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City Manager Weekly Report March 29, 2024

Eggstravaganza

The Bunny is back and will be hopping through the Beach Park Meadow tomorrow, March 30th! Enjoy a leisurely and fun-filled egg hunt with crafts, contests, prizes and a photo opportunity with the Bunny! Joining the Bunny will be the Bean Hut Espresso Food Truck, the Lions Club will be passing out free books and KPG Consulting Group will be gathering design preference information for Midway Park and passing out seedlings to all the kids! Pre-registration and payment is available online [here](#), cost is \$5 per child in advance, \$10 at the door, so sign up today!

Cecil Powell Park Play Equipment Update

The City Council awarded the construction contract on December 14, 2023 for new playground equipment and upgrades at Cecil Powell Park (250th & 13th Pl. S.). Permits have been issued and a preconstruction meeting is set for April 17. Once construction begins, the project is anticipated to be completed within 40 working days.

Spring Break Soccer Camp!

Channel your inner Messi next week with the UK Soccer Spring Break Camp. From April 1-5, send your kids to a Soccer Camp experience like none other! UK Soccer curriculums are focused on providing every player, under the guidance of their hugely experienced and qualified soccer coaches, with the Best Possible Soccer Experience! Sign ups and more details can be found [here](#).

Mark your Calendar

Summer Camp KHAOS registration opens April 9th, don't miss out!

Redondo Park Zone Speed Enforcement Camera Update

The City will be kicking off our media plan next week to begin alerting drivers to the activation of the City's Redondo Park Zone Speed Enforcement Camera program slated for mid-April. This will include press releases and social media posts informing residents and visitors of the program and of the dangers of speeding in highly populated pedestrian areas. Keep an eye out for this messaging and tell your friends!

Basic Self Defense Class for Women

The City is once again excited to offer this class on Basic Self Defense for Women. The class starts April 9th and is open to all ages and abilities. You can register today right [here](#).

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Calling all Seniors!

On April 5th, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. join your fellow seniors on a lunch trip out to the Bair Bistro in Steilacoom. www.thebairbistro.com. Register [here](#) for the lunch trip, the City will provide transportation for \$15. You pay for lunch. Enjoy!

City of Des Moines Utility Box Wrap Program Update

In coordination with the City's Arts Commission, five new artists have been selected to display their art on utility boxes located in various locations around the City of Des Moines. Staff and the artists will start working with Graphics Northwest to bring the artwork to utility box size life! Stay tuned for more information.

Meetings of Interest

In addition to day-to-day administrative duties, this week I met with representatives of the Municipal Court to prepare for the activation of the Redondo Park Zone Speed Camera Program. I met individually with Mayor Buxton to discuss upcoming City issues. I met with Mayor Buxton and Deputy Mayor Steinmetz to prepare for the City Council meeting. I was on the interview panel for the finalists for the City's new Public Works Director. Finally, on Thursday evening I attended the Council Committee meetings and the City Council meeting.

City Council Meeting Summary

The City Council met on Thursday March 28th, the agenda and materials can be found [here](#). Highlights from the meeting included adopting an Ordinance that transitions the City from annual budgeting to biennial budgeting and the introduction of an Ordinance for a property tax levy to be devoted to public safety purposes.

The [Municipal Facilities Committee](#) and the [Economic Development Committee](#) also met on Thursday. The agenda and materials can be found in the links.

The Council will hold a Study Session next Thursday April 4th. The agenda and materials can be found [here](#). Also on April 4th, the [Finance Committee](#) will meet at 4pm and the [Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee](#) will meet at 5pm. Agendas and materials can be found in the links.

Sports Update

Baseball is back! The Mariners quest to be the first undefeated team in Major League Baseball history was dealt a fatal blow last night with a 6-4 loss to the Red Sox. But the great thing about baseball is that we play again tonight! My favorite Mariner, Mitch Haniger hit a home run in his first game back with the team and is currently on pace to hit 162 homers this season! We will have to keep an eye on that. My March Madness bracket continues to get busted, to a degree where at this point it's just embarrassing. I would have done better letting my five year old pick her favorite mascots. Gonzaga takes on Purdue at 4:30 today (happy hour) for a chance to move on to the Elite 8. Plenty of other great college basketball games through Sunday, the Kraken and Sounders play Saturday night, and Mariner baseball every day this weekend. What a time to be alive!

Have a great weekend and Happy Easter!

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