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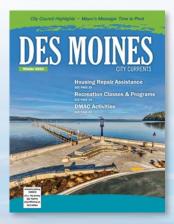
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It Is Time to Pivot!



ine years ago, our City was in peril, we were near bankruptcy, a poor bond rating, other cities were eyeing pieces or parts of us, and we lacked a united vision. We could only

By Mayor Matt Mahoney

dream of our future vision for Des Moines. Your City Leaders at the time made a difficult

and somewhat controversial decision and hired our current City Manager, Michael Matthias.

His experience, partnership and expertise in accord with strong Council support generated many corrective actions. Unfortunately staff had to be furloughed to cover financial gaps, improper use of City resources was stopped, public safety was made a priority, revenue channels were rethought, and departments were aligned to eliminate duplication and shared services. A top-notch leadership staff was developed to drive this City forward. Our City leadership executed our City's vision of leveraging our best assets, such as our waterfronts and other key components in our City, to maximize the potential growth, development, viability, and livability we all want to see our City realize.

Michael's strong leadership helped us build a reserve in our General Fund Balance, improve our Bond Rating, develop our business park, pave roads, prioritize our police and institute improvements to our Marina Bulkhead, Redondo Boardwalk and park space. Most importantly we set the stage for the ability to

address the waterfront development and subsequent amenities both at the Marina and Redondo. We instituted Pilot Ferry Service, which we intend to continue. We all knew these major components would be the cornerstone that would bring value to our community, interest in investment and development along with connectivity and future progress throughout our town. Our efforts in regards to innovation and sustainability were recently acknowledged at the Washington City Manager's Association who bestowed on our City the 2023 Innovation in Local Government Award, focusing on sustainability; the only award of this kind given out this year in the State of Washington.

Now with a \$26 million bond approved and major improvements across the City, the more than half a century of meandering is over, and our journey has begun. Over these years our City has benefited from Mr. Matthias' leadership, and we should be grateful for what he has brought forth to this community.

This has not been an easy task for Michael. He has endured unfair criticism, along with dealing with unprecedented obstacles like COVID. I can attest that Michael and his team worked tirelessly every day and it was common to see him working late hours, weekends and during vacations. With 33,000 voices to

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From The Mayor, continued

listen to, represent, and find consensus is a tall order by itself but to then formulate plans, bring forth vision and progress to our City, and somehow find community approval is a remarkable achievement. Mr. Matthias has done so over and over. He was recognized by his peers, receiving the Washington City Manager's Association Award for Excellence as a City Manager in 2019.

But now is the time to Pivot! What is a Pivot you may ask? A pivot is a change in strategy without a change in vision! Mr. Matthias is nearing completion of the tasks my current and former colleagues had set before him to execute and while we are appreciative, we are also at a new chapter in our City.

Your Council has asked Michael to pivot from his City Manager role in order to take on a new challenge. He has been tasked with leading our Economic Growth, with an emphasis on Marina redevelopment, in concurrence with development in our downtown, Pacific Highway and Business Park, to include the recent zoning of an Innovation District south of 216th. Michael will provide this pivot, guide us through challenges and assist in the transition of new leadership until the end of June 2024.

During this time, the City Council voted to appoint Tim George our Interim City Manager until Council begins a search for a permanent City Manager. Tim is currently the City Attorney and has been with the City for over 15 years. During that time he has built solid relationships with staff at all levels, as well as the Council. He has strong ties to the Community, he got his AA at Highline College before attending UW and then going on to law school. Before having kids of his own, he was a volunteer soccer coach for Des Moines Parks and Rec and he is a past President of the Des Moines Rotary Club.

Council will look for someone who can provide us with leadership for the exciting next chapter of this vibrant city.

Council will be given the task to find someone who can continue to provide the services our community depend on (like Senior Services, Parks, and your Public Safety) yet ensure the new growth and vision we all share continues to be executed.

This action allows the City to continue to build on Mr. Matthias' strengths and educational background and is simply a realization by all of us, including Michael, that a "pivot" is needed with fresh eyes and ears toward our future.

It is a genuine statement I make, when I thank and appreciate a leader who has accomplished so much in this City but is humble enough to see that its next leader is provided a smooth transition. Michael, his team, and members of the Council have added immense value to this City for future decades to come. Only those who have been involved throughout this process know the challenging work it took to get here. But the benefits will be shared by all of us, our children and those who join our community in the future, and that will be all the thanks any of us need. Michael and his leadership team have made Des Moines a better place. We all should be extremely grateful by acknowledging Michael's accomplishments as we make this transition.

When I took my first oath, I knew this day would come during my time serving this community. I knew it would be a heavy lift and one that would bring controversy, and my colleagues did as well. Now we must "pivot" Des Moines and move ahead and focus on our bright future.

I ask each of you to embrace this change and support your leadership as we continue to serve this community and strive to improve the quality of life in this City and explore new ways to make this City the best place to live! The best place to live for everyone!!

-Matt Mahoney, Mayor

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Council Highlights

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS: SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER ORDINANCE 1775-1776, RESOLUTION 1461-1464

Approved the Following Action:

- National Preparedness Month Proclamation
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation
- Joint Minor Home Repair Program, Interlocal Agreement
- Human Services Advisory Committee
 Appointment, Lin Cashman
- National Recovery Month Proclamation
- Surplus Property, Vehicles, Resolution No. 1461
- Redondo Fishing Pier and Restroom Grant Acceptance

- September 4-8, 2023, Construction Suicide Prevention Week Proclamation
- Budget Retreat
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 Proclamation
- Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation
- Set a Date for Public Hearing, Street Vacation: 18th Avenue S, Resolution No. 1462
- Solid Waste Rate Restructure Contract
 Amendment
- 2024-2029 Capital Improvements Plan, Resolution No. 1463
- 2023-2025 Recycling Program Funding

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City Council meets 1st, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:00pm Subject to change

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- Normandy Park Municipal Court Services Interlocal Agreement
- Hearing Examiner Appointment, Law Offices of Alex Sidles PLLC
- 2024-2025 On-Call Consultant Agreements for Civil Engineering Services
- Blueberry Lane III Modified Short Subdivision, Final Plat
- Set a Date for Public Hearing, Vacation of Right-of-Way Known as 10th Avenue South, Resolution No. 1464
- North Hill Elementary Walkway
 Improvements Project
- Marina, Beach Park and Redondo Paid Parking Replacement Equipment

Held the Following Public Hearings:

- Proposed Land Use and Text Code Amendments for the Business Park Moratorium Area and Adopting Findings of Fact, Ordinance No. 1775
- 2024 Preliminary Annual Budget, First Reading
- Street Vacation of Public Road Easements within City of Des Moines, Known as 18th Avenue South. Ordinance No. 1776

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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?

- 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
- 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.



BASIC COMMUNITY ACADEMY

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm – 9pm March 20 – May 8, 2024



The Basic Community Academy is an 8-week program for Des Moines residents and those who work here. Designed to acquaint participants with their police department and gain a better understanding of law enforcements role in the criminal justice system. Upon completion, we hope that participants have an appreciation for the many challenges facing law enforcement today.

Due to the sensitive nature of some subjects in the Des Moines Police Community Academy, a criminal history background check <u>will be conducted</u> on all individuals applying for attendance.

Apply at <u>www.desmoineswa.gov</u> – registration opens January 8, 2024

Applicants must:

How to APPLY

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Be Des Moines residents or work in the City of Des Moines.
- Have no felony or recent misdemeanor convictions.
- Commit to attending all 8 sessions.

The Des Moines Police Department reserves the right to deny attendance to any person if the results of the applicant's background investigation causes concern regarding the safety, legality or advisability of the applicant's attendance.

Space is limited so register early!





For more information contact: CSO Tonya Seaberry (206) 870-7619 tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov







The City of Des Moines is updating its **Comprehensive Plan**. Input from residents, recreation groups, property owners, community groups and other stakeholders will **form a broad and public conversation about the city's growth and development**. It is important the City hears from as many interested people as possible...*that means you*!

- ➔ The Comprehensive Plan describes how Des Moines will continue to provide necessary facilities and services to accommodate job and population growth. The plan also describes the kind of community Des Moines wants to become, as envisioned by those who live, work, recreate and visit the City.
- → Visit the project website at https://imaginedesmoines2044.com for up-todate announcements and information!
- → Email your comments to compplan@desmoineswa.gov

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La Ciudad de Des Moines está actualizando su **Plan Integral**. Los aportes de los residentes, grupos de recreación, propietarios, grupos comunitarios y otras partes interesadas **formarán una conversación amplia y pública sobre el crecimiento y desarrollo de la ciudad**. Es importante que la Ciudad escuche a tantas personas interesadas como sea posible ... **jeso significa tú!**!

- ➔ El Plan Integral describe cómo Des Moines continuará brindando las instalaciones y los servicios necesarios para acomodar el crecimiento de la población y el empleo. El plan también describe el tipo de comunidad en la que Des Moines quiere convertirse, rodeada por quienes viven, trabajan, se recrean y visitan la ciudad.
- → ¡Visita el sitio web del proyecto en https://imaginedesmoines2044.com para obtener información y anuncios actualizados!
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Parks & Recreation Programs at a Glance

For Kids

- Tot Time
- Open Gym
- Preschool Art Classes
- School Aged Art Classes
- Club KHAOS Afterschool Care
- Youth Soccer—Spring
- Melanie's Dance Unlimited

For Adults & Teens

- Basket Weaving Classes
- Hiring Basketball Referees & Scorekeepers
- Good Manners—Basic Dog Obedience
- Youth Sports Sponsorships

Family Fun

- · Breakfast with Santa
- Holiday Candy Making Class

Contact Us

- Phone: 206-870-6527
- Email: recreation@desmoineswa.gov
- Facebook: @desmoinesparksandrecreation
- Website: www.desmoineswa.gov/registration
- Field House Address: 1000 S 220th St., Des Moines WA 98198
- Field House Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 8am-5pm

What You Need To Know

WHERE TO FIND US

Des Moines Field House:

1000 S 220th St Des Moines, WA 98198 Office Hours:

9am-6pm, M-Th Subject to Change

Contact:

(206) 870-6527 desmoineswa.gov/registration recreation@desmoineswa.gov

HOW TO REGISTER

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of Des Moines Parks, Recreation, and Senior Services activities.

REGISTER EARLY!

Programs that do not meet registration minimums are subject to cancellation. Participants in programs cancelled for low enrollment will be fully refunded



REFUND POLICY Refund policy differs depending on type of program, time of Please visit www.desmoineswa.gov and follow the links through the nd program fee schedule. Parks & Recreation Department, Registration Information, and Refund Policy for more information.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Club KHAOS: Kids Having An Outrageous School Year!

Our energetic and dedicated staff will ease you and your kids into an outrageous school year filled with fun, friendships and enriching experiences to stimulate their imagination, and spark their learning skills. Students will be bussed from Des Moines, Marvista, Midway, North Hill, and Parkside Elementary Schools to the Des Moines Field House, where they will be welcomed into the activities of the afternoon! Participants must be picked up at the Field House before 6 pm or late pickup fees will apply. Pre-Registration is required, 3-5 day options available, you choose the days. Registration opens for upcoming month on the 20th, closes each week Monday at 8 am.

LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE

- Monday-Friday throughout the school year
- Monday-Thursday 3:45-6 pm; Fridays 2:15-6 pm
- No Program Days**:

November 9th (District Initiated Day for Teachers) November 10th (Veterans Day) November 20th-22nd (Conferences) November 23rd-24th (Thanksgiving) December 25th-January 5th (Winter Break) January 15th (MLK Day)

• Prices (Resident/Non Resident) One Time Registration Fee: \$30/\$35 Daily Rate; \$20/\$25 Late Registration Fee: \$25 OR \$1/min. until pick up*

*If an unregistered student arrives at the Field House via bus for Club KHAOS, parents/emergency contacts will be notified immediately by phone and subject to a \$25 late registration fee in addition to the price of registering for the week, OR \$1 per minute until that student is picked up from the Field House.

**Program Dates & Times Subject to Change due to School District Schedules

Preschool Art Classes

Calling all preschoolers for some fun and easy seasonal craft projects! Each project is fully customizable to your child's skill level, parent/guardian supervision will be required. We even built in some "Wiggle Time" during each class to get our sillies out of the way and focus on the craft at hand!

AGES 1-5 WITH ADULT LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE

DAY	DATES	ТІМЕ	COST
Wed	Jan 10, 17, 24, 31	10-11am	\$42R, \$47NR
Wed	Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 6	10-11am	\$42R, \$47NR

School Aged Art Classes

For grades Kinder-5th. Join us for a fun and engaging arts and craft program! This class is designed to give your child a chance to sample different art mediums, while exploring a variety of seasonal themes. As an added bonus, participants will have a new piece of art to take home and display after each class.

GRADES K-5 LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE

DAY	DATES	TIME	COST
Tues	Jan 9, 16, 23, 30	5:30-6:30pm	\$48R, \$53NR
Mon	Jan 8, 22, 29, Feb 5	11am-12pm	\$48R, \$53NR
Tues	Feb 13, 20, 27, Mar 5	5:30-6:30pm	\$48R, \$53NR



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LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE

DATES	TIME	AGES	COST
Jan 2-5	9am-12pm	6-10	\$145



YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Melanie's Dance Unlimited

Join us to learn the art of dance in a positive, structured, and inspiring environment. Our teachers have a rare combination of professional performing careers and college educations in dance that bring our classes to life! Classes take place at the Field House Gym, Melanie's Dance Unlimited's highly qualified instructors vary based on class subject and availability. For pricing, program information and online registration, visit www.melaniesdancers.com.

LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE GYM

DAY	TIME	CLASS	AGES
Tues	4:30-5pm	Tumbling Tots!	2-4
Tues	5-5:45pm	Preschool COMBO - Ballet/Tap/Jazz	3-5
Tues	5:45-6:30pm	Kids COMBO Dance 1 – Ballet/Tap/ Jazz	5-7
Tues	6:30-7:15pm	Kids Circus Acrobatics 1	5-10



Indoor Tot Time

Keep your little ones active with age-appropriate exercise and play! We will have fun tumbling mats, ride-on toys, and age-appropriate sports equipment available on-hand. Join in the fun and watch them make new friends along the way.

AGES 1-5

LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE GYM

DAY	TIME	COST
Tues & Thurs	10am-12pm	\$3 drop in, \$25 for 10-visit punch



Open Gym

This drop-in program will remain open during Youth Basketball season, take note of the slightly different time frame! Keep your skills sharp by putting in some extra hours on the court with your parent, or setting up a pickup game with your friends. **This time is designated for open gym use by individuals and their parents/guardians, not as extra practice time for teams or groups**

AGES 5-17 WITH ADULT GUARDIAN LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE GYM

DAY	TIME	COST
Mon	4:30-6pm	\$3 drop in, \$25 for 10-visit punch

Youth Soccer—Spring

Run drills, build skills, and learn how to be a team player in our Youth Recreation Leagues! Volunteer Coaches lead teams in instructional practices and games to hone your young soccer player's skills. Practice and game schedules will depend on field and coach availability. Practices will generally be one hour per week on a weekday evening between 4 and 7pm, and games will be Saturdays for one hour between 9am and 4pm. If you have a specific scheduling conflict, please submit a note with your registration and we will do our best to match you with a team that fits your schedule!

Registration Open from: December 1st-March 1st First Week of Practice: April 1st

First Games: April 12th • Last Games: June 8th* \$85R / \$95 NR

*could vary based on cancelled or rescheduled games throughout the season

Youth Racket Sports Clinic

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ADULT ENRICHMENT



Twine Bowl Basket Weaving

Join us for a fun session and learn to weave a colorful twine bowl using vine rattan and sea grass. The simple twine weaving method is perfect for beginners, but you'll also have an option to make it a bit more challenging if you'd like to learn a double or triple twine technique. No experience needed.

AGES 16 AND UP

LOCATION: ACTIVITY CENTER

DAY	DATE
Sat	Feb 10
TIME	COST
11am-3pm	\$50R, \$55NR

Shaker Basket Weaving

Calling all basket weavers (no experience needed!). Join us for a fun session and learn to weave a Shaker Basket made with flat reed and sea grass. These baskets are great for displaying dried flowers or holding other lightweight items. This class is fun, easy and open to all levels of basket weaving experience.

AGES 16 AND UP LOCATION: ACTIVITY CENTER

DAY	DATE
Sat	Mar 9
TIME	COST
11am-3pm	\$50R, \$55NR





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LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE

SESSIONS	
Wednesdays, 6–7pm Jan 3, 10, 17, 24 \$95R, \$105NR	
Wednesdays, 6-7pm Feb 7, 14, 21, 28 \$95R, \$105NR	
Wednesdays, 6-7pm Mar 6, 13, 20, 27 \$95R, \$105NR	
Wednesdays, 6-7pm Apr 3, 10, 17, 24 \$95R, \$105NR	

We also offer Individual Training opportunities, a 90-minute class with Jan specifically tailored to your family and your pet's needs. More information and how to schedule those available at www.sunstardogtraining.com. We will not be holding group good manners class in December 2023, classes will resume in January 2024. Individual classes can still be scheduled in December, subject to instructor and Field House availability.

SPECIAL EVENTS



Breakfast with Santa

Join us for holiday activities, a delicious breakfast, photos with our special guest from the North Pole, and a chance to discuss your wish list with Santa himself! All children must be accompanied by an adult with a purchased adult ticket. This year we're offering a separate time for Santa Photos only (no breakfast) for a limited number of families! You are welcome to drop in from 1-2pm, pictures will be \$5 per family, card payments only.

LOCATION: DES MOINES ACTIVITY CENTER

DAY	DATE
Sat	Dec 2
TIME	COST
Seating 1: 9-10:15am Seating 2: 10:45am-12pm	\$8 per person, ages 2 and under are FREE

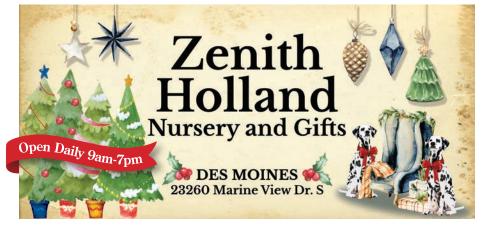


Family Holiday Candy Making Workshop

Bring the family to join in the fun, making exquisite holiday creations. Each family will make one chocolate holiday house, one sleigh filled with foiled chocolate packages. Each participant will make chocolate tree ornaments, dipped/decorated Oreos, dipped or frosted & decorated sugar cookies and cocoa spoons. *All supplies are included in Class Fee.*

AGES 5+ (MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT) LOCATION: FIELD HOUSE

DAY	DATE
Wed	Dec 13
TIME	COST
6-8:30pm	\$85 for one child & one adult; \$20 for each additional family member



Valentine's Candy Class

Delight and impress your Valentines with the sweets you create in this class! Mold chocolate, vanilla and mint hearts to fill a chocolate lidded heart box: make fondant-filled heart shaped bon-bons (chocolates) to fill a candy box for gifting; learn and try your hand at creating beautifully decorated heart sugar cookies by dipping them in chocolate and vanilla candy; and choose to either dip and decorate Valentine themed Oreo cookies or to mold a variety of chocolate heart suckers. If time allows, participants can make both. Class participants take home the items they have made in class and a folder with complete recipes and instructions.

AGES 17+

DAY	DATE
Thurs	Feb 8
TIME	СОЅТ
6-8:30pm	\$85

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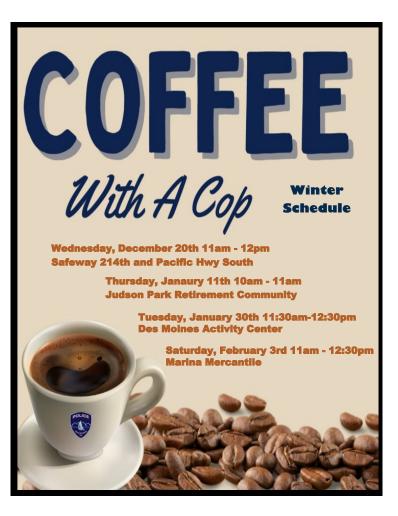
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Hands-On Lessons for Students at Stormfest 2023

From June 6 - 8, 2023, over 1200 6th graders from Highline Public Schools attended StormFest at Des Moines Beach Park. StormFest is an annual field-based stormwater education event for all Highline Public Schools 6th grade students. At the outdoor event, students learn about their local watershed, sources of pollution, and engineering solutions to prevent stormwater pollution. Each day, students from different middle schools rotated through five hands-on lessons about stormwater and water quality taught by community volunteers, bilingual station educators, and environmental professionals.





"It's really working for the kids," Pacific Middle School science teacher A.J. LeCompte said. "StormFest brought what we couldn't do in the classroom."

The event is put on by the StormFest Committee, which includes partners from Burien, SeaTac, Des Moines, King County, Normandy Park, the Environmental Science Center, EnviroIssues, and Highline Public Schools.

To learn about volunteer opportunities for the 2024 event email Michael Posey at mposey@desmoineswa.gov

*Class details may change, call DMAC or check DMAC's Facebook page for most up to date information.

Programs, Activities and Services at The Des Moines Activity Center



Des Moines Activity Center 2045 S 216th Street Des Moines, WA 98198

Main: (206) 878-1642

DMAC Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm By Phone on Fridays

Closures

- Wednesday, November 22, Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26 Christmas Holiday
- Monday, January 1, 2024 New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15, 2024 Martin Luther King's Birthday
- Monday, February 19, 2024 President's Day

During periods of inclement weather, we reserve the right to cancel trips and activities. For more information, to schedule an appointment or to register for a trip or class please call the Des Moines Activity Center (206) 878-1642. You may also email us at seniors@desmoineswa.gov.



Additional information can be found on our Facebook page, Facebook.com/DesMoinesActivityCenter and City of Des Moines webpage at www.desmoineswa.gov/senior

Shuttle Service from Normandy Park

Normandy Park Residents - registered to any of our outings and field trips? The Des Moines Activity Center offers convenient shuttle ride from Normandy Park City Hall to our Center. Call (206) 878-1642 to reserve a seat. Shuttle available by advance notice.

Refund/Cancellation Policies

Cancellations for any fee must be made at least three (3) business days prior to the start of the trip or class for full refund. Program fees will be nonrefundable to registrants if canceled less than three (3) days prior to the start of the trip or class. During periods of inclement weather, we reserve the right to cancel trips. Please listen for the Highline School District report as we operation alongside school closures and delays.

**All sales final, no refunds on advance ticket purchases.

What's Happening! Senior Community Events

Birthdays, anniversaries or milestones with the Des Moines Activity Center!

Join us as we celebrate your special day with cake! Every 1st Thursday of the month

Time: 12 pm

Thanksgiving Lunch

Join us for a traditional Thanksgiving meal complete with all the fixings. Call the DMAC to reserve your seat.

Tuesday, November 21 Time: 12 pm, dining room opens at 9 am

A Full Week of Holiday Fun!

We'll have a fun, holiday-themed week ahead. Wear your holiday colors. Monday, December 4 – Hot Chocolate Bar Tuesday, December 5 – Hot Apple Cider Bar Wednesday, December 6 – Holiday Sweater Day Thursday, December 7 – Popcorn and a holiday movie

Holiday Lunch

Join us in cheer over a holiday meal. Call the DMAC to reserve your seat.

Thursday, December 21 Time: 12 pm, dining room opens at 9 am

Pajama Day!

Wear your pajamas, snuggly robe and cushy slippers! *Wednesday, December 27*

Sparkle and Shine NYE!

Wear your fancy sparkles and shine as we glitz and glam our way into the New Year. *Thursday, December 28*

Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14

Ongoing Activities

Ongoing activities are at no-cost. Donations are accepted

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Hand and Foot

Mondays 12 pm – 2 pm

Adult Coloring & Painting Club

Get artistic! Color and work on your art at your leisure and get creative while visiting with friends. Some coloring books, pages and supplies offered for use. *Tuesdays*

10 am – 11 am

Kat's Crafting Corner

We'll have a variety of crafting supplies to help you get started from beads, fabrics, stickers and more! Show us your creative side! In loving memory of Kat Kennedy. *Tuesdays beginning in January 2024* 10 am – 11 am

American Mahjong

Wednesdays 12 pm – 2 pm

Lunch at the Des Moines Activity Center

Hot lunch Ages 60+

Monday – Thursday, 12pm – 12:30pm. Dining room opens at 9 am.

Bring a friend and make a new one as we enjoy a nutritious meal in our dining room. Suggested donation per meal; \$4.50. Please see our Facebook page or webpage www.desmoineswa.gov/ senior for our current menu.



Out to Lunch

Registration begins Monday, November 27 at 10am. Ages 50+. Enjoy a no-host lunch at new and old favorite eateries around the Sound. All lunch/dinner outings are considered as walk-ins. May be subject to automatic gratuity charge. \$15 transportation fee.

During periods of inclement weather, we reserve the right to cancel trips. Please listen for the Highline School District report as we operation alongside school closures and delays. Estimate of entrée and/ or appetizer, exclusive of drinks and tips. Please review the restaurant menu.

\$ = \$25 and under \$\$ = \$25 to \$40 \$\$\$ = \$40 to \$55 \$\$\$\$ = \$55 and over

Young's Restaurant – Seattle \$ - \$\$

Tuesday, December 5 • Time: 10:30 am – 2 pm Menu: https://youngsrestaurantwhitecenter.com/

Wild Wheat Bakery – Kent \$ - \$\$

Friday, January 12 • Time: 10:30 am – 2 pm Menu: https://www.bourbonstreetpuyallup.com/menus

Farm 12 – Puyallup \$ - \$\$ Tuesday, February 6 • Time: 10:30 am – 2 pm *Menu: https://www.farm12.org/menus*



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Day Trips

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Registration begins Monday, November 27 at 10 am. Explore the Northwest and leave the driving to us! Age 50+ and travel days vary. Normandy Park senior residents, ask us about shuttle service to any of our day trips!

During periods of inclement weather, we reserve the right to cancel trips. Please listen for the Highline School District report as we operation alongside school closures and delays.

****Christmas Ship, Renton**

Rain or Shine depart from the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Renton and hop aboard the official Christmas Ship[™], the Spirit of Seattle[™], as we cruise to various waterfront communities. Enjoy an onboard choir performance and sailing with Santa! Please wear warm, comfortable clothing and flat shoes that are not smooth-soled. No outside food or beverages allowed. Food may be purchased onboard.

- Date: Sunday, December 3
- Time: 2:30 pm 7 pm
- Cost: \$75
- *Activity Level: EASY

Gingerbread Village at the Sheraton Grand Seattle

Join us this winter for the 29th Annual Sheraton Grand Seattle Gingerbread Village and marvel at the magic of the larger-than-life gingerbread creations.

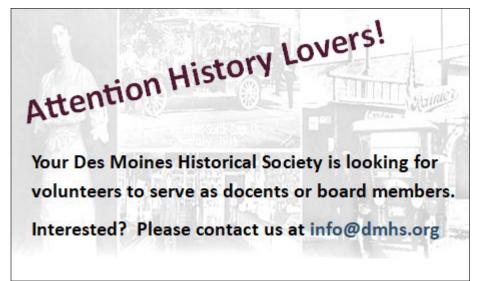
- Date: Tuesday, December 12
- Time: 10 am 4 pm
- Cost: \$40
- *Activity Level: EASY, walking and standing involved.



The Museum of Flight, Seattle

The Museum of Flight is the largest independent, non-profit air and space museum in the world! With over 175 aircraft and spacecraft, tens of thousands of artifacts, millions of rare photographs, and dozens of exhibits and experiences. Bring a bag lunch or dine at any of the museum's food and drink cafes.

- Date: Tuesday, January 16
- Time: 10 am 3 pm
- Cost: \$40
- *Activity Level: EASY, walking involved.



Snoqualmie Casino, Snoqualmie

Something for everyone; gaming, dining or entertainment.

- Date: Tuesday, January 23
- Time: 9:30 am 4 pm
- Cost: \$25
- *Activity Level: EASY, walking involved.

Burke Museum, Seattle

Located on the University of Washington campus in Seattle The Burke Museum is focused on dinosaurs, fossils, Northwest Native art, plant and animal collections, and cultural pieces from across the globe.

- Date: Friday, February 2
- Time: 9:30 am 3 pm
- Cost: \$30
- *Activity Level: EASY, walking involved.



**Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, Seattle

The Northwest Flower & Garden Festival is the best annual event. With over 20 display gardens, more than 90 free seminars, workshops, and thousands of treasures in the garden marketplace.

- Date: Friday, February 16
- Time: 8:30 am 4 pm
- Cost: \$45
- *Activity Level: EASY, walking involved.

NuCor Steel, Seattle

Tour Washington's largest recycler and learn about Nucor, America's leading steelmaker. We'll see the mill in action, smelting pots and how scrap steel is recycled. No host-lunch at Salmon Creek Cafe following tour.

- Date: Friday, February 23
- Time: 9 am 5 pm
- Cost: \$25
- *Activity Level: STRENUOUS. Due to the nature of the tour, moderate walking expected with ascending and descending stairways. No canes, wheelchairs or walkers permitted.



Seattle Art Museum, Seattle

The Seattle Art Museum hosts global art collections, temporary installations, and exhibitions from around the world bridging cultures and centuries.

- Date: Friday, March 1
- Time: 9 am 4 pm
- Cost: \$30
- *Activity Level: EASY, walking involved.

**Woodinville Whiskey Distillery, Woodinville

Awarded "Craft Whiskey of the Year" and "Craft Rye Whiskey of the Year" two years in a row by the American Distilling Institute, we'll tour, taste and learn about the distilling process. No-host brunch at Woodinville Café before the tour.

- Date: Friday, March 8
- Time: 9:45 am 4 pm
- Cost: \$40
- *Activity Level: MODERATE, standing, walking, up/down stairs involved. Not suitable for wheelchairs or walkers.

DMAC WISH LIST

We are asking for the following items:

Printer copy paper Coffee and coffee creamer Hot chocolate and apple cider packets Postage stamps Hand soap Disposable coffee cups

Volunteer Opportunities

The Activity Center could not operate at the level it does without volunteers. We have many opportunities for you to get involved within your community. Lunch provided. For more information, contact (206) 878-1642.

- Kitchen Volunteers
- · Dining room set up
- Lunch Hostess
- Special Events Team
- And many more!

Stress Free Technology

Tech Help with King County Library System

Have a tech issue? Bring your portable device over to the Des Moines

Senior Center where you'll be connected with our tech-savvy librarian, Beatriz. Kind reminder, we cannot fix computer hardware problems or download



software for you, but we are able to show you how to compose an email, download eBooks, use your iPhone or tablet, create Google Docs, and similar techie tasks. Appointment required. Call the Des Moines Activity Center to schedule your 15-minute appointment. 2nd Wednesday of the month 12 pm – 1 pm



Health & Social Services All services are at no-cost unless stated.

Caregiver & Grief Support Group

Des Moines Activity Center hosts a twice-monthly caregiver and grief support group led by Cynthia Zink, Grief Recovery Method Specialist. As a supportive, informal group, share with others who are experiencing the same joys and challenges, and who can empathize and offer valuable insights, suggestions and resources. No registration necessary. *Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month Time:* 11 am – 12 pm

Social Worker, Referral Services

No charge, in-person, telehealth and phone appointments. Please call DMAC to schedule your appointment.

Mondays

9:30 am – 10:30 am in-person appointments, by phone or email 10:30 am – 1 pm



Des Moines Elder Law

Get legal guidance and information in the following: Wills, power of attorney, living will, living trust, estate planning, community property agreements, and/or probate. Please call DMAC to schedule your appointment.

3rd Thursdays Time: 10 am – 11:30 am





Foot Care Please call DMAC to schedule your appointment. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Time: 9 am – 1 pm Cost: \$35 for a 30-minute appointment

Senior Community Health Screening for Ages 55+

In partnership with POCAAN, free wellness exam. Blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose and nutritional assessment are just some of the services offered. No appointment necessary.

2nd Mondays Time: 10 am – 1:30 pm

Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) Services

Have questions or need assistance with Medicare? Please call DMAC to schedule your appointment with Ron Lome, SHIBA volunteer. *3rd Mondays*

Time: 10 am – 12:30 pm

Meals on Wheels

If you need additional food support, Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meal delivery at no cost for people ages 60-plus who qualify. The Senior Center operates this program in coordination with Sound Generations. To sign up or to volunteer, visit soundgenerations.org.

Health and Fitness

Registration begins Monday, November 27 at 10 am. During periods of inclement weather, we reserve the right to cancel trips. Please listen for the Highline School District report as we operation alongside school closures and delays.

EnhanceFitness

EnhanceFitness focuses on dynamic cardiovascular exercise, strength training, balance, and flexibility. Wear your sneakers, bring a towel and bottled water. Enhance Fitness class is free to Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage members. Check eligibility with your insurance company. Mondays, 9:30 am - 10:30 am November 20 - December 11 December 18 - January 29 no class December 25, January 1 and January 15 February 5 - March 4 no class February 19 March 11 - April 1 Cost: \$25/4-week series \$7/drop in fee

Serve on our Senior Services Advisory Committee!

A community's greatest resource is its citizens. Through Citizen Advisory Boards, the City Council can gain valuable information and insights - and make better decisions. By serving on an advisory board, you can contribute to your community in a meaningful way. Complete the online application at https:// desmoineswa.applicantpro.com/ jobs/. Resume and cover letter are not required but encouraged.



Tai Chi

Join instructor John Lindsay in this class that blends exercises for health benefits, longevity and fun. This class is broken down into Introductory Levels and Continuation Levels. The class familiarizes students with the basic movements of Tai Chi and explores the 24-pattern sequence. The emphasis is on the no-impact, relaxed flowing movements, which aid in balance, increased strength and vitality. Wear comfortable, loose clothing. Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1pm-2pm December 12 - January 11 no class week of December 25 January 16 - February 8 February 13 - March 7 Cost: \$60, 4 weeks, 8 classes

Zumba

Get moving and have fun with Zumba, a Latin-inspired dance aerobic workout! Perfect for all levels and abilities. Workouts can be modified.

Thursdays, 10:30 am – 11:15 am January 4 – January 25 February 1 – February 22 February 29 – March 21 Cost: \$50/4-week series

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Blueprint for Living

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Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month Time: 11 am – 12 pm

One Day Refresher: Senior Self Defense Class

A one-day refresher class for those who have taken the senior self-defense class. Please register.

Thursday, January 25 Time: 10 am – 11:30 am

Coffee with a Cop

Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve togetherover coffee-to discuss issues

and learn more about each other. No registration necessary, walk-ins welcome.

Tuesday, January 30 Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm



Monthly Book Club

In collaboration with King County Library Services, join us as we dive into a new read each month. New members always welcome. Please register.

2nd Wednesday, 1 pm – 2 pm

- December 13 Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead by Olga Tokarczuk
- January 10 *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson
- February 14 *Killers of A Certain* Age by Deanna Raybourn
- March 13 A Fever in the Heartland Timothy Egan

Writing Circle

Get together with other writers to connect and learn new skills. Bring your paper, pen, or laptop to work on your own work or craft a response to writing prompts. Afterwards, we will have time to share and provide feedback. For writers of all genres and skill levels. Facilitated by your local librarian from the Des Moines Library. No registration necessary, walk-ins welcome.

Thursday, December 14 Time: 10 am – 11:30 am



Educational Humana

Registration recommended, walk-in welcome.

January 17 & 18: *Habits of Healthy People*

The pursuit of happiness is an idea that's important to many people. While there isn't a one-size-fits-all recommendation for achieving happiness, there are some day-to-day habits that optimists tend to have in common.

February 21 & 22: Cooking for One

When you're only cooking for one or two, it's easy to fall into a food rut and wonder if it's even worth the extra effort but don't sell yourself short! Home cooking—no matter the size of your household—is important and many times, the best way to nourish your body with healthy foods.

3rd Wednesday 10 am – 11 am (Spanish)

3rd Thursday 11 am – 12 pm (English)

Self-Defense for Seniors: Must-Know Info About How

to Protect Yourself – Programming presented by the City of Des Moines Police Department



Everyone deserves to feel secure. That's why self-defense for seniors is such an important topic. As people age, their bodies tend to get slower and weaker, which can make them vulnerable to attacks by criminals. Fortunately, there are a variety of good tactics that older adults can learn in order to protect themselves. All fitness levels welcome.

* Please be prepared to come to all six class sessions as each day builds on the next. Space is limited, so only register if you can guarantee that time. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 27-29 & March 5-7 Time: 10 am – 11:30 am, (9 hours of training)



Are you interested in starting a BLOCK WATCH or REVIVING your current group?

Please join us for Block Watch 101

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

6:30pm -7:30pm

Des Moines Police Department – Public Meeting Room 21900 11th Avenue South, Des Moines WA 98198

This is a great opportunity for neighborhoods looking to start a block watch or revive an old one. We will talk about:

- How and why to set up a block watch group
- Current crime trends

<u>What we know...</u>

- Neighbors who communicate regularly are more willing to watch for suspicious activity.
- People feel more secure knowing that their property is watch by neighbors when they are away.
- People become more educated, in turn, reducing the risk of becoming the victim of a crime
- Block Watch will naturally lead to opportunities to address other issues of concern within your neighborhood.

Please RSVP by January 18, 2024 to:

CSO Tonya Seaberry (206) 870-7619 tseaberry@desmoineswa.gov



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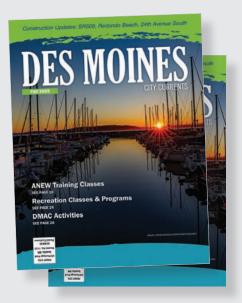
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- Use non-toxic solutions with pressure washers away from catch basins.
- Choose commercial car washes to prevent wash water from entering the system.
- Drop off hazardous materials at designated collection sites for proper disposal.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them down to prevent pollutants from entering the stormwater system.

Contact Michael Posey at 206.870.6565 or mposey@desmoineswa.gov for more information or to report an illegal discharge.



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