

Pacific update

Official Newsletter of the City of Pacific

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Liberty Field concession stand dedicated in memory of Phil Hardcastle

A large crowd was on hand the evening of June 4 for dedication of the new concession stand facility at Liberty Field.

The facility was dedicated in honor of Phil Hardcastle, who worked tirelessly for many years in support of the Pacific Soccer Association and the Liberty Field soccer fields and facilities. Mr. Hardcastle died suddenly on May 13.

The Pacific Park Board conducted the dedication ceremony. Speakers included former Park Board president Steve Flannery, who presented the family of Phil Hardcastle with a framed replica of the plaque that will be mounted on the wall outside the concession stand window.

Flannery noted that Mr. Hardcastle was instrumental in getting the concession stand / bathrooms project started several years ago, and helping see it through to completion.

"I am honored to be here tonight, and I think it's only right to dedicate it to a man such as Phil," he said. "But it's with remorse that I stand here addressing you."

Angie Hardcastle read a statement thanking the community, and announced that the Phil Hardcastle Soccer Foundation has been established to help improve the soccer fields and facility.

"It has been a long process to make the dream of a perma-



nent concession and bathroom facility a reality," she said. "We are honored to have Phil's name on this building. It would have meant so much to him to receive such a great honor in a place where he spent so much time over the years."

Representatives of the Pacific Soccer Association also spoke, and presented the City with a check for \$20,000, representing funds raised by Mr. Hardcastle and many others in support of the bathrooms and concession stand project.

Mayor Steve Myers spoke, challenging the community to work toward the dream of making the soccer fields and facilities a first-class facility to rival any in the area.

"In Phil's memory, I challenge you all to rise to the occasion, and keep that dream alive, keep that momentum alive...so that in Phil's honor, we can truly make this a special, special place."



City of Pacific
300 Hoven Drive
Pacific, MO 63069



Pacific brush, leaf and limb pick-up policy

The City of Pacific provides regular curbside pick-up of brush, limbs and leaves for City residents and businesses. 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.

The pick-up is performed during the first full week of the month. 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. Tree limbs or bundles 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. It is not necessary to call, but can be helpful as a reminder. Please be sure to leave an address with your message.

Mark your calendars!

June 22, Big BAM bicycle race, stop in Pacific

June 30, 16th Annual Pacific Car Show, Downtown Pacific, 8 a.m.; Fireworks from Blackburn Park, 9:30 p.m.

August 24, 1 p.m. Pacific United States Post Office dedication, Army Specialist Jeffery L. White Jr.

Aug. 25, Operation Clean Stream

Sept. 22, Pacific Music Fest, Liberty Field Park

Sept. 28-29, Iron Horse Rodeo, Liberty Field Park

Mayor's Moment

Citizens of Pacific,

The newsletter you now hold in your hand is a small example of the commitment our new administration is making to improve communications and restore trust and confidence in your local government. We are excited to release this first issue and hope you find its contents informative and useful.

I want you to know that your government leaders are working together as a team to accomplish goals that are in the best interest of the entire community. The results of the April 3rd election have ushered in a new era of positive change and growth for our community. The trust the voters of Pacific have placed in me as your new Mayor and in our new Board of Aldermen will never be taken lightly and I am happy to say that we have hit the ground running.



The present board is made up of a group of talented, bright and enthusiastic individuals who offer diverse opinions and ideas from a variety of perspectives. I look forward to working with this new team as we continue to drive this city in a positive direction.

I'd like you to know a few of the things we have been working on.

- If you come to city hall for any reason, you will find the staff to be increasingly more customer service oriented.
- We are working to simplify our permit and application process, standardize our fee structures and make city hall a more customer friendly place to be.
- We have begun the effort to clean up our community through proper code enforcement and beautification initiatives that will make our town more appealing to visitors and prospective business developers.
- We are strengthening and modernizing our codes and ordinances to allow our city to reach its true potential.
- We have begun researching funding mechanisms that will enable us to better maintain our streets and enhance our city parks. It is among our goals to develop a system of first class recreational facilities that will allow our businesses to capture the tourism dollars these amenities can generate.
- We also are working to ensure that the pay scale for our city employees and police force is competitive in today's market place so that our trained personnel are retained. All our employees deserve to have the best level of training and equipment that we can possibly give them to provide for a safer, more efficient workplace.

These are but a few of the initiatives we have begun in the early days of this administration. I look forward to sharing the results of our efforts as we begin racking up accomplishments on behalf of creating a brighter future for Pacific.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Myers".

Mayor Steve Myers

Seymour hired as new Building Commissioner / Planning Director

The City welcomes Shawn Seymour in his new role as Building Commissioner / Planning Director for the City of Pacific. Mr. Seymour was hired in early May, 2018 and oversees the Building Department, Planning and Zoning and Code Enforcement activities of the City. His primary responsibilities are managing the building, zoning and development plan permitting processes, and overseeing the City's code enforcement program.

Mr. Seymour has a degree in urban planning and is an AICP certified planner. He previously worked for the cities of St. Ann and Chesterfield, holding positions relating to building, planning and economic development. "I think Pacific is well-positioned for new growth and development, and I look forward to working with owners and developers on their projects," Shawn says.

He can be reached at 636-271-0500 ext 216, or by email to sseymour@pacificmissouri.com.

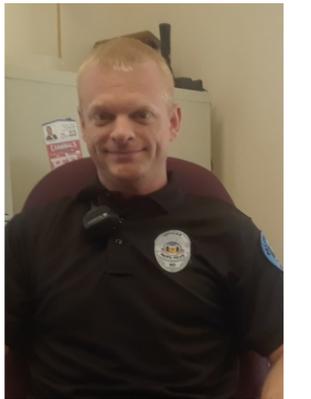


City hires new Code Enforcement Officer

The City welcomes Gary Watson in his new role as Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Pacific. Mr. Watson is a licensed law enforcement officer and previously worked for the Pacific Police Department.

As Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Watson has responsibility for enforcing the City's property maintenance codes, nuisance and related codes, and and related ordinances. Mr. Watson also will serve as the City's Animal Control Officer.

Mr. Watson can be reached at 636-271-0500 ext 196 or by email to gwatson@pacificmissouri.com. People may also report animal issues to the City's dispatch center, 636-257-2424.



We are open for business!

The City has seen a strong run of new commercial construction and / or renovations in recent months.

The following is a list of projects that have been completed and / or permitted by the City since early 2017.

- Scenic Regional Library Pacific
- B & H Market renovation
- Domino's Pizza new location
- ADB Companies headquarters
- Pacific Rink Ice Hockey renovation
- Meramec Valley R-3 Early Childhood Center
- Bahr Storage Phase 2
- First State Community Bank new location / renovation
- Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy renovation
- Continental Products warehouse addition
- Null & Crossbones remodel
- Burt Bros. Auto Sales redevelopment
- AX2 Sporting Arms remodel
- Storm Guard Roofing and Construction renovation
- Transmissions by Jeff remodel
- Walker Products Expansion, Building 4
- Kentucky Fried Chicken remodel
- Dr. Cary W. Ulbrich DDS new location / renovation
- McDonald's remodel
- Route 66 Business Park industrial building



New City website to go live this summer

A revamped City website is scheduled to go live later this summer. The new site will retain the existing www.pacificmissouri.com web address, but will be a major upgrade over the current version.

The new site is envisioned as a “one-stop shop” for all things related to City government. Meeting agendas and minutes will be regularly posted and archived. Budgets, financial statements, maps and numerous other official City documents will be readily available.

City meetings and events as well as community activities will be regularly posted on the community calendar. Citizens will have the ability to submit comments, concerns and suggestions directly to City staff through the website. Online bill pay will be available to utility customers at some point after the site goes live.

City Administrator Steve Roth says the site is envisioned in part as a way to make City government and its operation more open and transparent to the public.

“Most anything we do in municipal government is open record,” Roth says. “The website is the best way to make our information public and ensure citizens have access to their government at all times.”

The website is also intended as a way for the City to showcase the community and help draw visitors to the community.

“It is one more way—maybe the best way—for us to tell our story to a larger audience,” Roth says. “We know that once people discover our community they really like what they see. The website will be a great way to showcase our community to a wider audience.”

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City stepping up code enforcement efforts

The City has been working hard in recent weeks to strengthen its code enforcement activities. Issues like high grass and weeds, derelict vehicles, dead trees and limbs, and similar items are the subject of frequent complaints at City Hall. Buildings and homes in disrepair are also a problem in certain areas. The City is working to address these issues, and hopes to “clean up” many of these problem areas in the coming weeks and months.

Mayor Steve Myers emphasizes that the City wants to work with property owners, and not against them, when it comes to code enforcement issues. Citizens who receive notification of an issue will be given ample time to resolve it. Issuing a court summons will generally be a last resort and only if the property owner and / or other responsible party refuses to remedy the issue or is non-responsive.

People who have a complaint or concern regarding a code enforcement issue are encouraged to contact Gary Watson, code enforcement officer, 636-271-0500 ext 196.

Police: Keep your vehicles locked overnight!

The Pacific Police Department is urging residents to lock their vehicles at night, especially if leaving anything of value inside the vehicle.

Police have received recent reports of thefts of purses, guns and other valuable item that were left in unlocked cars overnight.

Police Chief Matt Mansell says an unlocked vehicle is an invitation for a thief to search inside for anything of value. Items stolen in this fashion are likely traded for drug money, and are rarely recovered.

Chief Mansell also strongly advises citizens not to leave keys in an unlocked vehicle. The department has had recent reports of vehicle thefts, and most of these have occurred when keys are left in an unlocked vehicle.

People also shouldn't let a vehicle running while unattended. Police have had recent reports of vehicles stolen after the owner left the car running while going inside a convenience store.

People who see suspicious activity are encouraged to contact either 911 or the non-emergency dispatch center line, 636-257-2424 .

City seeks grants for flood buyouts

The City in recent months has filed three grant applications seeking federal funding for buyouts of properties in the Pacific floodplain.

If approved, the City would receive approximately \$3 million in funding for the acquisition and demolition of approximately 37 properties.

Funds are available through two federal programs, both administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City expects to hear a decision on each application at least by the end of the year.

In addition, as a potential supplement to the FEMA

grants, the City has received conditional approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to serve as matching funds if the FEMA grants are awarded.

Approximately \$700,000 in CDBG funding has been conditionally approved. The CDBG funds would cover the City's required matching funds contribution if the FEMA grants are awarded. The City used a similar program to fund flood buyouts after the 2008 flood.

Property owner participation in the buyout program is strictly voluntary. If funds are awarded, the City anticipates beginning the property acquisition process in early 2019.

Pacific pool info

The City pool is open daily noon to 8 p.m.

Adults only swim Tuesday/Thursday 7-8 p.m.

Handicap chair is available to access pool.

Pool toys, floaties, coolers, food allowed. No glass.

Chips, candy, ice cream, Gatorade, soft drinks, and water are available at the concession stand.

Pool phone number: 636-257-8233

Daily Admission:

Adult (13 and older) \$4

Children (3-12 years)
\$2.50

Children (2 and under)
Free

Season passes:

Resident Adult \$45

Non-Resident Adult
\$60

Resident Child \$40

Non-Resident Child \$50

Resident Family \$75

Non-Resident Family \$90

Punch Card (20 punches) \$40.

The City pool is operated by Midwest Pool Management under a contract with the City.

Swimming lessons are available at the pool. Please inquire at the pool to sign up or for more information.

Lessons will only be offered if enough kids are signed up.

Bulk trash pick-up information

Progressive Waste Services Company will provide pick-up of one bulky item or appliance per month for City residents. This service will occur on the last pick-up day of the month. Residents are allowed to set out either one appliance or one bulky item.

Residents wishing to have a bulky item or appliance removed should call and schedule the collection with PWS Customer Service, 636-321-2100, at least 48 hours in advance of the pickup.

Appliances are items such as refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, hotwater heaters and dishwashers. However, appliances containing refrigerants will not be collected by Progressive Waste unless such appliances have been certified, in writing, by a professional technician to have had all refrigerants removed. Progressive Waste is not permitted to dispose of refrigerators that have not had the refrigerants removed.

Bulky items are limited to items under fifty (50) pounds and must be able to be handled by two (2) workers. Examples include tables, dressers, chairs, mattresses, box springs, and other similar items. Non-acceptable items are tires, construction materials, automobile parts, and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) materials such as antifreeze, batteries, (motor) oil and paint.

If a resident has any questions about what is or what is not acceptable, please call PWS Customer Service Department at 636-321-2100. Customer Service should be able to answer any questions a resident may have.