



## SCORE Breaks Ground

In 2000, King County notified all cities that they would no longer provide misdemeanor jail beds by 2012. A few years after this notification, SCORE, an acronym for the South Correctional Entity, was formed by the cities of Auburn, Burien, Des Moines, Federal Way, Renton, SeaTac and Tukwila. SCORE is a Public Development Authority, an autonomous public agency, whose objective is to address additional jail space needs which includes ownership, construction, and operation of a misdemeanor jail to serve the collective needs of the owner cities.

In August, SCORE began site development on the 830 misdemeanor jail facility on vacant property located in the general vicinity of S. 208th Street and 15th Avenue S. This groundbreaking followed months of environmental and land use reviews which commenced in April of 2009 with the submittal of the required land use and environmental permits. In June of 2009, as part of the SEPA review, the City of Des Moines and SCORE entered into an Environmental Mitigation Agreement to address environmental impacts associated with the project. Following a public hearing, SCORE's unclassified use permit for the construction and operation of the proposed facility was approved by the Des Moines City Council on July 9, 2009. Currently the City is reviewing the building permit applications, which are expected to be approved by this November. Construction of the facility is expected to last until the middle of 2011.



Artist's rendition of the new jail facility to be built in north Des Moines.

## Transportation Benefit District Created

In November 2008, the Des Moines City Council established the "Des Moines Transportation Benefit District" (TBD). City Council members concurrently serve as Board members of this newly formed district. The TBD initially met on December 22, 2008, in order to establish a fee, which will be collected with the annual vehicle license renewal fee, otherwise known as "car tab fee". Beginning with September renewals, the Department of Licensing will add a \$20 fee per registered vehicle within the Des Moines city limits. State law (RCW 46.16.0621) outlines the applicable vehicles subject to the fee.

This revenue will initially go towards maintenance activities on existing City arterials, which include but are not limited to: roadway striping, traffic signal maintenance, pothole repair, bridge repairs, snow and ice control, and vegetation removal for safety. For more information, please check the City's website at [www.desmoineswa.gov/tbd](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/tbd) or leave a message at 206-870-7586.

## City Budget Status

As reported in the last edition of *City Currents*, the economic slowdown we are experiencing is affecting City revenues and thus necessitating expenditure reductions. The City reduced expenses by cutting over ten positions, negotiating several "give backs" from employees, closing City Hall and all non-essential operations on five days, and keeping a lid on all expenditures so the only money spent is for materials, supplies, and services that we really need. Most revenue is coming in as we anticipated when we reduced our projections last spring. The one exception is base building permit revenue. Permitting activity has continued to decline. Thus, another inspector position was cut from the Building Department as of August 1st.

Late this spring the State Department of Corrections (DOC) informed us that they were canceling their contract with us. The contract provided inmates to do street, park, and other facility maintenance under DOC supervision, including litter collection, street/park landscape maintenance, building clean-up, etc. The number of maintenance hours we received from DOC under this contract was the equivalent of three full-time employees. When combined with staff cuts the City made in the street and parks maintenance area over the last year, this represents a 55% reduction in these types of services since July of 2008. The City will continue to perform safety-related roads, parks, and building maintenance and will work towards keeping our facilities in a minimally acceptable manner.

The City continues to keep a close eye on revenues and will adjust the budget in the event we see another downturn.

We appreciate our residents' patience and understanding and ask that you contact City Hall at 206-878-4595 if you have any questions.



## DES MOINES DIRECTORY

**City Hall**  
21630 11th Avenue South

206-878-4595

Business Hours: Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
www.desmoineswa.gov

### City Council

(City Council meets 1st, 2nd and 4th  
Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.)

Bob Sheckler, Mayor  
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Dave Kaplan  
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Carmen Scott  
Scott Thomasson  
Susan White

### City Offices

City Attorney ..... 206-870-6553  
City Clerk ..... 206-870-6519  
City Manager ..... 206-870-6541  
Planning/Building ..... 206-870-7576  
Engineering ..... 206-870-6522  
Finance Director ..... 206-870-6512  
Marina ..... 206-824-5700  
Municipal Court ..... 206-878-4597  
Parks ..... 206-870-6559  
Police Department ..... 206-878-3301  
Public Works ..... 206-870-6559  
Recreation ..... 206-870-6527  
Senior Services ..... 206-878-1642

### Other Numbers

Emergency ..... 911  
Animal Control ..... 206-870-6549  
City Job Line ..... 206-870-6593  
Field House ..... 206-870-6527  
Fire (non-emergency) ... 253-839-6234  
Library, Des Moines ..... 206-824-6066  
Library, Woodmont ..... 253-839-0121  
Marina ..... 206-824-5700  
Police (non-emergency) 206-878-3301

### Utilities and Services

Allied Waste ..... 206-682-9735  
Comcast ..... 877-778-7008  
Highline Water District. 206-824-0375  
Lakehaven Wtr/Sewer .. 253-941-1516  
Midway Sewer District. 206-824-4960  
Puget Sound Energy ..... 800-321-4123  
Qwest ..... 800-573-1311  
SW Suburban Sewer ..... 206-244-9575  
Water District #54 ..... 206-878-7210

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG:

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

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner - October 9th

Enjoy a scrumptious dinner featuring spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread and dessert co-sponsored by Athens Pizza and Pasta, Red Robin, Taco Time, Safeway, and B&E Meats. 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St. Tickets: Advance \$8 adult/\$5 youth ; at the door \$9 adults/\$6 youth.



## Grandparenting Steps - October 13th, 6-7:30 p.m.

Come share the joy you find in playful grandparenting and discover tools to avoid defending your "antiquated" parenting techniques. Bring a brown-bag dinner and share your joys, anxieties and learn techniques. Facilitator: Parent Educator Nancy Adams. Location: Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216<sup>th</sup> St. Fee: \$1. Advanced registration required.

## Three Ways to Be Plum Crazy - September 16th

Discover three ways to use Italian plums - preserves, dehydrating and freezing. Aviva Furman, Community Harvest, shares tips on making homemade gifts or kitchen condiments from this luscious crop! 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Des Moines Activity Center. Fee: \$20, Pre-registration required by September 10.

## Caregiver's Support Group - NEW DAYS!

Caregivers meet the first Tuesday of the month, 1-2 pm, and the third Saturday of the month, 11 am-12:30 pm, with group facilitator Joan Hardiman, MSW, to encourage one another, share experiences and exchange practical information. Explore ways to preserve your own health, strength and sanity. Fall dates: Tuesdays - 10/6, 11/3 and 12/1. Saturdays - 9/19, 10/17, 11/21 and 12/19 at Des Moines Activity Center, 2045 S. 216th St.

Please call Des Moines Activity Center, 206-878-1642, for additional information.

## Before & After School Program

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



## Halloween Carnival October 31st

Wear your costume and get ready to have fun! Carnival style games, costume raffle contest, candy, prizes, a magic show and much more! Hotdogs and soda will be for sale. Come join us Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 3-5:00 pm at the Des Moines Field House. The cost for children 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under is \$3 per child. Parents/guardians are free. Please call 206-870-6527 for additional information.

## Des Moines Legacy Foundation's

### "Gold Rush" Brunch and Auction - November 1st

The Des Moines Legacy Foundation and Anthony's Restaurants invite you to attend the "Gold Rush" celebration on Sunday, November 1st, 10am to 12:30pm at Anthony's HomePort in the Des Moines Marina. This year's theme is "Gold Rush". Prizes, Diamond Lil and Claim Jumper's raffles, a Gold Rush theme costume contest, our popular Grubstake board of local restaurants, live and silent auctions, and much more! Anthony's will provide the "grubstake" brunch buffet feast. This event supports Des Moines Senior Center programs and services. Tickets are \$75.00 per person (\$60 of which is tax deductible). Information: 206-878-1642.



## Third Annual Chili Cook-off

Chili tasting Saturday, October 31st, from noon to 2 pm at Des Moines Farmers Market (while supplies last). Tasting is \$3 or a food donation for Des Moines Food Bank. The entry fee for chili chefs is \$30; visit www.DMFM.org. for an application.



## We Need Your Help!



Falling leaves cause problems for property owners and City work crews by clogging street drainage systems. 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.

## City to Update Traffic Impact Fees

Traffic Impact Fees (TIF) are fees assessed on new development to pay for improvements to the City's transportation facilities needed to serve new growth and development. The City has been collecting TIF's on new developments, including single family homes, since 2005 and has used these funds to help pay for projects such as Pacific Highway S. and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Traffic Impact Fees will also be used to help build the necessary infrastructure for the upcoming Gateway project along S. 216<sup>th</sup> Street.

In June 2009, the City adopted a new Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), which is the City's long range transportation planning document and an updated TIF Rate Study and draft ordinance are being prepared. **An Open House on the subject will be held on September 3rd at the Senior Activity Center from 5:00 to 6:30 pm and recommendations will be made to the City Council during the fall of 2009.**

The CTP is available on-line at: [http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/pub\\_works/project\\_TransCP.html](http://www.desmoineswa.gov/dept/pub_works/project_TransCP.html).

## Improving Surface Water Quality in Des Moines

Clean water promotes good health, marine life and the environment. It generates chemical-free drinking water, seafood free from contamination, and a beautiful landscape. Everyone can make a difference when it comes to reducing stormwater runoff and the problems and costs that go with it. Because we all contribute to the problem, we all can be a part of the solution. It starts with paying attention to storm drainage at work, home and in your community. Do your part by starting with the simple steps listed below:

- Get involved with community stormwater projects such as storm drain stenciling.
- Reduce bacterial pollution by scooping your pet's waste and putting it in the garbage.
- Maintain your septic system, if you have one.
- Wash your vehicle at a carwash station or a charity carwash.

## 3rd Annual Waterland Children's Art Festival September 12th, 10 am-2 pm

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Waterland Children's Art Festival is back just in time to kick off the new school year! Bring the entire family and enjoy hours of arts, crafts, music and featured performances on the main stage! This event is always a big hit; you won't want to miss out on the fun!

Location: Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220th  
Cost: \$5 per child; children under 2 and adults are free.



## Please Have Your Pets Spayed or Neutered



Master Animal Control Officer Jan Magnuson would like to remind pet owners to have their animals spayed or neutered. Her records show that 19 out of 20 dog bite cases were committed by un-neutered male dogs! She points out that even altered pets can bite, but the chances go up dramatically with un-neutered male dogs.

## Downtown Planning Update

On June 27<sup>th</sup> the Des Moines City Council held a retreat to discuss Downtown planning and development. Discussion focused around zoning regulations, public infrastructure and design guidelines. Council expressed interest in completing a statistical survey to better understand who the Downtown serves and what businesses require to be successful. Councilmembers agreed to focus planning on a smaller geographic subarea of the Downtown, complete the design guidelines, identify an optional subarea for more detailed planning, further evaluate parking and circulation strategies, and review Downtown development regulations.

## NPDES Update

As required by the City's federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, the Des Moines Council in August adopted a new ordinance prohibiting non-stormwater discharges into the City's storm system, surface waters, ground water or Puget Sound. Also included in the ordinance is the requirement that both public and privately owned stormwater facilities be maintained properly. All private systems will be required to be inspected by a certified inspector to make sure the facilities are operating as designed and being properly maintained.

## Crime-Free Rental Housing Training Offered

The Des Moines Crime-Free Rental Housing program is a public safety partnership that allows all stakeholders in the community to work together to keep illegal activity out of Des Moines. Below is a list of fall 2009 landlord training sessions. To register for either class or for more information regarding the Des Moines Crime-Free program, contact Police CSO Seaberry at 206-870-7619 or email at [tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov).

### Class One

Thursday, September 17th, 8am-4pm  
at Des Moines Police Department, 21900  
11th Ave. S., Des Moines

### Class Two

Wednesday, October 14th, 8am-4:30pm  
at Burien Community Center, 425 SW  
144th Street, Burien



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Approved resolutions

- approving the Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Teamsters Local 763 regarding wages, hours and working conditions
- vacating a portion of public rights-of-way known as S. 208th St., S. 209th St, 16th Ave. S., 17th Ave. S. and 18th Ave. S.
- approving the Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Exempt Employees regarding wages, hours and working conditions
- adopting a 6-year Transportation Improvement Program for the years 2010-2015
- approving the Unclassified Use Permit for the South County Correctional Entity (SCORE)

Approved ordinances

- adopting the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for 2009 through 2030

- modifying the business license requirement for the crime-free rental housing program
- surplusing City rights-of-way in the area commonly referred to as the SCORE Condemnation Area

Approved agreements/bids/contracts:

- Interlocal Agreement between the City & Midway Sewer District for replacement of sewer line in the south Marina parking lot.
- Contract with KPFF Consulting Engineers, Inc. for the design of the North Twin Bridge seismic retrofit and safety upgrades - \$209,541.00.
- Contract for replacing the water main in the Marina to Henderson Partners and authorize payment of \$652,671.28.
- ILA with King County Flood Control District on Opportunity Fund.
- Interlocal Agreement between the King

County Flood Control Zone District and City of Des Moines regarding the use of District levy funds.

- Lease agreement with CSR South Inc. for boatyard facility in the Marina.
- Contract with Moon Construction for the Des Moines Field House Ballfield #1 Expansion Project for total cost of \$247,418, including sales tax plus 10% contingency .
- Supplemental Agreement #4 with INCA Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$10,241.56 for completion of Des Moines Creek Trail design.
- Authorized the City Manager to approve Task Order Supplement 3 with Fehr & Peers Mirai for work on the Comprehensive Transportation Plan in the amount of \$49,641.00, bringing the total amount for this Task Order Assignment to \$419,488.00.

**Waterland Music Series**



The Waterland Music Series, hosted by the Des Moines Arts Commission and the Highline Community College Music Department, brings top flight 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 pm, performance at 7:30 pm. Tickets available at Des Moines Parks and Recreation, 1000 220th St., and at the door. Pricing: \$30/series, \$15/individual show, \$5/student. Please call 206-870-6527 for additional information.

November 17, 2009	7:30pm	Michael Powers	Jazz
February 23, 2010	7:30pm	Sirens Trio	Chamber Music
April 20, 2010	7:30pm	Cul an Ti	Celtic

**Comedy Night in Des Moines**

October 9th, 7:30 pm at  
 Des Moines Field House, 1000 S. 220th St.

The 2nd Annual Comedy Night in Des Moines features hilarious punchlines from comedienne Susan Rice, with opening act Debbie Wooten. Susan has performed on ABC for prestigious producer George Schlatter ("Laugh In"), and has appeared on Evening at the Improv, Showtime's Comedy on the Road and the Reunion Show & Comedy Express for Fox. Get your tickets early! *Advance purchase tickets:* \$10 at the Des Moines Field House. *Tickets at the door:* \$15 or \$10 with proof of purchase from Des Moines Sr. Center's Spaghetti Night. Please call 206-870-6527 for more information.