



CITY OF PACIFIC NEWS

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Mayor's Message

Mayor Leanne Guier

Greetings!

We appreciate you spending a few minutes of your day to read this city-wide newsletter. I have heard many times, as a council member and as your mayor, the need for a more broadly based communication mechanism in our city. I couldn't agree more. Council and I hope you will find the information provided useful.

We also look forward to any suggestions you may have on how we could improve and what type of information you would like to see. Our goal is to be informative and provide our community with information that enhances our great community. We want to focus on the issues that are important to you. We would love to hear about outstanding things people are doing in our community. Our city is made up of some amazing people and we would like to share their story.

The plan is to have a quarterly edition. We also want to be eco-friendly. At this time, the Technology Committee is working hard on our city website. Once this is up and running efficiently, we'll be asking if you would rather receive an electronic copy. We know not everyone would want this, but we also know many of you would prefer it. I hope you enjoy this first edition and please feel free to contact me with any suggestions you may have by email at lguier@ci.pacific.wa.us or by phone at 253-929-1108. I look forward to hearing back from you.



Council Corner

Council President Tren Walker



One of the goals of your city leaders is to make our government more transparent. We started this newsletter to help open an ongoing dialog with the community; please let this be the start of the conversation. We want to keep you up to date on what is happening at City Hall and we want to hear your feedback!

First, let's cover a little about what we do. The city council, as the legislative body of the city, is responsible for adopting the budget, passing ordinances and resolutions, appointing committees, and adopting goals and general policies. Each council member is elected to a four year, staggered term. Council members also serve on sub-committees to facilitate in-depth study of issues in the following areas: finance, public works, public safety, human services, and technology. Most committees convene monthly and meetings are open to the public. For a current schedule, check the public meetings/community events calendar on our website at www.pacificwa.gov.

Council workshops are held at 6:30 pm on the first and third Mondays and city council meetings are held every second and fourth Monday at 6:30 pm, at City Hall. Public comment is encouraged at council meetings (but is not permitted at workshops.)

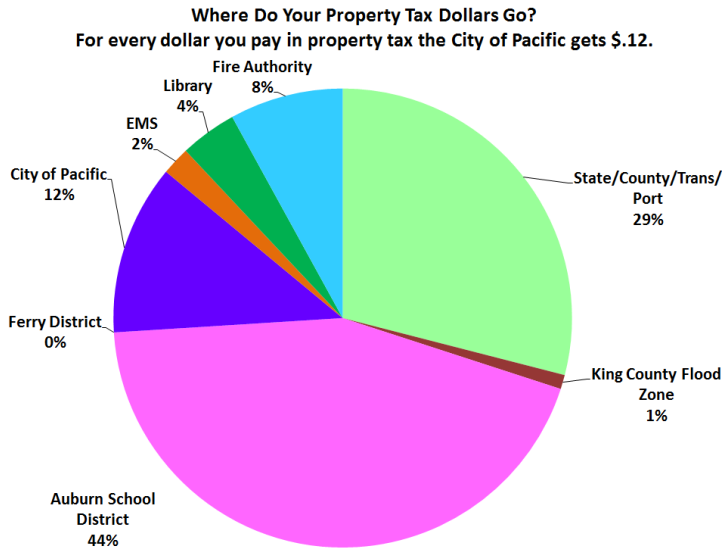
Email addresses for each of your council members can also be found on our website. Please feel free to connect with us with questions or concerns you may have or to let us know what you think we are doing right.

YOUR PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Many resident may think that the City of Pacific receives the largest portion of the property taxes that you pay to King County when in reality, the largest portions goes to the Auburn School District. As the chart below shows, only \$.12 of every dollar goes to the city. Due to the increase in assessed valuation, currently the city is maxed out and cannot increase the annual property tax levy. Any increase the tax payer receives will be due to the growth in assessed valuation which is calculated by the county you live in, either King or Pierce.

-Richard Gould, City Administrator



PACIFIC ALGONA SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Hours Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

Join us at the Pacific Algona Senior Center for a **pancake breakfast before the Pacific Days Parade, Saturday July 11, 2015, 8:00 – 10:00am**. Support our senior and youth programs with this fun-filled event featuring pancakes, sausage, hot chocolate, and coffee. Prices for this fun event are **\$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under**.

Come join our **Stone Soup Mondays 11:00am – 1:00pm** at the Senior Center. This is a free lunch for all ages in our community.

Touch of Home meets at the senior center every Tuesday at 10:00am. This is a group of citizens who are sharing their talents at crocheting, knitting, or other crafts to create lap blankets for veterans in our community and baby blankets and hats for low income families throughout south King County. Feel free to stop by to donate your talent or supplies to this great cause. For more information call **253-929-1154**.

-Darcie Thach, Pacific Algona Senior Center



Monthly Meetings

City Council Workshop , 1st and 3rd Mondays	6:30pm
Governance Committee , 1st Tuesday	6:30pm
Public Works Committee , 1st Wednesday	7:00pm
City Council Meeting , 2nd and 4th Mondays	6:30pm
Public Safety Committee , 2nd Wednesday	6:30pm
Park Board , 3rd Tuesday	6:30pm
Finance Committee , 3rd Tuesday	6:30pm
Technology Committee , 3rd Thursday	6:30pm
Planning Commission , 4th Tuesday	6:00pm
Human Services Committee , 4th Tuesday	6:30pm
Pacific Partnerships , 2nd Tuesday, Senior Center	6:30pm

All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

June

13th - **Bike Rodeo**, Alpac Elementary 9am—12pm

July

10th - **Pacific Days**, City Park 4:00pm—9:00pm
 11th - **Pancake Breakfast**, Senior Center 8:00am—10:00am
 11th - **Pacific Days**, City Park 11:00am—9:00pm
 12th - **Pacific Days**, City Park 11:00am—4:00pm

August

8th - **Aggressive Ministry's PencilPalooza**, City Park 10:00am—3:00pm
 15th - **Terry Home Show and Shine**, City Park 8:00am—4:00pm

For up-to-date information, tune in to **Channel 21 on Comcast**.

Youth & Family Services Information

Please join us this summer for **free lunches and activities** offered daily from **10:00am to 4:00pm beginning June 29 through August 21, 2015**, in the Pacific Gymnasium – 305 Milwaukee Blvd. S., Pacific.

Heroes of History: Knights in Shining Armor presented by the Knights of Veritas. Mark your calendar for **July 27th** and plan to attend Knights of Veritas at 1:00pm for ages 5 and older. The knights of the Middle Ages were not only heroes in their own time. See and learn about authentic re-creations of weapons and artifacts. Sponsored by the King County Library System. Hosted by City of Pacific

Spanish story time coming soon! Information available in August.

Are you looking for a place to rent for a graduation party, baby shower, etc.? For more information on rentals and programs call **253-653-1608**

-Joanne Futch, Youth Coordinator

GRAFFITI, STREET ART, OR MODERN HIEROGLYPHICS?

Actually, none of the above. The colored lines you see periodically throughout the City are authorized markings. These paint markings are made to inform contractors, homeowners or anyone who plans to dig, where underground electrical, gas, cable, phone, and water, sewer and stormwater utilities are located.



If you have a digging project on your property you need to contact the **Utilities Underground Location Center**. When you make the **free** call to **811** a few days before you dig, you'll help prevent unintended consequences such as injury to you or your family, damage to your property, utility service outages to the entire neighborhood and potential fines and repair costs.

The Utility Notification Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Locate requests are accepted over the phone, by fax or through an internet request. The King and Pierce County locate phone number is **1-800-424-5555 (or 811)**. More information regarding underground utility locates can be found on-line at:

<http://www.callbeforeyoudig.org/washington>

-Lance Newkirk, Public Works Manager

PACIFIC BIKE RODEO, BICYCLE AUCTION, AND OPEN HOUSE

The **Bike Rodeo** will be held on **Saturday, June 13**, at Alpac Elementary School, 301 Milwaukee Blvd N, Pacific, WA from **9 am- Noon**. Helmet fittings will be done by the Valley Regional Fire Authority staff. Thanks to the WA State Traffic Safety Commission and Safe Kids, helmets will be given to children needing them. Minor adjustments to bikes will be made thanks to REI and their team of volunteers from the Sumner Bike Shop! We want you safe before maneuvering through our course. There will be hot dogs and Tim's Cascade Chips thanks to the generous donation of local businesses.

Cherokee Firearms has donated bicycles that will be raffled off at 11:00 am. You must be present to win.

The Police Department will hold a **Bicycle Auction** during Pacific Days on **Saturday July 11th**. This is a great opportunity to purchase a bike should you need one for those great summer days ahead of us. The bike auction drew a crowd last year and afforded many families the opportunity to purchase bikes for all of their children for less than the cost of one bike in a retail store.

The Police Department's Annual Open House will be held on **September 18th at 4:00 pm** this year allowing families to gather with the Police Department staff for one final BBQ of the summer before we welcome fall. This has been a well-attended event for the past five years and has something for people of all ages.



-Stephanie Shook, Police Department

PACIFIC/ALGONA FOOD PANTRY:- BRIDGING THE GAP OF A DIFFICULT TIME

Amazing things happen as our community serves together helping households bridge the gap in difficult times!

Over 416 households - that is over 1,766 people - were served during May's Tuesday Open Days at the Pacific/Algona Food Pantry. This May, our all-volunteer crew, working as partners with Northwest Harvest and Food LifeLine, with donations from our local Albertsons and many other caring neighbors, gathered, prepared and shared over 26,090 pounds of food product!

Over 30,000 pounds of food was gathered at the May 9th Letter Carrier's National Food Drive at the Auburn Post Office. The Pantry is preparing to sort our share to serve our neighbors through the summer months. Thank you!

There is always more to tell! Stop in to hear some amazing stories or to lend a hand or to help your household bridge the gap of a difficult time.

Distribution: Tuesdays - 10am to 1pm.

Hosted by New Hope Lutheran Church, 603 3rd Ave SE, Pacific, WA 98047.

For questions, contact Director Mark Gause at **253-351-0450**.

Donations gladly accepted

Bonus: Watch for Pirates at Albertsons on June 7 as they host a food drive benefitting the Pantry!



DID YOU KNOW...?

- For non-emergencies, you can call **253-288-2121**.
- When was the last time you looked at the back of your state issued license or ID card? You must notify the Department of Licensing with any address changes within 10 days of moving.
- For a speeding penalty of \$124, only \$45.22, or 36.47% stays with the city locally. The state receives \$78.78 or 63.53%
- The City has many foreign language speakers among our employees. We speak Dutch, German, Hebrew, Italian, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.
- Most people use an average of 70-90 gallons of water per day? In the average house, two thirds of indoor water is used in the bathroom. Take some time to go through your house or apartment and look for ways to conserve! For more conservation tips check out the Environmental Protection Agency's website at www.epa.gov/greenhomes/ConserveWater.htm



A BIG BANG COSTS BIG BUCKS!



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REMEMBER:

Aerial fireworks and explosives are prohibited within the city limits.

MILWAUKEE DITCH – THE FORGOTTEN CREEK

Ask yourself: what is your perception of a ditch? Is it something that is manmade and carries little or no ecological value? Do ditches have fish in them? What level of protection would you afford a ditch? Now ask yourself, what is your perception of a creek? Do they provide valuable habitat for fishery resources and wildlife habitat? Does a creek warrant greater ecological protection such as vegetated buffers?

Sadly, what is now called the Milwaukee Ditch is Pacific's forgotten creek. Saddled with the ditch moniker over the years, little or no protection of its habitat has been considered. What is now called Milwaukee Ditch shows up as a creek on the 1897 United State Geographical Survey (USGS) topographic map for Pacific. This creek, up to now called Milwaukee Ditch, has been heavily relocated over the years with its vegetative cover (trees, bushes) nearly completely removed. Nevertheless, it is still a creek.

Based on information provided by the State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) and State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, what the City now recognizes as **Milwaukee Creek** contains fishery resources which may include coho salmon and trout. The creek corridor also provides habitat for birds, frogs, beavers, raccoons, and the occasional river otter. With an enlightened perception of the creek, **Milwaukee Creek** can become an amenity to the City and adjacent property owners. Further, the health of the creek can affect the health of the White River. City documents will be revised to label the watercourse as **Milwaukee Creek**. The following map illustrates the current course of **Milwaukee Creek**. If you have any questions regarding the creek, please contact Jack Dodge, Community Development Manager at 253-929-1107 or via email at:

jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us.

