



PACIFIC UPDATE

December 2023



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Message From Mayor Filley



2024...already?! What a whirlwind of a year 2023 has been. So many things have happened in our community. Denton Road bridge was completed, Mobil On the Run is being constructed, Pacific Logistics Park is getting started, several new business have been established, so many fun and well attended events have taken place, and Red Cedar Welcome Center and Museum opened, just to name a few.

For me personally, it is always such a pleasure being a part of some of the 'happenings' in the community. Some of things I have been able to partake in this year are, attending the events put on by the Pacific Chamber of Commerce and the Pacific Partnership, being a part of the Red Cedar Grand Opening, speaking at

the Tri-County Senior Center for their Veteran's Day Celebration and joining the IAM Automotive Lodge 777 as they placed lending libraries in our city as part of their IAM H.E.L.P.S. community service project. I have always considered myself active in the community in various capacities, which is a big part of the reason I ran for Mayor. It allows me to continue to be involved, but also opens other doors for civic contribution.

I am especially honored to have been able to represent the City of Pacific, along with our Director of Tourism, Kelly O'Malley, at the recent 2023 AIA Design Awards ceremony. The architect firm who designed the Red Cedar Inn Welcome Center, submitted it for the Small Project category and came out victorious! What a wonderful recognition for the facility and all of the 'blood, sweat and tears' that went into it.

As we move into 2024, we have several things on the horizon. Not only are there major projects that will begin, and of course all our festivities, April is election time. Alderman seats are available in all three Wards, as is the Collector position, and Municipal Judge. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, and meet the qualifications, please visit City Hall during normal business hours to fill out the appropriate paperwork for your name to be placed on the ballot. Filing begins December 5, 2023 at 8:00 am and ends December 26, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Please note, City Hall will be closed on December 25th & 26th. However, for filing purposes only, City Hall will be open on December 26th.

There is no better way to become involved than holding an elected position or volunteering for a Board or Commission. There are open spots available on several of those as well.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and a very happy new year! Looking forward to what 2024 will hold for our city and all that live, work and play here.

Heather

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**



The following businesses recently chose Pacific and we're proud to welcome them to our community!

Wallis Oil (Mobil On The Run)
Mario's Handyman
Harms-Troesser Construction
Palm Tees

Board approves Mayor's appointments for Building Commissioner and Director of Economic Development

At the November 7 Board of Aldermen meeting the Aldermen voted in favor of Mayor Filley's appointment of Tiffany Wilson as Director of Economic Development and Steve Brune as Building Commissioner.

Wilson has been the Community Development Clerk since November 2022 and was previously the Executive Director for Pacific Area Chamber of Commerce. Wilson has an educational background in economic development and has been a great asset to the city.

Brune has served as Building Inspector and Flood Plain Manager for the city since June 2021. His background in construction and former position as an inspector for Franklin County made him a natural fit for the Commissioner position.

Congratulations to you both!!

Red Cedar Inn Update

Red Cedar has been open for a little over three months! "We have had over 5,000 guests step through our doors since opening day.", states Tourism Director, Kelly O'Malley. The visitors, mostly local or traveling Route 66, have come from 6 different continents and the feedback has been incredible. Children and adults alike have enjoyed spending time in the Children's Museum. "We have some regulars who come out to enjoy the room almost weekly.", says O'Malley. If you have not had the opportunity to check out the free museum or children's room, they invite you to come out and enjoy.

Red Cedar Inn hosted the Route 66 Association sold out Motor Tour in September and hosted their first Fall Festival in October. In addition, they have set up booths promoting Red Cedar at at Jimmy Smooth's Rat Rod show, Iron Horse Rodeo, Witches and Warlocks, and at the Franklin County Historical Fair.

Red Cedar, and its team, are putting together some great events for 2024. Keep an eye on their Facebook page and the City website, so you don't miss out!

FUN FACT- DID YOU KNOW?

A Very BIGFOOT Christmas

Christmas in Pacific is always a festive time and for the third year in a row we'll have a special light display donated by BIGFOOT 4X4™. This year it will be at Pacific Station Plaza (next to Brew Haus). The 56 ft x 32 ft display will be free to view this holiday season. We hope all of our citizens take a minute to drive around town and enjoy all of the holiday lights.



Candidate filing closes December 26, 2022

The City of Pacific will hold the annual election on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, for the purpose of electing the following:

One Alderman for Ward One	-	Two-year term
One Alderman for Ward Two	-	Two-year term
One Alderman for Ward Three	-	Two-year term
City Collector	-	Unexpired term of two years
Municipal Judge	-	Four-year term

Filing for said offices opens Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. in the office of the City Clerk, 300 Hoven, Pacific, Missouri and continues during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Filing will close Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Office will be closed December 25th, 2023 for Christmas. The last day to register to vote is March 6, 2024.

City Hall will be open Tuesday, December 26th, 2023 for **ELECTION FILINGS ONLY.**

100th Anniversary of Route 66

Our beloved Route 66 will be turning 100 in 2026 and communities along the route are starting to make plans. Tourism Director, Kelly O'Malley, states that planning for Pacific will begin in January 2024. She is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee and anyone interested should contact her at komalley@pacificmissouri.com.

“We would love to have your thoughts and help on making Pacific a place you have to stop and visit in 2026.”

Parks get a refresh and upgrade this Fall

Many park improvements are happening this fall, including the ADA upgrades at Blackburn Park, Community (City) Park, and Liberty Field. New concrete paths were poured for access to the ballfields, tennis/pickleball courts, and dog park to name a few.

The pond at Liberty Field now has a concrete walkway all the way around it for everyone to enjoy and the tennis/pickleball courts and basketball courts were resurfaced and are ready for use.

An 18-hole frisbee golf course is planned for Community Park soon!

If you haven't visited our parks lately, we highly recommend stopping by and checking them out!



Civil War and Battle of Pacific to be highlighted at Red Cedar Inn in 2024

The Red Cedar Inn is starting to gather information, stories, and items related to the Civil War and/or the Battle of Pacific. Red Cedar Inn's next rotating exhibit in summer of 2024 will be focused on the Civil War and the Battle of Pacific.

If you have information, stories, and items related to the Civil War and/or the Battle of Pacific, we would love to hear from you. Please email komalley@pacificmissouri.com or call 636-271-0500 ext. 225. You may also stop by Red Cedar during any business hours to let us see your loan or donation.

Red Cedar is often asked what types of donations or loans we accept. We are always looking for fun and exciting pieces of history. We are always happy to take a look at what you have and let you know if it is something we can use for our collections. The biggest thing we do not accept is newspapers dated 1990 or later. As the majority of 1990 until now can be found online. If you have papers dated prior to 1990, we would love to look and possibly add it to our collection. If we do decide that we would love to have the loan or donation, we will be required to have you fill out an agreement form.



Kelly O'Malley (Director of Tourism) and Mayor Heather Filley were honored to be a part of the 2023 AIA St Louis Design Awards Ceremony in which our Red Cedar Inn project won an award in the Small Project category. Congratulations to the architect firm of Patterhn Ives, LLC and Tony Patterhn for your work in helping us make this project a reality.

If it snows over the holidays, City crews will be ready!

Let it snow? City snowplow drivers might not necessarily agree, but if it happens, City crews will be ready. The City has five trucks with plows and salt spreaders ready to deal with the winter weather. The City's response typically starts with the hillside areas first, which are pre-treated with salt as winter weather approaches. Once the snow starts falling, the main arterial roads take top priority: Highway N / Congress, Old Gray Summit Road, Thornton Road, Payne Street, Lamar Parkway, Indian Warpath. Secondary roads are next on the list: Union Street, 4th Street, Cedar Drive, Columbus Street, Olive Street, Industrial Drive / Candlewick, Integram Drive. Neighborhood and subdivision streets are cleared once the main routes are passable.

Residents are reminded that Osage Street through the City is a MoDOT route. 1st Street, Viaduct, Highway OO and Hogan Road are also MoDOT routes. The City assists with these routes as necessary, especially in an emergency, but MoDOT has first responsibility.

City crews often work 12-hour shifts in a major snowstorm event. While the City does not have any designated snow routes subject to enforcement, resident cooperation in moving vehicles off the street is always appreciated and helps crews clear the roads faster. When the worst of the snow hits, the best course of action is to just stay home and let the emergency responders do their job.

Snowplow crews are dispatched through the City's 911 communications center. Please call 636-257-2424 for any non-emergency issues.



Mayor Heather Filley presents a Proclamation to Alice Amelung for her 100th Birthday on November 12 at the Tri County Community Center.

Happy Birthday, Alice!!



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Would you know what to do if a major disaster strikes? How would you keep yourself, family or others safe until help arrives? CERT is a free, nationally standardized program which educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur in our area.

The multi-week training program culminates in a simulated exercise scenario for which you apply learning from the following classroom topics:

- Disaster preparedness
- Fire safety
- Light search and rescue
- Medical operations and response
- Team organization and communications

Training is offered on a regional basis at various St. Louis Community College campuses, free of charge after a \$9 registration fee. Successful graduation affords you the knowledge and peace of mind that you can better support yourself and others in the Community when disaster strikes. You will also be able to become a local volunteer should such a need arise. For further information, please contact Hal Schulman, Pacific Emergency Management Director, ema@pacificmissouri.com.

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY 6
STICK WITH THE 6

NOT ON THE LIST? NOT IN THE BIN!
Putting the wrong items in your recycling bin does more harm than good.
Find out where to recycle or donate other items at RecycleResponsibly.org

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING RESPONSIBLY!
RecycleResponsibly.org

Keep items loose (not in plastic bags), clean and dry.

NO BAGS IN BINS, PLEASE!
PLASTIC BAGS ARE CREATING A HUGE PROBLEM. SKIP THE PLASTIC BAGS TO IMPROVE RECYCLING!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Plastic bags cannot be recycled in your regular recycling bin.
- Recycling facilities shut down for hours when plastic bags jam machinery. These malfunctions also put workers at risk for injuries.
- To recycle plastic bags, bring them back to your local grocery or retail store. Plastic bags require different processing equipment than your regular recycling.
- Visit PlasticFilmRecycling.org to learn more about plastic bag and plastic film recycling and to find a drop-off location near you!

REMEMBER to always bring your reusable bags when shopping!

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING RESPONSIBLY!
For more information about proper recycling in the metro St. Louis area, please visit RecycleResponsibly.org
Funding provided by the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and The Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Compliance Corner

Code Compliance has received several calls and complaints from citizens concerning the storage and placement of waste collection containers. As a reminder to all citizens, please note that the City of Pacific Municipal Code contains sections related to the storage and placement of waste collection containers. Your cooperation with keeping waste containers off the streets is appreciated. Below are a few key points:

- Pacific Municipal Code Section 240.070 Storage and Placement of Waste Containers, Recyclable Waste and Yard Waste [Ord. No. 2731 §1, 9-15-2009] states the following:
 - Waste containers shall be stored in a place not visible from the street which the residential structure faces.
 - Solid waste containers, recyclable containers, yard waste containers, and bundles of yard waste permitted by this Chapter shall be placed at the curb or street frontage, not more than twelve (12) hours prior to the regularly scheduled collection day.
 - Waste containers shall be returned to their appropriate storage places no later than 12:00 Midnight on the day of collection.
- Pacific Municipal Code Section 240.030 - Duty to Provide for Solid Waste Collection [Ord. No. 2731 §1, 9-15-2009] states “The occupant and the owner of any premises wherein any waste is produced, generated or accumulated shall be jointly and severally responsible to provide for waste collection and removal service for all waste generated on the premises”.
 - The contractor for waste collection in Pacific is “Waste Connections”. If waste collection is not currently established for your property, whether you are the owner or tenant, please call 844-708-7274 to establish service.

Employee Spotlight



James Overschmidt has been with the City of Pacific since December 2022. Following his service in the Army from 1984 - 1987, James spent many years in the Telecommunications and Automotive industries before joining us as Code Compliance Inspector.

James' enthusiasm for doing a great job, and continually learning from new challenges are what makes working for Pacific a great fit. James looks forward to continuing to help make Pacific a great place to live, work and raise families.

James, his wife, and two daughters live in Washington, but they try to spend as much time as possible at their cabin on the Meramec River, boating, fishing, and riding trails.

IAM Automotive Lodge 777 and Mayor Filley partnered up to place lending libraries in our city as part of their IAM H.E.L.P.S. community service project. The libraries can be found at the Pacific Post Office, Liberty Field (concessions), Community Park, and Pacific Agape House.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2- Hometown Christmas and Parade of Lights, Pacific Partnership

December 10- Annual Community Dinner, Pacific Eagles

December 13- Cooperative Christmas Social, Pacific Chamber

January 27- Pianos for a Purpose, Pacific Chamber

February 12- Blood Drive, Pacific Chamber

March 9- Pizza, Puzzle, and Beer, Pacific Chamber

March 16- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Pacific Partnership

Pacific Eagles host Bingo every Friday at 6:30pm

Breakfast at Pacific Eagles is the first Sunday each month 7am-11am

REMINDER to all ATV / UTV

Operators: Missouri State Law prohibits operation of ATV's or UTV's in the city limits of Pacific on two roadways:

Osage (RT 66) and 1st Street (OO & F). These are state routes. Violators subject themselves to fines and or imprisonment.





Ways To Stay Informed

Mass Notification System

Regroup is the City of Pacific's mass notification system. Get alerts about severe weather, water main breaks, accidents and more!

Notifications can be delivered via phone call, text or email. Sign up at: pacificmo.app.regroup.com/login



Scan here to sign up for Regroup

Watch Our Channel On YouTube

Did you know that you can watch City meetings live on YouTube?

Stay informed about what's going on in our community by subscribing to our channel! youtube.com/@cityofpacific768/st



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Current Mayor and Board of Aldermen Contact Information

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Go to: www.pacificmissouri.com and click on Utilities Bill Pay, or scan the QR code above.



On the Forte page enter your full account number **minus** the decimal point and your account will come up.



Pay your bill and if you have any problems or questions contact the Utility Billing Clerk

**If you are using a third-party payment provider (not recommended) make sure when paying that it's Pacific, MO and NOT Pacific, WA.

You can mail or drop off payments to:
300 Hoven Drive
Pacific, MO 63069

Contact the Utility Billing Clerk at:
636-271-0500 ext 215

Have any fall or winter projects to do? We are trying to make the permitting process easier! Check out our guidelines and examples page on our website.

Scan the code or go to:
www.pacificmissouri.com



Brush and Yard Waste

Brush and yard waste are picked up the first week of each month. Call the maintenance building at 636-257-2163 and leave a message with your address to be added to the pickup list. To learn more about services offered by our public works department scan the QR code or check out public works under departments on the city website at:



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Mark your calendars!

December 25 & 26 closed for Christmas
(December 26 will be open for Police Department
and Election Filings only!)

January 1 closed for New Year's Day

January 15 closed for Martin Luther King Jr Day

February 19 closed for President's Day

Board of Aldermen meet on the first & third Tuesdays
at 7 pm

Planning and Zoning Commission, second & fourth
Tuesdays at 7 pm (as necessary)

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 twilson@pacificmissouri.com and let us know!

Pacific SAFE Initiative

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.regroup.com/signup> or by using this QR Code.

