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## New Mayor, four new aldermen take office

### Greetings from Mayor Heather Filley

Greeting citizens of Pacific! I am excited to be contributing to this quarterly newsletter as your Mayor. Thank you all for coming out to the polls in April and providing me the opportunity to represent this wonderful community we reside in.



I want to take a moment to ensure you all know a little bit more about me. For some, you can skip to the next section as you have heard this before. My husband, Jeff, and I met when we were young and after he finished his term in the United States Marine Corps. We will be happily celebrating 30 years of marriage in July. Jeff and I, along with our children moved to Pacific in 1999. Emily and Shayne graduated from PHS in 2011 and 2014, respectively. Emily and her family currently reside in Pacific as well.

Throughout my time in Pacific, I have been very active in the community. While my kids were in school, I helped with the Parents Teachers Organization (PTO) as well as planning and execution of Project Graduation. I am also an active member of the Pacific Eagles Ladies Auxiliary #3842, in which I joined sixteen years ago. I have served in many positions in leadership during this time including Madam Trustee, Madam President and most recently Junior Past Madam President. The first Sunday of every month (when applicable) you will usually find me serving patrons at the All You Can Eat Breakfast they hold, which is open to the public. In addition, I can usually be found at various other events the Eagles puts on.

I am a small business owner as well. My husband and I have Filley's Fine Sauces, LLC. We started the company in 2015 going to market with our Sweet n Heat,

### New mayor and aldermen elected; new alderman appointed to vacant seat

Pacific voters elected a new mayor and three new aldermen at the April, 2022 polls, and a fourth new alderman was recently appointed to fill a vacancy. Heather Filley was elected Mayor, and Rick Presley (Ward 1), James Cleeve (Ward 2) and Scott Lesh (Ward 3) were each elected as aldermen. The new Board convened on April 19, electing incumbent Alderman Andrew Nemeth as Board president.

Not long after, at the May 19 meeting, Ward 1 Alderman Gregg Rahn announced his resignation, as he is moving from Pacific. Mayor Filley then on June 7 appointed Sara Brundick Gendron to fill the vacancy, which was unanimously approved by the Board.

The new Board members join incumbent Police Chief Scott Melies and incumbent City Collector, Debbie Kelley, each of whom were re-elected in April to new four-year terms. Contact info for all elected officials is included in this newsletter and is also available on the City website, [www.pacificmissouri.com](http://www.pacificmissouri.com).

wing and everything sauce, and Smokey Ghost, our dry rub seasoning with a kick. You can find our products at the local grocer as well as some local restaurants. Jeff and I hold a bbq competition every year with proceeds having benefitted Veteran's organizations as well as the MVR-III Safety Net Program and Jeff White Memorial Scholarship Fund at PHS.

I am also no stranger to the world of City of Pacific politics. In 2015, the residents elected me to represent them as an Alderwoman for Ward 3. After serving my term, I chose not to seek re-election and instead become involved with Park Board, in

### Mark your calendars!

- June 20, City Hall closed, Juneteenth holiday
- June 25, Pacific Car Show, Fireworks in the evening from Blackburn Park
- Park Board, 1st Monday (or as otherwise scheduled), 7 p.m.
- Board of Aldermen meetings, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, (as needed) 7 p.m.

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 636-271-0500. Extensions: Accounts Payable / Park Rentals 211; City Administrator 213; City Collector 214; Utility Billing and Building 215; Community Development 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.



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which I am grateful to having served as President for 4 years.

As your Mayor, my vision for Pacific is to continue to build relationships, focusing on what we have in common now, while working together collaboratively as a community to address local concerns and promote positive change.

My focus is to be a voice/leader and an extension of the entire town of Pacific, listening to people with varying points of view and different backgrounds.

I want to continue to focus on transparency, meaning

not telling people what they want to hear, but telling people the truth. Difficult decisions have to be made when conducting business and often these are not favorable for many. However, talking through them, listening to understand, and not just listening to respond helps make even the most challenging situations straightforward.

I am very excited what the next four years will

bring for our community. With your help I know we can do great things! Please feel free to contact me at [hfilley@pacificmissouri.com](mailto:hfilley@pacificmissouri.com) or (636) 271-0500 ext 212.

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**-Mayor Heather Filley**



**City Clerk Kim Barfield gives the Oath of Office to newly elected officials** at the April 19 Board of Aldermen meeting. From left are Scott Lesh, Alderman Ward 3; Rick Presley, Alderman Ward 1; Heather Filley, Mayor; Debbie Kelley, City Collector; Scott Melies, City Marshal / Chief of Police; and James Cleeve, Alderman Ward 2.

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## 20th Annual Pacific Car / Truck / Bike Show June 25 Fireworks Spectacular Following at Dark

Historic downtown Pacific will be a hub of activity on June 25, as the Pacific Partnership hosts the 20th Annual Pacific Car / Truck / Bike Show. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and activities follow the rest of the day, culminating with fireworks from Blackburn Park at 9:30 p.m.

There are 25+ Car / Truck classes this year, and 4 new motorcycle classes. Awards are scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

Many other activities are planned, including a Kid's Zone from 12 noon to 7 p.m.; KSHE radio live broadcast from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a cornhole tournament, food drink and craft vendors, and more. Live entertainment starts at 2:30 p.m. with Steven Woolley, followed by Magnificent Mullets of Lonedell, 5:15 to 7:15 p.m., and PARALANDRA to close the evening from 8 to 10:45 p.m.



**Classic cars line East St. Louis Street during the 2021 Pacific Car Show.**

The event is produced by the Pacific Partnership, in cooperation with the City of Pacific. There is no charge for spectators. For more information, please go to [www.pacificmo.org](http://www.pacificmo.org)

## New Pacific Safe initiative works to improve public safety

Citizen, employee and visitor safety is the main emphasis of this new City-wide program, spearheaded by the Pacific Police Department and the revamped Emergency Management office. The City is committed to maximizing our collective readiness to deal with emergencies in an effort to mitigate the impact of adverse weather events, traffic or transportation-related emergencies, or similar events impacting community public safety.

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 sign up online at <https://pacificmo.app.reggroup.com/signup> or by using the QR Code included here.

Across our City buildings we have installed automated external defibrillators (AEDs) coupled with expanded training of City personnel; posted an Emergency Response Guide placard at all public and employee entrances; added more visible signage to identify the location of fire extinguishers, AEDs and building shelter-in-place locations; and formalized safe rally points when building evacuation might be necessary. Please take note of these upon your next building visit.

In case you missed it, we have changed the time for the monthly testing of our Outdoor Warning Sirens from 1 p.m. to 11 a.m.. The test remains on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month (weather permitting). This time change will improve the regional coordination of Outdoor Warning Systems.

**Stay Pacific SAFE!**



## Pacific Police Officers Support Fund receives City endorsement

A new community organization dedicated to “backing the blue” has received the endorsement of the Board of Aldermen.

The Pacific Police Officers Support Fund (PPOSF) was formed recently to support the activities of the Pacific Police Department. The PPOSF is an independent not-for-profit organization whose stated mission is “to bring unity between the community and the police department. This fund exists to assist in the financial needs of the Pacific law enforcement officers in times of need.”

The Pacific Board of Aldermen in April approved a Resolution in support of the organization, and allowing use of the Police Department logo by the organization in its activities. The PPOSF is modeled after a similar group in Eureka that has had great success in supporting the Eureka PD.

The PPOSF plans fundraising activities to support Police Department efforts, which may include direct assistance to officers and their families in need, or support to the PD for items that may be outside the usual scope of budgeted expenditures.

*Thank you PPOSF for your support of our officers!*



## City Recommended For Federal Grant To Improve 4th Street

The City has received preliminary approval to improve the section of 4th Street from the Osage Street intersection south to where 4th Street turns into Denton Road. The \$1.1 million project would add sidewalks and curb and gutter through sections of the road, and would include asphalt resurfacing through the entire project length.

The project has received preliminary approval from East-West Gateway Council of Governments. Federal funding would pay 80 percent, with the City obligated for the \$224,782 match. City funding would come in part from the Prop S Sales Tax approved by voters in 2019. The project is envisioned as an extension of the planned Denton Road Bridge replacement project, which is scheduled for construction late fall / early winter 2022-23. This project will replace the existing Denton Road bridge structure, and includes a realignment of the Denton Road roadway north of the bridge. The realigned roadway includes a “sweep curve” that eliminates the near 90-degree corner at the current 4th Street terminus, near Pacific Do-It Center.

The 4th Street improvement project that has been tentatively awarded by East-West Gateway would continue this Denton Road improvement north to the Osage Street intersection, creating a second truck route to the City’s industrial parks.

## City to take title to Meramec Riverfront property

The City will soon own approximately 42 acres of Meramec Riverfront property, thanks to a cooperative agreement recently approved by the City and Great Rivers Greenway (GRG). The two entities recently entered into an agreement to transfer the property to the City; the deal is tentatively scheduled to close in July, 2022.

The agreement gives GRG the right to construct a recreational trail at some point in the future. The City otherwise would have use of the property for other park purposes, such as a possible boat ramp, park pavilions and playground, and other uses.

The City currently has no immediate plans for the property, which currently lacks a deeded public access.

## New City Budget Set To Take Effect July 1

One of the biggest—and most complicated—City budgets ever is set to take effect July 1, the start of the City’s fiscal year. The Board of Aldermen met recently in special session to review the FY 23 budget, which is scheduled for final adoption at the June 21 meeting.

The budget includes funding for a myriad of capital improvement projects, including the completion of the Red Cedar Inn Welcome Center and Museum, the Denton Road bridge and Highway N Phase 4 transportation projects, and an estimated \$4 million improvement to the City’s wastewater treatment system.

The budget also includes a major upgrade to the Police Department radio communications system, ADA-accessibility and road improvements in the City parks, and an upgrade to the City’s water and sewer billing system.

The budget anticipates approximately \$1.46 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act funding, which is being directed at police and public safety and road improvement needs. The budget also anticipates approximately \$2.1 million in federal grant funding for various transportation related projects.

The budget is the City’s guiding document for anticipated revenues and expenditures through the fiscal year. The budget was developed by City Administrator Steve Roth in conjunction with City staff and Mayor Heather Filley. The budget has been subject to review and input at multiple meetings of the Board of Aldermen.

A copy of the budget document is posted on the City website, [www.pacificmissouri.com](http://www.pacificmissouri.com).

As required by Missouri law, the budget is balanced in all funds. The City has adequate reserves in most of its major funds, with the approximate \$1.8 million balance in the Contingency Fund being a main source of the City’s financial strength. The City has also strong reserves in its General Fund and Water and Sewer funds. The City has \$6.77 million in total debt obligations, with annual debt service budgeted at \$898,308 in FY 23. A complete debt service schedule along with many other supporting documents are included in the budget presentation.

Main features of the new budget are as follows:

The budget provides for fully staffing the Police Department, including Communications. The budget includes 20 full-time commissioned law enforcement officers, an increase of one full-time position over the FY 22 budg-

et, and six full-time Communications officers, which is also an increase of one position over the FY 22 budget. The Police budget also includes the new part-time Emergency Management Coordinator position, and the City is seeking state grant funding to supplement this position and a revamped emergency management program.

The budget provides for the operation of the Red Cedar Inn facility, including one full time director and two part-time assistants. Funding for museum exhibits, marketing and promotions, concessions and related items are also included. The Red Cedar budget includes anticipated fundraising and concession revenues, and the City plans to seek other areas of funding to support the Center’s mission in the long-term.

Capital improvement projects promise to be a major focus in the coming year. The wastewater system upgrade is the single largest project (\$4 million estimated), and the City is seeking ARPA funds through the State of Missouri to offset a large share of this cost. The Denton Road bridge and Hwy N Phase 4 projects are both scheduled for construction in FY 23, with contract awards anticipated for late 2022 or early 2023. The federally funded West Osage Sidewalk connections project is also slated for construction in late ‘22 or early ‘23; this project will complete the sidewalk on the north side of Osage Street from Viaduct west to Noonan Plaza.

The City also anticipates completing smaller projects in summer, 2022, including the Route 66 Marketplace Road connection and the Summit Park Drive asphalt overlay project.

## Get Informed!

Want to know what’s happening with the City? The City’s website is an excellent information source. The City routinely posts public hearing notices, Boards and Commissions meeting packets, zoning and land use applications, and other similar information on its website, [www.pacificmissouri.com](http://www.pacificmissouri.com). Meeting packets typically include staff reports providing background information on an array of topics. The City also posts its audited Financial Statements, budgets, and many other types of public documents online.

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

# Mayor appoints new Director of Tourism

## Kelly O'Malley tasked with managing the new Red Cedar Inn facility; promoting tourism efforts

Kelly O'Malley has been named as the City's first Director of Tourism, filling a position that will be tasked with managing the Red Cedar Inn facility and promoting tourism efforts throughout the community. Ms. O'Malley was appointed to the position June 7 by Mayor Heather Filley, and confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Board of Aldermen.

Ms. O'Malley is from the Labadie area and has spent much of her career at Six Flags, where she was Events and Entertainment supervisor. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and has also worked in education and corporate restaurant management.

She will be responsible for managing the City's new Red Cedar Inn Welcome Center and Museum facility, scheduled to take occupancy later this year. She will also be tasked with developing marketing and promotional activities across the community, working with the City's Tourism Commission and community not-for-profit organizations. She will work in cooperation with the Meramec Valley Historical Society in developing the Meramec Valley Museum, to be housed at the Red Cedar facility.

Mayor Filley said she feels Ms. O'Malley will be a great representative of our City.

"I felt that if I was someone who came to our town and knew nothing about it, she would supply me with great information while keeping me excited about what I was

hearing and wanting to learn more," she said. "This type of person, to me, is exactly what our visitors to Red Cedar and this town will want to interact with. In addition, I believe she will bring fresh ideas and point of view on how to make Red Cedar a successful attraction."

Ms. O'Malley said she is very excited to get started and looks forward to working with the community to make Red Cedar a success, and also improving and strengthening Pacific's growing tourism economy.

"I am beyond honored and excited to be the new Director of Tourism for the City of Pacific," she said. "I am looking forward to getting to meet everyone in the town and ecstatic to open the Red Cedar Welcome Center and Museum. From the city's current events to additional events and festivals we will bring in the future, we have a city that is historical, beautiful, fun, and educational. The City of Pacific has much to offer, and I want to get the word out to people near and far that Pacific is a must stop for tourists of all ages."

**Welcome Kelly!**



**Kelly O'Malley**

## DRIVING UTV's, ATV's, GOLF CARTS ON STATE HIGHWAYS ILLEGAL

PACIFIC ORDINANCE ALLOWING OPERATION OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES SUCH AS UTV's, ATV's AND GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS **DOES NOT** PERMIT OPERATION OF THESE VEHICLES ON STATE MAINTAINED ROADWAYS IN THE CITY! DO NOT OPERATE THESE VEHICLES ON OSAGE STREET (ROUTE 66) OR FIRST STREET (OO/F).

YOU MAY CROSS THESE STREETS BUT STATE LAW PROHIBITS TRAVEL UPON THEM. FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN TICKETING AND COURT SUMMONS FROM LOCAL POLICE, COUNTY SHERIFF OR STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.



## Pacific alderman spotlight

### Rick Presley

Alderman Ward 1



About 27 years ago, my family and I came here to start a new business venture. My Mom, Charleen Presley, and my brother Kirk Presley started a glass business in Pacific in 1994 and I joined the company a few months later.

As our business developed I decided to move into the area and make Pacific my home. Mom always said that being part of the Chamber of Commerce was very important and a great way to meet other business people in the community, so I was asked to represent Presley's Glass Company in the Pacific Area Chamber of Commerce. Mom and I still enjoy attending meetings and other functions with the Chamber.

As I became more involved in the community in other various ways, I had the opportunity to serve on the city's various boards and commissions such as IDA Board, Tourism Commission, and the Planning and Zone Commission. I enjoy being an active part of our community and am thankful to have the support of my family, friends and the community to serve in this new role as Alderman for Ward 1.

I am committed to the continued growth of Pacific through responsible community development.

My email is [rpresley@pacificmissouri.com](mailto:rpresley@pacificmissouri.com), and I can be reached by text/phone 314-974-3129.

### James Cleeve

Alderman Ward 2



I am 57 years old and happily married to my wife, Lisa, for 34 years. We have one daughter and one granddaughter. I was born and raised in a small town in South Carolina. I received a Math/Computer Science Degree from The Citadel in Charleston, SC. I started my career in retail at an early age and moved into Information Technology (IT) over 30 years ago. I'm currently a Director of IT for a company in Earth City, Missouri, where I have worked for the last 11 years.

Why did I run for Alderman? Because I CARE! I want the best for Pacific. I am very logical and a great problem solver. I will do my best to ensure every proposal brought before the Board is fiscally responsible and makes sense. I have never held public office before. While some may look at this as inexperience, I look at it as bringing new ideas and a fresh perspective to the Board.

One of my big priorities is to get feedback and really LISTEN to residents and be their representative. Preserving Pacific's character by enforcing existing zoning ordinances and eliminating zoning changes that allow highly dense subdivisions that strain existing infrastructure is very important to me as well as using Pacific's "green space" to enhance our community. Please contact me with any feedback you may have and especially your ideas for Pacific.

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