



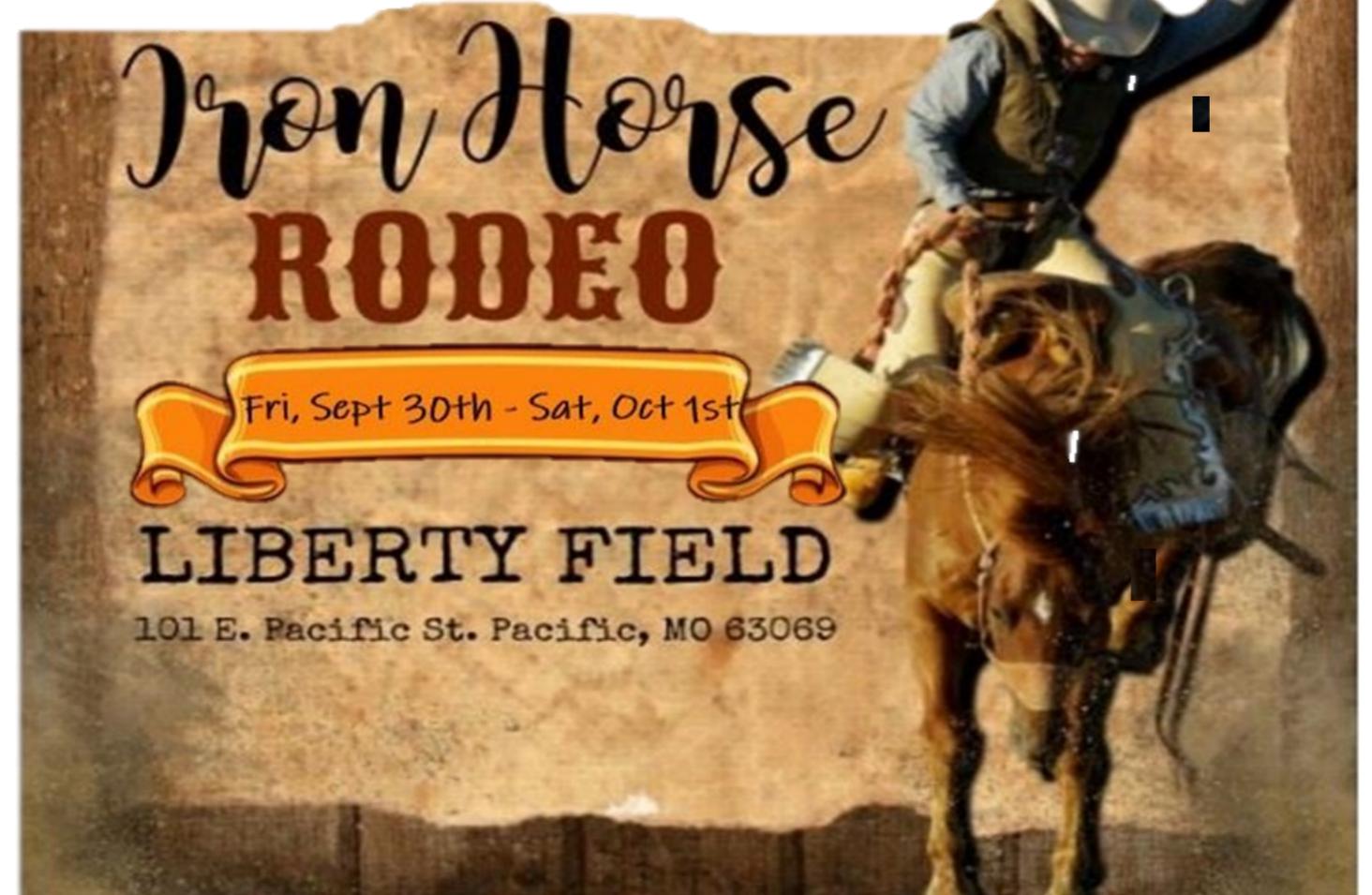
City of Pacific
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Pacific Update

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Official Newsletter of the City of Pacific September, 2022



Mark your calendars!

Nov. 11—City Hall closed for Veterans Day
Nov. 24 & 25—City Hall closed for Thanksgiving
Dec. 23 - Dec. 26—City Hall closed for Christmas holiday
Dec. 30—City Hall closed for New Years Eve
Board of Aldermen meetings, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Planning & Zoning, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m. (as needed)

Please go to pacificmissouri.com for a Calendar with City meeting dates and other event information

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 and we will post it.

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Pacific SAFE Initiative

"Be in the know!" Preparation and awareness are invaluable pieces of maximizing individual readiness and action planning. The City of Pacific encourages every resident and business owner to be a member of our free Emergency Mass Notification system (ReGroup). We use this key tool to contact enrolled members with shared alerts, warnings and messages deemed useful ahead of, during and after important events. Please allow us to help you be aware by joining at: <https://pacificmo.app.reggroup.com/signup> or by using this QR Code.



Returning to Pacific for the eighth straight year in a row, Outlaw/5J Rodeo Company will again host the ultimate rodeo experience with all the elements to satisfy the traditional rodeo fan, but wild enough to excite the new breed of RODEO FANATIC!

Since 2014, The City of Pacific has been working with the great folks of Outlaw 5J Rodeo Company and the Pacific Partnership to bring our community the best in Rodeo entertainment each fall. Outlaw/5J Rodeo Company has entertained more than 2 MILLION fans across the Midwest attracting cowboys and girls from many states to Pacific in the last competition of the year that can qualify them to go the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas!

Featuring a mechanical bull, live music, great food, pony rides & cold drinks, this year's Rodeo has something for all ages! Doors open at 5 p.m. Rodeo Starts at 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday.

Tickets can be purchased at Bank Star, Citizens Bank, First State Community Bank, Little Ireland Coffee Shop, Kaleidoscope and Save-A-Lot. Any tickets not sold in advance will be available at the gate for cash. Cost \$5 (Ages 5-12) \$10 (Ages 13+) More info at pacificmo.org.

Mayor's Corner

Hello Citizens of Pacific!

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and the kids are excited to have started the school season. With school being back in session please be cognizant of school buses making frequent stops loading and unloading students.



Mayor Heather Filley

Remember, it is illegal to pass or go around a school bus when the stop sign is out.

Several Aldermen and I have had the opportunity to broaden our knowledge on municipal matters, by attending conferences held by the Missouri Municipal League. These conferences cover topics cities of all sizes and classes deal with on a regular basis. Continuing to educate ourselves assists in performing the roles you all elected us to do.

Over the next several months, there are lots of activities and events going on within our City, being hosted by various organizations. Some of these include, Iron Horse Rodeo, Pacific Fire Protection District's 50th Anniversary Open House, Witches and Warlocks Street Party, Monsterfest, PHS Homecoming Parade and Downtown Christmas Parade.

Hope to see you there!



Mayor Filley and Aldermen James Cleeve (left) and Rick Presley recently attended the Missouri Municipal League annual conference. **Alderman Sara Brundick Gendron** also attended but was unavailable for the photo.

City planning to adopt updated building codes

The City is currently in the process of adopting an updated set of building codes, proposing to adopt the 2018 International Code Council (ICC) version. The City is currently using the 2009 ICC codes.

As required by state law, the City has filed copies of the codes and proposed amendments with the Office of City Clerk, where people can inspect the material during regular business hours. The proposed code amendments are also available on the City website, www.pacificmissouri.com.

The City has proposed numerous amendments to the 2018 ICC codes, in an effort to better reflect current construction practices in the local and regional area. Certain controversial (and costly) items have been eliminated, such as mandatory fire sprinkler systems for new residential construction. The City also worked in cooperation with the Pacific Fire District and other area agencies in developing its code update plans.

"We are not aware of any amendments in our proposal that would require a significant change or upgrade for home builders or contractors," said Steve Roth, City Administrator. "If anything we feel the new amendments are more responsive to current best practices, and are more streamlined. Of course we would invite public comment before proceeding with final proposed amendments to the Board of Aldermen."

State law requires a 90-day "grace period" for any new code adoption. The City conducted an Open Forum on the proposed plan August 30, giving contractors and other interested parties an opportunity to meet directly with City staff on the proposed changes, and filed the final set of codes and amendments in early September.

The draft ordinances to adopt the various codes have been presented to the Board, and are also available to the general public. The City currently intends to propose the final ordinances for adoption in December, 2022, with the new codes becoming effective in January, 2023.

Tax cut!

City repeals Vehicle License tax (aka "City Stickers")

The Pacific Board of Aldermen has repealed the City's Vehicle License tax, also known as the "City Stickers" tax.

The \$5 tax had been assessed for each automobile, motorcycle or truck licensed in the City of Pacific. The tax was included on the Personal Property bills issued by Franklin County and generated approximately \$25,000 annually for the City.

The tax has been on the books for several years, and formerly included the issuance of a City sticker that was to be placed on vehicles that were subject to the tax. This practice was discontinued in the early 2000's, after the City began contracting with Franklin County for real and personal property tax collections.

The "City stickers" tax was subject to review and discussion in the context of adoption of the FY 22 City budget. City officials upon review felt the tax was unnecessary, given that vehicle registration with the State of Missouri is already subject to payment of personal property taxes. While the revenue generated by the tax was helpful, City officials felt that voter approval of the Prop S Transportation Sales Tax in addition to increased state Motor Fuel tax revenues made the "City stickers" tax expendable.

The repeal applies to the 2022 tax year, going forward. Unpaid vehicle registration taxes from the 2021 year or earlier remain due and payable.

Speaking of taxes...

City property tax remains unchanged for 2022

The Board of Aldermen has set the City real estate and personal property tax at \$.4063 per \$100 assessed valuation, unchanged from last year.

The Board took action following a public hearing in August.

The tax rate is figured according to a formula set by state law, and is subject to approval by the Missouri State Auditor. The tax applies to all taxable real estate and personal property in the City.

The owner of a home with \$250,000 market value (\$47,500 assessed value) would pay \$192.99.

Property assessments are conducted by the County Assessor's office, which determines a market value and then assessed value, based on state law. Residential property is assessed at 19 percent

of market value; agricultural at 12 percent; commercial / other property at 32 percent. Personal property is generally assessed at 33.3 percent of market value, with certain categories subject to lesser

percentages. More information on property assessments is available from the County Assessor office. (www.franklinmo.org/assessor and stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-government/county-assessor/) The City's property tax rate is among the lowest in Franklin County. The total tax rate includes School Districts, state and county governments, fire districts and other taxing entities. The total 2021 rate for City residents was \$6.9071 per \$100 assessed valuation. The individual City rate of \$.4063 thus is just under 6 percent of the total.

Property tax rate comparisons, Franklin County (2021)

City	Tax rate (total)
Gerald	\$ 0.9082
Pacific	\$ 0.4063
Washington	\$ 0.5641
Sullivan	\$ 0.3988
New Haven	\$ 1.1936
St. Clair	\$ 0.6949
Union	\$ 0.6892

City seeks public feedback on Municipal Pool options

The City is seeking comment on various repair / renovation or replacement options for the Municipal Pool. A copy of the survey is available online at www.pacificmissouri.com; people may also fill out paper copies at City Hall.

The City has been looking into pool options for the past several years, and engaged Navigate Building Solutions earlier this year to present a full range of options, with cost estimates. The report was presented to the Park Board in August, and the Park Board is now seeking public comment before making a final recommendation to the Board of Aldermen.

Options for improvements are generally as follows:

- Repair the existing pool facility, estimated cost \$2.5 million
- Renovate existing facility; add zero-entry play area; \$3.5 million
- Replace existing pool with new pool facility, including new leisure pool areas and new bathhouse, \$4.6 million
- Replacement Alternate 1: Add two additional 25-yard lanes (8 lanes total), add \$600,000
- Replacement alternate 2: Add spray pad and additional pool features (Waterslide, etc.), add \$1.9 million.

Any major repair / renovation would likely require voter approval of a bond issue to fund the improvements. Citizens are asked to give their preferences on this topic as well, ranging from Do Not Support to a possible 25-cent tax levy. Examples of taxpayer costs are also included in the survey, ranging from \$38 annually for a 10-cent levy increase, to \$95 annually for a 25-cent levy increase. (Examples are for a home with assessed market value of \$200,000.)

Copies of the survey, the Navigate pool report, and other information is available online at www.pacificmissouri.com. People may also view paper copies of this information at City Hall during regular business hours.

Code reminder: Cargo (shipping) containers are prohibited in residential and commercial districts

The Board of Aldermen passed Ordinance No. 3293 on October 19, 2021 prohibiting cargo (shipping) containers for use as accessory storage buildings in all residentially and commercially zoned districts within the city limits of Pacific.

The ordinance states that all cargo (shipping) containers that are located in residential and commercial districts shall be removed within two (2) years of the effective date of the new law. **The effective date thus is October 19, 2023; residents and business owners are reminded that cargo containers must be removed from all residential and commercial zones by this date.** Containers that are in place after this date will be in violation of Municipal Code and property owners could be subject to summons to Municipal Court.

The ordinance does include a provision that allows a



resident to apply for a Conditional Use Permit to allow such containers in residential zones. Neighbors would be notified in such instance and have an opportunity to review the proposal and make comments during Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Aldermen review of the proposal.

Pacific Aldermen spotlight

Alderman Ward 1

Sara Brundick Gendron



Alderman Gendron grew up in Pacific and graduated from Pacific High School. She attended East Central College where she played volleyball and achieved her associates degree, later graduating from Webster University with a BA in literature. She and her husband live in Ward 1 and she has worked locally in banking for the last 22 years also serving on the board of several civic organizations.

She hopes to see Pacific continue working towards providing amenities and employment opportunities for our community that will continue to help us be such a wonderful place to call home.

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City completes Bosse Drive shopping center connection

Construction was recently completed creating Bosse Drive, the new entrance/ exit to the shopping complex containing B&H Grocery, Orscheln Farm and Home and Dollar General. The new road is a much-needed secondary access to the shopping center, complete with ADA accessible sidewalk. Construction on a new sidewalk section from Bosse Dr. to Rose Lane has been approved and will be complete this fall.

Gershenson Construction, Eureka, was the general contractor for the project, at a total contract cost of \$266,799.

Bosse Drive is named after the late Joseph Bosse Sr., long-time Pacific area businessman and owner of the property that was dedicated for the Bosse Drive right-of-way.



Welcome, Officer Soriano!



Mayor Heather Filley recently signed the Commission of Michael Soriano, newly hired patrol officer for the Pacific Police Department. Officer Soriano formerly worked with the Missouri Highway Patrol and has also worked in the City's 911 Communications Center. Mayor Filley is pictured at left with Officer Soriano during a recent swearing-in ceremony. Welcome, Officer Soriano!

City of Pacific Bulk Trash Pick-up scheduled for weeks of Oct. 3 and 10

The City of Pacific will conduct its annual bulk trash pick-up for City residents during the weeks of October 3 and October 10. 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.

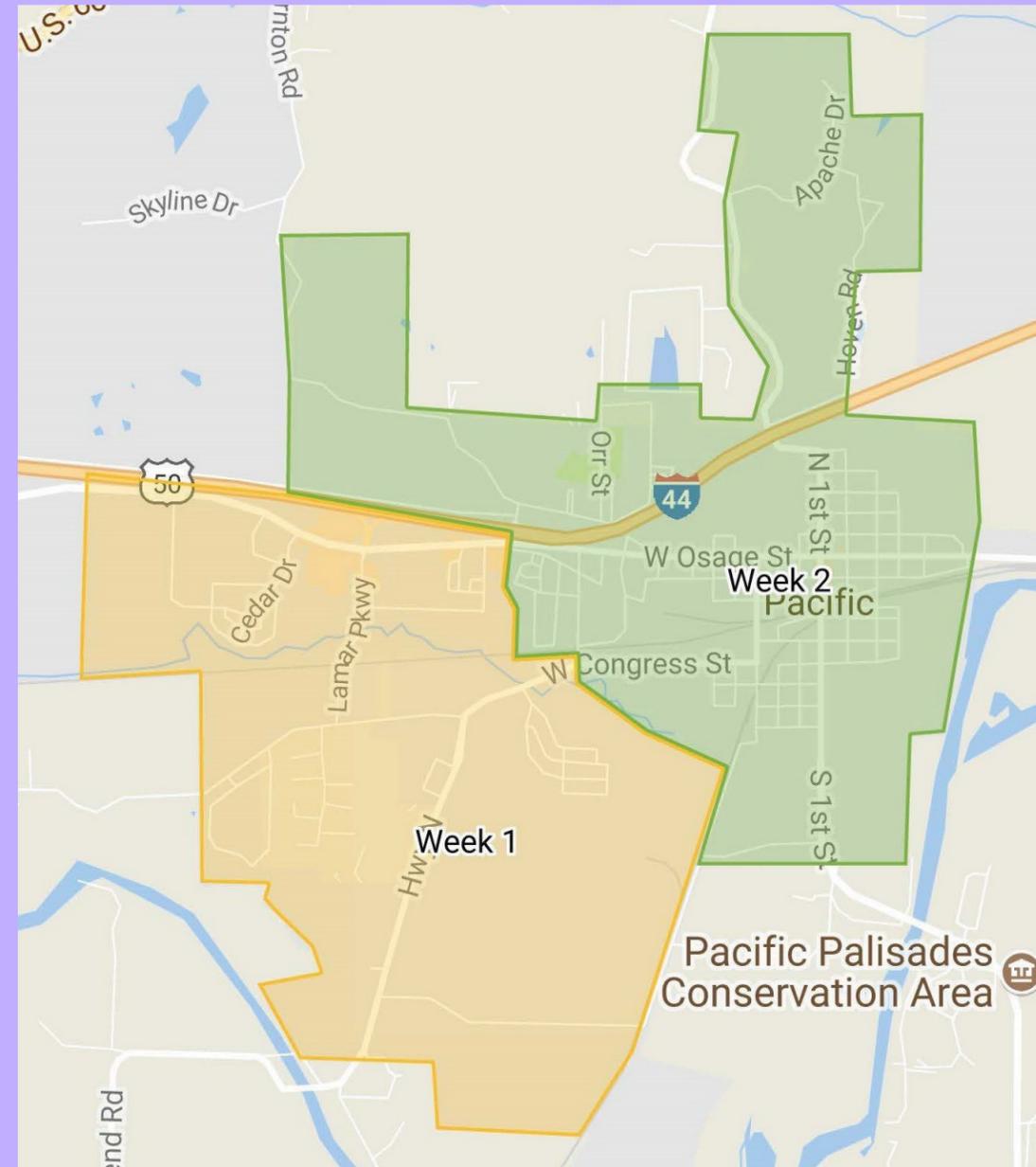
The pick-up schedule is listed below. **Please also note the map on the back side of this flyer.** In general, the west side of the City will be picked up during Week 1, with the north and east sides of the City picked up in Week 2. This flyer and map is also posted on the City website, www.pacificmissouri.com.

Week of October 3-7: 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, Bend Ridge Estates, Summit Park, Ridge Meadows, Silver Lake.

Week of October 10-14: 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 3-7 Week 2: October 10-14

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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