

City Council Votes to Help Keep Pool Open in 2003

In December, the Des Moines City Council joined with King County, the cities of Normandy Park and SeaTac, and the Highline School District to keep Mt. Rainier Pool open during 2003. In the summer of 2002, Des Moines learned that King County intended to close the pool on December 31, 2002 because of budget shortfalls. The annual operating deficit of the pool is almost \$300,000.

At the first City Council meeting in August, a large number of residents asked the City Council to do what it could to save the pool. The Council formed an Ad Hoc Pool Committee to research the issue and put together a plan to keep the pool open. Headed by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Benjamin, the committee worked to solicit the support of neighboring cities and the school district, raised funds to defray the cost of running the pool, and developed ideas to help the pool run more efficiently and produce more revenue.

The City of Des Moines took the lead in putting together an agreement with Normandy Park, SeaTac and the Highline School District and each entity committed the following funds to reduce the operating deficit for 2003: Des Moines - \$75,000, SeaTac - \$25,000, Normandy Park - \$30,000, Highline School District - \$20,000.

King County has agreed to contribute \$78,400, the amount it would have spent during 2003 to close and "mothball" the pool. The remaining \$65,000 needed for 2003 must come from the Ad Hoc Committee's efforts and private donations. If you would like to contribute to keeping the Mt. Rainier Pool open, please send your donation to the City of Des Moines, 21630 11th Avenue South, Des Moines, WA 98198. Checks should be made payable to the City of Des Moines, with a note indicating the money is for the Pool Fund.

Meanwhile, the cities and school district continue to look for ways to keep the pool open beyond 2003. A report and recommendations for a long-term solution will be presented to each city council and the school board by August 15, 2003.



Mt. Rainier swimming pool will remain open in 2003

Redondo Boat Ramp Renovations Will Cause Summer Closures

The City was recently awarded a \$750,000 grant from the State of Washington for the renovation of the Redondo Boat Ramp. The improvements are intended to improve the safety, efficiency, and appearance of the ramp and parking lot. Boaters and the Redondo community will benefit from this much-needed upgrade! However, State regulations limit in-water construction activity to times when fish will be affected the least—usually June to October. This means that the Redondo Boat Ramp will be **closed for renovation** for most of the 2003 boating season. The exact dates of the closure are not yet known. During construction at Redondo, trailer boaters may wish to launch instead at the Des Moines Marina. Launch fees at the Marina range from \$20 to \$25.

Valentine Open House at the Des Moines Library

All ages are invited to a Valentine Tea and Open House at the Des Moines Library on Monday, February 10, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Tea will be held from 1:00-3:00 in the afternoon, and again from 6:00-8:00 in the evening. There will be refreshments, entertainment and valentine crafts for the kids.

The Friends of the Library is a

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For more information call:
206-878-4595

DES MOINES SENIOR CENTER

**Activity Center
Opening Soon!**

The renovation is well underway for the soon to open Des Moines Activity Center! The new location for senior and recreation programs is located at 2045 S. 216th St, just east of the Des Moines Post Office. Tentative opening date is March 1, 2003. More details will be available soon regarding the grand opening and dedication of the facility. For more information please call 206-870-6527.

**5th Annual
Wally's Chowder Night**

Join the Des Moines Senior Center for the fifth annual Wally's Chowder Night to be held on Friday, April 4, at the new Des Moines Activity Center at 2045 S. 216th St. Wally's famous chowder, salad, roll, dessert and a beverage will be served for the very reasonable price of \$6 in advance or \$7.50 at the door. Service begins at 5 p.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the many services and programs provided by the Des Moines Senior Center.

**Senior Center Sells
Bread Braids**

The Des Moines Senior Center will be selling frozen-to-fresh baked Bread Braids beginning March 3

through April 4. These loaves are perfect for a special occasion meal or just to enjoy with family and friends. Bread Braids come in seven flavors and are delivered frozen. Just thaw, bake, and enjoy! The loaves cost \$8.00. Detailed brochures with photos are available at the Senior Center and the Des Moines Field House.

Orders may be picked up beginning the week of April 14.

**Third Annual
"Way Off Broadway"
Musical Revue**

The Des Moines Legacy Foundation proudly presents the third annual Way Off Broadway Musical Revue featuring a variety of music and dance performed by our local senior citizens. Hosted, produced and directed entirely by senior volunteers, the Revue will be held Wednesday, May 14, at 2 and 7 p.m. and Thursday, May 15, at 7 p.m. Last year's shows sold out, so don't miss out on this wonderful event! The Revue will be held in the auditorium of the Masonic Retirement Center. Tickets are \$7 and are available through the Des Moines Senior Center beginning February 3. All proceeds benefit the many programs and services provided by the Senior Center. For information or tickets, please call 206-878-1642.

Senior Shuttle Service Serves Des Moines and Normandy Park

The Senior Shuttle is a van service for seniors and people with disabilities living in Des Moines and Normandy Park. It operates out of the Des Moines Senior Center and relies upon volunteer drivers to provide the service, which is designed to help people remain active members of our community.

Rides are on a first come-first served basis Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The service area extends from S. 140th to S. 348th and east to I-5. Rides are provided for medical appointments, banking, gro-

cery shopping, the Senior Center, and other local errands...anywhere you need to go within the service area. There is no charge for this service, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Caring volunteer drivers are also needed. Hours are flexible and free training in passenger assistance is provided. Volunteer drivers do no lifting and do not need a special driver's license. **Please call 206-727-6262 to request a ride... or a volunteer application!**

Ask also about our special monthly "mall runs".

City Council Approves 2003 Budget

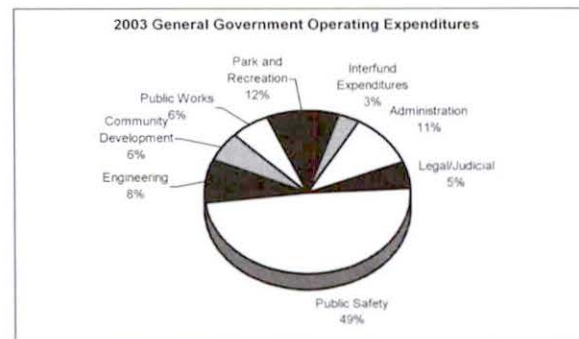
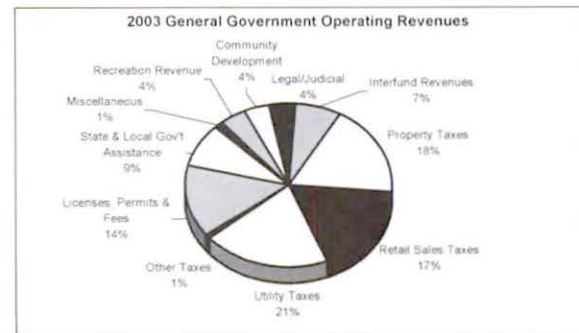
On December 19, 2002, the City Council approved adoption of the 2003 annual operating and capital budgets.

Revenues for 2003 are estimated at \$35.2 million, or a 17.6% reduction from 2002's estimated revenues for a net decrease of \$7.5 million. Major changes in revenue sources include federal, state, and local government assistance revenues, bond and loan proceeds, and licenses and permits. Federal, state and local government assistance revenues for 2003 declined by 25% from 2002, or \$4.5 million, primarily due to a reduction in grant funding. For 2003, the City does not plan any bond issues or other borrowings and this revenue source declined \$5.1 million from 2002. Licenses and permits for 2003 are expected to increase \$1.3 million from 2002 due to one-time building permit revenues estimated for the Highline School District and Community College capital improvements. The 2003 revenues of \$35.2 million combined with the use of fund balance of \$2.6 million provide the resources necessary to fund programs and service levels in 2003. The use of fund balance primarily relates to the carryover of expenditures for capital projects.

Operational and capital expenditures for 2003 are estimated at \$37.8 million, or a 6.4% reduction from 2002's estimated operational and capital expenditures of \$40.4 million. Budget balancing strategies were incorporated into a conceptual plan that addressed operational efficiencies, operational policy changes, program cuts, savings, and deferral of capital replacement and maintenance expenditures. While this 2003 budget maintains basic service levels through the use of reserves, one-time funds, and de-

ferred of capital replacement and maintenance, funding future service levels will continue to be a challenge during this economic downturn.

The following graphs provide the percentage breakdown by revenue type and expenditure classifications for the 2003 general governmental operating budget.



A Message from the IRS and Washington Workfirst

The Washington State Employment Security Department advises that low to moderate income families may be able to gain back up to \$4,000 in federal income taxes by applying for the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** and **Child Tax Credit (CTC)**.

Many Washington families are unaware that they are eligible and do not apply for these credits. For more information about the EITC, call toll free 1-800-755-5317. For free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Free Replacement Thermometers

During February, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County is sponsoring a **mercury fever thermometer exchange** with 45 pharmacies in King County.

The goal of this program is to collect approximately 20,000 or more mercury fever thermometers and provide digital replacements. All Bartell drug stores in King County and seven independent pharmacies will act as the collection sites. Residents can bring in as many mercury fever thermometers as they wish, but will be provided only **one replacement** thermometer. Information is available through the Hazards Line 206-296-4692.



Memorial Bear Sales to Benefit Sports Park

This plush, blue bear is being issued by the Des Moines Police Guild in support of the new Steven J. Underwood Memorial Sports Park. All profits will go directly to the construction of the Memorial Plaza in the new Des Moines sports complex. The cost is \$10.00. To order, call Cathy Bumpus at 206-878-3301 ext. 7546, or email at cbumpus@cityofdesmoines.com.

Des Moines Memorial Drive □ A Tribute to Veterans

Des Moines Memorial Drive is a living memorial to veterans of World War I. In 1921, elm trees were planted along the roadway, one tree for each soldier from Washington who died in that war. The memorial begins at the south side of the 14th Avenue Bridge in Seattle and terminates at the flagpole in Des Moines. Today, many of the elms have died, are threatened by disease, or are severely disfigured from years of indiscriminant pruning. After so many years of neglect, the sentiment that created this memorial drive has all but vanished. The City of Des Moines is working with other jurisdictions along the memorial route and other organizations to renovate this unique tribute.

Susan Black and Associates, a landscape consulting firm, is leading a team of designers, historians, and artists as they collect historical information and prepare a Cultural Enhancement Plan for Des Moines Memorial Drive. The goal of the Plan is to identify ways to again communicate our appreciation for the sacrifices made by soldiers from Washington State. Road widening will require that the memorial plaza at Sunnysdale Elementary School be moved closer to the school buildings. The Cultural Enhancement Plan will provide schematic plans for relocating and enlarging the memorial plaza.

During the upcoming months, public meetings, fliers, posters, and an updated traveling exhibit about the corridor



Elms are planted to honor WWI veterans.

will be hosted in the area. In the end, the Drive will be restored as a Scenic and a Heritage Corridor, a rare "Living Road of Remembrance" to veterans of World War I.

For more information, contact Jay Rood at (206) 283-7090 or email jayr@sbassociates.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Are You at Risk for Identity Theft?

More than 900,000 people will become victims of identity theft this year. Identity theft occurs when someone wrongly uses someone else's personal information in a way that involves fraud or deception, usually for financial gain. It takes approximately 14 months for a victim of identity theft to notice the crime.

To help protect yourself from identity theft:

- Shred pre-approved credit offers received in the mail.
- Don't carry your social security card in your wallet.
- Don't use an unsecured mailbox, especially when mailing checks.
- Shred personal bank and credit information before throwing it in the trash.
- Be aware that the insurance card in your wallet may carry your social security number.
- Be aware that some people would go through your trash looking for credit or financial information.

The Des Moines Police Department encourages you to become more security-aware in your handling of personal information. Invest in a paper shredder and shred all papers which list any of your personal information. Check your financial information regularly and educate yourself on con-

games and identify theft scams. For more information on identity theft prevention contact the Des Moines Police Department Community Service Office at (206) 870-7619.

Tips for Potential Parrot Owners

Animal lovers often entertain ideas of owning parrots after seeing these beautiful creatures on *National Geographic* and *Animal Planet*. Parrots can certainly be wonderful, loving and entertaining pets, but many prospective pet owners do not realize the amount of care that these feathered friends need. Parrots can live as long as humans, so before taking on the tremendous responsibility, make sure you are willing to give this great creature all the care it needs to live a healthy life. Parrots need:

- Periodic veterinary exams.
- Specially formulated food and fresh produce.
- A warm, draft-free environment with plenty of daylight.
- Bathing/showering opportunities.
- Regular trimming of their nails, beaks and wings.
- Huge amounts of attention, training and interaction.

Parrots that do not receive the proper amount of "family time" often become vicious, depressed or sickly. Be prepared for a long term commitment before bringing a parrot into your household.

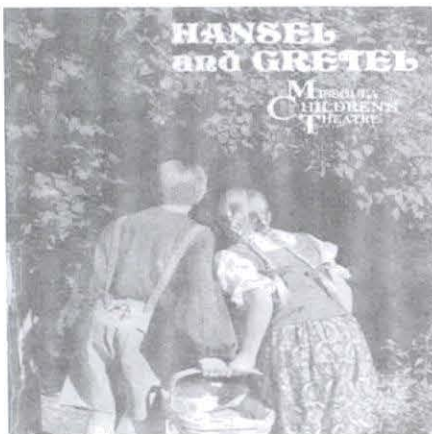
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Before And After School Programs

Before and after school child care is available for Kindergarten-6th grade children attending Des Moines, Parkside, North Hill and Woodmont Elementary Schools. Kids will have a blast with exciting games, creative activities, arts and crafts, and yummy snacks! Plus, time is set aside each afternoon to do homework! Limited scholarships are available for those in need. Please contact Des Moines Park & Recreation for more information at 206-870-6527.

Missoula Children's Theatre

The Missoula Children's Theatre will be auditioning children, grades K-12, to act and assist in their production of Hansel and Gretel. Auditions will be held Monday, February 17, 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Des Moines Field House Gym, 1000 South 220th Street. Cast members will rehearse the week of February 17-21, with performances on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Auditions are free of charge, however, if cast, a \$55 participation fee is required. For more information call Des Moines Park & Recreation at 206-870-6527.



Mid Winter Break Camp

What do you do with the kids when they have a week off from school but you still have to go to work? Send

them to Break Camp with Des Moines Park and Recreation! We'll give your children lots of fun things to do -- a



fabulous field trip, swimming, arts and crafts projects, group games and activities, morning and afternoon snacks and much more! Sign up for the week or by the day! Camp is open to K-6th grade, February 17-21, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Des Moines Field House, 1000 South 220th Street. The cost is \$129 for the week or \$29 per day. For more information call Des Moines Park & Recreation at 206-870-6527.

Teen Sonics Night

Come and join us as we show our support for the Sonics as they play Shaq, Kobe, and the rest of the Lakers at Key Arena on February 28. The van will leave the Field House at 5 p.m. Cost is \$30, which includes transportation to and from the game and your ticket. Sign up today! Tickets are going fast! For more information call Des Moines Park & Recreation at 206-870-6527.

Basketball Camp (Ages 7-14 years)

Whether you're just starting out or you think you're a pro, this basketball camp is for you! Focus will be on dribbling, passing, shooting, defensive footwork, positioning, and handwork. Camp will be held during Mid-Winter Break (February 18-21) at Pacific Middle School, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Cost is \$50 per camper. For more information call Des Moines Park & Recreation at 206-870-6527.

Public Works Vegetation Maintenance

Vegetation control and road shoulder mowing in 2003 will be done on a limited basis along main arterials and state routes. Most residential vegetation control will be the responsibility of adjacent property owners. Sight distance impairments at intersections will be corrected when found, as well as removal of low overhanging tree limbs and other vegetation that may encroach on the public right-of-way creating a safety hazard.

The Street Maintenance Department is responsible for maintaining 95 miles of roadway, or 19 miles per employee.

With the elimination of one position in the Street Maintenance Department in 2003, levels of service will be limited to priority and safety concerns. Examples would be:

- Traffic control - including sign maintenance and replacement, street painting, crosswalks, arrows, signal maintenance, guardrails, etc.
- Roadways - asphalt and pot hole patching, shoulder work, gravel road maintenance including alley ways.
- Sidewalk maintenance and repairs.

Remember ...

Dog Licenses
must be renewed
prior to March 1
to avoid penalties.



DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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non-profit organization that provides many programs for the library not funded by the regular budget. If you would like to give back to the library and the community, and make new "friends" at the same time, this event is your chance to find out more about the Friends organization. For more information, please call the Library at 206-824-6066.

Volunteers Needed for "Words on Wheels" Program

Share your love of reading and make new friends while providing a valuable service! The King County Library System's Traveling Library Center (TLC) needs your help. Once a month TLC staff members visit retirement and nursing homes, and other homebound patrons, delivering library materials they may not otherwise have access to. Volunteers receive training on how to choose materials and the schedule is flexible, requiring about 2 to 4 hours per patron. For more information contact Susan LaFantasie at 425-369-3235 or slafanta@kcls.org.



Wastemobile Coming to Des Moines Feb. 14-16

Des Moines residents can safely discard household hazardous waste at the King County Wastemobile, which will be at the Des Moines Marina on February 14, 15 and 16. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Taking household hazardous wastes to the Wastemobile is free, easy, and helps protect the environment. Examples of household hazardous wastes include paints, cleaners, solvents, pesticides, etc. For more information call 206-296-4692 or visit the King County Hazardous Waste website at: www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/wastemobile.

Approved the following agreements/ bids/contracts:

- Fencing for Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park to Central Construction Fence and Deck for up to \$77,462.
- Agreement with WA State Dept. of Transportation for the overlay program and to accept State funds in the amount of \$835,854 for the Pacific Highway South project.
- Agreement with WA State Dept. of Transportation for installation of low profile median barrier and to accept State funds in the amount of \$350,000 for the Pacific Highway South project.
- Three year agreement with the South County Area Transportation Board.
- Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the design of underground wiring along Pacific Highway S.
- Agreement with City of Kent for their participation during the design of the Pacific Highway South Project.

Held the following public hearings:

- Adoption of 2003 Budget
 - Regulating Dangerous Fences
- #### Approved the following resolutions:
- No. 941 relating to reimbursement of street development costs benefiting the development of Steven J. Underwood Memorial Park.
 - No. 942 approving agreement with Public, Professional & Office-Clerical Employees and Drivers Local Union No. 763 regarding wages, hours, working conditions.
 - No. 943 approving agreement with Des Moines Police Guild.
 - No. 944 adopting City's Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
- #### Approved the following ordinances:
- No. 1307-1310 relating to acquisition of property by eminent domain.
 - No. 1311 approving the 2003 property tax revenue.
 - No. 1312 providing for the sale and issuance of \$5,460,000 limited tax general obligations bonds to fund capital improvements identified in the Comprehensive Marina Master Plan.

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