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West Des Moines *ENewsletter*



Meet City Manager Tom Hadden

Tom Hadden was selected as the West Des Moines City Manager in May of 2014. Prior to joining the City of West Des Moines, Hadden served as the Executive Director of Metro Waste Authority from 1996 to 2014. Under his leadership, Metro Waste provided environmentally sound and cost-effective services for 16 cities and Polk County. Hadden worked to

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advance solid waste management by developing and implementing the Environmental Management Systems across the Des Moines Metropolitan Area and state of Iowa. While promoting regional cooperation and a workplace culture of innovation, the Metro Waste Authority received many accolades during Hadden’s tenure including the “Top Workplace” award by the Des Moines Register and also the “Outstanding Business Integrity” Award from the Greater Des Moines Better Business Bureau.

Prior to working with the Metro Waste Authority, Hadden served as the City Administrator for the City of Altoona for 12 years. Additionally, Hadden has served on several local and regional boards including the Des Moines Area Reclamation Authority, Solid Waste Alternative Planning Committee, Southeast Polk School Board, Watershed Planning Advisory Committee, Governor’s Water Quality Task Force, and the Iowa Environmental Council.

Hadden and his wife, Tina, and their two boys, recently moved to West Des Moines.

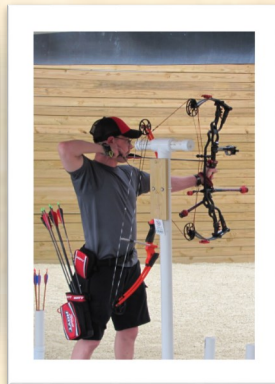
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The 2014 Art on the Campus is now open! View 14 pieces from local artist at the City Campus now through November. [Vote](#) for your favorite pieces to Award the Peoples Choice.

The Grand Opening for the Raccoon River Park Archery Facility was held in late May. For more information on the [facility and daily permits...](#)



Paramedic Pete was out and about the end of May visiting schools in West Des Moines recognizing of Emergency Personnel Week.



Cops N' Bobbers– 2014 Fishing Derby

Join us on June 7th, 8:45 am to 11 am at the City Hall Pond for the 15th Annual Cops N' Bobbers event. Participation is FREE...[more information](#) on the event

Independence Day Activities in West Des Moines!

Join in the fun July 3 & 4th in the City of West Des Moines! Check out the [new parade route](#) and street dance on the 3rd and the [schedule of events July 4th!](#)



Receive Public Safety Alerts with Code Red

The CodeRED Emergency Notification System is a high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows the dispatcher to telephone all or targeted areas of the City in case of an emergency. To hear an example or to sign up go to:

[Code Red Sign-up.](#)

Summer Programs in West Des Moines

Summer Food Service Program begins June 9th

This summer, West Des Moines Community Schools, in conjunction with West Des Moines Human Services and West Des Moines Parks and Recreation, will again offer free lunch to any child 18 years old or younger at Legion Park. Lunch is offered Monday through Friday from June 9th through August 8th (excluding holidays). The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was created to ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals during the summer months when they do not have access to school lunch or breakfast. SFSP helps children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow. For more information or to find out if lunch is available in your neighborhood, please contact the WDM Schools Nutrition Department at 633-5085.

Following is a listing of meal sites:

Rex Mathes:	Lunch 12:00-12:30
Hillside Elementary:	Breakfast 7:45-8:30 & Lunch 11:00-11:45
Crestview Elementary:	Breakfast 7:45-8:15 & Lunch 11:00-11:45
Phenix Elementary:	Lunch 11:30-12:15
Legion Park:	Lunch 11:45-1:00
Valley High School	Breakfast 8:00-8:30 & Lunch 11:15 – 12:00

For Apartment Residents Only:

Chapel Ridge Apartments:	Lunch 11:30-12:00
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Discounted Pool Passes for Low-Income Households

Reduced rate season pool passes are available to income-eligible West Des Moines households. If you know of a West Des Moines family in need, please ask them to stop by the Human Services office to see if they might be eligible for discounted passes to the following pools: Holiday Park Aquatic Center, Valley View Aquatic Center, and Clive Aquatic Center. What a great way for families to spend time together while keeping cool and having fun!

Please call 222-3660 to learn more.

Ride Dart!

National Dump the Pump Day

Residents can trade a gas receipt for a free ride on DART Local, Express, Flex and On Call services on Thursday, June 19, 2014, in observance of National Dump the Pump Day. Present one (1) gas receipt to the bus operator and receive one (1) free ride. Plan your DART trip with MyDART Trip Planner, available at ridedart.com. DART schedule data is also available on Google Maps.

Construction Updates



Improvement Projects around the City



2014 will be a busy year for pavement work in the City of West Des Moines. Motorists are encouraged to slow down in construction areas. The following are updates on a number of construction project you may encounter while driving in West Des Moines. The 2014 HMA (Hot Mix Asphalt) and PCC (concrete) Patching Programs are currently in the design stage and will be included in the next Construction Update.

Veterans Parkway (Phase III)

Project Cost: \$1,694,500

Estimated Completion: June 2014

Status: All streets are open on the project. The contractor is finishing up the bike trail and fine grading. Turf restoration will occur in the next couple of weeks and the project will be complete.

2014 Intake Program

Project Cost: \$139,900

Estimated Completion: Summer 2014

Status: The project will rebuild 18 intake structures.



2014 Fire Station 21 Parking Lot Replacement Program

Project Cost: \$346,660

Estimated Completion: Summer 2014

Status: This project will replace the entire concrete parking lot and patch the south driveway access to the building. The contractor is approximately 40% done with the project.

2014 Parking Lot Repair Program

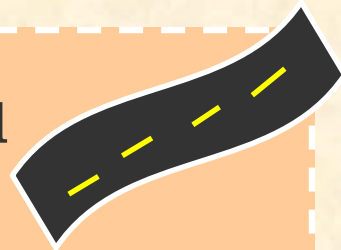
Project Cost: \$170,167

Estimated Completion: Summer 2014

Status: The project will repair various parking lots in along the 5th Street business district.



Improvement Projects around the City, continued



Woodland Park Sewer Rehabilitation

Project Cost: \$174,972

Estimated Completion: Summer 2014

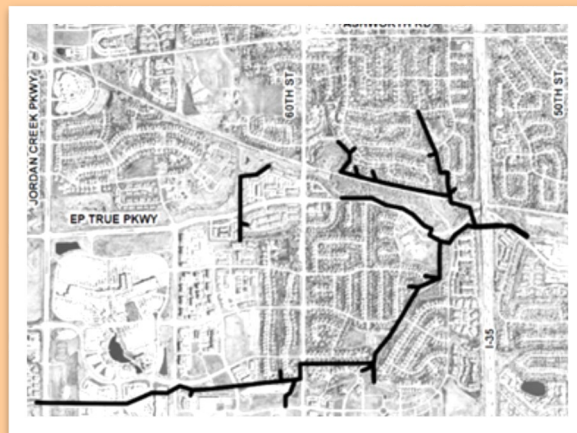
Status: This project will install 300' of 15" and 16" sanitary sewer lines.

2014 Sewer Cleaning & Televising Program

Project Cost: \$41,421

Estimated Completion: Summer 2014

Status: This project will clean and televise approximately 26,000LF of sanitary sewer pipe.



Sheraton & North Slope Lift Station Improvements

Project Cost: \$221,959

Estimated Completion: Summer 2014

Status: This project will replace and coat suction piping and supports in the wet wells, replacement of existing valves, installation of flow meter structure and perform bypass pumping during the repairs. The locations are indicated at the red dots below.



Improvement Projects around the City, continued

2014 Sewer Lining Program

Project Cost: \$389,710

Estimated Completion: Fall 2014

Status: This project will repair sewer mains at various locations across the City. There will be numerous spot repairs performed by the contractor.

2013 Sidewalk Program

Project Cost: Estimated \$150,000

Estimated Completion: Fall 2014

Status: Staff has sent approximately 370 notification letters to the affected property owners. The area of the program this year is primarily 1st Street to 8th Street from Hoak Drive to Railroad Avenue. The industrial area is also included within the project area. Should the City perform the repairs, a property owner should figure \$11.40 per square foot for 4" thick sidewalk and \$12.00 per square foot for 6" thick sidewalk. The sidewalk prices having been trending upwards rapidly the past three years.

2013 Valley Junction Business District Sidewalk Program

Project Cost: \$28,289

Estimated Completion: Summer 2014

Status: The contractor is working on the project and should be finished within 2 weeks. The property owners should receive an invoice for the work during the first quarter of 2015 as part of the final assessment.

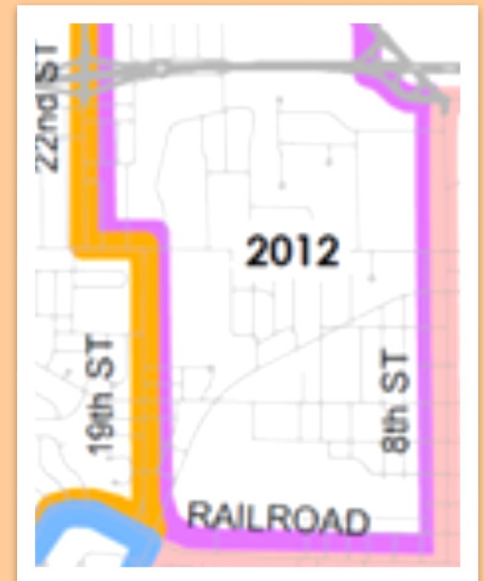
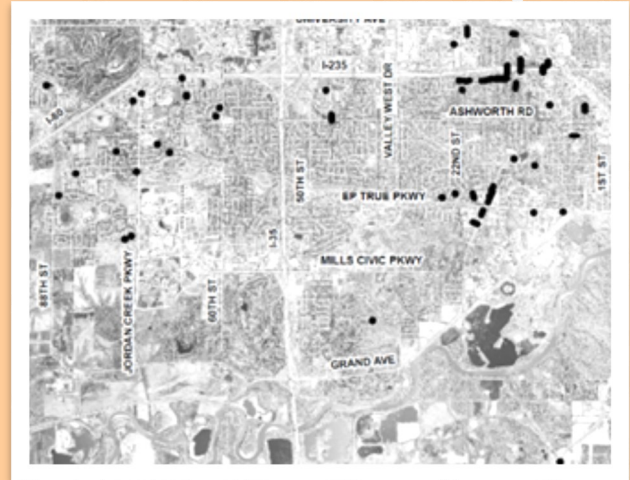
2014 PCC Reconstruction Program

(Vine Street-6th Street to 9th Street)

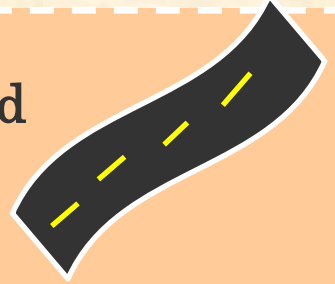
Project Cost: \$837,597.50

Estimated Completion: Fall 2014

Status: This project will reconstruct Vine Street from 6th Street to 9th Street. The contractor has been awarded the project. MidAmerican Energy is on site relocating electrical and gas lines. Century Link has not started the pole line relocation. The City's contractor will begin work in June.



Improvement Projects around the City, continued



2014 Sump Pump Program

Project Cost: \$179,904

Estimated Completion: Fall 2014

Status: The contract has been awarded. There will be a preconstruction meeting in the very near future.



2014 Sewer

Rehabilitation Program

Project Cost: Estimated \$166,000

Estimated Completion: Fall 2014

Status: This project will address eight locations of necessary sanitary sewer repairs. The locations are indicated by the red dots.

2014 Pavement Joint/Crack Sealing Program

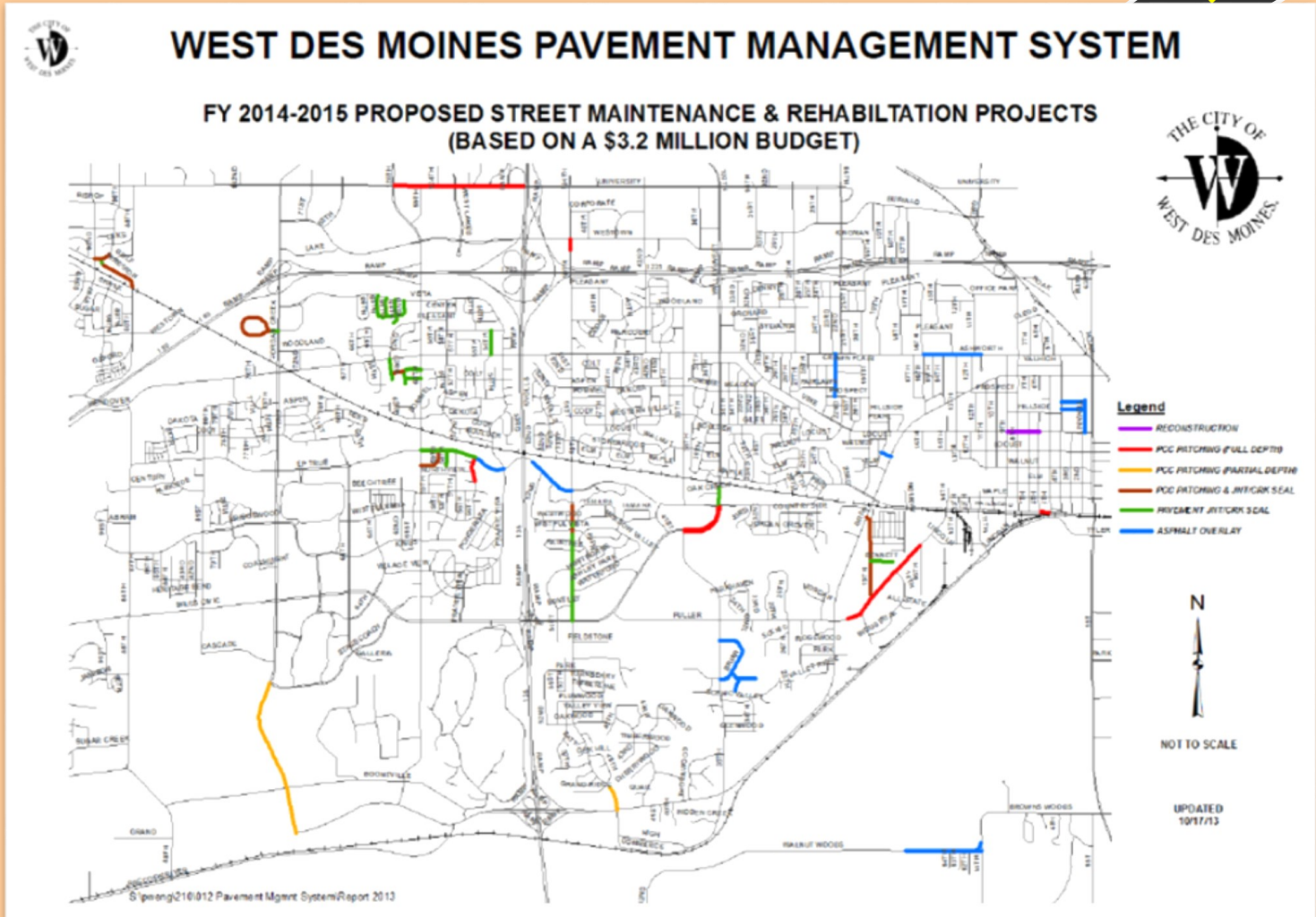
Project Cost: \$143,857

Estimated Completion: Spring 2014

Status: The project will route and seal approximately 122,000 LF of pavement joints and random cracks.



Improvement Projects around the City, continued



Spring Reminder for Tree Maintenance

Early spring is an ideal time to check trees and shrubs that many have grown onto the public right-of-way. The respective heights are listed below.

Reference:

14 Ft. Minimum from street to lowest branch

8 Ft. Minimum from sidewalk to lowest branch



TOP 10 FREE THINGS TO DO IN WEST DES MOINES THIS SUMMER

1. Go swimming at the Raccoon River Park beach
2. Join other paddling enthusiasts on Blue Heron Lake the second Tuesday of each month
3. Check out a Park Pack at the Raccoon River Park Nature Lodge and learn more about the great outdoors
4. Stop by WDM City Hall and grab an Art on the Campus kid's activity brochure to use while you stroll around the City campus pond
5. Come to Fairytale Time in the Park or Story Hour at the Park
6. Pick up a copy of the July 4th Coloring Contest sheet at a West Des Moines aquatic center
7. Attend a Yoga on the Lawn session at WDM City Hall on a Sunday morning
8. Cool off at the American Legion Park Sprayground
9. Celebrate Independence Day by taking in the WDM parade, post-parade street dance in Valley Junction, and fireworks at Raccoon River Park
10. Pack a picnic lunch and find a shady spot to relax under in one of WDM's twenty-six parks

