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Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, this issue of *City Currents* does not contain the usual list of upcoming Senior, Recreation and Winter programs. Staff remains committed to providing recreational

programming to the community, with the goal to safely and intentionally bring back these services. The uncertainty of the past year and a half has been difficult for everyone and we know that quality programs are vital to the community and our youth. Please check out page 8 and 9 of this issue on current programs and classes being offered through Parks, Recreation & Senior Services.



Please check the City's website at www.desmoineswa.gov for the latest information related to events and programs.

2021 Winter

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Council Highlights

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER ORDINANCE 1748–1750, RESOLUTION 1432–1433

Approved the Following Action:

- National Preparedness Month Proclamation
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation
- National Recovery Month Proclamation
- Acceptance of Washington Traffic Safety Commission Grant Des Moines Municipal Court – DUI Court
- Consultant Contract Amendment for Sea-Tac Airport Sustainable Airport Master Plan Environmental Review and Analysis
- 2021 WASP Mental Health Field Response Team Grant Acceptance
- City Computer Data Backup Infrastructure Upgrade
- Goods and Services Contract with PalAmerican Security, Inc.
- 2022-2027 Capital improvements Plan, Resolution No. 1432
- Established a Special Revenue Fund Entitled “American Rescue Plan Act Fund,” Ordinance No. 1749
- Confirmation of City Manager’s Re-Appointment of Lisa Leone to the Municipal Court Judge position for 2022-2025.
- Second Reading; Zoning Code and Regulation of Emergency Housing, Shelters, Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing, Ordinance No. 1750
- American Rescue Plan Act

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- Sound View Park Contract Award and Consultant Agreement Task Order for Construction Engineering Services
- 2021-2023 Recycling Program Funding
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation
- Metro Community Shuttle Project Agreement Extension
- Consultant Contract Amendment #11 with Grant Fredricks
- South King Housing and Homelessness Partners 2022 Budget and Work Plan, Resolution No. 1433
- Consultant Services Contract Amendment #3 with Joseph Dusenbury
- Amendment #1 to the Agreement for Completion of the Des Moines Marina Fueling System Upgrades Project
- King County Flood Reduction Grant Award – Massey Creek Pocket Estuary Restoration/Fish Passage Project and Redondo Creek Pipe Project
- 216th Street Right-of-Way Dedication
- 2022-2023 On-Call Consultant Agreements for Civil Engineering Services

Held the Following Public Hearing(s):

- Street Vacation of Public Rights-of-Way; South 219th Street, South 220th Street, South 221st Street, South 224th Street and 30th Avenue South to Sound Transit for the Federal Way Link Extension, Ordinance No. 1748
- First Reading; Zoning Code and Regulation of Emergency Housing, Shelters, Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing
- 2022 Preliminary Annual Budget

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From the Mayor



By Mayor Matt Pina

THIS ISSUE OF CITY CURRENTS IS BITTERSWEET FOR ME. This will be the last time that I formally address you as your Mayor. As a life-long resident of this great City, it has been an honor and privilege to serve you over the past 20 years; first as Highline School Board member, then on Council as Mayor Pro-Tem and Mayor from 2016 to current.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the things that I was able to help accomplish for the Citizens of Des Moines:

- Working with past and present Councilmembers we fully restored the finances of the city, increasing our credit rating and setting a sustainable future for this wonderful City.
- Additionally, we have fully restored and enhanced our police department. Our officers now have the updated technology and equipment necessary to do the very difficult work they do. We have added two K9 Officers, Ranger and Iggy. They help defend our officers as well as help avoid violent confrontations. We have mental health professionals to assist with difficult situations like drug addiction and domestic violence. We were also able to enhance our focus on code enforcement, helping to clean up nuisance properties and other code issues within the City.
- The Des Moines Police Department is a State accredited agency. Our officers' skills and knowledge are highly sought after and our department is recognized as a lead agency throughout the State.
- Our efforts to revitalize the City are starting to pay off. Back in my earlier years as Mayor, I can remember making calls to prospective businesses and developers and not getting any calls back. With changes in Administrative Leadership we brought interest back to the City of Des Moines, from the realization of the Des Moines Creek Business Park to our most recent "Why Not Des Moines" campaign and the successful submittal for the Marina Redevelopment proposal. We also changed zoning so current businesses find it worthwhile to invest, such as Wesley, the Des Moines Theater, the Container Village on the Marina floor (Quarterdeck), Point by Vintage, Waterview Crossing, Four Points by Sheraton and the Adriana, as well as numerous housing developments throughout the City.
- The downtown Marina District is being revitalized. We continue to have challenges with the quality of real estate in the downtown area, as well as landlords who are land banking. However at this point we are moving in the right direction, even though changes are slow. At some point the economics will drive the land banked properties to move.
- Our parks program has also been revitalized. For the first time in years, we have added parks and have been able to invest in

previously under-served areas. I've had the privilege of being a part of the Des Moines Beach Park revitalization, making it into a desirable and revenue generating source for the City.

- Roads continue to be a challenge as we have over 100 linear miles in the City of Des Moines. However, due to the development of the Transportation Benefit District and Franchise Agreements with our utility companies, we have the first on-going and funded paving program that the City has seen in over 20 years. This includes adding enhanced pedestrian safety features and improving ADA access. Our crosswalks are well marked and the Rapid Flashing Beacon feature adds to the safety of our walkable City.
- Working together, the Council and Administration have worked to ensure that our Marina is funded and functional. However with 50 years of aging, there is much to be done. Improvements will have to be done in phases, but the efforts are funded, permitted and in the works. At the time of this letter, the Bulkhead Replacement Project continues for the North Bulkhead. The beginning of the dock replacement program has started along with the new restrooms in the north lot.
- Looking forward, the landside development of the Marina floor will help to enhance the value of this wonderful asset for generations to come. The potential of a public/private funded passenger foot ferry to run between Seattle, Des Moines and Tacoma will help to enhance our reputation as a destination. The value of becoming a destination is that with it comes an array of business, entertainment and other quality of life opportunities.
- In addition to the Des Moines Marina, the City continues to focus on Redondo as well. We are working to find the funding to replace the fishing pier and have it built at the same level of quality as was used when we rebuilt the boardwalk.

Looking back on this list it is very humbling and I am proud to have been a part of the team that made all this happen. However, please don't think that this would have been possible if it weren't for the excellent, dedicated and talented team that we have working at the City, on your behalf. From the Administration to Law Enforcement (Stem to Stern), we are extremely fortunate to have this amazing group that chose Des Moines as a place to make a difference.

Thank you, Citizens, for your support and giving me the honor of representing this community for 20 years. Most importantly, thank you to my wife, Michelle, my son Derek, my parents Ed and Norma, as well as my family and friends for their support and sacrifice.

I wish you all the best,

Matt Pina

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Other Numbers

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Christmas Holiday; Dec. 23–24

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All participants are required to wear masks and must show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of your scheduled class or appointment.

For more information, to schedule an appointment, or to pre-register please call The Des Moines Activity Center (206) 878-1642.

Additional information on our webpage: www.desmoineswa.org

Holiday Lunch

Date TBD; Call DMAC to register by December 6th

Hot, take-out lunch Ages 60+

Mondays–Thursdays, 12–12:30pm

In partnership with Catholic Community Services, join us for a nutritious, take-out lunch. Beginning in December, we will transition to drive-thru pick up. Suggested donation per meal; \$4.50. Please visit www.desmoineswa.gov for our latest menu and more information.

Mondays, 10am–1pm

Hand & Foot Cards

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9am–12pm

NEW! Massage Therapy—\$40 for a 30-minute appointment. Please call DMAC to schedule your appointment.

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 9am–12pm

Foot Care—\$35 for a 30-minute appointment. Please call DMAC to schedule your appointment.

2nd Tuesday, 10–11:30am

Horticulture Meet-Up Ages 50+. Fellowship with other horticulturalists about lush and varied Northwest gardens and nurseries.

3rd Monday, 10am–12:30pm

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More In-Person Recreation Programming!

The Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department is excited to be offering more in-person programming, and to watch the community safely come back together.

To comply with the verification of vaccination order issued by the King County Department of Health, starting October 25, 2021, both our Des Moines Senior Activity Center and our Field House for Parks and Recreation programming require verification of vaccination and/or negative COVID-19 test to participate in activities, events, fitness programs, or other gatherings.

FIELD HOUSE PROGRAMS

We've successfully started small program offerings at the Field House – class dates for the coming months will be posted to DASH and to our Facebook page as they continue to be scheduled.

- **Tiger Kids Martial Arts**
- **Dog Obedience with Jan Magnuson**
- **Melanie's Dance Classes**

CLUB KHAOS

Club KHAOS returned September 2, 2021, along with the return to in-person

school in the Highline School District. Club KHAOS looks a bit different these days, as we are holding after school programming at the Field House, with transportation provided by the Highline School District from the schools to the Field House. Projects and engagement will be held both outdoors and inside as the weather shifts.

YOUTH SOCCER

Soccer season started September 18, 2021 and participants and parents alike are thriving with the connection and camaraderie being back on the field brings. Safety protocols are in place to assure a safe and fun activity and we are excited for the Spring season!

As we move into winter, our plan is to continue to expand program offerings to include sports clinics and camps, instructional courses and virtual engagement opportunities through Social Media.

The mission of our Parks, Recreation & Senior Services department is to encourage and provide the diverse population of the Greater Des Moines area opportunities to experience life-enhancing activities through developed and well-maintained park land and facilities, professional programming and services, and the optimum utilization of community resources.



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Highline College Celebrates 60 Years in Higher Education

2021-22 Academic Year Launches 60th Anniversary Festivities

From its humble beginnings at a high school campus in 1961 to an expanding presence in the community on top of an 80-acre college campus in 2021, Highline College has seen its fair share of change in the last 60 years.

Its first 385 students have now grown to more than 350,000 alumni. Highline, its students, and its alumni have added \$600-million-plus in income to the King County economy during fiscal year 2014-15, the most recent year studied.

And the college has undergone a transformation in almost every aspect. The educational programs and careers students pursue have evolved in addition to the types of degrees Highline offers, which include more than 120 different certificates, associate and Bachelor of Applied Science degrees. Then, of course, there's the advanced technology the college has adapted to meet students where they're at in their educational goals, both online and in person.

To celebrate this 60-year transformation, Highline College will kick off its 60th anniversary with a series of events throughout the upcoming 2021-22 academic year. More information about those events will be available at highline.edu.

"A lot has changed since the 1960s, including Highline College," said Dr. John Mosby, president of Highline College. "But as we celebrate today and look to the future, I know one part of Highline will never change, and that's its commitment to serving our incredible students."

While that commitment has been steadfast and will continue to hold true in the future, the college's changing student demographic is actually what has helped form Highline College into what it is today—the most diverse college in Washington state with a strong commitment to social justice.

Dating back to its beginnings, founding faculty were instrumental in leading the college's pathway toward its foundational values. In the 1990s, those values became a tangible plan, which included an initiative that the college would



create a climate that values diversity and enhances global perspectives.

Highline's equity and diversity awards in recent years only scratch the surface in recognizing the work that's been done behind the scenes and continues to be worked on. From its upcoming Equity First strategic planning to daily classroom teachings, diversity, equity and inclusion continue to be at the core of what makes Highline Highline.

"As the most diverse college in the state, Highline College embodies what community and technical colleges stand for, equity and opportunity for all Washingtonians," said Jan Yoshiwara, executive director of Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Looking forward, Highline College will solidify its services into the City of Federal Way with the recent opening of The Hub: Federal Way Higher Education Center this past September. The college also welcomes the positive changes that will come with the

construction of Sound Transit's Federal Way Link Extension, which will be open for service in 2024. The light rail project will increase access to Highline's campus by adding an affordable transportation option via link light rail for students living as far north as Seattle and as far south as The Hub's location in Federal Way. It will also increase educational opportunities by providing direct access to the University of Washington for Highline graduates who live in the South King County region.



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 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.



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- Dispose of yard waste in a compost bin, yard waste bin or at a collection facility. Never dispose of yard waste in drainage ditches or stormwater ponds, as they interfere with the function of these stormwater facilities.
- Take your car to a commercial car wash or wash it on the lawn so that the wash water drains to a landscaped area. (Make sure to avoid parking over drinking wells or septic systems.)
- When pressure washing homes, garages or sheds, use the lowest setting and aim the wash water to a landscaped area. If possible, avoid using cleaning products and sweep/

rake up paint chips to prevent them from entering stormdrains.

- Sweep sidewalks and driveways instead of using pressure washers (place swept up debris in garbage), or aim the wash water to a landscaped area.
- When cleaning carpets, filter and flush dirty water (if on sewer) or filter and spread over landscaped area if you are on a septic system (dirty wash water and cleaning agent can harm your septic system). If you are having your carpets professionally cleaned, ask the company about their wash water disposal policy first.

Following these maintenance tips will help ensure that only rain goes down the drain. For more information or to report an illicit discharge, please contact Ben Stryker at 206.870.6523 or email at bstryker@desmoineswa.gov. After hours call hot line 206.550.5612.



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We reported in the last issue of *City Currents* how a study group and demand study had indicated interest for passenger-only ferry service between the Des Moines Marina and the downtown Seattle waterfront.

Since that study was completed last summer, the city has been moving forward with due diligence to determine whether a ferry route is feasible with existing infrastructure at the marina.

As part of that due diligence consultants looked at terminal facilities in Des Moines and in Seattle, existing vessels available for charter, and operators available and qualified to run the service.

The city received good news earlier this month when an independent third party determined that a ferry route was not only feasible, but warranted and viable given demand and current market conditions.

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Des Moines Mayor Matt Pina

The next step in the process was to run a boat on a demonstration cruise to show community leaders, elected officials and civic stakeholders what a ferry service would look like and feel like.

On September 21, a group of local policymakers, civic leaders and elected officials enjoyed a demonstration cruise hosted by the Griffith family at no cost to the city. The Griffiths run Great Western Attractions which owns Pier 57 and the Seattle Great Wheel, the Crab Pot and Fishermen's restaurants as well as Enzo's restaurant in Issaquah and other locations.

The Griffiths also own two fast ferries, the Orca 1 and Orca 2, one of which they made available to show about 60 passengers what ferry service might look and feel like.

The round trip was 35 minutes each way at 24 knots: quiet and comfortable. The vessel tied up briefly at Pier 57 to allow some dignitaries to disembark and to hear from the Griffiths about their operations there. Another smooth ride back the Des Moines marina followed.

Along the way, passengers were treated to clear blue skies ...and a pair of orcas frolicking off the beach near West Seattle.

Consultants are continuing to develop an operational plan this winter with the objective of introducing a season-long fast ferry demonstration project this spring. The goal is to introduce a fast ferry run available to the general public this spring and summer between the Des Moines Marina and downtown's Pier 57 as part of the continued activation of the Des Moines Marina.



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