



City of Pacific  
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# Iron Horse Rodeo Oct 1st & 2nd

The 2021 Iron Horse Rodeo will be held Friday, October 1 and Saturday, October 2, at the Liberty Field Equestrian Center. This event is hosted by: The City of Pacific, Pacific Partnership and Outlaw/5J Rodeo Company.

**Gates open at 5:00 PM**

**Events start at 7:00 PM.**

Iron Horse Rodeo Tickets can be purchased in advance for a discounted price.

Tickets will also be available at the main gate.

**Adult Admission (13+): \$10 + convenience fee**

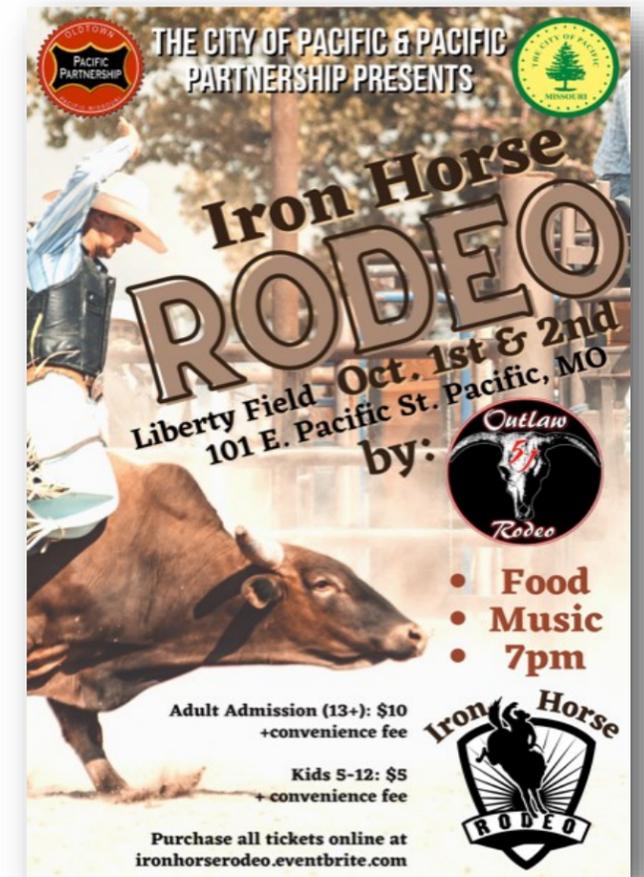
**Kids 5—12: \$5 + convenience fee**

**Purchase advance tickets online at:**

**[Ironhorserodeo.eventbrite.com](https://ironhorserodeo.eventbrite.com)**

For more information please visit:

<https://pacificmissouripartnership.org/rodeo>



## Mark your calendars!

October 1 & 2, Iron Horse Rodeo; Gates 5 p.m.; Events at 7 p.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)

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## 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.

## Alderman Adams assumes role of Acting Mayor

Herbert C. Adams has returned to the Mayor's role, following the recent resignation of former Mayor Steve Myers. Mr. Myers resigned as Mayor in early August, 2021, taking the position of Director of Community Development.

Aldermen Adams, who had been serving as President of the Board of Aldermen, assumed the Acting Mayor role and he will remain in that position until the next Municipal Election,

April, 2022.

Acting Mayor Adams has a long background in Pacific Municipal Government, serving a total of 14 years as Mayor in addition to terms as Municipal Judge and later as alderman. He was elected Ward 2 alderman in 2018 and was re-elected again in 2020, and has served as President of the Board of Aldermen since his election in 2018.

## City looks to upgrade Code Enforcement program

The City is making plans to revamp its Code Enforcement program in hopes of better addressing certain problem properties in town.

Code Enforcement Officer Gary Watson has been assigned to the Police Department, and will work under the direct supervision of Chief Scott Melies. Officer Watson previously worked in the City's administration department, and was supervised by Building Department / Community Development Department staff.

Office Watson's duties will remain similar to those he had performed since first taking the position in 2018, and will include high weeds and grass violations, derelict vehicles and other nuisance items. In addition he will work more closely with the Police Department on addressing problem properties, in what is envisioned as a more comprehensive, coordinated effort that will likely include commu-

nity not-for-profits, churches and other organizations.

The City also intends to introduce a more comprehensive enforcement program aimed at mobile homes that are not in compliance with current codes and ordinances. The City recently prevailed in litigation concerning mobile home uses, which reinforced the validity of the City's zoning code as it pertains to such uses. The City intends to roll out this program in the next few months. More information on this topic will be provided in future newsletter editions and through other means.

The City's goal through code enforcement activities is to work cooperatively with property owners to get in compliance with codes and ordinances. Owners who are non-responsive or who refuse to address nuisance conditions will be held accountable through the judicial system or through other means.

## City welcomes Pastor David Lange as Police Chaplain

David Lange came to the area in 1995 to start a church. He and his wife Christy have 5 children and one daughter-in-law: Jeremiah and wife Anna, Bethany, Sofia, Bentley, and Blake. David said, "We moved to Pacific in 1999 and we love it here! My passion as a Christian Pastor and Chaplain is to help others connect with Jesus who has changed my life and given me peace, purpose, and joy!"

**Why did I become the Police Chaplain?** Chief Matt Mansell and Major Don Locke asked me to be the Department Chaplain in 2020. I took the position to encourage and support the brave officers that serve our town on a daily basis. It has been said that a police officer encounters more evil in a year than the average person is exposed to in a lifetime. With all of the evil that they deal with; domestic violence, stealing, lying, drug addicts, drunk drivers, suicides, etc.. this puts them under constant stress. How many of us go to work with a bulletproof vest on?



**Pastor David Lange with wife Christy and family.**

My goal as the chaplain is to offer encouragement to our officers emotionally and spiritually as needed. Since being with the department I have performed two funerals as the Chaplain for relatives connected to the department. Last year we reached out to our community to bless the department with Christmas gifts. This was a great way to encourage them for all that they do to protect and serve us. Thank you to all who gave!

Since being on the department I have been exposed to just some of the tragedies the officers have to deal with. As a department, Chief Scott Melies and I want to help support those who have been through tragedies in more practical ways by offering helpful resources and prayer. If you have lost a loved one, are dealing with a loved one who is addicted, know someone who needs marital counseling, there are resources out there and we are seeking to build even more for our community. We are here to protect and serve!

## Pacific Aldermen spotlight:

### Alderman Ward 1- Butch Frick



Butch and his wife Jan, have lived in Ward 1 Pacific for over 14 years. He has an extensive background in business dealing with companies worldwide and has been a guest lecturer at numerous Universities,

a keynote speaker, a trainer, and a consultant.

Alderman Frick now serves as the president of Pacific's Industrial Development Authority, is the board liaison for the Park Board, and a member of the operations committee.

"I see a great future for Pacific, a revitalized downtown, further growth on Osage, a continued improvement of infrastructure, more tourism, and a reputation as the place to work, play, shop and visit. Pacific can become a place that draws manufacturers, small businesses, hotels and restaurants, where we draw visitors from across our region, and where our neighbors come to dine and shop. I will continue to work hard for the City of Pacific to make this vision a reality."

Butch Frick is the Senior Vice President of OneDigital, the nation's leading strategic business advisory firm.

### Alderman Ward 3 - Drew Stotler



Drew has lived in Pacific since he was about 7 years old. He and his wife Samantha have been married for 12 years and made Pacific their home in 2015 where they live with their two children, Avery (10) and Noah (8).

"I've run a business here, volunteered on numerous boards including the Pacific Partnership, Pacific Chamber of Commerce, St Bridget Financial Council, and the Tri County Senior Center," Alderman Stotler says. "Moving forward, I'd like to see our city continue to increase its appeal and internal image. Pacific has a lot to offer, and I feel like if the different volunteer organizations and people in town can all come together and row in one similar direction, we are poised for a major growth spurt. One area I'd like to see us work together on is taking a proactive approach in seeking out new businesses and developments to come and build/buy here. I feel if we are proactive instead of reactive, we are coming from a position of strength. This is one of my top priorities in addition to continuing to support our senior citizens and first responders."

Drew Stotler is a financial planner with Stotler Wealth Management.

## Agape House provides assistance to those in need

The Pacific Agape Help House provides a wealth of resources for individuals and families in financial need. The center is located at 120 Lamar Parkway and provides a food pantry, resale shop, and financial resources to local residents in need.

The Food Pantry is open 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 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).

## Tri-County Senior Center back in daily operation

After a period of closure due to Covid and other issues, the Tri-County Senior Center is back to a full schedule of events and activities.

The Center, located at 620 W. Union Street, serves lunches daily (Monday through Friday) at 11:30 a.m. Lunches are open to the public but people are asked to call ahead with a reservation by 9:30 a.m. (Call 636-257-6264). Lunches are \$5 for seniors and \$6 for non-seniors.

The Center has numerous regular activities, including Bingo at 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and Friday, Jam Session at

10 a.m. on Tuesday, and Card –playing on the second Thursday, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

The Center hosts a dance on the second Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Movie night is the last Friday of the month at 6 p.m. Most events are either free or have a nominal charge.

There are many different activities in the evening, including GED classes twice per week. The Center is open for rental by community groups; please call 636-257-6264 for more information.

## Did you know?

### City U.S. flag displays are subject to government orders and policy

The City gets occasional questions about lowering of the flags to half staff on City property, as well as display of the flags along Osage Street through town.

Flags are lowered to half-staff **only** at the direction of the Missouri Governor or United States President. The City receives notices from the Missouri Office of Administration when a Gubernatorial or Presidential order has been given. The City only lowers flags upon such notice. This is in accordance with the United States Flag Code.

The policy for flag displays along Osage Street are provided for by Resolution 2018-27 of the Board of Aldermen. Flags are displayed on the following dates:

Memorial Day, Flag Day (June 14), Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day, Patriots Day (September 11), Veterans Day (November 11). In the event one of these days falls on a weekend, the flags are put up on the Friday preceding the weekend and taken down on the Monday (or Tuesday) following the weekend.

## City brings many years of training, talent and expertise to fully staffed Department of Community Development

In recent months, the City has hired a new Director, Clerk, Building Inspector and Park Superintendent with the result of fully staffing the newly formed Department of Community Development. The team of Ryan Fodge as Community Development Clerk, Steve Brune as Building Inspector and Flood Plain Manager, long time city employee Chris Fowler as Parks Superintendent and former Mayor Steve Myers as Director of Community Development are now hard at work serving our citizens, prospective developers and business owners with the goal of excellence in customer service in mind.

The Department of Community Development oversees all aspects of Community Outreach, Planning and Zoning, Building Code Enforcement, Pacific's Parks and Recreation Facilities and Properties as well as Pacific's Economic Development efforts. The department also provides leadership to many of the cities projects such as the "Red Cedar Project" and the "Iron Horse Rodeo" and works to help solve general maintenance issues with city owned facilities. In addition, applications for various department functions, such as residential and commercial occupancy permits, building permits, special event permits and various Planning and Zoning applications are also processed through this office.

You can contact the Department by calling or emailing:

Clerk Ryan Fodge — 636-271-0500 Ext 221  
rfodge@pacificmissouri.com

Director Steve Myers — 636-271-0500 Ext 216  
smyers@pacificmissouri.com

## Red Cedar project is making great progress

The construction team of Navigate, Legacy Contracting Group and Patterhn Ives are making great progress in the renovation of the Red Cedar building. The "newer" interior partitions and ceilings have been removed to reveal the original Red Cedar structure and permanent support beams have all now been removed and replaced in the basement. Focus is now on the demolition and replacement of the rear addition.

Bi-weekly meetings between city representatives, the architect and the contractor are providing an opportunity for the city and design and construction professionals to become familiar with the progress of the project. These meetings also allow discussion on questionable issues or concerns as they arise.

The scope of the project includes a complete remodel of the historic structure with care taken to preserve and maintain the historic aspects of the building, including the restaurant and bar area. The parking lot and site entrance will be reconstructed, and new sidewalks will be added to access the site.

The focus is now on demolition and replacement of the rear addition that will become a new office and storage room to the rear of the building, and bathrooms on the lower level with outside entrances.

Planning for the display of museum artifacts, operation and maintenance of the Center is now underway.

The construction team is now expecting substantial completion in early summer of 2022.



## Wally Elder chooses Pacific for "A&E Network" documentary filming

Wally Elder thanked the City of Pacific and the Pacific Police Department for their assistance with the recent filming of a documentary by A&E Network featuring Wally's restored 1969 Dodge Daytona Street Machine. The show is called "Ultimate Rides" and should air sometime over the next couple of months. **Wally's creation recently took 1st place out of an estimated 2,500 entries at the Street Machine Nationals in Du Quoin, IL.** Wally has ties to Pacific as he used to have his "Custom Auto Works" business here. Wally, you're welcome back anytime!



Pacific Police Officer Brad Geers pulls Mr. Elder over during filming.

# City bulk trash pick-up is scheduled for the weeks of October 4 and 11

The City of Pacific will conduct bulk trash pick-up for City residents during the weeks of October 4 and October 11, 2021. There is no charge for this service. The pick-up is for residential properties only (apartment complexes are not included) and is for bulk items only. "Bulk" is defined as large items that do not fit in the regular trash containers. City crews will not pick up regular household trash as part of the bulk trash collection. (Regular household trash will be picked up by Waste Connections as part of the normal weekly service.) **Bulk items must be set out by 7 a.m. Monday of the week your area is scheduled to be picked up.** City crews cannot "back-track" to pick up items that were not set out by the date of the pickup. There is no limit to the number of items residents can set out. However **the following items are prohibited and will not be picked up: CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION DEBRIS, TIRES, BATTERIES, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, PAINT, BIOMEDICAL & INFECTIOUS WASTE.**

Please note that appliances WILL be picked up. However, doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers due to safety concerns. Appliances will be picked up separately from other bulk items. The bulk trash pick-up service is provided by the City of Pacific, working in connection with a local contractor and the City's residential waste hauler,

Waste Connections. There is no charge to City residents. This bulk pick-up service is in addition to the monthly bulk pick-up service available to residents through Waste Connections. The pick-up schedule is listed below. Please also note the map on the adjoining page of this newsletter. In general, the west side of the City will be picked up during Week 1, with the north and east sides of the City picked up in Week 2. This article and map is also posted on the City website, [www.pacificmissouri.com](http://www.pacificmissouri.com).

## BULK TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

**Week of October 4-8:** All areas west of Viaduct Street and McDonald's; all areas west of Payne Street, including all subdivisions accessed off Congress Street (Highway N) and Old Gray Summit Road: Cedars, Hawthorne, Westlake, Orchard Estates and Candlewick Lane, Heritage Farms, Summit Park, Ridge Meadows, Silver Lake.

**Week of October 11-15:** All areas north of Interstate 44, including Eagles View, Forest Glen, and Osage Hills subdivisions. All areas east of Viaduct Street and McDonald's, including Hogan Subdivision. All areas east of Payne Street, including Kaleigh Lane, downtown neighborhoods.

Thank you for your cooperation!

## City has many infrastructure improvement projects in the works

The City has numerous infrastructure projects either under construction or in the works this season.

The W. St. Louis and Phelan Street watermain improvement project was awarded earlier this year to Unnerstall Contracting Co., Pacific. The project calls for the upgrade of water mains through both street sections, and includes new water service connections to residences along the route. The total contract cost is \$239,148. The project is being paid out of Water Fund revenues. The City intends to resurface both W. St. Louis and Phelan following completion of the water main work.

The Cedars Subdivision asphalt overlay project was contracted earlier this summer to Jokerst Asphalt and Paving, at a total contract cost of \$577,677. The project includes asphalt resurfacing of Cedar Drive, Cedar Field and other Cedars subdivision streets. The project is set for completion in October or November. The project is being paid through General Fund, Transportation Tax and Capital Improvements

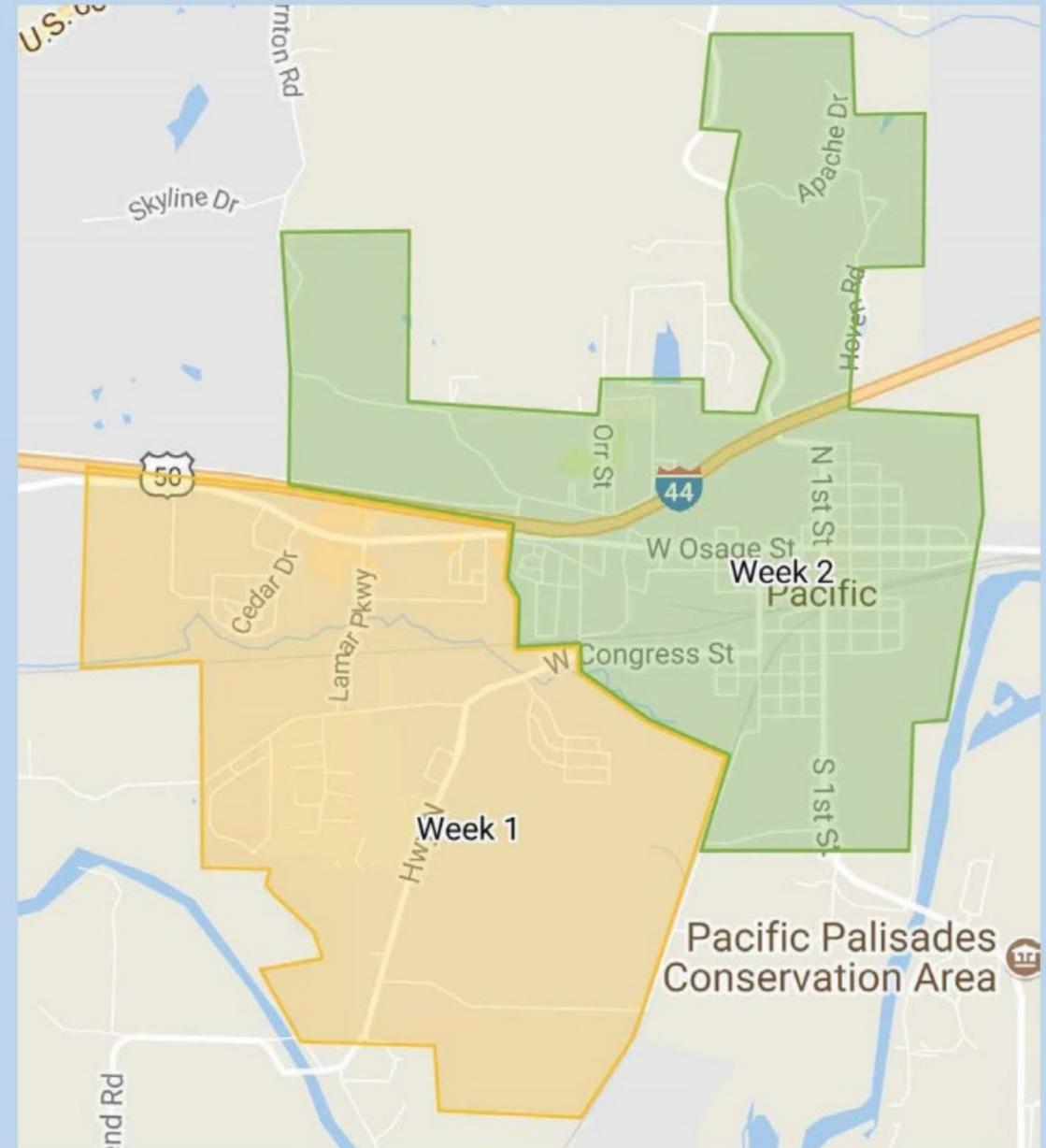
Sales Tax revenues.

The Wastewater Lift Station 5 upgrade project was completed earlier this year, and provides greater capacity at the sewer station serving Dailey Industrial Park and other nearby areas. Kelpo Contracting performed the work at a total cost of \$275,260, and is being paid out of sewer funds.

The City in September, 2021 awarded a contract to Insituform Technologies for \$365,464 to perform Cured-In-Place Pipe reconstruction of more than two miles of City sanitary sewer mains. The main sewer line serving the First Street and Columbus Street neighborhoods will be reconstructed, as well as other problem locations in the City. This project follows similar work performed in 2020.

Major projects slated for next year include Phase 1 of the Wastewater Lift 2 / Brush Creek Interceptor improvement, and the Denton Road bridge replacement project.

## City of Pacific Bulk Trash pick-up map



**Week 1 locations: October 4-8 Week 2: October 11-15**

**Please set bulk items out by 7 a.m. Monday of the week scheduled for your residence.**

**Residential properties only will be picked up. No apartment complexes, commercial or industrial areas.**

**Only those areas within the City limits will be picked up!**

**NO CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, DEMOLITION DEBRIS, TIRES, BATTERIES, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, PAINT, BIOMEDICAL & INFECTIOUS WASTE!**

**For a more interactive map, please go to [www.pacificmissouri.com](http://www.pacificmissouri.com)**