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## West Des Moines eNewsletter



Tom Hadden, City Manager

Spring is here and we've been busy mowing grass, sweeping streets and trails and preparing our sports complexes and flower beds for summer.

### Help Wanted!

One of the challenges we always face is hiring enough seasonal and temporary staff to make sure our programs are successful. Summer jobs are great for teenagers because they help develop skills that future employers desire. These jobs are also rewarding because they help build a resume while allowing workers to get paid to "play" at our camps and programs.

We're looking for a variety of positions, including recreational leaders, scorekeepers, seasonal forestry workers and horticulturists, park attendants, summer facility clerks, seasonal parks maintenance workers and public services laborers.



### Lifeguard opportunities

We're also concentrating on hiring aquatic staff for several positions, including Lifeguards. Wage rates have been updated for the 2017 season, and Lifeguards are now starting at \$10.14/hour. Complete details and our online application process can be found on our [website](#).

### Memorial Day Reminder

City Hall and most City offices will be closed on Monday, May 29. Garbage collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week, with Friday collection delayed until Saturday.

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# Join us for the Fourth Annual Mayor's Bike Ride on May 13

## MAYOR'S BIKE RIDE



Mayor Steve Gaer will kick off the Fourth Annual Mayor's Bike Ride on Saturday, May 13, at 9 a.m. at

City Hall, 4200 Mills Civic Parkway. Bicyclists may choose one of three routes through the City: a leisurely 4-mile recreational trail loop, a 10 mile on-street route or a 20 mile on-street route that will take cyclists through a variety of terrains and parts of the City. All routes start and stop at West Des Moines City Hall.

The fee for the ride is \$10 per rider. Registered participants will receive a T-shirt. Families with children ages 6 and over may register together for a maximum fee of \$25.

Day of event registration will be held at 8 a.m. EMS will be giving away free bike helmets, and Hy-Vee's "Healthy You" Mobile will be supplying nutritious snacks and beverages for riders from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.



## School Challenge Award

All eight elementary schools in West Des Moines could earn up to \$200 just for participating in this year's ride! A grant from the West Des Moines Community Enrichment Foundation will award \$200 to each of the two schools with the most participants. The next three schools will receive \$150 each, and the remaining schools will receive \$100 each.

## Mayor's Cup Award

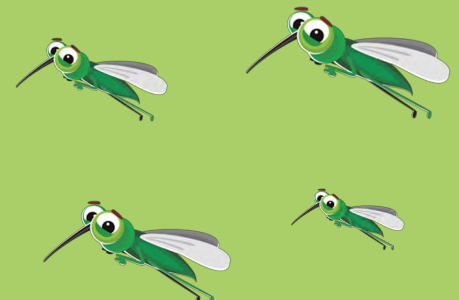
Do you work for a WDM business? If so, get your coworkers together to participate in the Mayor's Cup Award challenge. The business team with the highest level of participation will receive a traveling trophy for display at their business for one year. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation at 222-3444.

*This event is "Ride at your own Risk." All rules and regulations outlined in the West Des Moines, Iowa: City Code, Title 6 - MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Chapter 11: BICYCLES shall apply.*

## It's that time of year again!

In preparation for the Memorial Day holiday, the West Des Moines Public Services Department will be spraying for mosquitos in various areas of the City, weather permitting, during the evening hours of Friday, May 26, through Sunday, May 28th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Services Department at 222-3480.







## It's the 18th Annual Cops N' Bobbers Fishing Derby!

Join the WDM Police Department on Saturday, June 3, for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Cops N' Bobbers Fishing Derby. All the action takes place from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the City Hall Pond, 4200 Mills Civic Pkwy.

Teams must consist of at least one child under 18 years of age and one adult (18 years and up). Contestants must supply their own bait, tackle and poles. This is a catch and release event where participants will return all fish to the pond once they are measured. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

The event is FREE to the public and will be held in conjunction with the Iowa DNR's Free Fishing Weekend. Fishing licenses are not required for Iowa residents during the weekend of June 2- 4, 2017. Questions? Call Brent Kock at 222-3357 or email him at Brent.Kock@wdm.iowa.gov.



### Event Date

Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Registration

Begins at 8:30 a.m.

### Fishing

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded

11:30 a.m.

## Discounted pool passes for low-income households

Reduced rate season pool passes are available through West Des Moines Human Services to income-eligible residents of West Des Moines.

The discounted price of a pass is based on a household's income level, and ranges from \$20 to \$40.

The passes allow admittance to the following pools: Holiday Park Aquatic Center, Valley View Aquatic Center and Clive Aquatic Center. Call 222-3660 to learn more.



## Annual Spring Cleanup is June 5 – 9

There's plenty of time to plan your strategy for ridding your home of unwanted items. Remember that Spring Cleanup occurs on your regular garbage day during the week of June 5th. Just a few simple guidelines to keep in mind:

**How much can I set out?** As much as will fit in the bed of one pickup truck.

**Weight limit?** If it's reasonable that two people could lift the item, it's ok!

**Bags & boxes?** Not accepted because these items can be put in your garbage cart year-round or with an extra item sticker. An item in its original box is fine.

**Construction waste?** If the items weigh less than 40 lbs. each, they're ok.

*If you're unsure whether an item will be accepted, call your garbage hauler, **Waste Connections**, at (515) 265-7374.*



## Community Compliance Corner

Did you know that by City ordinance, signs can't be placed in the right of way (the area between the sidewalk and street)?

In the past couple months, hundreds of signs that were placed illegally have been pulled by our Community Compliance Specialists. Confiscation of the signs will

continue, and habitual offenders could be subject to a fine of \$50 per sign or prosecution.



Off premises signs (such as tax preparation or a painting contractor putting a business sign on a residential property) are not allowed as well, unless that company is actively working at the property. The sign must then be taken down when the workers leave.

Our Community Compliance Specialists are tasked with helping keep our City beautiful by educating the public and enforcing City Code violations.



## Meet West Des Moines' new fire apparatus!

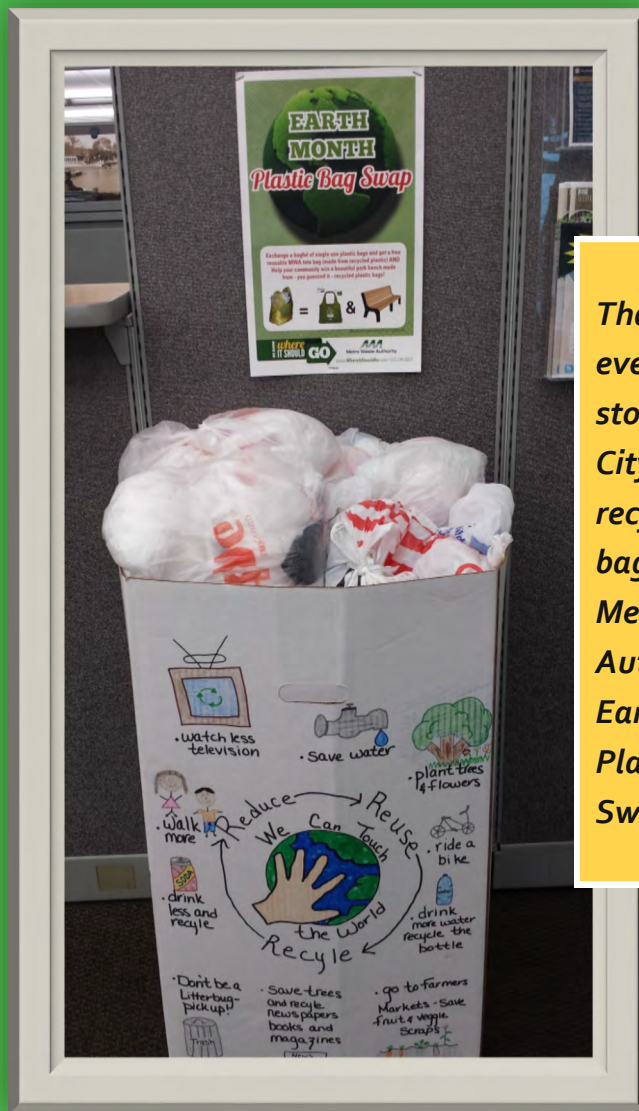
The West Des Moines Fire Department placed a new apparatus into service this past month. The unit is a 2014 demonstrator model that was purchased to replace a grass/brush fire unit that was built in 2001.

The new unit has added capabilities and can be used during all of the various types of emergencies that WDMFD responds to. The chassis is built to carry up to four responders and the rescue body has room for medical equipment, air-packs and all of the basic tools that firefighters need. The unit

also carries 300 gallons of water and is capable of pumping water at a rate of 250 gallons per minute.



# Earth Month 2017!



*Thank you to everyone who stopped by City Hall to recycle plastic bags during Metro Waste Authority's Earth Month Plastic Bag Swap!*

# Join us for National Public Works Week!



Thursday, May 25, from 4–7 p.m.

Valley Junction Farmer's Market



Our annual National Public Works Week celebration aims to educate the general public about the value of public works projects & professionals. This year's theme is *"Public Works Connects Us."*

This **free** event for the family features fun games, face-painting, balloons, coloring and activity books, as well as some of the Public Works machinery. Public Services staff will be on hand to answer questions. PAWS is back this year, along with his special friend!





# 2017 Solid Waste Events for WDM Residents

**Annual Spring Cleanup is June 5 – 9  
on your regular trash collection day**

April 3	Yard Waste Pickup begins on your normal trash collection day
April 8	Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-off * 8 a.m. – 12:00 (noon), West Des Moines Public Services
April 15	Scrap Tire Drop-off, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., West Des Moines Public Services
→ May 25	National Public Works Week Celebration, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Valley Junction Farmer's Market
June 5 – 9	Annual Spring Cleanup – on your regular trash day. Watch for details!
September 9	Scrap Appliance, Metal Drop-off * 8 a.m. – 12:00 (noon), West Des Moines Public Services
December 1	Yard Waste Pickup Ends
Jan. 2–12, 2018	Winter Yard Waste & Christmas Tree Collection

\* No paper shredding service will be provided by the City due to the variety of privately sponsored paper shredding events in our area.

## **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Options:**

**Metro Northwest Drop-Off** – 4105 SE Beisser Drive, Grimes  
2nd Saturday in the months of March thru December, 8 a.m.– noon

**Metro Hazardous Waste Drop-Off** – 1105 Prairie Drive SW, Bondurant  
Tuesday–Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, 8 a.m. to noon

**House-Side Collection** – learn more at [www.WhereltShouldGo.com/houseside](http://www.WhereltShouldGo.com/houseside)

Visit [www.WhereltShouldGo.com](http://www.WhereltShouldGo.com) for more information.



Yard waste and annual spring cleanup events are available to all West Des Moines residents who are eligible for solid waste collection (single family homes up to and including 4-plex units).

Questions? Call the Public Services Department at 222-3480.