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Council Highlights

CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST-OCTOBER Ordinance 1658-1664 Resolution 1337-1343

Held Public Hearings:

- Blueberry Lane Zoning Reclassification, Ordinance 1660
- Amending Chapter 18.10 DMMC to Rezone Certain Port of Seattle and Washington State Department of Transportation Properties from Residential to Business Park and Higher Density Residential Uses (LUA2016-0035), Ordinance 1663
- 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets
- 2035 Comprehensive Plan Amendment, Ordinance 1664

Approved the Following Action:

- Redondo Boardwalk Repair Consultant Agreement Supplement #4 for Additional Construction Administration and Inspection Services
- Citizens Advisory Committee Appointment
- Support of Application for Port of Seattle Economic Development Grant, Resolution 1337
- Blueberry Lane Final Plat, Resolution 1338
- Set Public Hearing Related to the Blueberry Lane Zoning Classification, Resolution 1339
- Construction Contract Award and Consultant Agreement for Construction Administration and Inspection Services for the South 268th Street Sidewalk Improvement Project
- Acceptance of Donation of Real Property from Schroeder Trust and Suzanne Schroeder
- Set Public Hearing Amending Chapter 18.10 DMMC to Rezone Certain Port of Seattle and Washington State Department of Transportation Properties from Residential to Business Park and Higher Density Residential Uses, Resolution 1340
- Amendments to the City's Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Ordinance 1658
- Transportation Impact Fee Rate Study Update, Ordinance 1659
- Contract Award for the Des Moines Beach Park Historic Picnic Shelter/Restroom Rehabilitation Project



- Lower Massey Creek Improvements (Channel Modifications) Project-Puget Sound Energy Easement
- Discontinue Mandated Furloughs for Non-Represented Regular Employees, Resolution 1341
- 2016 Parkside Park Renovation Project-Rejection of Bids
- Set Public Hearing Amending the Des Moines 2035 Comprehensive Plan, Resolution 1342
- 2017 Business License Fee Schedule, Resolution 1343
- Highline Place Right-of-Way Dedication
- Pokemon Go Status Reconsideration
- Amendments to Footnote 58 of DMMC 18.52.010B, Declaring an Emergency Necessitating Immediate Adoption of Interim Control Regulations to Ensure the City Council's Intent for Regulating the Proportion of Required Commercial Uses Within Mixed Use Developments, Ordinance 1661
- Amendments to Title 14 DMMC to Establish Building Code Standards for Link Light Rail and for Improved Fire Safety, Ordinance 1662
- Golka Property Asbestos Abatement and Demolition of Structure at 2828 South 224th Street
- Stamets Driveway Shoreline Variance Proposed Process for Review by Hearing Examiner
- Consultant Contract Amendment: Transportation Project Manager Leonard D. Madsen
- Commemorative Street Name, Rainier Drive S, for a Portion of 19th Avenue South, Resolution 1344
- City Manager Employment Agreement
- Consultant Contract Amendment: Grant Fredricks

Other Action Taken:

- City Manager Candidate Discussion
- Local Government 101, Part 7(B): Criminal Justice System: Court, Prosecution and Public Defense
- Held Council Budget Retreat
- Day of Concern for the Hungry Proclamation
- Audit Exit Conference
- 222nd and 5th Avenue Update
- National Recovery Month Proclamation
- Graduate! Highline Proclamation
- Redondo Boardwalk Recognition

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From the Mayor



IT HAS ALMOST BEEN ONE YEAR that I have had the honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor and I would like to take this opportunity to take a look back at where we have been and also highlight

our direction for the future. At this time last year, the City Council was considering a budget that required staff lay-offs, an understaffed police force, and employee furloughs for 2016 in order to be sustainable going forward into 2017. Based on the actions that this Council has taken since that time, the employee furloughs were able to be cancelled mid-year, one new additional police officer was hired with two more new faces to start in 2017, exciting new economic development is being realized, and the City Council is preparing to adopt a sustainable balanced budget for the coming year. I am looking forward to the near future when people no longer look at our City and say that “Des Moines has such great potential.” Let me say, as your Mayor, it is my goal that the word “potential” no longer is used to describe our city as we are now achieving and realizing our potential!

With that said let us take a look at some of the major things happening in the city.

SUSTAINABLE BUDGETING

The budget process for 2017 began in August at our annual budget retreat where the City Council reviewed our five year budget outlook. The 2017 budget is significantly different from past budgets as it presents a sustainable budget; one which does not rely on “one-time” money to pay for on-going spending. It had been anticipated in 2015 that a significant budget shortfall would occur in 2017. The City Council and I left no stone unturned to identify and implement new and necessary sources of revenue. After much effort and success, the picture of the City’s finances has changed considerably. The 2017 Budget identifies sustainable, recurring revenues to pay for all recurring expenditures while creating a General Fund ending fund balance of nearly 3 million dollars (meeting our minimum fund balance levels). In the long term, the city still faces financial challenges with variable revenue sources from development projects and state shared revenues, as well as the continuing escalation

of costs relating to medical and retirement compensation costs. However, the annual budgetary shortfalls experienced over the past decade have largely been eliminated and the five year budget outlook is strong.

FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS

I am pleased to announce the successful negotiation of new 10 year franchise agreements with Highline Water District, Midway Sewer District, and Southwest Suburban Sewer District. These agreements were mutually negotiated with the Districts over a span of several months and have now been approved by the Districts’ Boards and the City Council. These agreements call for the collection by the City of a franchise payment to be used for maintaining and enhancing streets and roadway infrastructure within the City. The agreements require increased communication and cooperation between the City and the Districts to ensure mutual benefit and a great working relationship that will continue throughout the term of the agreements and beyond.

REBUILDING OF THE REDONDO BOARDWALK

After the Redondo boardwalk was essentially destroyed in a major storm in late 2014, the City worked extremely hard to partner with our legislative representatives and state, federal and local agencies, to receive significant resources to rebuild the boardwalk. The November 5, 2016 dedication ceremony for the rebuilt and re-enforced boardwalk was only made possible because of the partnerships with elected officials at many levels of government. With the support of our partners, the city was able to complete this \$4 million dollar plus venture with only about 10% of the cost coming from the City. Our City staff led the effort and we are extremely proud of the outcome.

NEW CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT

Another major development that I am extremely pleased to announce is the installment of our new City Manager, Michael Matthias. Michael was selected in August as the new City Manager subject to contract approval and has been the Interim City Manager during that time. Michael has been with the City since 2014 when he was hired as the Assistant City Manager with an emphasis on economic development. He has a very accomplished professional and academic career with over 23 years of local government experience.

Academically, he holds a Master of Science in Sustainable Urban Development from the University of Oxford, England, a Master of Science in Applied Economics

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from the University of California, Santa Cruz, a Master of International Relations from the University of Cambridge, England, and Bachelor of Arts in Honors Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is also a Robert F. Kennedy Fellow recipient for his work with low income families to increase the quality of public education and healthcare.

His prior professional experience includes service as an Emergency Management official, Acting City Manager, Economic Development Director, Budget Manager and a private sector Financial Analyst.

Michael has the full support and confidence of the City Council and we are excited about the numerous positive activities and developments going on in the City. The Council would also like to thank all of our staff and community members for their support through this process and for their continuing efforts to lead Des Moines into its bright future!

FUTURE

It’s a new day in Des Moines. There are a number of other projects and activities that we are working on that will move the City forward. This section of the City Currents will continue to be used to provide our citizens with information and updates on the many updates and developments throughout the City. Additional information can always be found at our website www.desmoineswa.gov. I am thrilled by the progress we are making, grateful for the community input and support, and look forward to reporting more positive news as we move forward – realizing our vast potential!

*Matt Pina,
Mayor & Councilmember
City of Des Moines, WA*

Accepting Applications

City of Des Moines Human Services Advisory Committee Opening

The City of Des Moines is now accepting applications for one opening on its Human Services Advisory Committee. This seven member committee advises the Des Moines City Council on human services issues in our community and makes recommendations for human services funding. The position is a two year term, appointed by the Mayor and begins in January 2017. The Committee meets approximately six times a year. For more details please call Sue Padden, 206-878-1642.

Des Moines Arts Commission Position Available

The City of Des Moines Arts Commission (DMAC) has one or more openings available with a beginning date of January 1, 2017. Commission members are appointed by the Mayor and serve for a 3 year term. This position is open until filled. Arts Commission applications are available on line at: www.desmoineswa.gov.

Participation on the Commission includes attendance at monthly meetings. As a Commissioner you will also be encouraged to assist with Arts Commission project planning, marketing, fundraising and attending its activities. 2017 Arts Commission events include:

- Beach Park Summer Concerts
- Shakespeare in the Park
- Squid- A- Rama
- Art on Poverty Bay – Outdoor Sculpture Gallery
- Poverty Bay Arts Gala
- City Hall Gallery

Applications are submitted to:

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City of Des Moines
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If you would like more information about the Des Moines Arts Commission or if you would like to volunteer at Arts Commission events, please contact Patrice Thorell at pthorell@desmoineswa.gov or call 206-870-6527.



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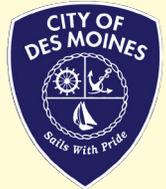
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Senior Services	206-878-1642

Other Numbers

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Library, Woodmont	253-839-0121
Police Dispatch (non-emergency)	206-878-2121

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Redondo Boardwalk Repair Rededication

On November 5, 2016, the Redondo Boardwalk was re-dedicated to the community and citizens of Des Moines. Over 60 people attended the dedication ceremony along with project stakeholders representing the Washington State Department of Commerce and the Transportation Improvement Board whose efforts made this project a success.

For more information please contact the City's project manager Andrew Merges at amerges@desmoineswa.gov or 206-870-6568.



(Left to Right: Vic Pennington, Dave Kaplan, Jim Ferrell, Linda Kochmar, Matt Pina, Mark Miloscia, Mark Koppang, Karen Keiser, Tina Orwall, Jeanne Burbidge, Teri Hicckel)

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 the 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.

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

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HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for this program please follow these directions:

1. Request an application by calling 206-870-6535
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It's Getting to Be That Time of Year

WINTER IS UPON US! With that, the City of Des Moines is preparing for adverse weather. In addition to plow trucks, sanders, and de-icing equipment, the City has prepared the Snow Tracker. The Snow Tracker is a program designed to keep record of the City's response to snow and ice and provide the public with vital roadway condition information. Here is what the City's new system can do for you:

- The Snow Tracker is designed to quickly share vital adverse weather information with the public.
- The Snow Tracker provides a map update to the city website every five minutes
- The map can be found here: <http://desmoineswa.gov/index.aspx?nid=205>

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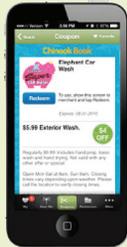
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Fun, Fitness and Fellowship at Des Moines Activity Center

By Lillian Claunch

The Hallmark of the Des Moines Activity Center is promoting well-being through fun, fitness and fellowship. Rita and Scott Eliason, Kaylene Moon and Joseph Hough, who I'm privileged to interview, are beautiful examples. First and foremost, though, is Sue Padden our Senior Services Manager, whose vibrant personality permeates the center with cheerfulness as she greets people and makes announcements about the activities.

Fun-loving **Rita and Scott Eliason** have been volunteers for twelve years. Rita is a treasured fixture at the hostess table. "I love coming here," she tells me. "Everyone is so friendly." I observe how much she adds as the first greeter, all smiles, and she seems to know everyone's name. Ask her anything, I think she should be on JEOPARDY.

Scott is the driver of our much needed Hyde shuttle bus and does so with his usual humor and efficiency. When he befriends you, his big brown eyes contain a hint of mischievous fun. Perhaps this trait developed over his years of involvement with the Boy Scouts. At lunch, he entertains us with stories that make us laugh. But when there is a serious problem, he gives his full attention and listens – and a hug is always waiting.

A slim energetic, fast stepping woman came into the Center for the "fitness" interview. I was astounded when **Kaylene** told me she had all her joints replaced! "I wouldn't be active today if it weren't for my commitment to exercising," she said. "My husband and I never miss the three days of the "Enhanced Fitness" class offered at the Field House in Des Moines", sponsored by the Senior Center, Group Health and Sound Generations. "Fitness includes mental stimulation, as well. It's your own fault if you're bored," Kaylene said as she elaborated



Joseph



Rita and Scott



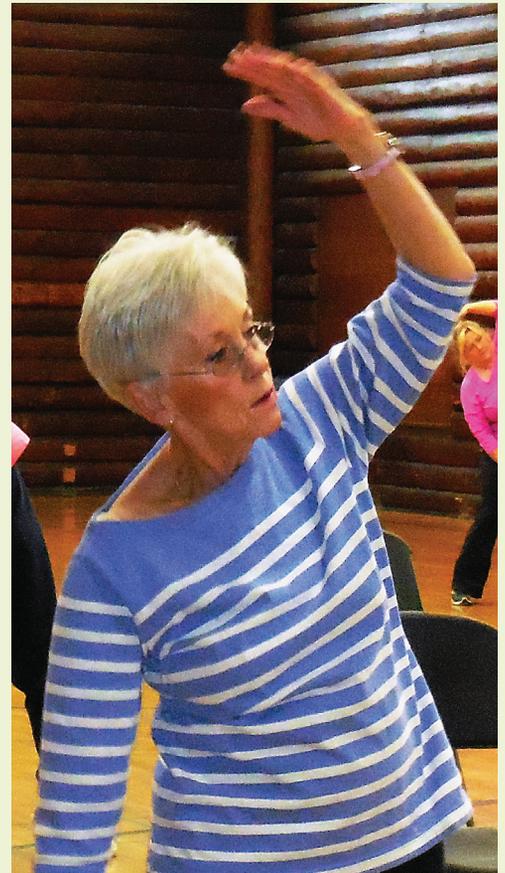
Lillian Claunch



her stimulating activities over the years with the activity center such as painting, reading and gardening. Exercise and active participation is her urging. "Your reward will be an overall sense of well-being."

Sue led me to believe Joseph would be a shy, quiet man representing "fellowship". Instead he nearly bowled me over with an out-going, humorous personality. "But it wasn't always this way," he said. "When my wife died, I sat in the house for two years. I didn't want to do anything. I didn't want to move. Then one day, I said to myself, this isn't right! You've got to get out there and meet people."

Sue and others persuaded him to come to the Activity Center for lunch and other activities. "I have been coming to the



Kaylene

center for meals and activities now for three years, and it saved my life. When I first came, I sat with some of the guys and barely said a word. No one forced me to engage in conversation, ply me with unwelcome advice. Our friendship developed naturally and I found myself relaxing and getting back to my old self."

Joseph was with us on a recent tour. My observation: he is the life of the party!

Find YOUR fun, fitness and fellowship this year at Des Moines Activity Center. We are located at 2045 S. 216th Street, just east of the Des Moines Post office. Our hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4pm. Our phone number is 206-878-1642. You can download our quarterly newsletter at the City of Des Moines web page: www.desmoineswa.gov/seniors.

Lillian Claunch, 88 years young, writes articles regularly for the Senior Center in area senior newspapers and magazines.

Community Supports Seniors and Youth at 17th Annual Bayside Brunch

Bayside Brunch, the biggest FUNdraiser the Des Moines Legacy Foundation hosts for senior and youth programs, presented MARGARITAVILLE with flip flops and Hawaiian shirts galore and plenty of action for great auction and raffle items! The Make A Difference paddle raise for recreation scholarships for low income youth raised over \$13,000 while senior programs and services benefited with approximately \$13,250 raised.

As always, Anthony's HomePort, our major sponsor and partner, provided their outstanding executive chef brunch, complimentary champagne, volunteer wait staff and equipment/materials support.

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Mystery of Poverty Bay Bacteria

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recently lowered the water quality score for Poverty Bay due to increased levels of fecal bacteria in the water. As a result, geoducks can no longer be harvested by the Puyallup Tribe for half of the year. But where is the bacteria coming from?

This Puget Sound shoreline has been a productive traditional shellfish harvest area. European homesteaders arrived in the 1870's and over the years the surrounding landscape has changed. Runoff may be carrying waste from pets, wildlife, rats, or birds into the sound. Other possible sources of fecal coliform bacteria could include leaking septic systems or sewer lines.

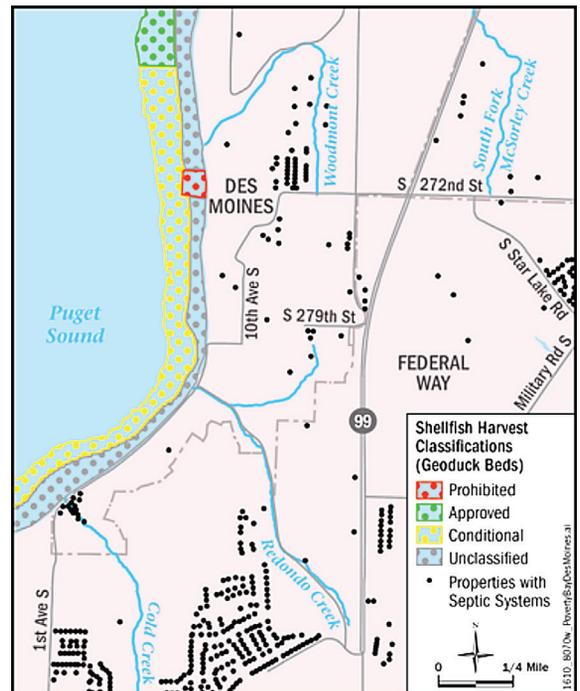
The DOH, the cities of Federal Way and Des Moines, King County's Stormwater Services Section, the Tribes, and the University of Washington are teaming up in an effort to solve the mystery. Samples are being taken from streams to track down potential sources, and testing is being conducted to find out which creatures the bacteria is coming from. With clues like location, source, and maybe weather, the team can then identify tools to reduce or prevent the bacteria from getting in the Sound.

Stay tuned for future updates. For more information right now, contact Tyler Beekley at 206.870.6869 or tbeekley@desmoineswa.gov. We all need clean water, safe beaches, and shellfish that won't make us sick.



Above: Gooley Ducks are a weird and cool giant clam that lives in the Puget Sound.

Right: Example of Poverty Bay Harvest Restrictions



NEED FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND SENIOR ADULT PROGRAMS?

Des Moines Legacy Foundation Scholarships provide funding assistance for eligible Des Moines and Normandy Park Senior Adults 50 years and older to attend many of the programs and services offered through Des Moines Activity Center. Call 206-878-1642 to learn more.

Please Call Me An Animal Care and Control Officer, Not A “Dawg Ketcher!”

by Master Animal Control Officer J. Magnuson, Des Moines Police Department

GONE ARE THE DAYS OF THE “DAWG KETCHER”, Thank Goodness! Back in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s, when rabies was rampant and packs of feral dogs roamed neighborhoods, men were hired to round up the unruly beasts for public health and safety reasons. Jokes were made about how lowly the position was, and folks would say such comments as “he couldn’t even be a dog catcher!” Cartoons of a stupid-looking guy swinging a big net and chasing a little dog were common, and many folks thought of the job as one that only a loser would take.

Fast forward to 2016, thankfully everything has changed! The way I do my job is very different than it was 100 or so years ago. I am an Animal Care and Control Officer, I take pride in my profession, and I am educated, skilled, and proficient in my career choice. And I LOVE animals!!! I even get to have my little dog “Daisy” ride with me in my truck every day on duty; I joke that she is my “Public Relations Director”, because she is so friendly and makes everyone smile!

The way we run our Animal Care and Control program here in Des Moines is based on education, encouraging compliance with the animal codes to keep pets and the public safe, and working with the community to prevent and solve issues. We care deeply for our pets, we are humane, and we encourage responsible pet ownership by teaching pet owners how to care for their animals. We do presentations on how to properly and safely greet a dog, how to humanely obedience train our dogs, and how to choose a pet carefully and wisely, knowing that it is a lifetime commitment.

I mainly deal with dogs, and occasionally cats, but over the years I have also dealt with ostriches, emus, peacocks, llamas, alpacas, snakes, lizards, rats, hedgehogs, mice, rabbits, monkeys, kangaroos, foxes, coyotes, raccoons, otters, eagles, hawks, owls, horses, cows, goats, sheep, chickens, geese, pigeons...



When I get called about a friendly loose dog roaming a neighborhood, I do NOT want to impound it if possible. I want it back home where it is safe with its family! I will often tell loose dogs to “Go Home” and clap my hands, and then I follow them home and contact the owners. Then we try to determine how the dog got out and fix the problem so it doesn’t happen again!

The main reason we require pet licensing, is so dogs and cats always have ID on them. That way, if they get lost and then found, we can quickly get them back home because we have the owner information. We do our pet licensing through our Police Department, which is open 24/7, so we are always available when someone has lost or found a pet.

Even without a license tag on, we have situations where someone calls us that they have found a dog and are willing to keep it at their home, which we are happy about. Later, someone will call us that they have lost a dog fitting that description. We can then connect the two so that the dog owner can get their dog back. The finder is happy that they could help, and the dog never has to be impounded. It is a win-win-win!

We also utilize social media to help reunite lost and found pets. What a change from 100 years ago!

Please let me know if you have any questions or problems I can help with, or if you would like me to do a presentation to your school or community group. Wave and say “HI” when you see Daisy and me driving in your neighborhood, Thanks!

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Police Collecting Toys For Kids at Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress (HCSATS)

THE DES MOINES POLICE DEPARTMENT is coordinating their 4th Annual Toy Drive to benefit the Harborview Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress (HCSATS): (depts.washington.edu/hcsats/index.html)

Among the many other things they do, HCSATS provides examination, interview and therapy services for children who are the victims of sexual assault and other abuse or traumatic incidents.

The gift of a small toy, blanket or stuffed animal during their visits may bring some joy to their otherwise stressful and unpleasant situation.

Toy donations can be brought to the Des Moines Police Department, which is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also purchase a toy

online and have it shipped directly to us at: **Des Moines Police Department, ATTN: Toy Drive 21900 11th Ave S Des Moines, WA 98198.**

A cash donation can be made by mailing a check made out to the Des Moines Police Foundation with "HCSATS Toy Drive" in the memo line to 21900 11th Ave S Des Moines, WA 98198.

Given the clinical setting HCSATS operates in, storage is limited. If you consider donating a toy, please be mindful about the size of the item and have it to us by January 2nd, 2017, when we will be delivering them to HCSATS.

For more information or questions, please contact Officer Batterman at 206-870-7617 or kbatterman@desmoineswa.gov.



BENCH DONATION PROGRAM

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 or friend for a ten year time frame. If you are interested in purchasing a bench to honor someone you know, please phone 206-870-6547 for more information or email jbost@desmoineswa.gov

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Ask an Ecologist

How can I help the journey of Des Moines Creek salmon?

By Laura Hartema, local ecologist and volunteer for Friends of Des Moines Creek

Fall's changing colors and seasonal rains represent homecoming for students, friends and families at holiday gatherings, and native fish returning to their natal streams. Des Moines Creek (DMC) is home to coho and chum salmon and cutthroat trout. You should be able to spot spawning adult coho (mid-October through November) and chum (mid-November through December), especially in the lower reach of DMC.

Anadromous salmon endure a long journey from freshwater creeks to the ocean and back again. Too, some are helped along by volunteers such as Trout Unlimited (TU). Since 1983, TU has worked with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to supplement our local creeks with coho. TU operates a fish hatchery at Southwest Suburban Sewer District on Miller-Walker Creek, where in December they receive and rear about 120,000 coho eggs from the Soos Creek hatchery. Sometime in January, after the yolk sacs are fully absorbed, half of the fry are released into DMC and the other half are split between Miller and Walker Creeks. Coho spend a year in freshwater and two years in saltwater before returning to our creeks, while chum migrate out soon after hatching and spend from three to five years in saltwater.

TU also receives about 30,000 coho yearlings in January from the Soos Creek hatchery. They are raised and fed twice daily in 400 sq ft net pens at the Des Moines Marina where their location is naturally "imprinted" on them until their release between April and mid-May. Often when they return to spawn in the fall they can be seen swimming around the boat dock, in search of DMC.



Above: A PSM female coho with full egg retention

Left: Juvenile coho

In 2012, King County and community volunteers conducted a spawning salmon survey of DMC from Puget Sound up to Marine View Drive. Results showed about 60% of all coho carcasses were hatchery origin (unclipped fins), 34% were TU pen-raised outplants (clipped fins) and 6% were unknown.

Still, the salmon need our help. Sadly, most of our returning coho experience prespawn mortality (PSM), dying before they're able to spawn.

PSM is a regional problem that affects many urban streams. Research shows that PSM is heavily linked to stormwater runoff from major roads and highways, but the combination of pollutants causing PSM is still unknown (Scholz et al 2011). Unusual, symptomatic fish behaviors include gaping mouths, splayed fins, lost orientation (not oriented toward flow), and swimming sideways or in circles at the surface. Some fish show little movement when approached, making them easy targets for predators.

However, there is good news. Recent habitat, flow and passage improvements have brought coho 2-1/2 miles up Des

Moines Creek, and for the first time, chum were observed a mile upstream. And though the combination of pollutants contributing to PSM are unknown, studies suggest the pollutants may be removed as road runoff and surface water is run through a soil column. You can help the fish by being conscientious about water quality: keep pollutants off roads and out of ditches, catch-basins, drainages and ultimately our streams which link us and the fish to Puget Sound.

Please contact LauraHartema@yahoo.com to sign up to volunteer with Friends of Des Moines Creek, or contact John Muramatsu at duwamishgreentou@gmail.com to volunteer with Trout Unlimited or to learn more about "salmon in the classroom" programs.

Reference:

Scholz NL, Myers MS, McCarthy SG, Labenia JS, McIntyre JK, et al. (2011) Recurrent Die-Offs of Adult Coho Salmon Returning to Spawn in Puget Sound Lowland Urban Streams. *PLoS ONE* 6(12): e28013. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0028013



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10:30 am - 1 pm		Lap Swim Swim Lessons Family Swim	Lap Swim Swim Lessons Family Swim	Lap Swim Swim Lessons Family Swim	Lap Swim Swim Lessons Family Swim	Lap Swim Swim Lessons Family Swim	
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2 - 5:30 pm		Swim Teams Swim Lessons	Swim Teams Swim Lessons	Swim Teams Swim Lessons	Swim Teams Swim Lessons	Swim Teams Swim Lessons	\$1 Open Swim (First Saturday only) 2 - 3 pm
5:30 - 7 pm		Swim Lessons & King Aquatics	Swim Lessons & King Aquatics	Swim Lessons & King Aquatics	Swim Lessons & King Aquatics	Family Swim 6 - 7 pm	
7 - 8 pm		Open Swim	Water Exercise King Aquatics	Open Swim	Water Exercise King Aquatics	Open Swim or Special Event*	Available for rental 2 (3) -10 pm
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