University.

## DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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### CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Approved the following ordinances:

- 1430 revising City Manager's contracting authority
- 1431 approving Pacific Hts. rezone

#### Approved the following resolutions:

- 1065 honoring former Mayor Tom Mannard and declaring March 9<sup>th</sup> to be "Tom Mannard Day"
- 1066 authorizing Des Moines Rotary Club to conduct "Fireworks Over Des Moines" on July 4<sup>th</sup>
- 1067 amending Small Works Contracting processes
- 1068 approving Graceview Planned Unit Development Final Plat
- 1069 approving Pacific Hts Planned Unit Development Subdivision
- 1070 amending City contracting
- 1071 authorizing emergency contracts for North Twin Bridge

- 1072 creation of 2008-2009 Ad Hoc Parks, Rec & Sr. Services Master Plan Citizen Advisory Committee
- 1073 support Light Rail to Tacoma (Superseded by Res. 1083)
- 1074 authorize application for funding Des Moines Creek Trail Project
- 1075 agreement with Police Guild for wages, hours & working conditions 1/1/08 - 12/31/10
- 1076 authorizing Puget Sound Bicycle Racing Club to conduct bicycle race on 6/29/08
- 1077 setting public hearing for a street vacation
- 1078 ratifying 2007 King County Buildable Lands Report
- 1079 setting public hearing for a street vacation
- 1080 approving Cedar Heights preliminary planned unit development

- 1081 approving 6 Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2009-2014

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

- Use of Zenith Park site with Highline School District
- Temporary lifting and stabilization of Beach Park Dining Hall to Robbins and Co. - \$166,228.27
- Midway Planning Project with City of Kent
- Marine Science & Technology Center parking agreement with Highline Community College
- Project scope changes Des Moines Creek Trail Project INCA Engineers \$17,497.92
- Use of Mt. Rainier High School Track with Highline School District

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