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West Des Moines eNewsletter



Tom Hadden, City Manager

In early August, we learned of the death of one of our own, Senior Police Officer Shawn Miller. This has been a difficult time for all of us, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for the countless acts of kindness that so many people shared with us throughout the last month.

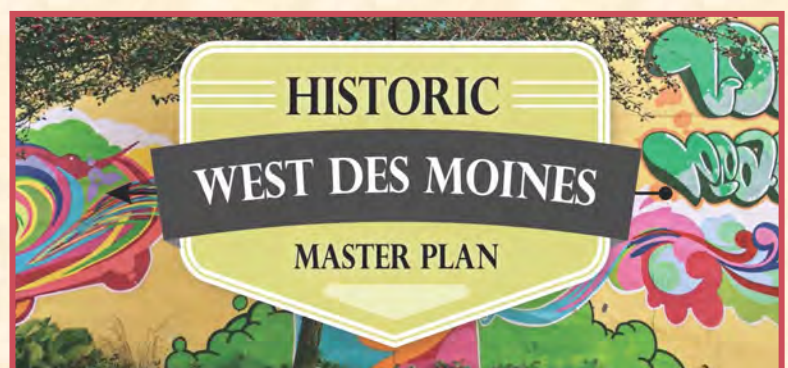
The flowers and personal notes left at Officer Miller's Memorial in front of the Police Department were heartfelt and deeply moving.

Officer Miller, now Sergeant Miller, helped many people during his long career with the West Des Moines Police Department. I have no doubt that his passion for public service and his kind heart will be remembered for years to come. I think we can all be proud to live in a community that values its police officers and demonstrates so much respect and support for each other. For more information and to find out how you can donate to his memorial, please turn to page 2.

West Des Moines Historic Master Plan

If you haven't heard by now, a draft of the [Historic WDM Master Plan](http://www.historicwdm.com) is now available on the project's website at www.historicwdm.com. For the past ten months, the City of West Des Moines has been working with the community to develop this 70-page plan to make sure this already successful area stays vibrant for visitors and residents alike.

If you have time, please join us for a public hearing that will be held to review the plan at the City Council meeting on Monday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.



Connect with us! www.wdm.iowa.gov





On August 3, West Des Moines Senior Police Officer Shawn Miller was returning from a deposition in Dallas County when he was killed in a traffic accident.

Officer Miller was promoted posthumously to the rank of Sergeant. He will be missed by his family, his coworkers and the many people whose lives he touched in our community.



A Memorial Fund has been established for Sgt. Shawn Miller's family at the Des Moines Police Officers' Credit Union. Online donations will be accepted through the [Square Store Portal](#) and checks should be made payable to "Officer Shawn Miller" or "Officer Shawn Miller Memorial Fund" and mailed to the Des Moines Police Officers' Credit Union, 423 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

Labor Day Reminders

City Hall and most City offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day holiday.



Recycling, yard waste and garbage will not be collected on Monday, Sept. 5. Regular collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week, with Friday collection delayed until Saturday.



In preparation for the Labor Day holiday, crews also will be spraying for mosquitoes in various areas of the City during the evening hours of Friday, September 2, through Sunday, September 4, weather permitting.

2016 Solid Waste Events for WDM Residents

March 28	Yard Waste Pick-up begins on your normal trash collection day
September 10	Scrap Appliance and Metal Drop-off (See page 7 for more!) 8 a.m. to Noon, West Des Moines Public Works, 560 S. 16th Street, WDM
December 2	Yard Waste Pick-up ends
January 2–13, 2017	Winter Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Collection

Embrace Iowa

Embrace Iowa is an assistance program funded by donations from local businesses and residents that is offered through the Des Moines Register. Cash grants are awarded to households who need some type of short-term assistance because of an emergency or hardship.

Examples of non-routine emergency expenses that may be requested include medical bills, prescription medication and other health care costs as well as home and auto repairs, beds, appliances and even

mortgage payments. Embrace Iowa is intended for unemployed or underemployed households who are considered to be low income based on federal poverty guidelines.

If you would like more information about this program or if you would like to apply, please contact West Des Moines Human Services at 222-3660 or visit our [web-site](#).

West Des Moines' new fire engine



Thanks to a DNR/EPA grant of \$125,000, West Des Moines was able to retire an old fire engine and purchase a refurbished demonstrator unit for just over \$511,000.

Engine 180 is 32-feet long and 10-feet high, and it carries 750 gallons of water and can pump 1,500 gallons per minute. All the equipment from inside the old truck, such as hoses, firefighting tools, breathing apparatus and medical supplies, will be transferred to the new truck.

This fine piece of equipment, which was built in Appleton, Wisconsin by Pierce Manufacturing, is now in service at Station 18 at 50th Street and Grand Avenue.

Call for regional artists!

The West Des Moines Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the 2017 Art on Campus temporary art exhibit.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, 2016.

Just read the [application](#) for more information about this great opportunity!





Illumifest

a Fall Festival of light

Saturday, September 24
4 p.m. – 9 p.m.
West Des Moines City
School Campus
4200 Mills Civic Parkway

Illumifest offers fun for all ages! Inflatables, games and a variety of food stands open at 4:00 p.m. and run throughout the evening. We hope you'll join us and have a great time at this family friendly event.

Inflatables & Food Vendors Open	4 p.m.	<p>Help us Light Up West Des Moines!</p> 
FREE Paddle Boat Rides	4 – 8 p.m.	
Chinese Association Displays and Exhibits	4 p.m.	
	FREE Lantern Making (limited to first 1,000 people)	
FREE Airbrush Tattoos (in the WDM Library Community Room)	5 – 7 p.m.	
Royal Promenade around the Pond Registration fee (\$10) required – includes an autograph booklet and “Royal Princess” photos!	5 – 7 p.m.	
FREE Hot Air Balloon Rides (A limited number of rides are available. Only two people allowed per ride. Riders must be 42” tall.)	5:30 p.m.	
FREE Outdoor Movie: Zootopia	7:30 p.m.	
Fireworks Display over the Campus Pond!	9 p.m.	

Public Safety Recognition



Police Chief Shaun LaDue (left) and Officer Jeff Hartshorn (right) recognize Reserve Officer Jeff Jungman for his eight years of voluntary service with the WDM Police Department. Officer Jungman retired on June 30, 2016. Congratulations!

Who do you call to report a streetlight?



Most streetlights in the City are owned and maintained by MidAmerican Energy. If you need to report a streetlight that is out in your neighborhood, just visit MidAmerican Energy's website and complete their [streetlight repair](#) request.

If it's an emergency, such as a leaning pole, broken glass or hanging fixture, call (888) 427-5632 for an immediate response.



Save the Date: Sunday Supper in our Town

Please join West Des Moines Human Services on September 25 at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar for the 7th Annual "Sunday Supper In Our Town" fundraising event to raise dollars to assist our low-income, elderly and disabled neighbors.

Share a delicious meal, great conversation and a wonderful evening of giving back to the community. Tickets are \$150 each; sponsorships begin at \$500. Please call 222-3663 for more information.



Saturday, September 10, is our Scrap Appliance and Metal Drop-off Event

From 8 a.m. to 12:00 (noon), West Des Moines residents can recycle scrap metal and appliances at the Public Works facility located at 560 S. 16th Street.

The City is partnering once again with H&W Recycling for this collection, and personnel will be available to assist residents with unloading. If you have any questions, call the Public Works Department at 222-3480 or H&W Recycling at (641) 227-3200.



Items that will be accepted for **FREE** include:

Air conditioners (all sizes)	Riding lawn mowers	Stoves	Copiers
Water heaters	Push mowers	Washer/Dryers	Printers
Heat pumps	Bikes, tricycles	Humidifiers/Dehumidifiers	Fax machines
Furnaces	Garden tillers	Refrigerators (no food)	Phones
DVD players	Pool ladders	Deep freezers (no food)	Cell phones
Video gaming systems	Grills (no tanks)	Microwaves	Phone systems
Blu-ray players	Snow blowers	Dishwashers	Computer towers
Camcorders	Weed eaters, grass trimmers	Exercise equipment	Computer servers
Cameras	Pool heaters	Garbage disposals	VCRs
Stereo systems	Drills	Metal sinks	Metal cabinets
Speakers	Metal chairs/lawn furniture	Trash compactors	Saws
Calculators	Lead acid batteries	Garage doors & openers	Fans
Metal bed frames	Blenders & mixers	Pots & pans	Electric skillets
Vacuums	Toasters	Metal bathtubs	General scrap metal

Flat-screen TVs are accepted at NO charge.

Tube-Type Televisions and Computer Monitors will be accepted **FOR A FEE (cash or check only):**

- ◆ TVs or monitors - \$15/each
- ◆ Console TVs & Big Screen TVs - \$30/each

Items not accepted:

Anything containing food, garbage, wood, chemicals, paint, light bulbs, plastic or wood

Please Note: The paper shredding truck will not be available at this event.

Public Works transitions to Public Services

The West Des Moines Public Works Department will change its name on September 1 to Public Services to better reflect recent organizational changes that have transferred new responsibilities to the department.

Public Services will oversee parks operations, urban forestry, community compliance (formerly code enforcement) and continue with their traditional responsibilities of maintaining streets, traffic maintenance, solid waste, yard waste and recycling and sewer maintenance.

Bret Hodne, who has served as Public Works Director since 2009, said his title will change to Public Services Director and no significant costs would be associated with the name change. Employees will continue to wear clothing with the former department names until it's worn out and ready to be replaced. Items such as business cards also will be changed as new ones are ordered. "Our employees felt Public Services was more reflective of their role in the community, so we're pleased to make this change," he said.



Saturday, October 15, 2016

Station 17 – 1401 Railroad Avenue

7 a.m. – 11 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Save the date and join us for fire safety activities, tours of the fire station and the Blank Fire Safety House, and see our special guest up close – the Mercy One helicopter!

Adults: \$5.00

Kids 3 years and under eat for free

Children: \$3.00

Help us raise funds for a worthy cause!





Construction Update



University Avenue Construction Update

With the completion of asphalt paving, no additional overnight full closures are anticipated on University Avenue. Lane closures will be in place as the contractor completes sidewalk ramp replacements and manhole adjustments generally moving from east to west along the corridor.

South 50th Street Reconstruction Project (connects EP True Parkway to Mills Civic Parkway)

Estimated Completion: Fall 2016

The general contractor is setting up to pave the northbound outside lane between Mills Civic Parkway and Bentley Drive. Sections of Bentley Drive have been poured and crews have poured the patches on South 50th Street between Mills Civic and Bentley Drive. Crews also have poured the eastbound to northbound turn lane on Mills Civic Parkway and they are installing storm sewer pipe and structures between the Raintree and Wistful Vista area. Crews will move to the Bentley Drive area next.

Grand Prairie Parkway (Connects I-80 Interchange to Mills Civic Parkway)

Estimated Completion: Fall 2016

The Grand Prairie Parkway project will include grading, utilities and paving the roadway from the I-80 Interchange to Mills Civic Parkway. The bridge over Sugar Creek is essentially done with the exception of removing falsework (temporary structures used in construction) and installing fencing. The grading contractor is doing the subgrade prep for paving operations which are scheduled to begin in early September.

South 60th Street Reconstruction Project (connects Grand Avenue to south of Mills Civic Parkway)

Estimated Completion: Fall 2016

The South 60th Street project includes grading, utilities and paving of the roadway from Grand Avenue to south of Mills Civic Parkway. The contractor has paved two lanes from Grand Avenue to Booneville Road and crews are setting up to pour the third lane on the same segment. Crews also will re-establish the DMACC driveway once the third lane is poured and it has time to cure. The storm and sanitary sewer subcontractor will return in early September to complete water main, sanitary and storm sewer work at the north end of the project.

Please visit the [Construction Updates](#) section of our website for more information and maps that show detour and access routes.