

# PACIFIC UPDATE June 2024

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## Message From Mayor Filley



Summertime!!! That is what you hear a lot of people saying. A favorite time for many as it means a break from school, vacations, just kicking back and relaxing. For others, including the city, it means just another day at work.

Improvement of the First Street and Osage intersection to accommodate truck traffic should begin in the upcoming months. Be on the lookout for dates of town halls for business owners and citizens to gather more information and provide feedback on road closures and detours during the project. There will be other street repairs going on throughout the city as well.

On those hot summer days, or even those not-so-hot ones, be sure to visit the Red Cedar Inn Museum and Visitor Center. A new exhibit on the Civil War will be on display. As always, the kid's area is available and really is fun for all ages. When you need the nostalgia of your childhood, be sure to check out all the candy and games they have. Who does not remember playing car bingo on long road trips?

In April, I along with Kelly O'Malley (Director of Tourism) and Harold Selby (then interim City Administrator) traveled to Jefferson City to receive a Preserve Missouri Award from the Missouri Preservation Society for Red Cedar. This was the second award the welcome center and museum has received since opening last August. It was such an honor to represent our city.

Have you ever wondered about your heritage or the legacies in Pacific? Did you know you can explore your genealogy at our very own center? It is right next door to Red Cedar. The Genealogy Center is free to use, however it is by appointment only. Schedule yours today and learn more about your family than you may care to know!

The summer months also bring events to our community. Car Show and Fireworks, Sunset on the Rails, and Big Foot Open House, to name a few. Keep an eye out for information on these events from the various organizations and businesses who put them on and support them.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer!

Your Mayor,  
Heather



# New Exhibit at Red Cedar

Starting on June 1st, the Red Cedar Inn Museum will be opening our next exhibit, "When the Town Burned: The Civil War Through a Local Lens." Our exhibit will feature a collection of unique artifacts that pertain to not just the Civil War but specifically to Missouri's role.

Experience the daily lives of the many men and women who fought in the bloodiest war on American soil by viewing our collection of personal items. Interested in learning more about the war itself? Our exhibit incorporates a hands-on, digital interactive that guests can explore for information on key figures, vital battles, and the mythology that arose after the conflict. This is the first time our annually rotating exhibit will be switched out; "When the Town Burned" will run from June 1st, 2024, till May 30th, 2025.

# Meramec Valley Historical Society Speaker Series

Come see Ben Brown, the first guest speaker for the Meramec Valley Historical Society Speaker Series, talk about the Battle of Franklin (Pacific) during the Civil War. This free event will be held at the Red Cedar Inn Museum and Visitor Center on June 6th at 5:30 p.m. Learn about Pacific's role in the Civil War and the men and women who valiantly defended St. Louis. Seating is first come, first serve; food and drink are prohibited.

# Parks, Pools, and more...

It's summer! Let's get outside and play. If you haven't visited our parks lately, we think you'll be pleasantly surprised with all of the recent upgrades and additions. Disc Golf was added to our Pacific Community Park, and ADA upgrades were completed there as well. Equipment and upgrades have been made to the dog parks and the community pool will be open again this summer. Liberty Field Pond and walking path have been a wonderful addition, and we're looking forward to adding a skate park to our community park in the near future.

If you are interested in renting a park or pavilion, please reach out to our Parks Superintendent, Chris Fowler, at [cfowler@pacificmissouri.com](mailto:cfowler@pacificmissouri.com).

Pricing information can be found on our city website or scan the code.



The Meramec Valley Historical Society Presents...

Speaker Series:

# "The Depots are Burning"

with BEN BROWN on The Civil War

June 6th at 5:30pm at The Red Cedar Inn



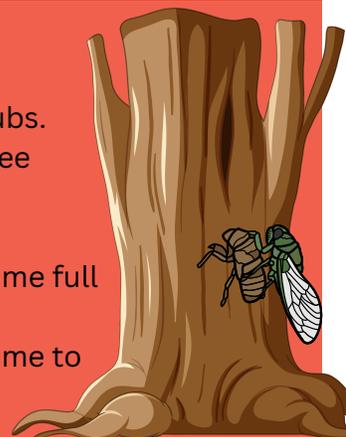
Ben Brown will discuss the local events surrounding the Battle of Franklin (Pacific) during the American Civil War.



# FUN FACT- DID YOU KNOW?

## Cicada Facts:

- Cicadas start their lives as eggs
- Females lay 200-400 eggs in tiny holes that they make in branches of trees and shrubs.
- After 6-10 weeks, the nymphs hatch, and they burrow underground and attach to tree roots.
- The young stay buried to suck tree sap for 2-17 years, depending on the species.
- When they emerge aboveground, they climb a tree trunk and shed their skin to become full adults.
- Both male and female cicadas die after about 5 weeks above ground. Just enough time to mate and lay eggs.



# Pay attention to the sign code

Having a yard sale? Selling a house? Advertising an event? Did you know that signs can be placed on private property, with permission of the landowner, but no signs may be placed in the public Right of Way. As a rule of thumb, the space between the utility poles and the street, or between the sidewalk and the street, are considered Right of Way. To see the full sign code scan the code!



## Grass Season is here!

It's that time of year when lawn mowing and weed whacking become a weekly chore. Per city code, grass, weeds, or rank vegetation growth is not allowed to attain a height in excess of seven inches.

The city would like to remind residents and lawn care professionals not to blow grass, leaves, or debris into the streets or curbs and gutters. Not only is it dangerous for riders, but with the rainy season upon us, clogged drains are not beneficial to anyone.

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



**UNKEMPT SALON  
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BUBBLE BEAN  
MUSHROOM DAVE**

## Get involved, make a difference

Are you interested in building connections, fostering camaraderie, and creating lasting memories that will leave a lasting impact on our community? Volunteering is the answer! Some of the many ways to get involved are at Red Cedar Inn, with the Department of Tourism, or consider joining the Route 66 Centennial committees. At Red Cedar, you can man the front desk, allowing you to meet visitors from across the globe and hype up Pacific. Or they are always looking for computer-savvy volunteers to help in the genealogy center, logging obituaries and creating spreadsheets. The Centennial committees are working on beautification projects and events that will help put Pacific on traveler's maps for the anniversary of Route 66 in 2026. There is a role suited for everyone! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Tourism Director Kelly O'Malley at [komalley@pacificmissouri.com](mailto:komalley@pacificmissouri.com) today.

**Red Cedar Inn hosted 20 visitors from the Missouri State Division of Tourism in April. Their visit highlights the growing interest in Pacific as a notable stop along Route 66.**

## Preserve Missouri Award



The Red Cedar Inn Museum & Visitors Center won an award from Missouri Preservation. Mayor Filley, Interim City Administrator Selby, and Tourism Director O'Malley visited the capitol in Jefferson City, MO, to accept on behalf of the City of Pacific on April 23, 2024. Architect Tony Patterson and General Contractor Grant Wehmeyer were also present to celebrate this achievement.

State Senator Ben Brown and State Representative Holly Jones presented the award at the ceremony.

# Recycle Responsibly



Waste Connections would like to remind all residents not to bag their recyclables before putting them into their recycle bin. Bags tangle in the recycling

sorting equipment and can cause shutdowns for hours. These malfunctions also put workers at risk for injuries. Recyclables should be placed in your recycling bins loose.

Putting the wrong items in your bin can do more harm than good. If it's not on this list, please do not put them in your recycle bins.

## Paper

Flattened Cardboard

Plastic Bottles and Containers

Glass Bottles and Jars

Metal Food and Beverage Cans

Food and Beverage Cartons

# Let's Celebrate Safely

The City of Pacific's annual firework show is scheduled for June 29th. We hope that everyone will come out and help us celebrate safely!

## Section 212.330 of the code states:

Any person who shall set off, use, burn, explode, or fire any firecrackers, fireworks, torpedoes, bombs, rockets, pin wheels, fire balloons, Roman candles, toy cannons, or any other fireworks of a like kind within the corporate limits of the City shall be deemed guilty of an offense; provided however, that this Section shall not apply to parks or other public places, when in charge of competent persons and under permit issued by order of the Board of Aldermen.

Don't become a statistic! Fireworks cause thousands of personal injuries and create fires annually. Be safe this holiday season, and Happy Fourth of July to all!

# Street Improvements

We would like to remind everyone to slow down for work crews and plan for delays as the work on our city streets heats up this summer.

Highway N from Westlake to Candlewick should start around mid-June. During the street's construction and overlay, one lane will be used only, so plan accordingly. The Lisa Lane, Flier Dr, and Hoven Dr asphalt projects have been approved and will start soon.

The city will host two open house meetings for the First St and Osage St intersection. The dates for those have not been set yet, but they will be announced and advertised via social media, newspapers, and the city website.

The city is out to bid for the replacement of Smokey Mountain Lane, bid opening is scheduled for June 11, 2024. This will still require Board of Aldermen approval, before the work can be awarded and scheduled.



## Fireworks Safety

**FIREWORKS** are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

### A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



## FACTS

- More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- Children ages 10-14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards



## **2nd Annual City Wide Clean Up Day**

Mark your calendars and roll up your sleeves because the 2nd Annual City-Wide Clean-Up Day is right around the corner! Join us on Friday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. as we come together to spruce up Pacific and showcase our community pride.

We're calling on volunteers and local businesses to lend a helping hand and make Pacific shine. Whether you're passionate about keeping our streets clean, beautifying our sidewalks, or taming unruly weeds, there's a task for everyone to tackle.

We'll kick off the day at 8am sharp at City Park, where we'll gather to meet fellow volunteers and go over the morning. Then, armed with determination and garbage bags, we'll fan out across the city, ready to make a difference.

But wait, there's more! Thanks to the generous support of Graphic Packaging, we'll reconvene at noon for a hot dog lunch. Let's celebrate our hard work and camaraderie with delicious food and good company.

So, grab your gloves and get ready to dive in! Let's show the world the beauty of Pacific and the power of community spirit.

To sign up as a volunteer or to learn more about how your business can get involved, please contact Kelly O'Malley at [komalley@pacificmissouri.com](mailto:komalley@pacificmissouri.com)

Together, let's make Pacific sparkle!

## **Are you ready for summer?**

School's out, vacations are planned, and Pacific has many events for all to enjoy. Now is a great time to ensure yourself/family/pets are ready to deal with the plethora of potential weather and other typical hazards.

Thunderstorms, lightning and extreme heat are a few things to think about when planning an outing. Make sure your family is ready for flooding, fires and grilling safety as well.

Pacific's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will be collaborating with our upcoming event hosts to ensure we have a defined safety plan for both preparing for the above, and readiness to address real-time situations. We encourage you to get out and have fun, but always have a plan!



The poster features a background image of a rocky landscape with green trees. At the top, the word "Pacific" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Below it, "City-Wide" is written in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. The main title "Clean Up Day" is in a large, bold, yellow, sans-serif font. A yellow banner at the top right contains the date and time: "June 14th 8am-12pm". Below this, a green banner contains the text: "A hot dog meal will be served following clean up at the Pacific City Park". At the bottom, there are three elements: a circular logo for "THE CITY OF PACIFIC MISSOURI" with a tree, a QR code, and a logo for "RED CEDAR INN ROUTE 66 PACIFIC MISSOURI". Arrows point from the QR code to the other two logos.

**June 14th 8am-12pm**

**A hot dog meal will be served following clean up at the Pacific City Park**

**REGISTER**



**MORE INFO**



## **Kids Entrepreneur Day and a**

### **visit from Ben Franklin at Red Cedar Inn**

Step into the sunshine and join us for an outdoor extravaganza at Red Cedar Inn's very first Kids Entrepreneur Day! Over 20 youthful innovators, all aged 18 and under, are gearing up to showcase their incredible merchandise at individual booths, promising a day filled with surprises and delights for all ages!

From refreshing lemonade stands to dazzling jewelry, captivating crafts, delectable baked goods, and mesmerizing rock and art creations, there's a treasure trove of delights waiting for you to purchase!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1st, and join us from 10am to 4pm to support our budding business moguls. It's a day filled with fun, laughter, and the thrill of discovering the next generation of entrepreneurial superstars! Don't miss out!

But wait, the excitement doesn't end there! Inside, we've got a special treat lined up: the one and only Benjamin Franklin will be gracing us with his presence from 12pm to 3pm! Join us at 1pm for an unmissable presentation by the man himself, offering insights and wisdom that will leave you inspired!

So, mark your calendars for Saturday, June 1st, and come soak up the sunshine, creativity, and knowledge with us! It's an extravaganza you won't want to miss!



The banner has a dark green background with colorful triangular flags at the top. The text "KID ENTREPRENEUR DAY" is written in large, bold, white and yellow letters. Below this, there are two circular callouts: one on the left says "Saturday June 1 10am-4pm" and one on the right says "Red Cedar Inn 1047 E Osage St. Pacific, MO 63069".

# Employee Spotlights

The employees listed below have served our city for 25+ years in 2024!  
We appreciate you!

Angela Downing- 39 years  
Roy Hinkle- 30 years  
Donald Dailey- 30 years  
Robert Brueggemann- 26 years  
Darrell Boyer- 25 years

## Thank You To All Of Our Sponsors

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## 2nd Annual Adult & Teen Easter Egg Hunts

We want to extend a special thank you to our generous sponsors whose support helped make this year's Easter Egg hunts possible. We had a great turn out and fun was had by all!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1- Kid Entrepreneur Day at Red Cedar Inn, City of Pacific
- June 1- Ben Franklin at Red Cedar Inn, City of Pacific
- June 6- Guest Speaker at Red Cedar Inn- Civil War with Ben Brown
- June 7- Chamber Golf Tournament, Pacific Chamber of Commerce
- June 7- Sunset on the Rails Concerts, Pacific Partnership
- June 14- City Wide Clean Up Day
- June 15- BIGFOOT 4X4 Open House
- June 29- Pacific Car Show, Pacific Partnership
- June 29- City Fireworks, City of Pacific
- July 5- Sunset on the Rails Concerts, Pacific Partnership
- August 2- Sunset on the Rails Concerts, Pacific Partnership
- August 17- Back to School Touch a Truck and Safety Fair @Liberty Field
- 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](http://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](http://youtube.com/@cityofpacific768/st)



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

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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 summer 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](http://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](http://www.pacificmissouri.com)



## Court

Have a court question, get a ticket or need to pay a fine? Please visit [courts.mo.gov](http://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!

June 19- Closed for Juneteenth  
July 4- Closed for Independence Day  
September 2- Closed for Labor Day

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. Each packet includes copies of proposed bills and resolutions, staff reports, and various other information.

Can't find what you're looking for? Send an email to [twilson@pacificmissouri.com](mailto: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.

