

PACIFIC UPDATE

March 2024

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Message From Mayor Filley

In January of this year, I delivered a State of the City Address at the Chamber Luncheon. I wanted to provide you all with the opportunity to 'hear' some of the notable achievements from the year 2023 I touched on.

Denton Road Bridge was replaced, re-opening a second truck route that had been inaccessible for years. Engineering has been completed on the First Street & Osage intersection with that project being completed in 2024. Highway N is slated for improvements in two upcoming phases. Phase 4 has an anticipated start date of Spring 2024. Phase 5 with an anticipated start date in 2027. Additionally, new sidewalks were installed along West Osage from Viaduct to Hoven Drive.

In 2023 and 2024, the city will be spending nearly 7 million dollars upgrading lift stations, piping and the Headworks Building to be able to handle our growing city for many years. We are replacing every water meter in the city to be able to accurately monitor water usage and spot leaks instantly.

In our Community Park (aka City Park) the tennis courts and basketball courts have been repaired and resurfaced, with some of the tennis courts also being striped for pickleball. I am delighted to report that the ballfields have undergone a comprehensive renovation. The grading of the fields has been meticulously executed. An 18-hole disc golf course has been approved and hope to have it installed in 2024. I am pleased to announce that significant strides have been taken to address the issue of ADA accessibility in our park system. Remedial measures have been implemented, including the establishment of a new walking path surrounding the pond at Liberty Field and the provision of ADA-compliant parking facilities across several parks. After many years of utilizing alternative lighting means, permanent lighting has been installed at the equestrian ring in Liberty Field. The permanent lighting and increased seating aided in our city hosting our largest rodeo ever.

In 2023, our city was awarded a generous grant from Great Rivers Greenway specifically designated for the purpose of constructing restroom facilities at Jensen's Point. This project is well underway. In August of 2023 we celebrated the opening of the Red Cedar Inn Museum and Welcome Center. Since its opening, over 6,500 individuals have visited. They have represented 6 continents and over 20 countries. A few of those countries, in addition to the United States, are New Zealand, Ethiopia, India, Thailand, Philippines, Argentina, Uruguay, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Hungary, Romania, Moldova, Poland, Spain, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdom, Belgium and Slovakia. Many of the 50 US states were represented as well. The Red Cedar Inn Museum and Welcome Center was spotlighted on Tim Ezell's morning segment on Fox 2 News, as well as a stop on the Route 66 Association Motor Tour. Additionally, the architects who designed Red Cedar submitted it for the small projects category at their AIA Design Awards and it won! Kelly O'Malley, Director of Tourism, and I were honored with the opportunity to be present at the ceremony. In addition to opening the Red Cedar Inn Museum and Welcome Center we also opened our Genealogy building, which is right next door, and shared with the parks department. Please keep in mind the Genealogy building is open by appointment only.

I am very excited to say Pacific won one of five spots in the Small Town Showcase by Missouri Humanities for 2024. What does this mean, you ask? It means, as one of the "Featured Five," Missouri Humanities will be creating a video about our community, hosting an hour-long podcast, featuring Pacific in their bi-annual publication "MO Humanities" and we will be a part in the highlight reel featuring all five communities. This will be shown at their annual gala. The goal of Missouri Humanities is to highlight the uniqueness of rural Missouri to show what Small Town America is really about. The work has already begun in recruiting citizens for the planning committee for the 100th anniversary of Route 66 in 2026.

I love hearing Pacific is a place to live, work and play. If it was not for our businesses, our partnerships with various organizations and, of course, our citizens themselves, we would not see the growth we do. Could we use more? Absolutely. Will we get more? You bet. But let's all remember, nothing happens overnight. Many things take years to bring to fruition. We are small town and often times get overlooked by the bigger corporations for that reason. We need to continue to work together to help put us on the radar. We do not need to be exactly like some of our neighboring cities. We need to Be Pacific. Because we are Pacific.

Your Mayor,
Heather

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of Pacific is always looking for volunteers!
Currently there are openings in the following areas:

Board of Adjustment
Planning & Zoning
Park Board
Meramec Valley Historical Committee
Tourism Commission

Send a short bio and your area of interest to the City Clerk
at kbarfield@pacificmissouri.com.

There are many volunteer opportunities around Pacific. It can be as simple as participating in the City-wide Clean-up Day, volunteering at Red Cedar Inn, Pacific Agape House, or the Tri-County Community Senior Center. Sharing your talents before, during and after a disaster is always a great way to contribute to your community. Below are a few ways to help:

- Being CPR/AED certified
- Attending a Community Emergency Response team (CERT) training program
- Joining an area NGO, e.g. American Red Cross, The Salvation Army
- Explore a nearby Community Organizations Active in Disaster (COAD), e.g. United Way
- Enrolling in Pacific's Emergency Notification System
- Liking the Pacific Emergency Management Agency Facebook page

Join the Red Cedar Inn Community!

Are you ready to embark on a journey brimming with delightful discoveries and exclusive experiences? We're beyond excited to unveil our brand-new e-newsletter, tailor-made just for you!

As a subscriber, you'll be the first to know about our latest events, insider tips straight from the heart of Pacific, Missouri, and fascinating stories delving into the rich history of Red Cedar Inn and other beloved spots in our charming town.

From captivating tales to unique content, each edition of our newsletter is meticulously crafted to bring joy and inspiration to your day.

Are you eager to immerse yourself in a world of charm and hospitality? Simply shoot us an email at tourism@pacificmissouri.com to sign up and kickstart your journey with us!

Don't miss out on the excitement—join us today and let the adventure begin!

FUN FACT- DID YOU KNOW?

The Meramec River, sometimes spelled Maramec River, is one of the longest free-flowing waterways in the State of Missouri, draining 3,980 square miles while wandering 218 miles from headwaters near Steelville to where it empties into the Mississippi River near St. Louis at Arnold and Oakville. The name likely means 'the river of ugly fishes' or 'ugly water' in Algonquin. The Meramec watershed covers six Missouri Ozark Highland counties—Dent, Phelps, Crawford, Franklin, Jefferson, and St. Louis.



Water and Sewer Bill FACTS...

- Water and sewer bills are due on the 5th of each month
- Bills can be paid in person at City Hall M-F 8 am-5 pm, online, or dropped off at a drop box (locations are outside City Hall, or on the corner of 2nd St and St. Louis St)
- Prior balances must be paid by the 20th to avoid shut-off.

New to online payment option:

In the past you would need to enter your account number each time you paid online. You can now register an account, then all you have to do is sign in. Scan the QR code below or click on "Utilities Bill Pay" on the homepage at www.pacificmissouri.com. Once you register your account you can see your balance, make and schedule payments and also pay ahead if you want to.



As always, if you have any questions about your bill, reach out at 636-271-0500 ext 215.

Water Meter Replacement

City of Pacific contracted with Schulte to upgrade our water meters. If you have received a door hanger but haven't scheduled your upgrade/replacement, please do so immediately. You can contact Mike Sullivan at 618-719-7735 to make that appointment.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact our water and sewer department at 636-271-0500 ext 215 M-F 8am-5pm.

We would like to thank everyone for their help and patience so far.



THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES RECENTLY CHOSE PACIFIC AND WE'RE PROUD TO WELCOME THEM TO OUR COMMUNITY!

- PLAYERS ADVANTAGE LOUNGE, 2341 W. OSAGE*
- FOGELBACH AGENCY, 1806 W OSAGE*
- Z' SMOKE COMPANY 180 LAMAR PARKWAY*
- WALLFLOWER COOKIE CO. 1950 HWY N*

Wallis Oil Opens New Mobil On The Run Station



1815 W Osage St.



Polling Stations

Wards 1 and 2 vote at:
Pacific Eagles- 707 W Congress St.

Ward 3 votes at:
Tri County Senior Center-
800 W Union St



Scan here to check out the Franklin County polling station map

Municipal Election April 2, 2024

If you would like to vote in future elections, there are many ways to register to vote:

- Go to the County Clerk's Office in the Franklin County Government Building 400 E Locust room 201.
- At any Department of Motor Vehicles office, or state agency providing a service to the public (WIC, Social Services, etc.)
- By mail through the post-card voter registration application, which may be obtained by calling the County Clerk's office.

Registration qualifications are:

- 18 years of age by Election Day (you may register to vote when you are 17 1/2, but you are not eligible to vote until your 18th birthday.)
- US Citizen
- Missouri Resident

Please note that if you have moved to Franklin County from another County or City in Missouri, you MUST fill out a NEW Voter Registration Card in order to be registered to vote in Franklin County.

Congratulations to the 2023 Christmas Decorating Contest Winners

In December 2023, the City of Pacific hosted its highly anticipated 2nd Annual Decorating Contest, showcasing the creativity and festive spirit of its residents and local businesses. With separate competitions for both residents and businesses, participants spared no effort in adorning their spaces with dazzling displays. A total of 992 votes were cast via SurveyMonkey, underscoring the enthusiastic participation of the community. Congratulations are in order for our winners, whose imaginative decorations undoubtedly spread joy and holiday cheer throughout the city.

The winners of the residential contest for 2023 are:

1st Place- 157 South Payne Street

2nd Place- 603 West Osage

3rd Place- 147 Winter Wheat Trail

The winners of the business contest for 2023 are:

1st Place- Little Ireland 125 North First Street

2nd Place- Kaleidoscope Consignment 136 West St. Louis

3rd Place- The Veil 123 East St. Louis Street



CONGRATS



Severe Weather Season

Many of us often worry about a major earthquake occurring locally as we are not far from the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). However, statistics indicate that minor disruption might occur only once or twice every 18 months. More likely, is our chances of encountering spring flooding or tornadoes – both of which are most prone to occur April thru June.

Preparing for these natural events can help make a difference in your personal survival, property damage and recovery-phase stress. Here are some safety tips and planning recommendations:

- Make a household inventory with pictures and all items of value
- Store critical documents in multiple, accessible places, e.g. flash drive, safety deposit box
- Ensure your “to go” bag and vehicle emergency kit are current and stocked
- Know your flood risk, e.g. <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search>
- Obtain flood insurance if applicable, e.g. your agent or the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at 877-336-2627

Minimize your potential flood losses:

- Waterproof your basement, e.g. sump pump, water alert alarm
- Clear debris from gutters
- Elevate or move furniture
- Elevate or anchor utilities

Readying for a tornado:

- Honor any Outdoor Warning Sirens messages
- Prepare your “safe room”, e.g. basement area with no windows, a NOAA radio
- ID a place to shelter outside your house
- Remove potential projectiles ahead of time
- Memorize the signs of a tornado and track the weather
- Do not shelter under an overpass

Missouri Property Tax Credit

Missouri allows for a property tax credit for certain senior citizens and 100% disabled individuals for a portion of what was paid in real estate taxes or rent that was paid throughout the tax year. The maximum amount of the credit for renters is \$750 and \$1,100 for homeowners that pay real estate taxes. For renters the total household income for single filers must be \$27,200 or less; for married couples filing a combined return, total income must be \$29,200 or less. For owners the total household income for single filers must be \$30,000 or less and married couples \$34,000 or less. Need more information call City Administrator Harold Selby at 636-271-0500 ext 213.

Welcome to our work family!

You may have noticed a new face at the building department window up at City Hall. Amy Bauguess was hired as the new Building Department Clerk in January 2024.

Amy will be working under the instruction of Steve Brune, Building Commissioner, to assist with permitting and scheduling of inspections.

Her duties will also include being secretary to Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustment, and the Meramec Valley Historical Society.

We are excited to have her on board!



NWS Weather Spotter Training

Pacific had a great turnout for the January 30th weather spotter training presented by the National Weather Service. Seventy-six people from 17 different cities came to city hall and became trained to be a volunteer storm spotter for the National Weather Service.



Employee Spotlight

Sgt. James Klingler



Sgt. Klingler is married to wife Brenda, has 2 children, and is an avid dog lover. James started his career in law enforcement in 1986. He maintained his duty to the Marine Corps as a Reservist and was deployed in 1990 during Desert Storm for about one year. Now that Sgt. Klingler is a "seasoned" officer, he thrives on teaching the new officers in the field, helping certify the officers in weapons, and as a certified Armorer he oversees inventory and purchase of ammunition. Sgt. Klingler has served the City of Pacific for over 20 years, and Law Enforcement for a total of 37 years. He was awarded the Missouriian Distinguished Service Award in December 2023, selected by his Command and peers for his contribution of laughter, wisdom, and training to the Pacific Police department.

City of Pacific, Missouri's 2024

TEEN EASTER EGG HUNT

Date: Friday, March 22, 2024
Refreshments will be offered
Location: Pacific City Park, Birk Cir, Pacific, MO 63069
 In the pavilion near the city pool

6:30p Registration table opens
8:00p Egg Hunt
8:30p Party Wrap Up

Things to know:

- Online tickets, with fees included, are \$13.70
- Tickets bought with cash at Red Cedar Inn are \$10 (1047 E. Osage)
- Only 200 tickets are available
- Bring your own flashlight and a basket to hold your eggs
- Submit your ticket to the registration table
- All ticket sales are final, no refunds
- This event is rain or shine
- No outside drinks
- No vaping or smoking
- Free food and drinks will be provided
- Open to anyone ages 13-20
- In the event of extreme weather, the teen hunt will be rescheduled for Friday, March 29
- The park will be closed to the public during this event.
- All attendees must have a ticket if they want to hang around





City of Pacific, Missouri's 2024

ADULT EASTER EGG HUNT

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024
Refreshments will be available for purchase
Location: Pacific City Park, Birk Cir, Pacific, MO 63069
 In the pavilion near the city pool

6:30p Registration table opens
8:00p Egg Hunt
8:30p Party Wrap Up

Things to know:

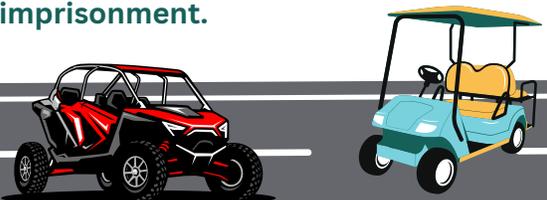
- Online tickets, with fees included, are \$25.38
- Tickets bought with cash at Red Cedar Inn are \$20 (1047 E. Osage)
- Only 200 tickets are available
- Bring your own flashlight and a basket to hold your eggs
- Submit your event ticket to the registration table
- All ticket sales are final, no refunds
- This event is rain or shine
- Park will be closed to the public this evening. Must have a ticket to be on property
- Food and drinks will be available for an additional purchase
- Must be 21 or older. Please present your ID at the registration table
- In the event of extreme weather, the adult hunt will be rescheduled for Saturday, March 30




UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 16- St. Patrick's Day Parade, Pacific Partnership
- March 22- Teen Easter Egg Hunt, City of Pacific
- March 23- Adult Easter Egg Hunt, City of Pacific
- April 13- 2nd Annual P-Town Pub Crawl, Pacific Chamber of Commerce
- May 11- City-Wide Garage/Yard Sale
- June 7- Chamber Golf Tournament, Pacific Chamber of Commerce
- June 14- City-Wide Clean-Up Day
- June 15- BIGFOOT 4X4 Open House
- June 29- Pacific Car Show and Fireworks, Pacific Partnership/City of Pacific
- 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 ATVs or UTVs 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



Scan here to go to the City of Pacific's YouTube Channel

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PAYING YOUR WATER BILL ONLINE



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 winter or spring 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 pick-up 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: www.pacificmissouri.com



Court

Have a court question, get a ticket or need to pay a fine? Please visit courts.mo.gov to pay your ticket online or contact 636-271-0500 ext 218 for more information.

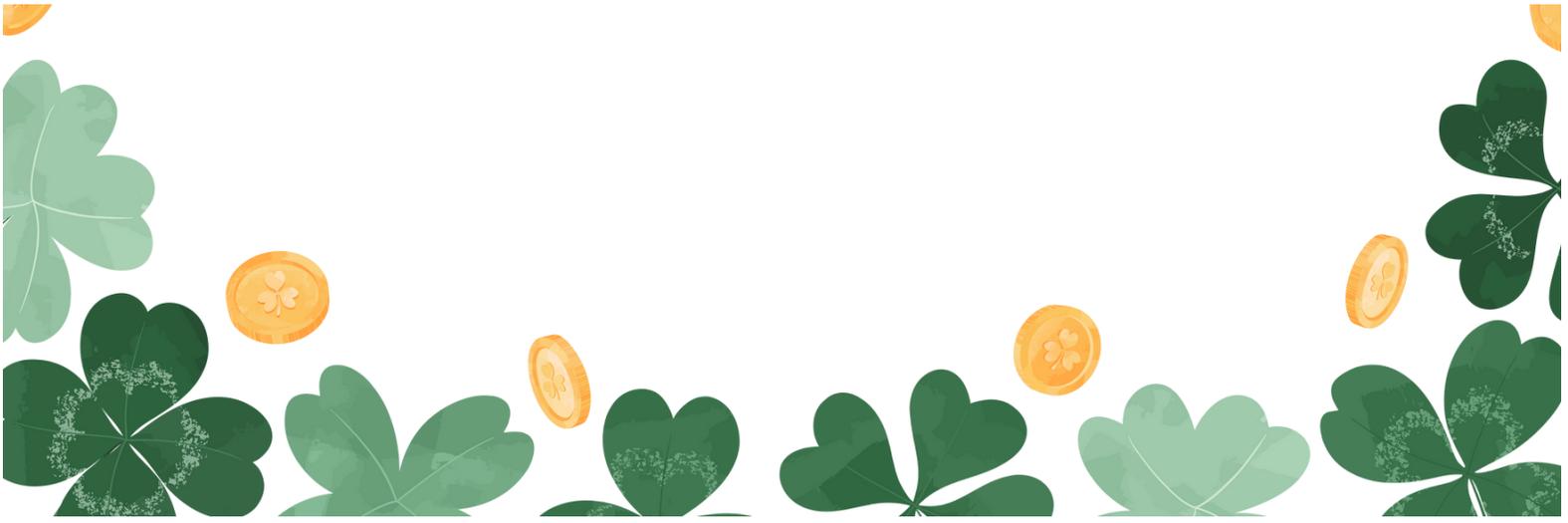
Emergency Public Works

Have a Public Works Emergency After hours? Please call the Police Department at 636-257-2424 and they will contact them.



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Mark your calendars!

March 10- Daylight Savings Begins

May 27- Closed for Memorial Day

June 19- Closed for Juneteenth

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

Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the 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 Wednesday 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.

