



CITY OF PACIFIC NEWS

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Richard Gould

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John Calkins

Court Administrator
Kelly Rydberg

Public Works Manager
Vacant

Mayor's Message

Mayor Leanne Guier

Happy New Year!

This year is starting off with new faces on your city council. David Storaasli was sworn in on January 4th, and Council Member Walker submitted his resignation late December. Your new council member could be appointed by the council at our January 25th meeting. Please join me in welcoming them to the team.

We are looking forward to our new audio/video system installed in council chambers by mid March. This will allow council meetings to be streamed live for our community. The system will include hearing impaired devices as well. This has been a priority of the city for the past few years and we are very excited to have this up and running. Not only will this encourage more engagement from our community, we will save your tax payer dollars on transporting defendants from jail to our court. This can now be done with live video feed, via "port-a-court".

Our community is made up some pretty incredible people. These people volunteer their time to help others in our community. We will be accepting nominations for our next **Citizen of the Year**. Who in your neighborhood would you like to recognize? What kind of amazing things is someone doing in our city that you would like others to know about? We will begin accepting nominations on February 15th and stop accepting at 5pm on March 4th. Our annual dinner will be held on March 19th in the gym. Please visit our website for more information, www.pacificwa.gov.

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

Leanne Guier, Mayor



Council Corner

Council Member Joshua Putnam



As I look back on my time on Pacific's City Council, I remain proud of the strength of citizen-led government in good times and bad. A small-town city council is not a position anyone seeks for fame or money, it's a place where people work to make Pacific a better place to live, work, and raise children. We're all human and we all make mistakes, but working together, we're smarter than any one of us alone.

Some of the greatest challenges for a small city like Pacific are those that involve many, and much larger, agencies. Flooding along the White River is a prime example. Pacific does not control the flow of the river, land use upstream or down, or even the management of the river within Pacific itself.

With several feet of gravel raising the riverbed in Pacific, a modest storm today can push the river to heights that used to be considered a 500-year flood. Homes and businesses that were above the flood plain when built are now subject to flooding. The City Council can't directly control any of the important decisions that affect flooding for these properties. The most Council can do directly is try to keep the city prepared for larger events, and update our development regulations for the realities of the river today.

Beyond that, council members, like their neighbors, are constituents of the agencies that make larger decisions about regional concerns such as the White River. Council may be able to identify issues that need attention, but only concerted efforts by Council and residents combined can command the attention of more-distant decision makers.

Council needs your voice along with theirs to influence regional issues.

Joshua Putnam, Council-Member

FINANCE

The Challenge Managers Have in Facilitating Committed Staff in the Municipal Workplace Environment.

Managers face a significant challenge in facilitating committed staff in the municipal workplace. The municipal environment is inherently unstable due to the consistent change of leadership, which includes the turnover of elected officials on a regular basis. However the change of elected leadership does not necessarily equate to the change in staff.

The lack of continuity of managers due to the change in Mayors occurs too often. This facilitates an unstable work setting which is neither productive nor beneficial. Managers must learn to hire the right employees, and establish a healthy workplace environment promoting long lasting commitments that the Mayor and Council (leadership) supports and facilitates.

Staying long term within any local government is essential because the more time the employee puts in, the more they learn about the City. More importantly they comfortably know the “big picture” of doing things, and adapt better, more efficient ways in serving the Public as well as ensuring compliance with all the rules and regulations enforced by the many intergovernmental entities that play a prominent role in running a healthy local government (City etc.). Making sure that a new employee desires to stay long term is crucial because employees are investments. An employee who chooses to be engaged in the work setting will benefit the organization, productivity, and ultimately customer satisfaction.

-Richard Gould, City Administrator

PACIFIC ALGONA SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

Come and join us every Thursday at 1:30 to play the card game Hand and Foot. Our Pinochle group also plays every Monday at 1:00.

Touch of Home is still going strong in our Senior Center. This group 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.

On January 26th, Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (S.H.I.B.A.) will be in our Senior Center in the morning. Please call in advance to schedule an appointment with our advisor.

Join us for Stone Soup lunch at the Senior Center Mondays from 11:00am to 1:00pm. This is a free lunch for all ages in our community. We would like to meet you. For more information call **253-929-1153**.

-Darcie Thach, Pacific Algona Senior Center



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.

January

18th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—**City Hall Closed**

19th—Free Family Bingo Night 5:30-8:00pm

February

15th—Presidents' Day— **City Hall Closed**

16th—Free Family Bingo Night 5:30-8:00pm

March

15th - Free Family Bingo Night 5:30-8:00pm

19th—Citizen Appreciation Dinner 6:00-8:00pm

April

19th—Free Family Bingo Night 5pm—8pm

For up-to-date information, tune in to Channel 21 on Comcast or go to our web-site at www.pacific.wa.gov

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES INFORMATION

Story Time returns this year on Fridays at 10:00A.M. in the East Room. This is a family program and all ages are welcome. Sponsored by King County Library System and hosted by The City of Pacific.

Be sure to join us for Free Family Community BINGO the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the gymnasium. The Taco Bar will open for business from 5:30 PM -7:30 PM in the East Room. Bring the whole family. It will be lots of fun!

-Joanne Futch, Youth Coordinator





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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency after heavy rainstorms caused flooding and landslides across much of Western Washington in December 2015. Here in Pacific, the White River flooded multiple areas, including White River Drive and Butte Avenue. At its peak, the water reached a height of approximately 4 feet.

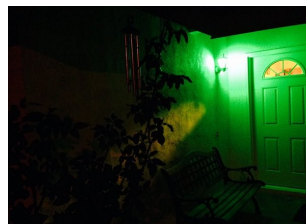
Due to the flooding, the City of Pacific, Public Works Division and Police Department worked together to mitigate damages and injury. Despite numerous road closures along Butte Avenue however, the Police Department was called to this location a multitude of times to assist in the recovery of submerged vehicles. Passing a "Road Closed" sign could lead to a \$136 infraction.

**Turn around,
don't drown!**

**Samantha Zinsli,
Police Department**



GREENLIGHT A VET



What is Greenlight A Vet?

It's difficult to honor and show appreciation to America's veterans, who are some of the nation's bravest, hardest-working men and women when they're back home and out of uniform.

Greenlight A Vet is a campaign

to establish visible support for our veterans by changing one light to green.

Change One Light to Green

In a visible location in your home or at your office, change one light to green. As a symbol of appreciation and support for our veterans, keep it glowing every day.

The Meaning of Green

Green is the color of growth, well-being, hope, and renewal. "Greenlight" is also a term commonly used to activate forward movement. The thoughtful action of changing a light to green is meant to start a conversation about the recognition of veterans, and send them forward as valued members of our communities.