

**ELECTION DAY**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 5th**

# Pacific Update

Official Newsletter of the City of Pacific

March, 2022

## City Contracts for Skateboard Park Design

The City of Pacific has entered into a contract with American Ramp Company (ARC) of Joplin, MO. who will now begin the process of creating the conceptual design of the proposed "Jeff White Memorial Skate Park" in Pacific. ARC is one of the most diverse "Action Sports Park" design and construction teams in the world. Over the last 20 years they have worked alongside civic leaders, park planners and advocates to develop skate and bike park facilities in 44 countries all over the world. A community engagement meeting, site review and a conceptual design based on input from the community engagement process are all part of the contractual agreement.

Local residents Jarred Cattoor, John Felts and Robbie Glowczwski approached the city's Director of Community Development several months ago in their quest to do "whatever's necessary" to see that a skateboard park memorializing their friend, Army Specialist Jeffery White, gets built in Pacific. They have set a goal to raise at least \$150,000 to fund construction of the skate park.

"I haven't seen a group of citizens this determined to accomplish a goal this large in a very long time," said Steve Myers, Pacific's Director of Community Development. "There are so many aspects to this project that need to be carefully thought through and the process must be carried out correctly. I'm sure this fantastic addition to our parks will take longer than the organizers would like it to but they have convinced me, members of the Park Board and the Board of Aldermen that they are in it for the long haul and will raise the funds necessary to build a memorial skate park that our community can be proud of."

### JEFF WHITE MEMORIAL SKATEPARK

**\$150,000 COMMUNITY GOAL** *in Pacific, MO*

IN HONOR OF A FALLEN SOLDIER/SKATER  
FROM PACIFIC, JEFFREY L. WHITE JR.

**\$120 FOR YOUR DONOR BRICK**  
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FOR MORE INFO



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**220 S 1ST ST STE 200 PACIFIC, MO 63069**

Corporate and private gifts are welcome. To make a tax deductible contribution to this great cause please contact Jarred at 314-313-3007 or go their "Go Fund Me" site at: <https://gofund.me/d469bb98>.

An outdoor benefit concert is also scheduled to be held from 3:pm—6:pm on Sunday April 10th at Pacific Station Plaza.

You can learn more about the design/build American Ramp Company by visiting their website at:

[www.americanrampcompany.com](http://www.americanrampcompany.com)



# Pacific Police Department Update

The Pacific Police Department has implemented a range of new policies and procedures in recent months under the leadership of Chief Scott Melies. The following is an overview of various new initiatives, policies and procedures the Department has focused on in the past year:

- The Department in November 2021 graduated its first Patrol Officer trainee (Dalton Roskowske) who is currently completing field training. Officer Roskowske started with the Department as a Communications officer, and later became the first officer to participate in the Department's officer trainee program, in which the City pays for the recruit's training subject to certain conditions.
- The Department in late 2021 implemented electronic mobile ticketing, improving officer efficiency and significantly reducing reporting time. Pacific's law enforcement records management system has also been modernized, allowing the Department to better share crime information with other law enforcement agencies.



Pacific Police officers now have body cameras integrated into their uniforms.

- The Department in January, 2022 implemented new body camera and in-car video systems at a total cost of approximately \$150,000, paid in part through federal CARES Act funding. The new system improves officer safety and helps mitigate potential dangers, while providing greater transparency and officer accountability for the community.
- Chief Melies helped create a new City "Problem Properties Committee," aimed at creating a more comprehensive, hands-on approach to Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance issues. The Department works with the Department of Community Development and City Administration to tackle nuisance property violations from a problem-solving perspective first, enlisting community organizations to assist with clean-up before enforcement is needed. Code Enforcement Officer Gary Watson, who previously worked at the direction of Administration, has been reassigned to the Police Department to better streamline code enforcement efforts.
- An Emergency Management Coordinator was hired to oversee and continue the development of the City's Emergency Management Plan. The part-time Coordinator position represents the first time the City has had a position devoted exclusively to Emergency Management. The updated Emergency Management Plan is scheduled for completion in mid-2022.

- The new pay plan adopted by the Board of Aldermen in late 2021 includes a significant boost to law enforcement officer pay; entry level pay is now \$50,960 annually, an increase of some **60 percent** over the 2018 level. This is due in part to Prop P law enforcement sales taxes, but also represents a significant boost from City general fund sources. Pacific police officer pay at long last is now competitive in the local region. Communications officer pay has also been increased; entry level pay is now \$19 hourly, which is also a much more competitive rate.



## REMINDER to all ATV / UTV Operators:

Missouri State Law prohibits operation of ATV's or UTV's in the city limits of Pacific on two roadways:

Osage (RT 66) and 1st Street (OO & F). These are state routes. Violators subject themselves to fines and or imprisonment.

## Score International Cleans up Problem Property

A Pacific family recently received some much needed assistance that helped address ongoing citizen complaints regarding the condition of their property. Pacific Police Chaplin David Lange, who is also the Pastor of Pacific's Mission Community Church and works with Chief Scott Melies on the Problem Properties group, coordinated with Score International, a non-denominational Christian missionary organization from Lake Meade Christian School, Lake Meade, Nevada to help resolve the situation.

The team of 35 teens and their sponsors scheduled a work day at the home of an elderly couple who aren't physically able to do maintenance work themselves. The team focused on the following tasks:

- Scrubbing the house, exterior doors, porch, deck and furniture.
- Hauling away two (2) dump trailers of trash and debris from the yard.
- Raking and removal of 15 bags of leaves.
- Cutting and removing overgrown brush, limbs and weeds.
- Trimming trees and bushes
- Cleaning out and re-organized the contents of a storage shed so that items stored outside could now be placed inside.
- Making repairs to the couple's truck so it can be licensed and washing the truck and cleaning up trash from the driveway and carport.



In addition to the work performed on the exterior of the house and yard, the team also arranged for the removal of over 20 cats from inside the home. The house is now in compliance with City occupancy and property maintenance codes, the couple have a safer environment in which to live and the neighbors have had their concerns met.

The goal of the City's Problem Properties group is to help property owners come into compliance without having to get the courts involved whenever possible. This is one of several examples of the success the program is having since forming in the fall of 2021.

# Welcome Pacific's new Emergency Management Coordinator, Hal Schulman



Please meet our new Emergency Management Coordinator, Mr. Hal Schulman. Hal is on-board to lead the charge to revitalize our existing Emergency Management program including the update and implementation of a current, expanded Emergency Operations Plan, the upgrade of our Emergency Operations Center, the enhancement of our employee/Citizens EM readiness, a stronger integration of the City of Pacific with local 1<sup>st</sup> responder agencies and organizations, and extend our relationships with nearby municipal and County Emergency Management Agencies.

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<https://www.facebook.com/PacificMOPD>

### Construction this spring on new "Bosse Drive"

Construction on a new street entrance to the B & H Market shopping center will begin this spring, following recent Board of Aldermen action.

Gershenson Construction was the lowest of four bidders for the project and was awarded the contract at the March 15 Board meeting. The new road will be constructed off Lamar Parkway and will access the B & H site near the northeast corner of the grocery store.

The project also includes a sidewalk, curb and gutter and other improvements. The Gershenson base bid was \$208,689, less than the engineer's estimate. The City is hoping for project completion by July 4, 2022.

The new road will be named "Bosse Drive", after Joseph Bosse Sr., a local businessman who passed away in 2021.

### Doug Hughes Memorial Bench Donated



The city is appreciative of the donation of a memorial bench honoring the life of Doug Hughes 1982—2021. The bench was installed at Blackburn Park at the request of the Hughes family.

## Sign Up To Pacific's Public Alert Notification System

The City is equipped to help you be aware and ready to respond to urgent situations. If you are not already signed up on our official Public Alert Notification System, PLEASE take a moment and add your name to this smart application.

<https://pacificmo.reggroup.com/signup>. We want you with us for a very long time.



## Three street sections on tap for improvement this season

The Board of Aldermen recently approved three projects for construction this summer, as part of the City's ongoing Preventive Pavement Maintenance Program (PPMP).

Projects on the list include East Union from 1<sup>st</sup> Street east to Neosho; Summit Park Drive, and Thornton at Viaduct.

The East Union project includes construction of new water services by the City's Public Works Department. The project includes curb and gutter repairs and improvements, along with asphalt resurfacing of the entire project length.

Summit Park Drive includes a resurfacing of the entire street, from Old Gray Summit Road to the cul-de-sac.

The Thornton-Viaduct project includes resurfacing and new pavement markings at the intersection location.

The total project cost is estimated at \$460,000, which includes engineering fees. Funding will come in part from the City's "Prop S" (transportation) sales tax, approved by voters in 2019.

Prop S has funded numerous projects since its inception, including last fall's Cedars Subdivision improvements, Payne Street and Lamar Parkway (2020) and W. Union, Indian Warpath and Hawthorne Subdivision (2019).



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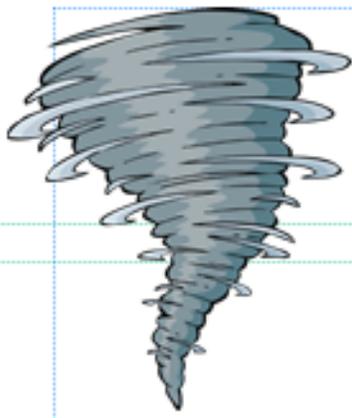
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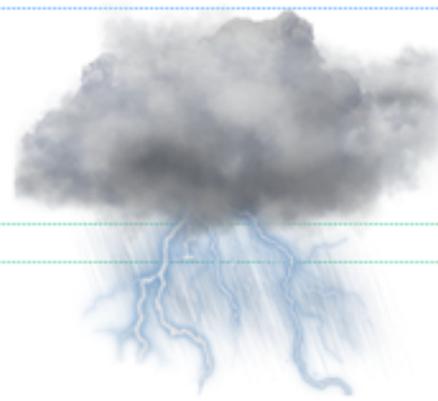
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# ARE YOU READY?



Flood and Tornado season is fast approaching. The old expression "plan for the worse, hope for the best" certainly applies here. Below are some tips and resources on these potentially deadly natural disasters.

	<u>FLOODS</u>	<u>TORNADOS</u>
ARE YOU READY?	<a href="https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-11/are-you-ready-guide.pdf">https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-11/are-you-ready-guide.pdf</a>	
READY IN 3	Create a Plan; Prepare a Kit; Listen for Information: <a href="https://health.mo.gov/emergencies/readyin3/">https://health.mo.gov/emergencies/readyin3/</a>	
HAZARD SPECIFIC	<a href="https://www.ready.gov/floods">https://www.ready.gov/floods</a>	<a href="https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes">https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes</a>
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DO's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure you and your family discuss and practice your plan</li> <li>• Share your plan with others, e.g. out of town family and friends</li> <li>• Connect with local weather, media and City information outlets as necessary, take swift action and listen to authorized personnel</li> <li>• Call 9-1-1 for true emergency needs</li> <li>• Wait for the "all clear" to know the storm is over, and what is safe to do</li> </ul>	



**Wednesdays  
& Fridays  
10:30 AM**

**Pacific Senior Center 800 W. Union Street**

# Pacific Aldermen spotlight:

## Alderman Ward 2—Herb Adams

Alderman Adams is the longest running elected representative of the City of Pacific having served as the City's Municipal Judge from 1980 to 1992 and from 2002 to 2006. He has also served a total of four terms as Pacific's mayor from 1992 to 1998 and from 2006 to 2014.



"There are so many initiatives we are working on in the city including expanding the public works building and improving our parks and recreation department. We are also working on the completion of the Red Cedar Museum facility. Its renovation into a visitors center with a museum, gift shop and genealogy research center should be completed and open to the public this fall. I want to see us focus on bringing more economic development to town. Getting more businesses that can provide our citizens with products and services making Pacific a great shopping destination is something I look forward to working on." Alderman Adams can be reached at 314-799-3656 or via email at: [herbert.adams5105@yahoo.com](mailto:herbert.adams5105@yahoo.com).

## Alderman Ward 2—Jerry Eversmeyer

Alderman Eversmeyer truly believes in the great City of Pacific, its low property/real estate taxes, strong volunteerism and pride in community events.



"Our city is growing, real estate is prosperous, businesses are doing well and support the city and its citizens. Our police department is strong and professionally run. The city staff is dedicated to the functioning of our city and looks out for our future endeavors. We must continue to look at ways to enlarge the population of our community. We need a larger population base to attract restaurants, stores, improve infrastructure and fund our schools. I believe we need to replace our outdoor pool, which is in bad repair. We should replace it with an indoor facility that could be a sports center for an indoor pool, basketball courts, etc. The only way we can afford to do this is through a tax increase to fund a loan so we can build this facility." Alderman Eversmeyer can be contacted directly at 636-495-9918. His email is [jerryeversmeyer@yahoo.com](mailto:jerryeversmeyer@yahoo.com).

## DID YOU KNOW.....

The AGAPE HELP HOUSE provides assistance through their on-site food pantry to more than 1,500 individuals each month. They help to pay utility bills, rent/mortgage assistance, pharmacy assistance, and other needs on an individual basis. Located at 120 Lamar Parkway, the center provides a food pantry, resale shop, and financial resources to local residents in need.

The pantry hours are Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for drive thru service only. The Pantry is open to residents of the Meramec Valley R-3 School District.

The Thrift Store is open daily except Wednesdays and

Sundays. Donations are accepted at the Agape House dock on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. The Dock closes one-half hour before the Thrift Store in order to allow staff and volunteers to process donations. If the big RED gates on the Dock are open, that indicates that donations are being accepted. If the red gates are closed, please do NOT leave anything.

Cash donations are also accepted, either through the website or directly at the center. The Agape House relies on volunteers for much of its operations. Volunteers must be age 16 or be accompanied by a parent while they volunteer.

For more information, call 636-271-5135 or go to [agapehousepacific.org](http://agapehousepacific.org).



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## ***Mark your calendars!***

April 5th — Election Day

April 12th — Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.

Board of Aldermen meetings, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Commission, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. (as necessary)

[www.pacificmissouri.com](http://www.pacificmissouri.com)

## ***Get Informed!***

The City website allows citizens to receive notifications when certain new items are posted. For example, the full Board of Aldermen meeting packet is posted on the Friday before each meeting. Copies of proposed bills and resolutions, staff reports, and various other information is included in each packet. Can't find what you're looking for? Send an email to [smyers@pacificmissouri.com](mailto:smyers@pacificmissouri.com) and we will post it.

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## **Help for the Senior Center**

### **Just a dollar more on monthly water bill**

Many residents may not realize that they can easily contribute just \$1 per month to the Tri-County Senior Center, simply by checking a box on their monthly utility bill.

The City gives utility customers the option to pay a dollar more each month. Customers simply need to select Option B on their water bill, and the \$1 additional charge is then collected and remitted to the Senior Center.

The collections have ranged from \$200 to \$300 in recent months, which represents about 10-15 percent of the City's utility customers. Acting Mayor Herb Adams recently has called attention to the program, and collections have shown an uptick since that time. Mayor Adams hopes that more people will "buck up" and help give the Senior Center a needed boost.

The Senior Center is an independent not-for-profit organization, governed by a local community board. The Center receives from funding from the City of Pacific and Franklin County United Way, but no other government sources. For more information, please contact the Center at 636-257-6264.