

Des Moines Activity Center Dedication Ceremony April 17

The City of Des Moines is pleased to announce the dedication ceremony for the new Des Moines Activity Center.

The Center opened for senior programs and services on Monday, March 24th. The community is invited to join us as we officially dedicate this new city facility on Thursday, April 17th, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Hosted by Mayor Maggie Steenrod

and other City officials, the ceremony will include welcoming remarks, recognition of the project architect and general contractors, thanks to the many businesses who made donations, and thanks to the many City departments involved. Following the



New Activity Center Opened March 24

ceremony the community is invited to stay for lunch and tours of the new building.

Special recognition will be given to the following civic organizations and businesses who made major donations to the Activity Center: Des Moines Legacy Foundation, SKM Construction, Inc., NSM Construction, Milgard Windows, WRE Construction, Galleher Lumber and Greater Seattle Floors.

The Des Moines Activity Center is located at 2045 S. 216th Street, just east of the Des Moines Post Office.

For more information, please call the Des Moines Senior Center at 206-878-1642.

Summer Projects May Cause Inconvenience to Marina Patrons

Phase one of the Marina Master Plan will get underway soon with two major projects scheduled for completion this year. The first project is the site development and construction of the Dry Stack Boat Storage Facility. The City Council has asked staff to retain a design/engineering firm to design the site and the building and bring the plans back to the Council for review and final approval. If the Council approves this project, the site work will be done this summer. This phase of the project will involve grading the site, installing storm drains and utilities and a building a retaining wall along the base of the bluff. The building would be built after the site work was done, most likely after Labor Day. This project may cause some minor, intermittent disruptions to vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

The second project scheduled for this year is the replacement of the power distribution system throughout the entire Marina. The system needs to be replaced because the transformers, switchgear and distribution panels are mostly original equipment, installed when the Marina was built in 1969. Over the years, boats have become larger and have more electric appliances and equipment on board and, at times, the demand for

electricity exceeds the capacity of the system. Also, the system needs to be expanded to supply future developments in the Marina, like the Expanded Guest Moorage Basin. This project will be more extensive than the Dry Stack Project. There is a significant amount of trenching that will need to be done to install the underground power lines and the new transformers. The Marina staff expects that there will be disruptions to vehicle and pedestrian traffic this summer and during the early fall.

Preparing for the Unexpected

The American Red Cross website, www.redcross.org, offers valuable information for preparing for and coping with all kinds of disasters, from earthquakes to terrorism. Please take a few minutes to review the information offered and make plans that will ensure that your family is safe and prepared in the event of an emergency. King County's website, www.metrokc.gov, is another valuable source of information.

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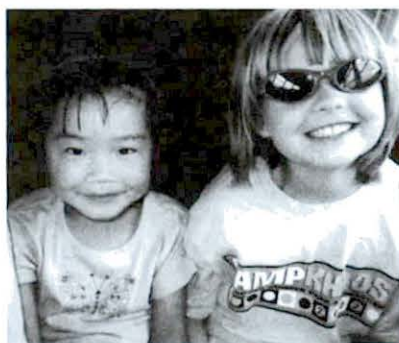
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Police (non-emergency)206-878-3301

Website: www.ci.des-moines.wa.us

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Singing and Songwriting with Buck and Elizabeth

Children ages 7 and up are welcome to join talented musicians Buck & Elizabeth for a fun morning of singing, songwriting, puppetry, and acting. Then come to the evening concert and perform with Buck & Elizabeth! Singing and songwriting will be held Friday, April 18, 9:00 a.m.-12 noon at the Field House Gym and the evening concert will be held at the Field House Gym at 7:00 p.m. Cost for singing and songwriting session is \$20 per child. Concert is \$1 for advanced tickets and at the door.



Former Happy Campers!

Spring Break Camp

We'll take care of your children and give them lots of fun things to do—a fabulous field trip, swimming, arts and crafts projects, group games and activities, morning and afternoon snacks and much more! Sign up for the week, or by the day! Camp is open to K-6th grade, April 7-11 (Federal Way School District) and April 14-18 (Highline School District), 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 South 220th Street. Cost is \$129 for the week or \$29 per day.



Egg Hunt April 19 at Beach Park

Egg Hunt, April 19, 9-11 a.m.

Join the Des Moines Park & Recreation Department for an old-fashioned Egg Hunt at the Des Moines Beach Park! There will be candy for every child and the opportunity to win tons of great prizes! The cost is \$2 per child. The Easter Bunny will also be on-site for pictures.

Rise & Shine Aerobics

Be as fit as can be in 2003! Join instructor Chris Wilcox for this intermediate level step aerobics class! This class will not only help you achieve your fitness goals, but will give you energy for the rest of the day! Class is held Mondays and Wednesdays 9:15-10:45 a.m. at the Des Moines Field House. Cost is \$6 drop in, \$40 unlimited monthly, or \$36 punch card good for 6 visits.

For information, please contact Des Moines Park & Recreation at 206-870-6527.

WAY OFF BROADWAY REVUE ... SECOND MATINEE ADDED!

Tickets are going fast for Des Moines Senior Center's third annual Way Off Broadway Music Revue featuring a variety of music and dance performed by our "forever

young at heart" local senior citizens! A second matinee has been added on Thursday, May 15, at 2 p.m. Hosted, produced and directed entirely by senior volunteers, the Revue will be held Wednesday, May 14, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Thursday, May 15, at 2 and 7 p.m. Don't miss out on this wonderful, entertaining and affordable event! The Revue will be held in the Ma-

sonic Retirement Center auditorium.

Tickets are \$7 and are available through the Des Moines Senior Center. All proceeds will help purchase equipment for the new home of the Senior Center.

For tickets or more information, please call the Des Moines Senior Center at 206-878-1642.

First Annual Sports Night Dinner and Auction

Don't miss this great opportunity to be part of the First Annual Sports Night Dinner and Auction on May 3, 2003, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the newly remodeled Des Moines Activity Center.

This first time event will include a dinner and auction to raise funds for youth scholarships for underprivileged youth in the greater Des Moines community. The event is being presented by the Des Moines Legacy Foundation, Des Moines



Curt Marsh

Dollars for Scholars and Des Moines Rotary Club. The featured keynote speaker is former UW and Oakland Raider football player Curt Marsh and there will be appearances by current and former athletes, including former

Emcee
Bruce King

Seattle SuperSonic Steve Scheffler. Auction items will include a Sue Bird autographed Bobblehead, a 2002 Olympics USA Men's World Championship Basketball Team limited edition basketball autographed by the entire team, including Coach George Karl, Reggie Miller, Paul Pierce, etc., an autographed print of Olympic gold medalist Dan Jansen, and many more exciting sports and non-sports items.

Tickets are \$35 each or \$200 for a table for eight. Tickets will be limited to the first 200 and will be available on April 1. For further information, please call 206-870-6527.



Sonic Steve Scheffler

Council- Member Don Wasson Resigns



On March 13, Councilmember Don Wasson resigned from the City Council. The resignation, effective immediately, created a vacant position on the seven-member City Council.

At the time of this writing, the City Council had not met to discuss a process for filling the vacant position. The person selected to fill the vacant Council spot will serve until November when voters will have the opportunity to select a candidate for a new four-year term.

Announcements about the selection process will be posted at City Hall, on the City's website, and on channel 21.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Help Prevent Pedestrian Accidents

Children move very quickly and are often unaware of the dangers of crossing the street. Every year many children are injured or killed when they suddenly dart into the path of oncoming cars.

Did you know?

- Most children are injured near their home, usually on their own street.
- Most accidents involving children happen between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Most accidents involving children occur in fair and warm weather.

To prevent these tragedies from occurring, teach your child how to safely cross the street and make sure your child knows the facts. Remind your child to:

- Look LEFT-RIGHT-LEFT before stepping off the curb; then proceed with caution when safe to do so.
- Walk, not run, across the street. This means bikes and scooters must be walked across the street also.
- Be alert and aware of what is going on around them. Make sure that drivers see them and know they are crossing the street.
- Walk facing traffic whenever possible.
- Cross streets at corners, not in the middle of the block.

Children follow the examples set by their parents, so always practice what you teach.

Memorial Bear Sales to Benefit Sports Park

This plush, blue bear is being issued by the Des Moines Police Guild in support of the new Steven J. Underwood Memorial Sports Park. All profits will go directly to the construction of the Memorial Plaza in the new Des Moines sports complex. The cost is \$10.00.

For additional information or to order, please call Cathy Bumpus at 206-878-3301 ext. 7546, or Nancy Uhrich at 206-870-6558.



Massey Creek: More Trees, Less Trash

If you regularly drive Kent-Des Moines Road, you may have noticed several young people in bright florescent vests working by the side of the road several days last fall. Last October and November, Highline School District students took part in a community restoration project on Massey Creek (near the Willows Apartments on 10th Ave South) that benefited their education, the City of Des Moines, and watershed-wide efforts to improve water quality and salmon habitat.

Nearly 80 students from Mount Rainier High School and 15 from the District's Waskowitz Environmental Leadership Semester Program worked on two separate days to remove invasive species and plant nearly 300 trees and plants. Students removed nearly three dump truck loads of trash and invasive weeds. They dug out Hi-



Local students assist in Massey Creek clean up.

malayan blackberry, Japanese knotweed, and reed canary grass. These weeds are not native to Des Moines and provide poor habitat for fish, birds, and other wildlife. In their place students planted willows, cottonwood, dogwood, spruce, and other native trees and shrubs.

As the plants grow, they will shade the creek and improve water quality and salmon habitat. Students from

Mt. Rainier will return this spring and fall to continue weeding. This will maximize the chances of success for the new trees.

This work is important to the students because in their science classes, students are learning about water quality and ecosystems. "Science comes alive for the students when they see that it helps them make decisions that shape their world: this plant stays, this plant goes, and here's the reason why," said Andy Cockle, who helped organize the event. Helping to restore Massey Creek gave the students an opportunity to apply what they learned in the real world while working to improve their local community.

None of this work would have been possible without a lot of cooperation. Teachers Chris Wilder and Andy Cockle worked with Loren Reinhold and Wayne Matthews at the City to plan and carry out this restoration work. The owners of the Willows Apartments allowed the volunteers to use their parking lot, keeping the volunteers safely out of traffic. Additional help organizing came from a watershed-wide salmon habitat effort that Des Moines participates in. Lastly, a grant from the King Conservation District covered the expenses.

The 2002 restoration work is part of on-going efforts to improve Massey Creek for people and fish. The City has built several stormwater facilities in recent years to control water flow and improve water quality. In 2003, the stream just south of the restoration site will be improved as part of the reconstruction of the intersection of 10th Ave. S. and Kent-Des Moines Road. For more information, contact Loren Reinhold at 206-870-6524.



Redondo Boat Launch Renovation

As mentioned in previous issues of *City Currents*, the Redondo Boat Launch will be closed for part of the 2003 boating season. We apologize for this inconvenience—but we are also thrilled with our success at obtaining grant funds from the State of Washington for this improvement project. When construction is complete, the launch will be safer and more efficient.

While exact closure dates are not known at this time, boaters should expect the launch to be closed from mid-August through the remainder of 2003. The exact closure date will be published when it is confirmed. The Des Moines Marina's sling launch is the closest alternative launch site on Puget Sound. Launch fees at the Marina range from \$20 to \$25.

New City of Des Moines Website

The City is building a new website! When launched, our new Internet address will be www.desmoineswa.gov. Please add our new address to your list of favorite Internet sites!

As the technological expertise of our City staff has grown, we now are able to manage our website with minimal outside assistance. The new website was designed to be both powerful and easy to use. With more and more homes and businesses having access to the Internet, we expect the world wide web to become a primary communication channel between City Hall and the general public.

City staff thanks our out-going webmaster, Richard Kennedy, for his years of volunteer service. Your comments and suggestions on our new website are encouraged!

Who else can help:

Animal Welfare	425-226-7357
Caregiver Information	206-461-3200
City of Des Moines	206-878-4595
City of Normandy Park	206-248-7603
Columbia Legal Service	206-464-5911
Low-cost Dental	888-435-3377
Des Moines Food Bank	206-878-2660
Highline Hospital	206-244-9970
Homesharing	800-872-3204
Metro Access	206-205-5000
Minor Home Repairs	206-448-5751
Puget Sound Energy	206-562-1482
Respite Care	206-448-3110
Senior Shuttle	206-727-6262
Senior Rights	206-448-5720
Social Security Admin.	800-772-1213
WA Adult Day Services	206-461-3899
Widow's Information and Consultation Services	206-241-5650



Help is only a phone call away. If you or someone you know is a Homebound Senior (age 55 or older), please call Senior Services of Seattle/King County at 206-448-3110 or the Des Moines Senior Center at 206-878-1642. You may also view the website for these agencies at:

<http://www.ci.des-moines.wa.us>

<http://www.seniorservices.org>

<http://www.ci.normandy-park.wa.us>

Do not let lack of funds keep you from use of these resources. Many of our programs are of little to no cost, and/or donations only. Scholarships are available for many programs through the generosity of the Des Moines Rotary Club and Des Moines Legacy Foundation.

This brochure designed and created by the 2003 City of Des Moines Senior Services Advisory Committee.

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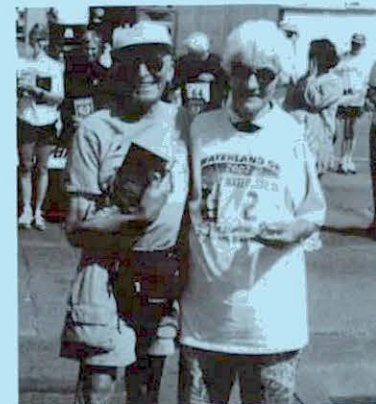


City of Des Moines Senior Services Advisory Committee

Emphasis on Outreach

"You can be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

Maya Angelou



Who we are:

The Senior Services Advisory Committee was chartered by the Des Moines City Council to advise the City Government on issues pertaining to residents of Des Moines over age 55. This committee consists of representatives of the community, including seniors, volunteers and workers in the field of aging.

Who we serve:

All seniors (over age 55) in the Des Moines and Normandy Park communities. We welcome all diversity in our programs and services.

What we believe:

The City of Des Moines Senior Outreach Program believes in providing older adults and their families opportunities for services and activities that reflect their experience and skills, respond to their diverse needs and interests, enhances their dignity, supports their independence and encourages their involvement in and with the Des Moines/Normandy Park communities.

Who this information is for:

We hope that you will share the information in this brochure with seniors who can benefit from our

programs and services. It may be a neighbor, a family friend, a mother or father. Pass it on!

What the senior center offers:

Life-Long Learning

- Senior Center classes
- Highline Community College courses
- Computer courses and labs

Nutrition

- Meals on Wheels
- Hot lunch
- Take out (weekenders)
- Nutrition Education

Transportation

- Senior Shuttle (local transportation)
- Volunteer Transportation
- Metro Access
- Metro Taxi Script

Socialization

- Interaction with others is abundant throughout our programs & services

Recreation/Leisure

- Dances
- Trips/Out to Lunch
- Sporting Activities
- Arts and Crafts

- Horticulture
- Lending Library
- Holiday Events

Health & Wellness

- Health Enhancement
- Foot Care
- Exercise
- Health Screening
- Walking/Hiking

Information & Referral

- Resources include: housing, health care, disabled parking permits, low-cost dental, you name it!

Medical Equipment

- Loaning of canes, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.

Legal Assistance

- No cost Senior Rights insurance issues, Medicare & Medicaid
- Legally Speaking Program

Special Programs

- Free programs on health, legal and consumer topics.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers are vital to all of our programs and services. Consider sharing your skills, talents and experiences with others.

Special Spring Collection Event: April 21-25

The City of Des Moines and SeaTac Disposal are providing a Special Spring Clean Collection Event.

SeaTac Disposal will collect garbage, recyclable materials, and yard waste placed at the curb on your regular garbage collection day between Monday, April 21 and Friday, April 25.

Tagged bulky items such as sofas, appliances, and other items will only be collected on Monday, April 21, or Tuesday, April 22, but must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. Monday. A small fee must be pre-paid through the Des Moines Community Development Department located at City Hall, 21630 11th Ave. South, Suite D, by Friday, April 18.

This FREE collection event is available only to single family residences, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes within the City of Des Moines. Each collection vehicle (garbage, yard waste, recyclables and bulky items) will drive by only once. You do not need to be a customer of SeaTac Disposal to participate.

If you have any questions, please contact SeaTac Disposal at 253-682-9735.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

- Materials must be sorted into the appropriate pile. Separate piles should be made for garbage, recyclables and yard waste.
- Materials must be placed in containers (i.e. paper bags, cardboard boxes, cans, etc.) and clearly labeled.
- All materials must be placed at curbside no later than 7 a.m. on the day of service.
- Tires and hot tubs will not be collected.
- Yard waste must be bundled with natural fiber twine or placed in a labeled container, can, cardboard box, or biodegradable bag (**plastic bags will not be picked up**).
- Pick up of bulky items and appliances must be prepaid. Purchase your tag by Friday, April 18, at the Des Moines Community Development Department, 21630 11th Ave. South, Suite D.
- Absolutely no hazardous waste items or their containers will be collected. Hazardous waste includes paints, solvents, pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze, and batteries. Save these

items for drop off at the Household Hazardous Wastemobile. For a schedule call 206-296-4692 or 1-800-RECYCLE.

ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED

Appliances and Bulky Items

Set tagged appliances or bulky items at the curb by 7 a.m. on Monday April 21 (for collection on April 21 or 22). Tags for refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners cost \$45 because they contain harmful gases that can damage the ozone if not disposed of properly. For all other appliances, tags cost \$30. All appliances will be recycled.

Tags for bulky items weighing more than 60 lbs. cost \$30. For bulky items weighing less than 60 lbs., tags cost \$20. All tags may be purchased at the Des Moines Community Development Department located at 21630 11th Ave. South, Suite D, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Please phone 206-870-7576 with any questions.

Garbage

Garbage is waste material and does not include tires, recyclables, yard waste or hazardous wastes (i.e. paints, pest killers, petroleum products, solvents, etc.). Garbage items and full containers must not weigh more than 60 lbs.

Recyclable Materials

Recyclable materials consist of newspapers, magazines and junk mail, cardboard, aluminum, tin cans, plastic bottles with a 1 or 2 stamped on the bottom and glass beverage/food containers. Glass (green, brown, and clear) bottles and jars must be placed in a separate container from the other recyclable materials.

Yard Waste

Yard waste includes grass clippings, branches/prunings (less than 3 ft. long and 3 in. in diameter) or leaves. Rocks, dirt and sod are not acceptable. Yard waste must be bound with natural fibers into a bundle no larger than 3'x3' or placed in biodegradable containers (i.e. cardboard boxes or paper bags) or yard waste containers. Containers and bundles must not weigh more than 60 lbs. **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.**

Neighborhood Meetings Scheduled

For the past several years, the City of Des Moines has held informal, outdoor neighborhood meetings where staff from the city, along with fire district representatives, are on hand to talk about issues important to Des Moines citizens. There are no formal presentations – just an opportunity to meet and talk to city officials about topics such as traffic signs, potholes, storm drainage, animal control, police protection, recreation programs, or any other community issues. Meetings are on Tuesdays, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Look for the mobile Police precinct van and tents if the weather is bad. We'll be there rain or shine!

April 15	Upper Woodmont (Saltwater Unitarian Universalist Church parking area)
May 13	Des Moines Field House Picnic Shelter
June 17	Midway Park
July 15	Redondo - Wootton Park*
August 19	Des Moines Beach Park*
Sept. 16	North Hill (4th Pl. S. & S. 202nd) * Prior to a free concert.





Library News

Des Moines

The Friends of the Des Moines Library invite interested members of the community to their Annual Meeting on Friday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the library. After a short business meeting and election of officers, Barbara Lloyd McMichael, "the Bookmonger", a local resident who reviews books for the Seattle Times and Tacoma News Tribune, will speak. The evening concludes with a dessert buffet. The Friends of the Library is a service organization which supports the library and raises money for programs not funded by the regular budget.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Act!vated Poetry, a program for all ages at the Des Moines Library on Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. This program features poetry as a theatrical production, using poems written by children ages 4 to 14. The Goza family trio uses song, dance, gymnastics, physical comedy and American Sign Language to bring their poetry to life.

Coming in June is "Read Around the World", a program to encourage reading for children of all ages.

Please call the Des Moines Library at 206-824-6066 for more information.

Woodmont

The Friends of the Woodmont Library will sponsor two Spanish classes in the upcoming weeks. A free 10-week course to learn basic "Conversational Spanish" is being offered at the Woodmont Library from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturdays beginning April 5.

"Spanish Talk Times", a Spanish-as-a-Second Language conversation group, will meet Tuesdays, April 8 through June 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Woodmont Library. Adults, ages 18 and older, are invited to meet new friends and practice speaking Spanish with others learning the language. Registration is encouraged and newcomers are welcome!

Please call the Woodmont Library at 253-839-0121 for more information.

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Approved the following ordinances:

- No. 1313 approving the 2002 Budget amendments.
- No. 1314 adopting the 2003 Budget.

Approved the following resolutions:

- No. 941 Reimbursement of street development costs to Grakon International, Inc.
- No. 942 adopting agreement between the City and the Public, Professional & Office-Clerical Employees and Drivers Local Union No. 763 regarding wages, hours and working conditions for the period 12/1/02 to 12/31/04.
- No. 943 adopting agreement between the City and the Police Guild for the period 1/1/03 to 12/31/04.
- No. 944 adopting the City's Comprehensive Transportation Plan
- No. 945 approving the gift/conveyance of property to the City from Leslie Ho for storm water management purposes.

No. 945A thanking Des Moines Masonic Temple Association for their assistance throughout the years during disruptions of service at the Des Moines Senior Center at Des Moines Beach Park.

No. 946 adopting Capital Improvement Plan for Years 2003-2008.

Approved the following:

- Des Moines Activity Center Kitchen Equipment Project with Bargreen Ellingson, Inc. for \$34,688.19, plus tax.
- Increase in scope of repairs to the Public Fishing Pier with Global Diving & Salvage to increase the contract amount by \$40,570.
- Authorized participation in a study of the land uses along SR 99 between Kent-Des Moines Road and South 272nd Street.
- Removed Airport Defense Fund from the 2003 Budget.

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