Mayor’s Message

Mayor Leanne Guier

Happy Fall!

I just love this time of year with all the trees turning colors. It also reminds me that this is a very busy time of year around city hall. Our public works crews are busy preparing our parks for winter, our police department is making sure drivers are safe around Alpac Elementary, not too mention it’s budget season. This year’s budget, like others, will represent the council’s and my priorities for the city. Public Safety is number one. We also need to focus on infrastructure. Streets have been a concern of many of you and I hope you are able to attend the workshop on October 17th as we have a discussion on how to fund replacing, repairing, and maintaining those streets. I want to hear from you. We also need to make sure we have funding for water, sewer, and storm water infrastructure. Some decisions are very challenging and take a lot of thought. Our primary goal is to provide our community with the best possible services while spending your tax dollars. We will be having budget hearings soon. We would like to hear from you regarding your thoughts and concerns. This is your home, your community, and we work for you.

I hope you visit our website for upcoming events and publications. If you have Comcast, Channel 21 is kept up to date. We are working on replacing our current “server” at city hall. Once our new “virtual server” and new website are fully operating, we plan on creating an email list for those who would prefer an electronic version instead of a paper version of the city newsletter. The goal is by our next publication we should have information on how to register for Pacific’s electronic version newsletter.

As always, I look forward to your comments and suggestions, lguier@ci.pacific.wa.us

-Leanne Guier, Mayor

Congratulations!

Free Family Bingo Night

Grand Prize Winner

Just a reminder to mark your calendar and please join us for FREE Community BINGO the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8PM. Food is available for purchase in the East Room from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. It’s an inexpensive family date night, a great way to meet people in your community, and a kid friendly event for all to enjoy.

Eriqa Wiggs-Martin and Mayor Leanne
PACIFIC ALGONA SENIOR CENTER

Hours Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm
Come join our Stone Soup Mondays 11am – 1pm at the Senior Center. This is a free lunch for all ages in our community. Then, stay at the Senior Center and play our free Bingo from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

Touch of Home meets here every Tuesday at 10:00am. This is a group of citizens sharing their talents at crocheting, knitting, or other crafts. Just two of the worthwhile projects that they work so hard on throughout the year include making and donating lap blankets to Vets in our community and baby blankets and hats to our low-income families.

The fourth Tuesday of every month Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisor (S.H.I.B.A.) will be in the Senior Center. Please call 253-929-1150 to schedule a personal private appointment with our advisor to discuss your medical insurance questions.

On Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the senior center, we have watercolor painting. On Wednesday’s at 2:00 PM has painting with water colors. We also have the Coloring Crowd every Wednesday at 10:30 and 2:00. Our seniors come for the morning coloring stay for lunch provided by Catholic Community Services and then stay for painting.

Check our monthly Activity Calendar for various events and times. You can find the activity calendar online at http://www.pacificwa.gov under the Living in Pacific tab or pick up a copy at the Senior Center. Call 253-929-1153 for more information.

-Darcie Thach, Pacific Alguna Senior Center

PACIFIC'S 26TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday - November 12, 2016, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Pacific Gymnasium, 305 Milwaukee Blvd. S.
Pacific, WA

Hand crafted & new items at reasonable prices!
30 + Craft vendors on site to shop.
Please invite your family & friends to come join us for
A fun filled day of holiday shopping, lunch.
All proceeds from this event will benefit the City of Pacific - Senior & Youth Programs.
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CALANDER OF EVENTS

Monthly Meetings

City Council Workshop, 1st and 3rd Mondays 6:30pm
Governance Committee, 1st Tuesday 6:30pm
Public Works Committee, 1st Wednesday 7:00pm
City Council Meeting, 2nd and 4th Mondays 6:30pm
Public Safety Committee, 2nd Wednesday 6:30pm
Park Board, 3rd Tuesday 6:30pm
Finance Committee, 3rd Tuesday 6:30pm
Technology Committee, 3rd Thursday 6:30pm
Planning Commission, 4th Tuesday 6:00pm
Human Services Committee, 4th Tuesday 6:30pm
Pacific Partnerships, 2nd Tuesday, Senior Center 6:30pm

October

10th—Columbus Day—City Hall Closed 5:30-8:00 pm
18th—Free Family Bingo Night 8am-4:00 pm
29th—Pacific Recycling Collection Event 8am-4:00 pm
31st—5th Monday, Chat with the Mayor 6:30-8:00 pm

November

11th—Veterans Day—City Hall Closed 9am-4:00 pm
12th—Holiday Bazaar 5:30-8:00 pm
15th—Free Family Bingo Night 5:30-8:00 pm
24th-25th—Thanksgiving—City Hall Closed
25th—City of Pacific Tree Lighting 6:00-8:00 pm

December

20th—Free Family Bingo Night 5:30-8:00 pm
23-26th—Christmas Holiday—City Hall Closed

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

K.C.L.S. Story Time is held in the Pacific Gym on the 1st Friday of the month at 10:00 AM.

Interested In Kung Fu? Saturday classes are now available for youth, teens, adults, at the Pacific Community Center. For more information visit www.Hiddenlakekungfu.com

For more information contact jofutch@ci.pacific.wa.us

-Joanne Futch, Youth Coordinator

Valley Bible Church would like to invite the women of Pacific to a special evening on Saturday December 3rd at 6:30 PM in the Pacific Community Center. There will be Christmas music, beautiful decorations, and an “English Tea” meal. This is for women and girls 14 and over. More details to follow.
A TBD has arrived in the City of Pacific

On July 15, 2016 the Pacific City council authorized the formation of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD). On August 22, 2016 the council assumed the powers to operate the TBD as a function of City government. In Washington State there are approximately 90 cities and towns and 5 counties that have TBDs. More than half of the cities and towns have assumed the power of the TBD within their government system. The first TBD was formed in 1992 by Whatcom County to fund the ferry to Point Roberts. Twelve jurisdictions have not funded their TBD.

A TBD is used to collect funds for the construction of transportation improvements in the city infrastructure: sidewalks, trails, roads, ADA accessibility, etc. The funding options allowed by state law (RCW 37.73) permit a local fee on license tabs, an increase in sales tax, an increase in property taxes, issuance of bonds, or impact fees. The tax alternatives require a vote of the citizens in the district.

A $20.00 license tab increase can be authorized by the council without a vote of the residents. Every two years the rate can be raised up to an additional $20.00 by TBD board vote, until a maximum rate of $50.00 has been attained. Fifty two entities have adopted a car tab fee ranging from $10 to $80. Twenty eight communities have voted to increase the sales tax between 0.10 and 0.20 percent to fund their TBD. There are currently no known TBDs funded with an increase in property taxes.

Costs of Fee Collection

There are costs associated with each funding option. The Department of Licensing charges approximately 1% of the added vehicle registration fee. The property tax and sales tax increases require a fee to place the proposals on the ballot. Bonds will require a commission to the agency selling the bonds.

Additional information about TBDs may be found at the following links (Please see the City website to connect to these links):

http://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Finance/Special-Topics/Transportation-Benefit-Districts.aspx
http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/localfees.html

Vehicles subject to fees:
- Passenger vehicles
- Trucks that weigh 6,000 pounds or less
- Motorcycles
- Commercial passenger vehicles and trucks that weigh 6,000 pounds or less
- Combination trucks that weigh 6,000 pounds or less
- Tow trucks
- House moving dollies
- Trucks used exclusively for hauling logs that weigh 6,000 pounds or less
- Taxicabs
- For–hire or stage vehicles with 6 seats or less
- For–hire or stage vehicles with 7 or more seats that weigh 6,000 pounds or less
- Private use trailers over 2,000 pounds
- Motorcycle trailers
- Travel trailers
- Fixed load vehicles that weigh 6,000 pounds or less
- Mobile homes licensed as vehicles

Exempt vehicles:
- All farm vehicles
- Campers
- Off–road vehicles
- Snowmobiles
- Mopeds
- Personal use trailers with a single axle and less than 2,000 pounds scale weight
- Commercial trailers
- Combination trailers
- Trailers used exclusively for hauling logs
- Horseless carriage, collector, or restored–plate vehicles
- Converter gear
- Government vehicles
- Private school vehicles
- Vehicles properly registered to disabled American veterans

Join the TBD conversation on October 17 at the Council workshop. Share your thoughts.
ALERT King County is a regional public information and notification service offered by King County Emergency Management.

ALERT King County helps you stay informed about potential hazards and threats that impact your area.

Register at: www.kingcounty.gov/depts/emergency-management/alert-king-county.aspx (or type ALERT KING COUNTY in your search bar).

Pacific Emergency Notification System will be shutting down and replaced by ALERT KING COUNTY on

Fall Clean Up Day
Saturday, October 29th, 2016
Yard Debris and Garbage Dumpster
Provided by Waste Management
City Hall Parking Lot
8 AM TO 4 PM.

Hazardous Materials will also be collected at Alpac Elementary from 9 AM TO 3 PM.