



City of Pacific  
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## Iron Horse Rodeo returns to town Sept. 27-28

The Pacific Iron Horse Rodeo returns Sept. 27-28 to Liberty Field. Gates open each day at 5 p.m., with the rodeo scheduled for 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$5 for children age 5-12. Kids under age 5 are free.

Local band "Out By Nine" will be performing this year on both nights. A variety of food and drink will be available for purchase.

The rodeo is sponsored by the City of Pacific, working in conjunction with the Pacific Partnership and many other local civic and community organizations.

Sponsorships are still available. Please call City Hall at 636-271-0500 for details.



Barrel racing is one of the many events scheduled for this year's Iron Horse Rodeo, held at Pacific's Liberty Field park.

See you at the Rodeo!

### Mark your calendars!

Sept. 27-28—Iron Horse Rodeo, Liberty Field  
Oct. 5—Fall Beautification / Clean-up Day  
Park Board, First Monday, 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Aldermen meetings, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.  
Planning and Zoning, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7p.m.  
Coffee with the Mayor, First Friday of each month from 7:30am—8:30am at Little Ireland

Please go to [pacificmissouri.com](http://pacificmissouri.com) for a Calendar with City meeting dates and other event information

### Question / complaint / comment? Call us!

City Hall 636-271-500. Extensions: Code Enforcement 196; Accounts Payable / Park Rentals 211; City Administrator 213; City Collector 214; Utility Billing and Building 215; City Engineer 216; City Clerk 217; Court Clerk 218; Building Inspector 219; Deputy City Clerk 223.

## Residents urged to keep recyclables clean

Waste Connections, the City's contracted residential waste and recyclables hauler, is urging residents to keep their recyclables clean and free of contamination. Residents who repeatedly have trash mixed with their recyclables may have their recycling cart permanently removed. Contaminated recycling loads may be rejected and dumped as regular trash.



### Did you know?

The realigned Route 66 came through Pacific in 1933, linking St. Louis to the east and Gray Summit / Villa Ridge to the west. The original Route 66 (1926-32) ran from St. Louis west to Gray Summit generally along what is now Manchester Road / Route 100. The realigned 1933 route ran directly through Pacific, spawning numerous gas stations, motels, restaurants and other businesses along the way.

Beginning in the 1950's, construction of I-44 bypassed "The Mother Road" in Pacific, and by 1972 the interstate system had completely replaced the old Route 66 nationwide. The route was officially decommissioned in 1985, though the name remains in use unofficially today. Plans are now in the works to celebrate Route 66's 100th anniversary in 2026.

## City working on sanitary sewer, storm water issues

Recent heavy rains and flash floods have put the focus back on sanitary sewer and storm issues in the City.

The City earlier this year contracted with engineering firm CM Archer Group for evaluation of City Lift Station 2, which handles the majority of the City's sewer flow. The evaluation will make recommendations for improvements in several areas. The report is due early this fall, with design and construction slated for 2020.

The City also has contracted with CM Archer for a project to re-line sanitary sewer mains in the Cedars and Hawthorne subdivisions, two priority residential areas. This work is expected to go out for bid later in 2019, with con-

struction in late 2019 or early 2020.

The City meanwhile has engaged Engineering Surveys and Services (ESS) for storm water improvements at Horgan Subdivision, and has contracted with Cochran Engineering for evaluation of storm water issues at Midwest and Industrial Drive.

The City also plans to engage a consultant for a more comprehensive study of the City's storm water system; this work is expected to identify priority areas and projects for construction in 2020 and beyond. The storm water work will be made possible in part by voter approval this year of Prop P, a half-cent City sales tax for parks and storm water.

## New water rates go into effect with November bills

City water customers will likely see an increase in their monthly water bill, following recent action by the Board of Aldermen.

The Board in August gave approval to a rate increase proposal designed to step up City water rates over a period of five years. Customers will see the rates reflected in the bills that go out in early November.

City water rates have not been increased since 2006. The Water Fund has been running at a deficit in recent years, with transfers from the Sewer Fund necessary to keep the Water Fund solvent.

The new rates raise the monthly minimum charge from \$6.57 to \$7.50. The volume rate was set at \$2.92 per thousand gallons, and will apply to all volumes. The previous rate had a 2,000-gallon usage allowance, which means the \$6.57 minimum charge included the first 2,000 gallons. That usage allowance has been eliminated in the new rate, meaning customers will now pay for all metered water volumes.

City water rates remain on the low end compared to other cities / water districts in the region. Please see the accompanying tables for more information.

Water Usage (gals.)	Existing User Charge	New User Charge
0	\$6.57	\$7.50
1000	\$6.57	\$10.42
2000	\$6.57	\$13.34
3000	\$9.44	\$16.26
4000	\$12.31	\$19.18
5000	\$15.18	\$22.10
10000	\$28.18	\$36.70
50000	\$121.38	\$153.50

City / Utility	Base Charge	2,000 gal- lon rate	5,000 gal- lon rate
Washington	\$6.50	\$7.55	\$13.82
Eureka	\$11.55	\$11.55	\$14.94
Pacific previous	\$6.57	\$6.57	\$15.18
Pacific new	\$7.50	\$13.34	\$22.10
Union	\$6.70	\$6.70	\$15.85
St. Clair	\$9.04	\$13.56	\$26.73
Sullivan	\$4.69	\$14.33	\$28.79
Franklin County PWSD #1	\$14.04	\$18.26	\$30.92
JEFFCO #8	\$12.95	\$17.55	\$31.35
Missouri American (St. Louis Co. residential rate)	\$9.00	\$18.56	\$33.90
JEFFCO #1	\$18.80	\$18.80	\$45.73
Franklin County PWSD #3	\$24.01	\$35.87	\$55.64

Source: Published rates from online sources, July 2019

### 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. The City also posts Planning and Zoning Commission meeting packets, and agendas for other Boards and Commissions.

Can't find what you're looking for? Send an email to [sroth@pacificmissouri.com](mailto:sroth@pacificmissouri.com) and we will post it.

### City to conduct Pool evaluation

The City has contracted with Westport Pools for an evaluation / assessment of the Municipal Pool facility. The work is intended to evaluate and assess all aspects of the pool facility, including as follows:

- Assessment of the existing conditions related to compliance with current health code requirements.
- Visual examination of structural components of pool shell for structural integrity.
- Inventory and assessment of existing conditions of the filtration and recirculation system.
- Analyze effectiveness of existing mechanical equipment (pumps, motors, starters, etc.)
- Assessment of chemical control, storage and delivery systems for effectiveness and code compliance.

The report will include recommendations for corrective actions, including cost estimates, and will also include examples of new pool construction and renovations performed in other area cities. The final report is due to be presented to the Park Board and Board of Aldermen in fall, 2019.

## Beautification Committee highlights Yards of the Month

The City's Beautification Committee recently named its first two winners of the Yard of the Month award. The committee selected the winners from among several nominees considered at a recent meeting.

The two properties honored in September were 516 N. First Street, residential; and 302 W. St. Louis Street, commercial. The 516 N. First Street property is owned by Devin Berdeaux; the commercial property is the site of the new First State Community Bank.

People can nominate properties through the City's website; please go to the Beautification Committee page and fill out the online form. Nominations can also be done in person at City Hall.

The Beautification Committee meets monthly at City Hall. Agendas are posted in advance on the City website. Committee members are as follows: Angie Hardcastle, chair; Samantha Stotler, Amy Donovan, Matt Lowry, Heather Mulford, Bonnie Post, Rick Willmore



Mayor Steve Myers, Angie Hardcastle, Beautification Committee chair, present the Yard of the Month (commercial property) award to Pat Dubuque and Al Baldwin of First State Community Bank. The award was presented at a recent Board of Aldermen meeting.

## Board sets FY 2020 property tax rate at \$.4270

The Pacific Board of Aldermen in August set the 2019 tax levy at \$.4270, a decrease of 1.7 cents over last year. The final rate was subject to change, based on review and approval by the Missouri State Auditor. The tax rate remains among the lowest in the region.

The City's total assessed valuation (Franklin and St. Louis counties combined), is \$136,532,441, which is up 8.4 percent over 2018. The valuation breaks down as follows: Residential real estate, \$58,134,108; Commercial real estate, \$39,710,950; Agricultural, \$1,076,579; Railroads and utilities, \$39,980; Personal property, \$25,928,485; Personal property, railroads and utilities, \$746,862.

The tax rate is figured per \$100 assessed valuation. To figure your tax bill, multiply the tax rate by your total assessed valuation, then divide by 100.

For example: \$15,000 total valuation X \$.4270 = \$6,405 DIVIDED BY 100 = \$64.05 total bill.

The City contracts with Franklin County and St. Louis County for collection of real and personal property tax bills. The total tax bill includes numerous public taxing entities, including the school district, fire and ambulance district, community college district, and others.

The City expects to generate \$582,993 in real and personal property tax revenues in Fiscal Year 2020 from the \$.4270 tax levy.

## Contractor completes Indian Warpath Dr. resurfacing; first phase of 2019 asphalt paving project

Jokerst Paving completed an asphalt resurfacing project on Indian Warpath Drive in early August, just in time for the start of school. Jokerst was the low bidder for the City's 2019 asphalt paving project, which includes Indian Warpath, W. Union Street and sections of Hawthorne Subdivision.

The W. Union project extends from near Western Avenue east to the Payne Street intersection. The Hawthorne work includes sections of roadway with existing asphalt surfacing. The W. Union and Hawthorne work is tentatively scheduled for mid to late September. Residents and businesses will receive notifications from the contractor prior to beginning work.

The total contract award (base bid) was \$427,321.01.



Mayor Steve Myers, left, shakes hands with Gary Scheipeter, Cochran Engineering, during paving of Indian Warpath Drive in early August. The work was part of a \$427,321 contract awarded to Jokerst Paving.

Cochran Engineering has served as the project manager for the City. Funding for the project will come from existing Capital Improvements Sales Tax balances. The work was made possi-

ble in part by voter approval earlier this year of City "Prop S," a half-cent sales tax for streets and other transportation purposes.

### City online utility bill payment now available

City of Pacific water and sewer customers can pay their bills online, thanks to a service available on the City website. The online bill pay option gives customers the option to pay water and sewer utility bills at any time using the online portal. The City is also accepting credit cards and debit cards for payment at City Hall during regular business hours. The new systems were rolled out earlier this year.

Customers should be aware that a "convenience fee" applies to electronic payments, whether they are done in person or on-line. The fee is 2.5% of the total transaction, with a minimum of \$1.95 for credit/debit cards. Customers also have an "eCheck" option (online payments only). The fee for eChecks is \$1.75 per transaction.

## Brush, limbs should be set out the first week of the month

The City of Pacific provides regular curbside pick-up of brush, limbs and leaves for City residents and businesses. **The pick-up is performed during the first full week of the month.** Items set out for pick-up **must be out by the first Monday of the month.**

The intent of this service is to provide for pick-up of brush and other yard waste generated as part of routine property maintenance and / or resulting from storms and other weather events. **The intent is not to provide a commercial tree or composting service.**

Brush and tree limbs must be cut in lengths of no more than six (6) feet, and must be no more than six (6) inches in diameter. Brush and limbs must be neatly stacked at the curb to facilitate easy pick-up by City personnel. Leaves must be contained in bags (paper only, please) and must also be stacked neatly at the curb.

Large trees and branches more than six feet long or more than six inches in diameter will not be picked up. Items weighing 30 pounds or more also will not be picked up. The City at all times reserves the right to refuse to pick up brush, limbs or leaves that do not meet the above criteria.

Residents may also drop off brush, limbs and leaves at the Public Works Maintenance Building, 77 Cedar Field Drive, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

People may call 636-257-2163 to notify Public Works in advance if brush has been set out. Please be sure to leave an address with your message.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

### City no longer to require PUD for new developments

The Board of Aldermen recently adopted new zoning regulations that ends the "mandatory PUD" development plan provision for new commercial and industrial developments. The new provision provides for administrative review of new site plans, provided the plans are in conformance with City code provisions.

The former PUD ("planned unit development") process required public hearings for virtually all new site development. That process remains in place for projects that are not in strict conformance with municipal code provisions.

However, projects that are simpler and more routine in nature will now be able to be approved administratively, provided again that the plans are in conformance with City codes.

### City applies for grant to pay for 50% of the cost of new dump trucks

The City is hopeful to win approval of a grant that would pay for 50 percent of the cost of replacement diesel dump trucks.

The program is known as the "Volkswagen Trust Government Truck Program" and is funded through a \$2.9 billion settlement reached in 2016 between Volkswagen and the federal government. Approximately \$41 million has been made available for Missouri projects, with the goal of reducing nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions.

The City had previously planned on replacing its diesel dump trucks through a lease purchase plan. The City is now hopeful to cut its costs in half for the new purchases, pending the grant award.

### City receives planning grant from St. Louis County Municipal Parks

The City has received a \$6,400 grant from the Municipal Parks Commission of St. Louis County, to help fund a planned Parks Master Planning study.

The City earlier had requested Statements of Qualifications from consulting firms interested in doing the work, which will evaluate the City park system and facilities, and make recommendations for improvements.

The Board of Aldermen earlier this year pledged to conduct such a study pending voter approval of Prop P, a half-cent parks and storm water sales tax. The City now hopes to make a consultant selection for the planning work this fall, with the report due early next spring.



Motorists are reminded to please be watchful of motorcycles this season. Grass clippings on streets and highways are a special hazard; **please do not blow grass clippings onto the street!**

# Bulk Trash Pick-up Weeks of Oct. 7 & 14

The City of Pacific will conduct bulk trash pick-up for City residents during the weeks of October 7 and October 14. 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 DEBRIS, 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.

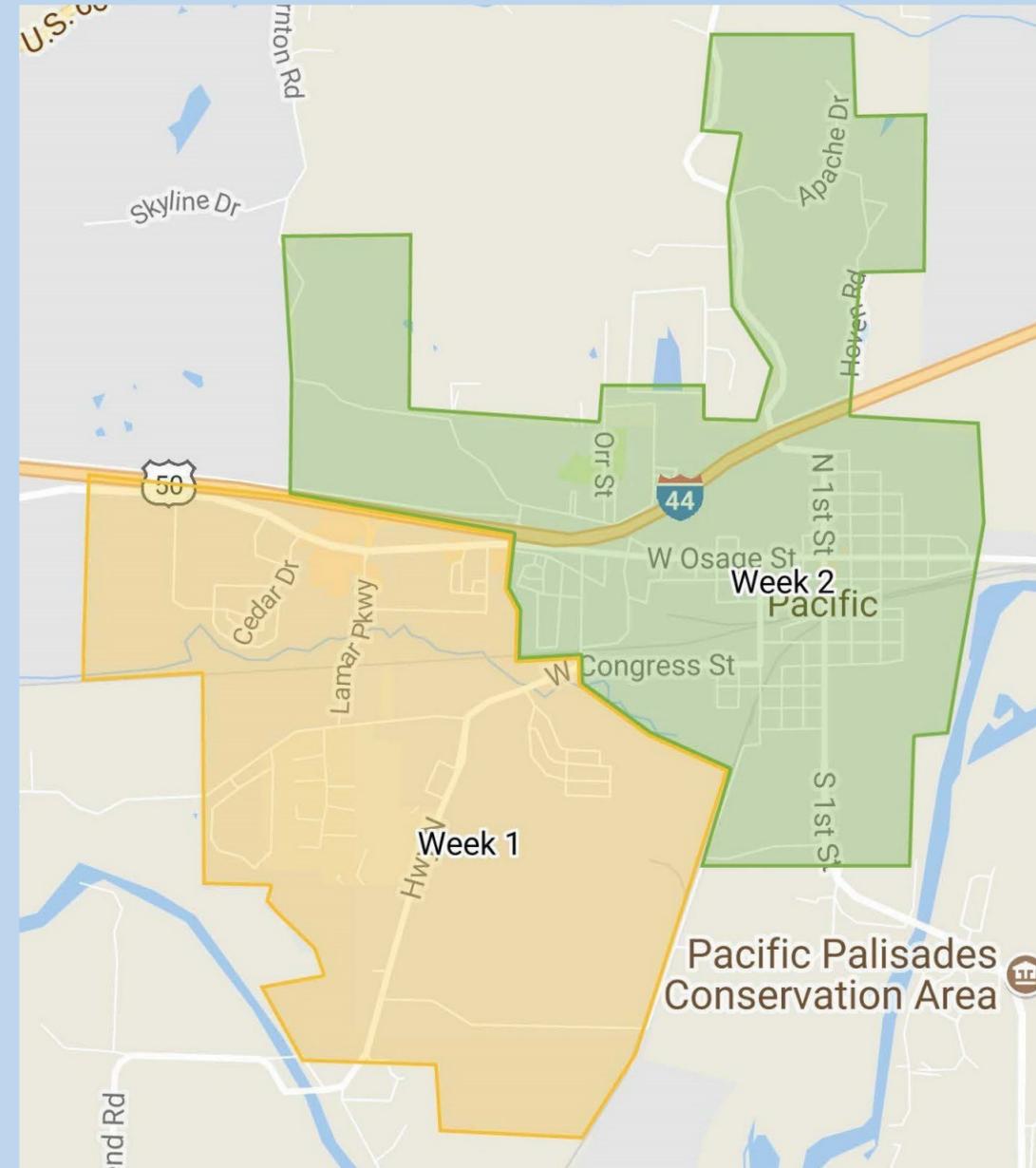
The pick-up schedule is listed below. Please also note the map accompanying this flyer. In general, the west side of the City will be picked up during Week 1, with the north and east sides of the City picked up in Week 2. This flyer and map is also posted on the City website, [www.pacificmissouri.com](http://www.pacificmissouri.com).

**Week of October 7-11:** 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 14-18:** All areas north of Interstate 44, including Eagles View, Forest Glen, and Osage Hills subdivisions. All areas east of Viaduct Street and McDonalds, including Hogan Subdivision. All areas east of Payne Street, including Kaleigh Lane, downtown neighborhoods.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

## City of Pacific Bulk Trash pick-up map



**Week 1 locations: October 7-11 Week 2: October 14-18**

**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!**

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