

# City of Des Moines



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## City Manager Weekly Report January 5, 2024

### **New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Selected**

At the January 4 City Council meeting, the Council voted to select Traci Buxton as the next Mayor for the City. Her term began immediately and will continue through the end of 2025. The Council also voted to select Harry Steinmetz as the Deputy Mayor. His term will run concurrently with the Mayors.

Congratulations to you both! Also a note of sincere appreciation and thanks to our outgoing Mayor Matt Mahoney for his years of dedicated service to leading our community. Matt will continue to serve on the City Council as a Councilmember.

### **Duwamish Head Sailboat Race**

This Saturday January 6, the Three Tree Point Yacht Club is hosting their annual race that has its start and finish line in front of the Des Moines Marina fishing pier. The first group will begin at 9:25am with others to follow. Their course is in the northerly to the Duwamish Head Light, on to the Blakely Rock Light, and then south to the finish line at the fishing pier. You can enjoy an exceptional view of colorful sails from the new north marina promenade and fishing pier. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Public Safety Reminder**

Vehicle thefts, including vehicle prowling (theft from vehicles) and armed car jackings, continue to occur in the region. Reminder: Remove all valuable items (even spare change) from your vehicle at all times, lock your car doors, don't leave your vehicle warming up on cold mornings, and be aware of your surroundings. Get to know your neighbors and consider joining/forming a Neighborhood Watch to increase neighborhood safety. More information on Neighborhood Watch can be found [here](#).

### **Coffee with a Cop**

The Police Department will again be hosting Coffee with a Cop from 10-11am on January 11 at Judson Park Retirement Community (23600 Marine View Dr S). Come visit Nana and also interact and have a cup of coffee with your local law enforcement officers.

### **Redondo Park Zone Camera Update**

We continue to progress towards activating Speed Enforcement Cameras in the Redondo Park Zone. There will be two locations monitoring traffic in both directions for a total of four cameras. The warning signs have been installed at the locations (Redondo Beach Dr. and Redondo Way S.) however final implementation has been delayed past our January 1 goal date. Because these will be the first Park Zone Speed Enforcement Cameras in the state, there have been a number of novel issues that have arisen. We are waiting on our vendor to finalize the backend software required to run this program and we are working with the Administrative Office of the Courts to get approval of the infraction notices that will be issued. Once those items are completed, the cameras will be mounted and the 30 day warning period will begin.

### **Indoor Pickle Ball Coming to Des Moines**

Starting January 8, every Monday from 12-2pm and Wednesday from 10-12, the City will be offering Indoor Pickle Ball at the Field House. If you weren't aware, Pickle Ball is officially the [state sport of Washington](#). The City may create leagues in the future if there is enough participation, but for now, just show up and play!

*The Waterland City*

## Summer Concert Bands Needed!

The Des Moines Arts Commission is now accepting application for 2024 summer concert series artists and bands. Tell your neighbors garage band to apply [here](#).

## Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with Representative Tina Orwall to discuss City issues and the upcoming state legislative session. I met with (former) Deputy Mayor Buxton to discuss recent topics of interest to her. I also met with Councilmember Harris to discuss topics of interest to him. I also met with the City's Executive Staff to discuss ongoing and upcoming issues.

## City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council met on January 4<sup>th</sup>. The full agenda and supporting materials from the 4<sup>th</sup> can be found [here](#). Highlights from the meeting included the selection of Mayor Traci Buxton and Deputy Mayor Harry Steinmetz for the years 2024-25. Additionally, there was a third quarter financial report presentation. Our next meeting is January 11. The agenda and materials for that meeting can be found [here](#).

## Sports Update

There will be sports this week but none of them matter. All positive vibes should be saved for Monday night when the undefeated Washington Huskies take on the (also undefeated) Michigan Wolverines in the College Football Playoff National Championship (4:30, ESPN). This will be a game for the ages.

Have a great weekend and Go Dawgs!

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