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For detailed COVID-19 usage guidelines visit [www.mtrainierpool.com](http://www.mtrainierpool.com)

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**VALUE:** There may be limits as to how many people will be allowed in the pool at any given time due to social distancing. We will adjust membership rates and extensions accordingly. We also have scholarships that are not only available for swim lessons but are available for passes and exercise classes, too.

**COMMUNICATION:** Due to social distancing, services will be rolled out in accordance with state-mandated regulations. This will require changes to our services over the next couple of months. Sign up to learn about pool updates and program changes via our email notification system on our website at [www.mtrainierpool.com](http://www.mtrainierpool.com) or by emailing [info@mtrainierpool.com](mailto:info@mtrainierpool.com).

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# Rec'n Roll

This issue of City Currents does not contain the usual list of upcoming Senior, Recreation and Spring programs. At the time of this writing, many factors that will enter into the decision about whether future programming and events can proceed are still unknown. The City will take into account the direction from our federal and state

governments, and health officials in deciding when events and programs can resume. The City's primary consideration in these decisions is always the safety of our community. We look forward to celebrating with you once it is safe to do so.

Please check the City's website at [www.desmoineswa.gov](http://www.desmoineswa.gov) for the latest information related to events and programs.



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## 2021 Spring

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*Jerry Farmer*

# Council Highlights

## DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL



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Deputy Mayor



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Thursdays  
at 5:00pm**

## CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM DECEMBER–FEBRUARY ORDINANCE 1746 / RESOLUTION 1421–1422

### Approved the Following Action:

- Update and Authorize the Post Issuance Compliance Policy and Procedures for Tax-Exempt General Obligation Bonds, Resolution No. 1421
- BHC Consultants, LLC 2021 Contract
- City of Des Moines Grant Management Policy, Resolution No. 1422
- Police Body Camera Discussion
- Highline School District Right-of-Way Dedication and Trail Easement Dedication
- Amendment #1 to the 2019 Interlocal Agreement with King County for Conservation Futures-Funded Open Space Acquisition Projects

- 2021-2022 Recycling Program Grant Funding
- Des Moines Marina Maintenance Dredging Project Change Order No. 1
- Acquisition of King County Properties
- Arts Commission Appointment, Josh Wainscott
- Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- 2021 WASPC Mental Health First Response Team Grant Acceptance
- Discussion of 2021 City Council Legislative Priorities
- Vets and Seniors and Human Services Levy Grant
- Intergovernmental Land Transfer Agreement between King County and the City of Des Moines for the Transfer of Properties, Drainage Facilities and Easements
- Black History Month Proclamation
- Washington State Future City Regional Competition
- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointment, Courtney Antram
- Compensation for Non-Represented Employees
- Wesley Homes Pedestrian Bridge at 216th Street
- North Marina Parking Lot Bulkhead and Restroom Replacement – Environmental Mitigation Banking; Exeltech Consulting Design Contract Supplement Agreement #2 and #3
- Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of SeaTac, Des Moines, Covington and Tukwila for Planning, Funding and Implementation of a Joint Minor Home Repair Program

### Public Hearings:

- Amended the Des Moines 2035 Comprehensive Plan, Ordinance No. 1746

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## From the Mayor



By Mayor Matt Pina

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE that it's been a year since the COVID-19 Pandemic hit the world. It's been a year of challenge, change, Zoom, concern, isolation, creativity, distanced learning, work from home, and trying to figure out how we will navigate the future once life returns to "normal." I hope that during this time you have also had moments of success and happiness. For me, this has been a time to reconnect with family and friends and let them know how important and appreciated they are. It's also been a reflective time to identify and re-evaluate what's really important in life. I think we can all say that we have had our share of Zoom meetings. The good news is that the signs of hope are on the horizon. We

know that our first responders, health care providers, the elderly and now our educators, all have the opportunity to get the COVID-19 vaccination. I am hopeful that by the time you read this we'll have more Des Moines residents vaccinated than not.

Keeping social distancing in mind, the City is working hard to outline what our summer events will look like. As we start to ramp up for summer, I encourage you to consider getting involved in your community. We have a number of Council committees and community organizations that are looking for volunteers. Opportunities range from the City's Human Services Advisory Committee to our Arts Commission. Additionally, the Rotary Club of Des Moines/ Normandy Park, Destination Des Moines, the Des Moines Farmer's Market, the Des Moines Food Bank and the Des Moines

Police Foundation are local non-profits that are ready to welcome you! A community's greatest resource is its citizens. By serving on any one of these committees you can contribute to your community in a meaningful way, while having fun and getting to know your neighbors. Feel free to reach out to these organizations directly or contact our City Clerk/Communications Director at [bwilkins@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:bwilkins@desmoineswa.gov) or 206-870-6519 for more information.

Thank you for your continued vigilance in doing your part to help combat this virus. Stay strong and together we will get through this.

### Matt Pina

Mayor and Councilmember  
City of Des Moines, Washington



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Des Moines has always been able to count on citizens who place service above self. We are not just a ZIP code or a collection of random neighborhoods. We volunteer our time, our treasure, our commitment to this place we call home. We care.

***But what really makes our community special is that our volunteer groups are united in helping not only our neighbors, but each other as well.***

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# Passenger-Only Ferry Service Could be Coming Soon!



*From Deputy Mayor Matt Mahoney: As Chair of the City Council Transportation Committee I am pleased to have included in this issue of City Currents an update from Mr. Peter Philips, who is assisting the City in evaluating opportunities for passenger ferry service between Des Moines, Seattle and Tacoma.*

*Imagine a bright summer morning. You've parked your car in the Des Moines marina parking lot, grabbed a latte at the local coffee shop and climbed aboard the Spirit of Des Moines passenger-only fast ferry headed for downtown Seattle. You settle into your comfortable seat, drop your latte into the cupholder and plug in your laptop to catch up on some emails as you enjoy the smooth, quiet one hour trip to Pier 54 on the Downtown Seattle waterfront...*

An initiative by the City Administration, in collaboration with the City Council, and engaged community members is working to make this scenario a reality and progress so far is good!

In the Fall of 2019 the City of Des Moines engaged Diedrich RPM to generate a demand study to learn about community response to proposed fast ferry service from the Des Moines Marina to the downtown Seattle waterfront and from Des Moines to Downtown Tacoma and/or Point Ruston.

Concurrent to the demand study, the Puget Sound Regional Council delivered a regional study that looked at expanded passenger-only service around Puget Sound. Seattle to Tacoma ranked highest among the dozen routes studied, and Des Moines earned special mention as a desirable stop along the larger route—thanks in large part to our proximity to the airport and our large commuter population.

Even with the expected changes in commuter patterns 'post-pandemic' demand for passenger only ferry service is seen as strong enough to warrant service from Des Moines to both Seattle and Tacoma.

If you leave from the Des Moines marina at 8am, you will be in Tacoma or in Seattle promptly and predictably at 9am. And you can be reading a book, surfing the web or enjoying the view on a ferry... not staring at brake lights.

A fare in the \$11 range, each way to Seattle is less than the cost to park. (Average monthly parking fees in Seattle run from \$250-\$400 already!) Fares to travel to Tacoma are expected to be about the same.

For both the North and South Routes, onboard concessions would provide passengers access to coffee and pastries in the morning, beer and wine and snacks in the afternoon and evening. The entire experience would be a pleasant and relaxing alternative to single occupancy automobiles and crowded buses and trains.

## Market Demand

Today's fast ferries are quiet, clean, and smooth riding—and increasingly affordable as alternatives to congested overland routes and expensive fixed rail.

As a result, the popularity of passenger only ferries on the US West Coast is growing fast. San Francisco's passenger only fleet includes more than a dozen boats serving 8 communities today. In a recently published strategic plan, San Francisco's Water Emergency Transit Authority (WETA) expects to have forty-four vessels serving sixteen communities by 2035!

Passenger only ferry service in Puget Sound is also expanding.

Existing service provided by Kitsap and King counties above have proven so popular that both King County Water Taxi and Kitsap Transit are expanding service this year. King County recently completed a new passenger-only ferry Terminal in downtown Seattle at Pier 50 and Kitsap Transit is actively soliciting bids for expanded terminal capacity along the downtown Seattle waterfront.

Communities like Everett and Bellingham are exploring new routes to serve their communities, as are Olympia and Tacoma.

Here in Des Moines, we are among the best suited of all these communities for our own fast ferry service. Located almost equidistant between Seattle and Tacoma, the Des Moines marina is the only flat parcel of land between those two cities on the waterfront. Our 29 contiguous acres of marina

floor already accommodate 800 parking stalls, so no major infrastructure development is necessary on the marina. We have floats in place that can accommodate passenger only ferries tomorrow.

And we are only a ten-minute shuttle ride to the airport which means we can serve an existing market for airport passengers coming from Seattle and Tacoma and other parts of Puget Sound.

Passenger ferry service provides a welcome boon to our local retail business community. Coffee shops and restaurants will cater to passengers waiting to board the vessels or coming off a boat from Seattle and Tacoma. The short walk to our central downtown means opportunities for those businesses as well, especially when the Marina Steps have been constructed!

This is an exciting time to be a Des Moines resident or retail business. We think the advent of passenger-only ferry service from the Des Moines Marina is a harbinger of happy days to come!

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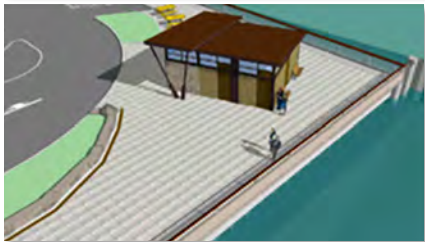


# North Marina Bulkhead and Restroom Replacement Project

The City has completed design and permitting for the North Marina Bulkhead and Restroom Replacement Project. The project is divided into two phases, with Phase I replacing the restroom and north bulkhead, and Phase II replacing the west and south bulkheads and adjacent timber breakwater. Phase II construction is dependent on potential funding from the State this summer.

Public solicitation for construction bids for both phases of work is anticipated spring 2021. Pending low bid approval, one or both phases of work will commence this summer and take 1-2 years to complete. Construction impacts will reduce the parking capacity of the north marina parking lot, limit pedestrian access to the fishing pier, and exhibit daily construction noise and disturbance between 7AM and 7PM.

This project will ensure the North Marina Bulkhead and Restroom will achieve another 40+ year service life. For more information, please contact the City's project manager Andrew Merges at [amerges@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:amerges@desmoineswa.gov) or 206-870-6568.



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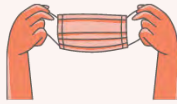
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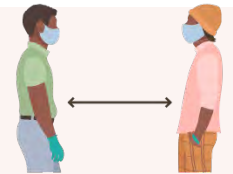
**Regardless of your vaccination status, these are actions we must continue taking to protect our loved ones.**

## Wear a mask

Wear 2 or more layers.  
Make sure it's a snug fit.



Stay at least 6 feet  
away from those you  
don't live with



## Avoid Crowds



Wash hands often



Follow [CDC Travel Guidance](#)

Follow quarantine and testing  
guidance after an exposure to  
someone with COVID-19.

Follow isolation guidance if  
you test positive.

Follow any relevant workplace  
or school guidance

## Reminders about the COVID-19 vaccines:

- **You need two vaccine doses to be protected against COVID-19.** Schedule an appointment with your provider to **get your second dose within 3-4 weeks of your first dose.**
- **Protection from vaccine is not immediate.** You are fully vaccinated two weeks after getting your second dose.
- No vaccine is 100% effective. The COVID-19 vaccines are pretty close, **but you could still get sick or potentially spread it to others.**
- **The safest action is to continue to follow current guidance.** For more information, visit [kingcounty.gov/covid/vaccine](https://kingcounty.gov/covid/vaccine).



# VOLUNTEER

## Advisory Boards & Committees

**T**here are many community members who selflessly give of their time to contribute to the community, and we extend our thanks to all of them. We'd like to highlight below a few of our volunteer advisory groups, who truly are a wonderful resource and asset to Des Moines and our citizens.

### **Human Services Advisory Committee**

This committee meets 6 times per year, and most recently tackled the important task of reviewing and rating grant applications, and then recommending to the City Council local Human Services agencies to fund for the 2021-2022 funding cycle. The Committee takes into consideration funding criteria, with priority given to programs that assist Des Moines community members to:

- Have secure, affordable housing and food adequate to their needs.
- Be safe from violence within their families, neighborhoods and communities.
- Be healthy, physically and mentally.
- Have the education and job skills that lead to employment in living wage jobs.
- Have early childhood education and youth success.

This committee dedicates time to learning and experiencing the work being done by these crucial organizations. They are also committed to monitoring progress, assisting agencies in outreach opportunities, and providing any support and suggestions that are needed.

### **Senior Services Advisory Committee**

This committee also meets 6 times throughout the year, and are a very lively, focused group. They provide suggestions to the staff and City Council on issues relating to the delivery of senior services.

- The Activity Center staff, with support from the Senior Services Advisory Committee, reach out to isolated seniors who could use a meal, social connection and direction to health and social resources as often as needed. This has been an especially imperative service throughout the pandemic. The staff and Committee understand these are unprecedented times and continue to move forward day by day, being mindful of how to best support our aging adults. The Activity Center serves a vital role for social connection, leisure and relaxation for our seniors. Everyone looks forward to the time when we can all gather together in good health.

- The Committee hosted their second annual Shredding Event this past November at the Des Moines Marina. The event was well received, and over 5,600 pounds of paper and documents were shredded.
- The Committee members work to support projects such as the King County Vets Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) grant, which formed our African Diaspora Hub. Suggestions for improvements, new programs, furthering connection, outreach and more are discussed during meetings

### **Arts Commission**

The City of Des Moines Arts Commission meets the second Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, currently via Zoom.

With the devastating impacts of 2020 to the arts and culture sector, the Arts Commission continues to focus on programs that employ local and regional artists with fair wages to offer free programming to the community.

- Virtual Music - In 2020, the Arts Commission produced a four-week music concert series that was live streamed free via YouTube and the Arts Commissions website. In 2021, the Commission will continue monthly Virtual Music Sessions. These sessions will also be live streamed and will provide programming from local bands and artists. You can tune in to hear these amazing artists the third Friday of the month at 6PM, March through June.
- SR<sup>3</sup> SeaLife Response, Rehabilitation, and Research public art - partnered with SR<sup>3</sup> to provide a public art piece attached to the fencing of the new marine mammal hospital, located on the Des Moines Marina floor. SR<sup>3</sup> works with trained veterinarians, associates, and volunteers to provide response and rehabilitation capacity for stranded or injured marine animals. The Commission selected artist Allyce Wood who digitally composed the fence artwork.
- Virtual Squid a Rama - In a continued partnership with the Highline College MaST Center this program went virtual in 2020. Volunteers with the MaST Center spent countless hours diving during squid season to capture footage of local cephalopods to provide an educational and interactive program for students and family. Students also participated in the first virtual art competition. Des Moines students K-6 submitted work which was loaded to the Commissions Facebook page for the community to vote on their favorite. This year's award winner was 9 year old Julian Reyes from Parkside Elementary.

The Des Moines Arts Commission continues to support Arts and Culture in the City of Des Moines with continued and new programming.

Each of these committees has pivoted to be creative in this challenging time. Meetings have been held via Zoom, and finding ways to still provide services, bring suggestions forward, and make things happen has required a lot of creativity and has been managed with efficiency and poise. Through our Citizen Advisory Boards, the City gains valuable information and insights into the needs and preferences of the community. By serving on an advisory board, you can contribute to your community in a meaningful way.

These committees seek the support of community volunteers to join the commission they feel passionate and most committed to. The Arts Commission, Human Services Committee, and Senior Services Advisory Committee are currently taking applications for 2021. Contact the city clerk's office at [bwilkins@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:bwilkins@desmoineswa.gov) or 206-870-6519 for more information about Citizen Advisory Boards and Committees.

These groups are just some of the many volunteers giving of their time to work in our parks, on other advisory groups, and in our community. We have many volunteer opportunities available, and are proud of the commitment of our volunteers – who are invaluable in maintaining a beautiful, thriving City. A community's greatest resource is its citizens.

We have recently made changes to our application process and protocols for volunteers. We're happy to have a user-friendly system for any opportunity you want to participate in. Volunteers can now apply online at <https://desmoineswa.applicantpro.com/jobs/1600658.html>. We hope this transition will be seamless and our new Volunteer Coordinator, Tawni Drumm is available to assist any of our volunteers (both past and present) with the application process.

Note: Volunteer groups are currently primarily meeting virtually. Any in-person activities follow all safety protocols and procedures.

The City appreciates our volunteers and the invaluable service they provide to the citizens of Des Moines.

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# Des Moines Senior Activity Center Diversity Focus

The Des Moines/Normandy Park Senior Activity Center has done a superb job of adapting to the ever changing times - and swiftly pivoted to a take-out, hot meal service for seniors. With the shifting weather, we have now implemented a drive-thru model. Lunch is served Monday-Thursday, and typically exceeds 100 meals each day. The ability of our staff to work together, plan for safety and set up, and execute this service has been crucial to continuing to connect with our community members, provide meals, and check in during these unsettling times. The City of Des Moines recognizes that Senior Services programming is vital to our mental health, and has been deeply missed by regular attendees of the Activity Center. We continue to brainstorm ways to provide the services we all miss in a safe manner.

Additionally, the Activity Center continues to partner with the Central Area Senior Center, in the formation of the African Diaspora Senior Hub. This

Vets Seniors and Human Services Levy (VSHSL) grant through King County was created to engage and connect with socially isolated seniors, promote healthy aging and provide access to resources. We continue to increase our collaboration and engagement with African Diaspora populations. As we've realized that food is both a staple and a comfort during these times, we continue to focus on how to bring people together (despite not being able to physically gather) through food and education. This past September-December, we hosted a twice monthly African inspired meal through this partnership. We hosted a Black History Month lunch on February 26, 2021, with delicious chicken and dumplings, and will be working to highlight local restaurants in the near future. We aim to enhance the meals provided with an educational component, and have plans to provide virtual cooking assistance and support in the near future.

We remain proud and committed to diversity efforts, in concert with our VSHSL grant. Based on the growing scientific understanding of the risks of isolation, our goal is expanded outreach to isolated seniors. We are working to support opportunities for engagement among South King County's diverse community of seniors. This strategy promotes belonging where biases, miscommunications or cultural differences too often isolate.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, Nicole Nordholm, [nnordholm@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:nnordholm@desmoineswa.gov) or Senior Services Manager, Novy Donato, [ndonato@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:ndonato@desmoineswa.gov).

As always, the City Council, Senior Advisory Committee, and City staff continue to be devoted to supporting our residents in this unparalleled time. Thank you for your sustained support.

## WHAT'S UP FOOD TRUCK... LOOKIN FOR A PLACE TO VEND?

**THE DES MOINES FOOD TRUCK POD PROGRAM IS OPENING FOR VENDOR PLACEMENTS AT THE DES MOINES MARINA FROM MAY THROUGH NOVEMBER IN 2021.**

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# Housing Repair Assistance Program

The City of Des Moines is once again providing minor home repair services to City resident homeowners who have “extremely low” to “low” incomes based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines. This is done by providing free repair services to improve the health and safety of our residents as they live in their homes. Funding for this program is provided by a Community Development Block Grant through King County. Services provided include but are not limited to:

**Electrical** – faulty lights, switches, plugs, circuits or exhaust fans

**Plumbing** – faulty toilets, clogged drains, leaking faucets, faulty water heaters

**Disability Aids** – installation of grab bars, hand rails, hand held showerheads, bath seats, high toilets, access ramps and application of non-skid surfaces

**Safety** – installation of smoke alarms, security/safety lights, carbon monoxide alarms and locksets

**Other** – faulty furnaces, faulty gutters and roof leaks, broken window glass panes

## How do I qualify for these free services?

1. Be an owner/occupant within the Des Moines city limits for at least one year with no intention of selling in the next 12 months, have proof of home owner’s insurance, and meet the HUD income guidelines for the program.
2. Complete the application process

## How do I apply?

To apply for this program please follow these directions:

1. Request an application by email at [thickey@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:thickey@desmoineswa.gov) or by calling (206) 870-6535
2. Once your application is processed and evaluated you will receive a phone call informing you of your acceptance or non-eligibility for our program. Upon acceptance your job will be referred to one of our contractors who will call you to make an appointment to perform those services. Services that are required for your health and/or safety are the highest priority.



## Mt. Rainier Pool:

### Affordable and Safe Exercise During the Pandemic

During these tough financial times, the Mt. Rainier pool has scholarships and healthcare memberships to support community members to utilize the pool.

#### Scholarships (Up to 90% Off)

- Scholarships are still available during COVID-19 for lap swimming, water exercise and water walking
- Open to all ages
- Can utilize HUD Guidelines, free/reduced lunch verification, or foster child verification

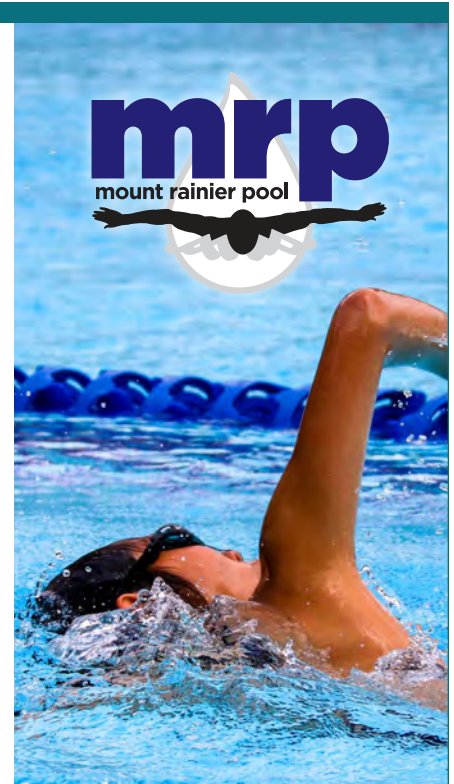
#### Healthcare Memberships



- The Mt. Rainier Pool accepts many healthcare memberships including but not limited to Silver and Fit, Active and Fit, SilverSneakers and Prime Fitness

#### More Information

- To get more information, visit our website at [www.mtrainierpool.com](http://www.mtrainierpool.com), email [info@mtrainierpool.com](mailto:info@mtrainierpool.com) or call us at (206) 824-4722



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# Getting Vaccinated for COVID-19



Fighting the pandemic has been hard, but now we have two vaccines to protect us from COVID-19.



## Both vaccines are provided at no cost.

The federal government will cover the cost of your vaccine. You should not be charged or billed. Your provider should also not charge you for an office visit if you only go in to get the vaccine.



## You will need to get two doses.

You will get two doses of vaccine, three to four weeks apart.



## Both vaccines are safe and effective.

The vaccines are 94 to 95 percent effective. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized the vaccines for emergency use and found no serious safety concerns. Independent experts confirmed it met high safety and efficacy standards.



## People at highest risk will get the vaccine first.

As we get more vaccine, more people will be able to be vaccinated. The Department of Health made choices about who will get the vaccine first and focused on those at highest risk. Everyone will be able to get vaccinated when we have enough doses. Visit [FindYourPhaseWA.org](https://www.findyourphases.org) or call 1-800-525-0127, then press # to find out when you can get vaccinated. (For interpretive services, say your language when the call is answered.)



## You may feel side effects.

Like other routine vaccines, you may get a sore arm, fever, headaches, or fatigue after getting vaccinated. These are signs the vaccine is working.



## Stay safe.

After you get the vaccine, wear your mask, stay six feet (two meters) apart, and keep gatherings small for those who haven't been vaccinated.

Questions? Visit: [www.CovidVaccineWA.org](https://www.CovidVaccineWA.org)

# PUBLIC WORKS

**The Public Works Department's mission is to plan, construct, and maintain safe, attractive, and functional transportation system; to maintain, protect, and improve the city's surface water resources; provide well-maintained park land and facilities; and to provide city fleet management services.**

**In the last issue of *City Currents*, a number of photos were unavailable for our Public Works, Parks and Facilities crew. Having recently experienced a major snow event we felt it was appropriate that we highlight the team that worked around the clock keeping the streets of Des Moines safe and passable. Thank you team for your hard work and dedication!**



John Blackburn  
Superintendent



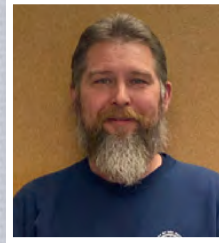
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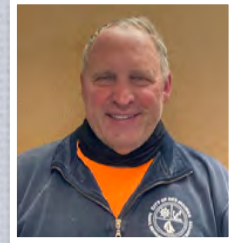
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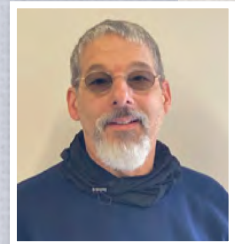
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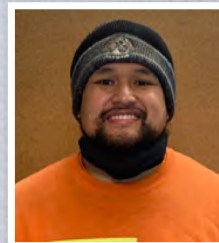
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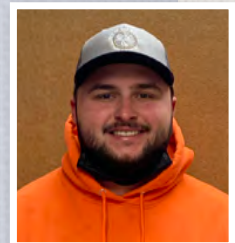
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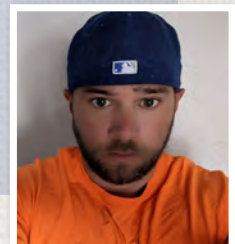
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## MEMORIAL BENCH DONATION PROGRAM

*New sites available in the Marina and in South Marina Park!*



The City installs and maintains many park benches throughout the city. The Bench Donation Program allows citizens and businesses to dedicate a bench to a family member or friend for a 10-year timeframe. If you are interested in purchasing a bench to honor someone you know, please call (206) 870-6527 for more information or email [recreation@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:recreation@desmoineswa.gov).

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## STORM DRAIN MARKER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

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Instructions, maps and storm drain-marking supplies will be provided.

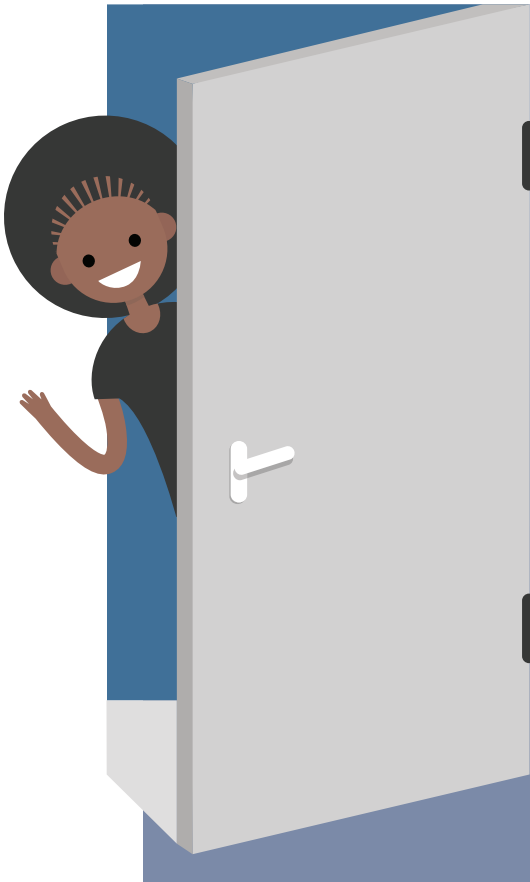
**For more information, contact Ben Stryker, Civil Engineer  
at (206) 870-6523 or [bstryker@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:bstryker@desmoineswa.gov).**

## Planning a charity car wash? You will need one of these!

It's not just dirt... Car wash kits that prevent these materials from entering nearby storm drains are available for check-out from the City at no cost. Charity car washes operating within the City of Des Moines must have a car wash kit in place if there is a risk of discharge to the storm system. For residential car washing remember it is always best to wash your vehicle in a location that prevents the runoff from entering the storm system. For check-out procedures and questions, please contact the Surface Water Management Department at (206) 870-6523 or [bstryker@desmoineswa.gov](mailto:bstryker@desmoineswa.gov).

***Wash Smart.  
Use a Car Wash Kit!***





# STAFF COMINGS & GOINGS

## COMING

Jeffery Friend, Deputy Finance Director

Ethan Morris, Maintenance Worker, SWM

Jarid Lorenzen, Maintenance Worker, SWM

Ryan MacDonald, Maintenance Worker, SWM

## GOING

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