



# CITY OF PACIFIC NEWS

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## City Government

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## Mayor's Message

**Mayor Leanne Guier**

Happy New Year!

It's hard to believe it is 2020 already, and spring is just around the corner.

There will be some new things happening around the city this year. Council approved in this year's budget to use funds from the King County Parks Levy that past last summer to hire a parks maintenance employee to update and maintain our parks. Fifty percent of the funds will pay for wages and fifty percent will provide new amenities for our residents to enjoy.

Your park board is currently working on prioritizing this work. If you are interested in being involved with the decision making, please apply for a park board position, we currently have two openings. We also have a youth opening on this board as well. If you know of a high school student who would like to get involved, please encourage them to apply as well. The Park Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm. We believe one of the great things about our city is all the pocket parks located around our community. We are very excited to receive funding from King County Parks Levy to enhance all of spaces for our community to enjoy. I welcome any thoughts or ideas you may have regarding a park near you.

We also have an opening on our Civil Service Commission. If public safety is an interest of yours, you may find this role of interest. The commission meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00. The Civil Service commission is composed of five persons appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council to exercise the powers and to perform the duties established by that state law in connection with the selection, appointment and employment of all full-paid police officers, except the police chief and public safety director.

As always, I look forward to your comments and suggestions, [lgwier@ci.pacific.wa.us](mailto:lgwier@ci.pacific.wa.us)  
-Leanne Guier, Mayor



## Council Corner



While headlines are filled with bitter national controversies and international conflicts, most people have far more at stake in local government. Do the police make you feel safe in your home and on your streets? Are those streets safe for all residents, whether driving, walking, or riding bikes? Do the city's pipes bring you fresh water and take away your sewage? Quality-of-life issues are what bring me to local government. I believe it is possible for a well-run small town to create an efficient and humane community where reasonable taxes are the shared price we all pay for shared services.

Reasonable people can disagree about how to achieve quality of life, but we can do it without being disagreeable. That's one of the reasons I enjoy serving on your City Council. We have people from many different backgrounds, and different political philosophies, who come together to reach compromises. I'm not here to get my way, I'm here to help us agree on a shared approach to meeting the needs of our residents and businesses.

Often that's a very long-term process. When I first came to Pacific, for example, the Parks Board was just looking at a vision for extending the Interurban Trail. More than a decade later, that extension is finally being built. In between, there were years of planning and budgets, negotiations and disagreements. But by this summer, we'll have a new asset that will serve Pacific residents for generations to come.

That's what really attracts me to local government – the long accumulation of gifts from one generation to the next, the maintenance of those gifts so that we can pass them along, and the ability to leave our community better than we found it. Your streets, your utilities, your vital services aren't some anonymous government. They're the ongoing work of neighbors who come together to make Pacific work.

-Joshua Putnam, Mayor Pro Tem

## **COMMUNITY CENTER**

253-929-1155

**Free family bingo** for all ages at 6pm-8pm on the dates below. Dinner is offered at every bingo event for \$5 starting at 5pm. All winners receive a prize and an entry into the quarterly grand prize HDTV drawing.

Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> - Spaghetti Dinner  
Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> - Taco dinner  
Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> - Taco dinner

On Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-11:30am join us for our **Tiny Tots Valentine Exchange**. Tiny Tots (ages 0-5) and family are invited to the Community Center for Valentine's Day fun. Gifts, cards, crafts, and sweets to be included.

### **Paint Night with Amanda Lampe**

Join us on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> between 6pm-8pm for a group painting class guided by our local expert, Amanda Lampe. The class fee is \$10-\$15.

All ages and experience levels welcome!



The community Center is located at  
305 Milwaukee Blvd S, Pacific WA 98047

## **PACIFIC SENIOR CENTER**

253-929-1150

### **Lunch served daily:**

Monday: 11-1 Serving the Community  
Tuesday-Friday: 12-1 Serving Seniors  
If you would like to be on the mailing list, please contact us at 253.929.1150



February our annual **Rock the Socks** Donation Drive;  
**NEW** socks accepted in the Senior Center



### **Valentine's Day senior lunch party:**

Wear red and come have lunch with us!  
Call Randy for a ride at 253.929.1154

**Line Dancing** on Mondays at 2-3 PM at the Senior Center

Talk to a S.H.I.B.A. representative on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month about your insurance options

Don't forget about **BIRTHDAY** Friday! The first Friday of every month at lunch time



Join us for activities! Poker, walking groups, card games, chess, movies and more!

**Corri Lewis, Community Services Manager**

[CLewis@ci.pacific.wa.us](mailto:CLewis@ci.pacific.wa.us)

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Monthly Meetings**

<b>Committee of the Whole</b> , 1st and 3rd Mondays	6:30pm
<b>City Council Workshop</b> , 1st and 3rd Mondays	After COW
<b>City Council Meeting</b> , 2nd and 4th Mondays	6:30pm
<b>Park Board</b> , 1st Tuesday	6:30pm
<b>Planning Commission</b> , 4th Tuesday	6:00pm
<b>Pacific Partnerships</b> , 2nd Tuesday, Senior Center	6:30pm

\*All meetings held at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

### **February**

14th - Valentines Day	
17th - Presidents Day - City Hall Closed	
18th - Free Family Bingo Night	5:30-8:00pm
24th - Public Hearing - Fireworks Ban	6:30pm

### **March**

13th - Paint Night	6:00-8:00pm
17th - Free Family Bingo Night	5:30-8:00pm

### **April**

10th - Paint Night	6:00-8:00pm
15th - Tax Day	
21st - Free Family Bingo Night	5:30-8:00pm
22nd - Earth Day	

**For up-to-date information, tune in to Channel 21 on Comcast or visit the website at [www.pacificwa.gov](http://www.pacificwa.gov)**

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE**

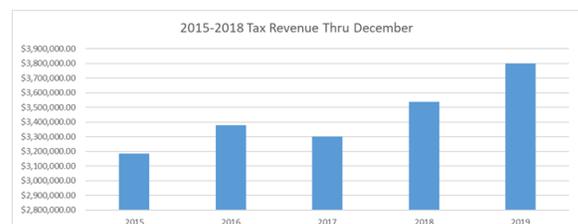
2019 Tax revenue continues at a robust pace in the current economic climate.

The 2019 final draft financial reports are currently being prepared by the City's finance department for presentation to the City Council at a Council Workshop in February.

The most significant revenues are the taxes received in the General Fund. Not only are they the largest "single" source revenue but they also are the most "telling" indicator of how the economy is trending locally.

The growth of tax revenues as of December 31, 2019 from 2018 was 7.4% and in 2018 from 2017 it was just over 7% (7.2%). The City financial staff is currently researching what the most significant indicators for this increase are such as in what is driving the sales tax revenue up by 15.2% (\$1,159,914 versus \$1,006,995).

One conclusion that we can make from this is that the economy in the City of Pacific is still trending upward heading into 2020!



## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Public Works in Action**

We have an ambitious schedule of activities this year. Several of the planned projects on our list include:

- Complete the Interurban Trail and amenities between 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SW and Stewart Road.
- Finalize design and permitting for Stewart Road improvements between Valentine Ave SE and Butte Ave SE. Construction to start in early 2021.
- Complete street improvements on Skinner Road and Butte Ave (between 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and County Line Road SE).
- Complete electrical upgrades at all sewer lift stations.
- Complete sewer pump station replacement at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and Tacoma Blvd.
- Start construction of the new Public Works shop at site improvements at County Line Road and Yakima Ave S.
- Finish the telemetry system construction. This is the communication system between water and sewer facilities and the operators.

We have had a couple of snow events this winter. If we have additional snow events, please note that our plowing and sanding priorities are the major thoroughfares and intersections. After plowing the priority streets, other roads will be plowed as resources permit. The plowing process may create berms at driveways. These will not be removed during plowing operations.

Please note that City code requires the adjacent property owner to keep the sidewalk clear and safe for pedestrians, including snow and ice.

[8.28.030](#) *Nuisances affecting peace and safety.*

- F. *The allowing of runoff rainwater, ice or snow to fall from any building or structure upon any street or sidewalk or to flow across any sidewalk;*

As the days start to warm up and lengthen, we begin to spend more time outside. If you visit any of our parks and notice hazards or vandalism in the parks, please notify us at 253-929-1198.

If you are out late and notice a street light out, please feel free to contact PSE directly at the following website: <https://www.pse.com/outage/report-street-light-outage>. You will need the pole number and address. The pole number is a tag with the name Intolight and an eight character number AAAA####.

**Jim Morgan, Public Works Manager**  
[jmorgan@ci.pacific.wa.us](mailto:jmorgan@ci.pacific.wa.us).

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

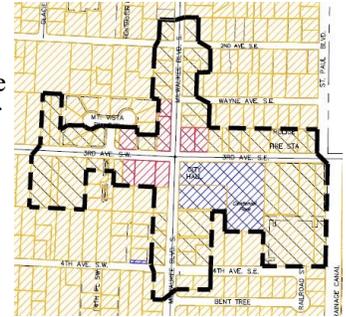
### **Fireworks Ban? Public Hearing, February 24, 2020**

The City Council is considering a total ban on the discharge of fireworks in the City beginning in 2021. Fireworks that are currently banned under Chapter 8.46 of the Pacific Municipal Code (PMC) are ones that explode or fly in the air. The City currently allows fireworks such as a sparkler, cylindrical fountain, cone fountain, illuminating torch, wheel (pinned to a post), ground wheel, flutter sparkler and smoke device. A total ban would include the currently legal fireworks. The City Council will be conducting a public hearing on **February 24, 2020** to hear public input in favor of or against a total ban. The public hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall at **100 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE**. The Council meeting begins at **6:30pm**. Comments may be sent in advance of the public hearing to Jack Dodge, Community Development Manager at [jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us](mailto:jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us), or to Laurie Cassell, City Clerk at [lcassell@ci.pacific.wa.us](mailto:lcassell@ci.pacific.wa.us), and by mail to the address listed above.



### **Upcoming Comprehensive Plan/Code Amendment Revision Cycle**

Under the State Growth Management Act (GMA), the public may request revisions to the City's Comprehensive Plan and/or Zoning Code once per year. This may include changes to land use designations and changes to the zoning of properties associated with the changes to the land use designations. Under Pacific Municipal Code (PMC) Chapter 16.32.140, proposed changes must be submitted in person to the City by **5:00pm** on **March 1, 2020**. There is a **\$1,000 dollar fee** to request revisions. For information regarding the review process, please contact Jack Dodge, Community Development Manager at 253-929-1107 ([jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us](mailto:jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us))



### **Plan for the Future**

The City is now accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the City's Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings are typically one (1) hour in length and begin at 6:00pm. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding (but not limited to) the following actions:

- Revisions to the City's Comprehensive Plan
- Revisions to the City's Zoning Code
- Revisions to the City's Shoreline Master Program
- Other duties as assigned

An application for Planning Commission is available at the Community Development counter at City Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jack Dodge, Community Development Manager at [jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us](mailto:jdodge@ci.pacific.wa.us) or at 253-929-1107.



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## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Pacific Municipal Code section 6.05.150 covers nuisance animals and makes the following things unlawful:**

1. Animals (excluding household pets, such as dogs and cats), particularly horses, mules, rabbits, bovine animals, lambs, goats, sheep, birds, hogs, chickens or other animals made to be domestic, being kept in residential districts which do not comply with the existing zoning regulations;
2. Animals running at large within the city;
3. Animals off-leash in any park, except for required guide or service dogs.
4. Any animal which enters any place where food is stored, prepared, served or sold to the public;
5. Any domesticated animal which chases, or runs after or jumps at vehicles using the public streets and alleys;
6. Any domesticated animal which habitually snaps, growls, snarls, jumps upon or otherwise threatens persons lawfully using the public sidewalks, streets, alleys, or other public ways;
7. Any animal which has exhibited vicious propensities and which constitutes danger to the safety of persons or property off his premises or lawfully on his premises;
8. A vicious animal or animal with vicious propensities which runs at large at any time, or which is off the owner's premises not securely leashed and in the control of a person of suitable age and discretion to control or restrain such animal;
9. Any domesticated animal which howls, yelps, whines, barks, or makes other oral noises, in such a manner as to disturb any person or neighborhood to an unreasonable degree;

If you need to report a nuisance animal, you can call Metro Animal Services directly at (253) 299-PETS. For emergency or urgent responses, call Valley Comm at either 911 or (253) 852-2121.