



CITY OF PACIFIC NEWS

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Mayor's Message

Mayor Leanne Guier

Happy Spring!

I would like to invite you to attend a city council meeting and see our new audio/video system recently installed. Each council member now has a microphone and there is a large flat screen mounted on the wall to display agendas as well as presentations made for the audience. I am looking forward to having our meetings begin live-streaming in the near future. Our goal is to increase transparency in your government and encourage more community involvement.

You will see some work being done around the city, first with the replacing of the roof on the Senior Center and the Gym. This is primarily funded by a Community Block Development Grant the city received a few months ago. We will hire our seasonal maintenance workers soon to start working on our parks. Speaking of parks, I have some sad news to report. While City Park was closed this winter, someone climbed over the HESCOS and has stolen all of electrical wiring. It's a shame this destruction will affect so many in our community. We are in the process of deciding how to proceed from here. I am hesitant to replace the wiring when the park will be closed again this fall. We are looking at several options on how to move forward. The City will address this in time for Pacific Days.

With spring upon us and kids are out and about, I would like to remind everyone to be cautious. We all know how our young ones get involved in play and forget to pay attention to cars. We want all our residents, whether walking, biking, or playing, to be safe.

As always, I look forward to your comments and suggestions, lguier@ci.pacific.wa.us

-Leanne Guier, Mayor



Council Corner

Council President Vic Kave



Hello citizens of Pacific. Thank you for trusting me to help govern our city as we move forward from the turmoil of the recent past.

One of the biggest things that I have learned in my brief time on Council is that local government provides the largest set of noticeable services that impact our daily lives and yet receives the smallest portion of your tax dollars. The state and federal government receive larger portions of your tax dollars and yet their services have much smaller impacts to our daily lives. Your local government spends more time and resources trying to get some of your tax dollars back from those higher levels of government just to get basic infrastructure maintained or improved.

It is a very wasteful system that makes governing at the local level very frustrating, especially when we have so much that needs to get done in a short period of time before we start having significant failures to our infrastructure. Our roads need significant attention which every citizen can see on a daily basis. But what you cannot see is that our water, sewer and storm sewer systems need significant attention. These issues require local funding solutions.

It is my hope that we can develop a very detailed plan to tackle these issues and present options to you, the citizen, to back and support our city as we move forward. The investment into our community will pay off significantly with improved property values that we can all benefit from in the future.

-Vic Kave, Council President



King County



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

May

3rd —King County Flood Control District Open House	6:30pm
17th—Free Family Bingo Night	5:30-8:00pm
30th—Memorial Day— City Hall Closed	

June

15th—Free Family Bingo Night	5:30-8:00pm
18th—Police Department Bike Rodeo	10:00am-1:00pm

July

4th—Fourth of July— City Hall Closed	
8th, 9th, 10th—Pacific Days (more information coming soon!)	
19th - Free Family Bingo Night	5:30-8:00pm

For up-to-date information, tune in to Channel 21 on Comcast or visit the website at www.pacificwa.gov

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES



K.C.L.S. Story Time is held in the Pacific Gym on the 1st Friday of the month at 10:00 AM.

Interested In Kung Fu? Saturday classes are now available for youth, teens, adults, at the Pacific Community Center. For more information visit www.Hiddenlakekungfu.com

Just a reminder to join us for FREE Community BINGO the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8PM. Food is available for purchase in the East Room from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. It's a great way to meet people in your community, and a kid friendly event for all to attend.

Summer is just around the corner! Free summer lunch program will be offered daily to all children ages 1-18 from July 5 to August 19, 2016.

For more information contact jofutch@ci.pacific.wa.us

-Joanne Futch, Youth Coordinator

Countyline Project Open House

The King County Flood Control District is hosting a May 3 open house at the City Gymnasium, 305 Milwaukee Blvd S., Pacific, at 6:30p.m. to provide information about construction of the Countyline Levee Setback Project on the White River this summer.

The open house will feature information about the project's flood protection goals, environmental benefits, schedule, design, construction hours, and expected changes to river conditions. For more information and to **sign up for project update emails**, go to www.kingcounty.gov/countyline-projects.

PACIFIC'S PAST: YOU WRITE THE STORY

Did you know that Pacific was first platted in 1906 and was incorporated as a 4th class city on August 17, 1909?

So much history has occurred over 106 years and the City is requesting help to fill in the blanks. Please send us copies of old photos of the City with any stories related to them. Photos may be printed or electronic copies with the date noted (if available.)



The White River 1916. The old Skinner Road Bridge and Burlington Northern (Northern Pacific) Railroad Bridge over the river, (Courtesy - King County Flood Control District)

The photos will be compiled into an overall history of the City. The source of all photos and stories will be acknowledged in any documents. Let us know if you have some interesting stories but don't have any photos, too. If you have any questions, contact Jack Dodge, Community Development Manager, at 253-929-1107 or by email at jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us.

PACIFIC ALGONA SENIOR CENTER

Center hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Come enjoy Stone Soup, our **free**, all-ages lunch, on Mondays from 11am – 1pm at the Senior Center. Stay at the Center and play our free Bingo from 3 to 4pm.

The 4th Tuesday of each month, Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisor (S.H.I.B.A.) will be in the Senior Center to answer your medical insurance questions. Call 253-929-1150 to schedule an appointment.

We have many senior bus trips each month, including shopping, going on walks, and outings to museums. Check our monthly activity calendar online or at the Senior Center for events and times. Call **253-929-1150** for more information.

-Darcie Thach, Pacific Algona Senior Center

FINANCE

What is an Unfunded Mandate and Who Pays for Them ?

You may have heard of regulations or statutes that the City of Pacific has to abide by that actually have a cost with no financial support from the enforcing entity (Federal , State or County) for fulfilling the requirements. This causes the City of Pacific to pay for the implementation of the law and in most cases passing that cost along to the taxpayer. Unfunded mandates do have a significant impact on Pacific's annual budget.



Examples of unfunded mandates are the Twenty-Year Transportation Plan (\$50 to \$75K), the Critical Areas Ordinance (\$20 to \$40K), additional Comprehensive Plan Updates (\$10 to \$40K), and the Land Use & Environmental Procedures Update (\$5 to \$10K). This adds up to

\$85,000 to \$165,000 over the next two years (2016 and 2017) with no financial support from the Federal and State Governments. These extra costs will largely come from the City of Pacific's General Fund which is mostly supported by the public (taxes). Some politicians are working together to reduce the burdens that these unfunded mandates put on the local governments and in extension, the taxpayers.

City staff is working on a comprehensive list that shows the entirety of Pacific's unfunded mandate costs annually to include with the 2017 annual budget document.

-Richard Gould, City Administrator

STORMWATER

Follow the Flow From your Lush, Green Lawn



Summer is coming and with summer comes the season of lawn care—mowing, fertilizing, and watering. Before fertilizing, follow the flow during one of our spring rains and see where the water goes as it leaves your lawn. In urban areas, water flows to the storm

drain, where it connects directly to the nearest lake, river, or stream. This means that anything we put on our lawn— fertilizer, pesticides, pet waste—can run off and enter our water resources. Once in our water, these pollutants fuel weed and algae growth and poison aquatic habitats. Organic lawn care practices avoid dangerous chemicals and run-off creating a healthier environment. Here are some simple tips to a healthier, more natural lawn:

1. Test your soil. Before using fertilizers, test your soil. It is a simple procedure that explains exactly how much fertilizer is needed to support the growth of grass. You can pick up low cost test kits at your local home center store.

2. Set realistic expectations. Is a weed free lawn necessary? Weeds are a symptom. The problem could be soil compaction, not a lack of nutrients. Test your soil to treat the problem.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Get the Lead Out

We have been hearing a lot about lead in drinking water on the news lately, starting with Flint Michigan. The City of Flint changed their source of water supply from the City of Detroit water to the Flint River. The Flint River water is corrosive (low pH). The corrosive water caused lead to leach from aging water distribution pipes into the water supplied to the customer.



The City of Pacific has never used lead lined pipes in its distribution mains. However, the water coming from the city's wells has a pH level lower than desired. In 1993 the city did its first test for lead and copper. This test resulted in some elevated lead and copper levels in the water. The lead content was below the State's action level, however the copper level did exceed the action level. In 2004, the City installed a corrosion control system to elevate the pH to a safer level.

The City last tested for Lead and Copper in 2013 to determine if the City's Corrosion Control system is maintaining the proper pH levels. All samples tested then were below the action levels established by the Department of Health and Ecology.

The City of Pacific will be testing the drinking water for lead and copper this year as part of our efforts to comply with State and Federal regulations. We are looking for volunteers in single-family residences to participate in collecting water samples to assist us in these efforts. We will be testing during the week of July 18, 2016. If you would like to participate in this test, contact **Jim Schunke** at jschunke@ci.pacific.wa.us, or at **253-929-1116**.

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3. Mow high. Set your lawn mower blade at 3". The longer grass will shade out weed sprouts and compete better against the weeds. Mow often enough to avoid removal of more than 1/3 of the grass blade—this will stress your grass, resulting in increased susceptibility to weeds.

4. Let it go. Unless caring for newly planted lawn, allow the lawn to go dormant during hot, dry times. This will not harm the grass and will save money on the water bill. If watering is required, water only one inch, once a week and use a rain gauge to measure the amount applied. Frequent watering promotes shallow roots and can harm your lawn.

5. Clean up! After fertilizing or mowing the lawn, sweep any leftovers off the pavement and back onto the lawn. Fertilizers and grass clippings will wash into the storm drain and fuel weed and algae growth in local lakes and rivers.

For more information about stormwater visit our website at www.pacificwa.gov/departments/public_works/stormwater



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FREE! POLICE DEPARTMENT Bike Rodeo

FREE HELMET FITTINGS AND REPLACEMENTS

The Pacific Police Department will be holding its annual Bike Rodeo on June 18, 2016, at Alpac Elementary School, from 10am-1pm. There will be free helmet fitting, as well as free basic bicycle repairs. In addition, there will be a safety course set up for the kids to enjoy, face painting, and a bicycle raffle! Stick around for a complimentary lunch of hot dogs, chips and beverages. This is an event you don't want to miss!



Congratulations Frank and Arlene Hatten, City of Pacific 2016 Citizens of the Year!

Photo courtesy of Pacific resident Jeanne Fancher.

PLAY PICKLEBALL CALLING ON PLAYERS

The City has striped the Pacific Gym to allow for Pickleball, an up-and-coming sport. Paddles and a net have been purchased. Pickleball has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:00pm. The fee to play will be \$2.00.

For those interested in playing, please contact Jack Dodge at jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us or 253-929-1107 to determine interest.



Pacific Superhero Austin Holdt was honored for being brave and calm in an emergency situation when calling 9-1-1 to save his grandma's life.

Austin was honored by Mayor and Council on April 11, 2016.

