

PACIFIC UPDATE September 2024

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Message From Mayor Filley



Is it really almost Fall?! Where did the summer go? It seems like it was just days ago kids were wrapping up the school year and now they are already back in classrooms and activities have begun.

Hwy N Phase 4 is underway which will add curb, gutter and sidewalk to Hwy N near Riverbend School. The contractor is hopeful weather holds out and the project will be completed by the end of October – early November. However, please note they have until January 2025 to finish it. There are other road projects about to start or going on, so please be cautious and respectful to the workers. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding of some of the inconveniences that go along with improvements to our city.

The fall months also bring lots of activities to our community. September will host the Jimmy Smooth Rat Rod Show Saturday, September 14, Dinner on St Louis Street (ticketed only event) Tuesday, September 17; and the Pacific Iron Horse Rodeo Friday and Saturday, September 27 and 28. Both the Rat Rod Show and the Rodeo will take place in Liberty Field on their respective dates. October will be just as busy with Witches and Warlocks Adult Street Party Friday October 18, and Monsterfest Saturday, October 26, both located on West St Louis Street. These events, along with many others, hosted by various organizations and schools, will keep our city bustling.

I must not forget Red Cedar Inn is hosting a speaker session on Thursday, September 12. Route 66 author Joe Sonderman, will be speaking about the Mother Road. Just like the museum and welcome center, this event will be free to the public. Keep an eye out for other events and educational sessions our Director of Tourism puts together.

Our Public Works department will be offering bulky trash pickup in October. The city will be divided into sections, with some areas being picked up the week of October 14 and the remaining areas the week of October 21. Each household will be allotted a maximum number of bulky trash items they may place at the curb. Further details regarding permitted items and areas of pickup are included in this newsletter and will be posted on the city's website and Facebook page.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is ready to round out the last several months of the year.

Your Mayor,

Heather



FUN FACTS

The City of Pacific has a lot to offer residents and international tourists; Pacific houses several amazing businesses, cool attractions, and stunning, must-see views. However, the city also has a rich and interesting history! For example, did you know that most of downtown was originally located further East? Almost all of old downtown Pacific was located East of 1st Street back when there used to be passenger rail services. Over time, the city center shifted further West to make better use of Route 66 and Interstate-44. Some of the older buildings in town have also adapted new looks over time; the old brick structure at the corner of 1st and St. Louis Street now houses a fantastic bookshop, but it was once home to a jeweler, an electric company, and even a famed bakery!

One attraction in particular that has generated a lot of attention over the years—and has quite the fascinating history—is the bluffs in town. These cliffs, made of sandstone, are known as the St. Peter's Formation due to it originally being discovered in Minnesota along the St. Peter's River. For years, the bluffs have generated business for Pacific, creating many industries around gravel, sand, cement, and now silica sand. While the ancient bluffs—dating back 460 million years ago—bring in a lot of business, the railroad is what made Pacific a hub for transportation and trade. In fact, it is the reason for the town's name; the City of Pacific was originally named Franklin, but when the Pacific Railroad came through town in the 1850s, the name was changed to Pacific in honor of the jobs and trade opportunities the railroad brought.

Interested in learning more about local history? Reach out to the Red Cedar Inn and submit a research request; the public may ask museum staff to research a variety of topics, including pulling copies of specific photographs, finding the history of an existing building, or finding some interesting facts for you to tell your family and friends! Inquisitive minds may call (314) 271-0500 extension 225 or email rlowry@pacificmissouri.com or komalley@pacificmissouri.com to make a request.

Get Ready for the Route 66 Centennial Celebration!

The countdown is on! The Route 66 Centennial is just around the corner in 2026, and the excitement is building. This once-in-a-lifetime event will bring travelers from all over the world to experience the history, culture, and nostalgia of the iconic "Mother Road."

We want to ensure that every traveler who hits the road in 2026 stops in Pacific to discover our rich history, dine at our unique eateries, shop at our local boutiques, explore our hidden gems, and enjoy a comfortable stay. The Route 66 Centennial team is on the lookout for passionate individuals to join us in making the 2026 celebration a true showcase of Pacific's charm. Whether you're a history buff, a creative mind, or someone who loves to plan events, there's a role for you! Interested? Contact Kelly O'Malley at komalley@pacificmissouri.com to learn more and sign up to be part of the Centennial team.

Saddle up for a good time!

Pacific's Annual Iron Horse Rodeo is scheduled for September 27 and 28 this year. Gates will open at 5:30pm and the rodeo will begin at 7pm each night. Tickets will be available for purchase starting August 27 at the following locations:

City Hall, Red Cedar Inn, Little Ireland Coffee, Bank Star, Citizens Bank, First State Community Bank and B&H Market.

Tickets are \$15 for adults (13+), \$5 for children (5-12), and children 4 and under are free, but they must sit in an adult's lap at the event or purchase a child's ticket. This year you will only be allowed inside the rodeo seating area if you have a ticket. No ticket will be needed to visit the vendor area of the rodeo.

No outside food and drink are allowed, and no lawn chairs will be allowed inside the rodeo seating area.

We highly encourage everyone to purchase their tickets in advance. There will be a limited number of tickets sold for each night and we expect this to be another sold-out event!



Winner, winner...

Pacific was one of the five winners of the Small Town Showcase from Missouri Humanities for 2024, and this video is one of the prizes we won! It beautifully showcases so much of what makes Pacific special. The Missouri Humanities team mentioned that we had so much to show and share, it was hard to condense it all into one video.

We are so proud of our community!
Please watch and share!



Museum Needs Residents Help

Attention residents! The Red Cedar Inn Museum needs your help; the museum staff are currently looking for artifacts to fill some display cases. The theme for these cases is “Saving Shiloh” and “Pacific Artists,” so if you or anyone you know have artifacts, paintings, or photos that have to do with the movie production of “Saving Shiloh” or artwork by local artists they want to loan or donate, bring them to us! Bring the items down to the museum to fill out a loan and/or donation form to help us preserve and present some history!

Speaking of preserving history, curator Ryan Lowry is still conducting oral history interviews with locals and is looking to fill some timeslots. These casual interviews are recorded on video and uploaded to the Red Cedar YouTube page—check out some of the interviews that are already published to get a feel for them—and are included in the interactive displays at the museum. These interviews—lasting no more than two hours—are open to anyone who has some connection to the Meramec Valley, whether they lived, worked, or visited the area, and have some fun stories to tell. We want to keep our history alive and oral history is one of the best ways to pass on the wonderful stories of people, places and things. Please call (314) 271-0500 extension 225 to schedule your interview!

City of Pacific hosted a Touch A Truck event on August 17 at Liberty Field. Thank you to all of the sponsors, attendees, and participants for making this inaugural event a success!



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

- Camila's at the Royal Winehouse 66
- Pacific Sweet shop
- G's House of Flavors
- Rt 66 Goodies
- Pacific Nails Spa
- 121 N. 4th LLC
- Songbird LLC
- Pacific Childcare

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Autumn is an Opportunistic Season

Our fall season can be so beautiful and a welcomed change from summer conditions. It is also a great time to consider “Am I ready for potential, typical fall hazards,” and a chance to prepare for the upcoming winter.

Here is a list of subjects/tips which could be beneficial to address:

- Floodwaters, e.g. heavy rains
- Leaf hazards, e.g. slippery driving
- Reduced visibility, e.g. morning fog or walkers at dusk
- House maintenance, e.g. service the furnace, check the smoke & CO2 detectors, fireplace/flue cleaning
- End of Daylight Savings Time
- Make time for mental health and family
- Fire extinguisher checks
- Be watchful of Halloween trick-or-treaters
- Getting your flu and Covid shots
- Ladder safety and fall protection, e.g. gutter cleaning
- Wildlife crossing the roadway
- Storing chemicals safely after summer use
- Verifying space heater conditions
- Leaf burning planning
- Car maintenance, e.g. lights, fluids
- Have multiple means of obtaining emergency, real-time alerts

Pacific's Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) wishes you a fun and productive fall season. Be #PacificSAFE

TOUCH A TRUCK



City of Pacific Bulk Trash Pick-up

The City of Pacific will conduct its annual bulk trash pick-up for City residents during the weeks of October 14 and October 21. There is no charge for this service. The pick-up is for residential properties only (apartment complexes are not included) and is for bulk items only. "Bulk" is defined as large items that do not fit in the regular trash containers. City crews will not pick up regular household trash as part of the bulk trash collection. (Regular household trash will be picked up by Waste Connections as part of the normal weekly service.)

Bulk items must be set out by 7 a.m. Monday of the week your area is scheduled to be picked up. City crews cannot "back-track" to pick up items that were not set out by the date of the pickup. Each household will be limited to **SIX (6)** items of bulky trash. However, the following items are prohibited and will not be picked up: **CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, DEMOLITION DEBRIS, TIRES, BATTERIES, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, PAINT, BIOMEDICAL & INFECTIOUS WASTE.**

Please note that appliances **WILL** be picked up. However, doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers due to safety concerns. Appliances will be picked up separately from other bulk items.

The bulk trash pick-up service is provided by the City of Pacific, working in connection with a local contractor and the City's residential waste hauler, Waste Connections. There is no charge to City residents. This bulk pick-up service is in addition to the monthly bulk pick-up service available to residents through Waste Connections.

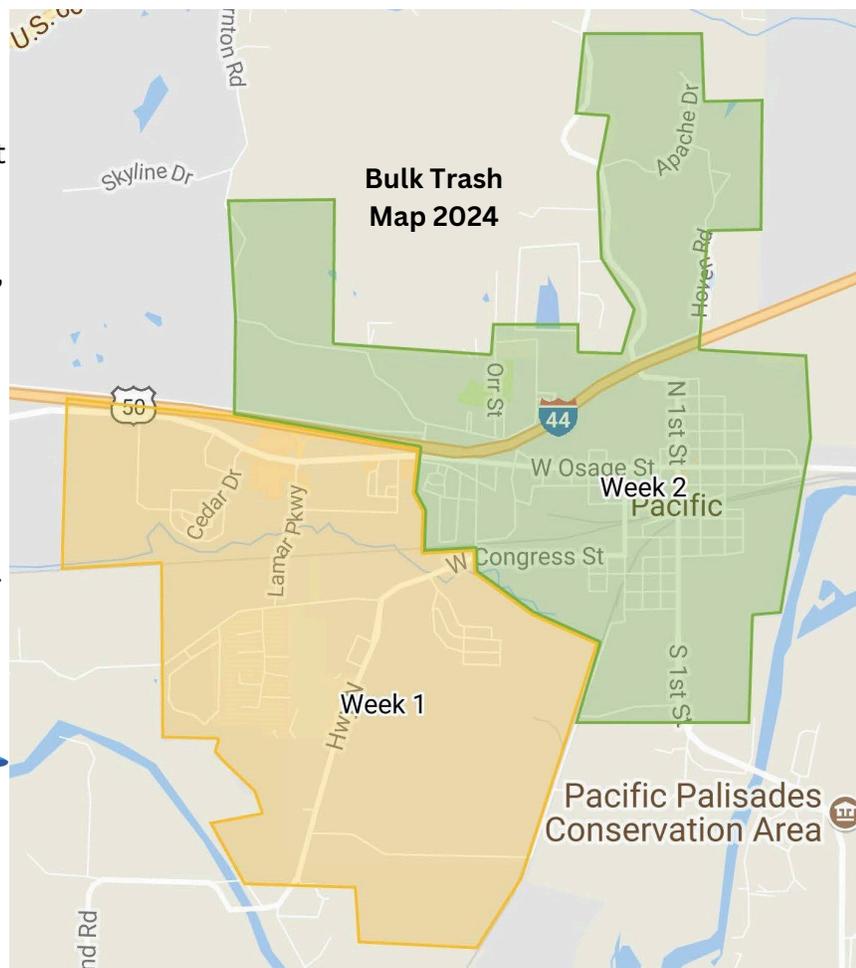
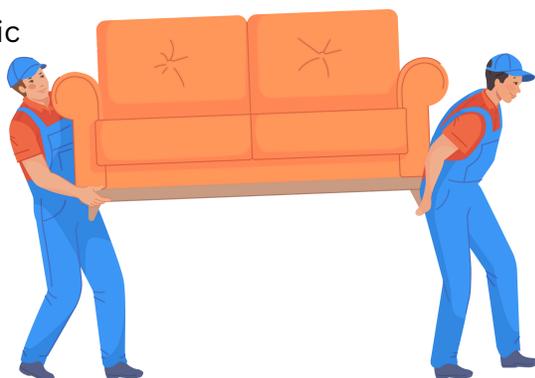
The pick-up schedule is listed below or check out the map. In general, the west side of the City will be picked up during Week 1, with the north and east sides of the City picked up in Week 2. This information is also posted on the City website, www.pacificmissouri.com.

Week of October 14-18: All areas west of Viaduct Street and McDonald's; all areas west of Payne Street, including all subdivisions accessed off Congress Street (Highway N) and Old Gray Summit Road: Cedars, Hawthorne, Westlake, Orchard Estates and Candlewick Lane, Heritage Farms, Bend Ridge Estates, Summit Park, Ridge Meadows, Silver Lake.

Week of October 21-25: All areas north of Interstate 44, including Eagles View, Forest Glen, and Osage Hills subdivisions. All areas east of Viaduct Street and McDonalds, including Hogan Subdivision. All areas east of Payne Street, including Kaleigh Lane, downtown neighborhoods.

Thank you for your cooperation!

City of Pacific



The Laws of Chickens

Here at City Hall we get asked a lot of questions about codes and ordinances, but one we get quite frequently is... “Can we have chickens?”

The answer is not cut and dried. It depends on where you live, HOA rules, etc.

Section 205.065 of the code states that “Chickens may be harbored and raised as pets in the City on a lot only within single-family residential zoning districts”. To receive consideration for the harboring and raising of chickens one must submit the required permit application accompanied by a permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

To see the full code scan here.



Navigating Occupancy Inspections

Occupancy inspections are a crucial step in ensuring that buildings are safe and compliant with local regulations before they are occupied. Whether you’re a homeowner, landlord, or business owner, understanding the ins and outs of these inspections can save you time, money and a lot of stress. The inspector will perform a visual, minimum property maintenance and safety inspection conducted exclusively for the use of the City in determining the compliance of the premises with the City’s Property Maintenance Code.

City of Pacific has a “Guide to Occupancy” that can be found on our website under the building department. This guide can help walk you through the process so you can have a better understanding of what will be checked when the inspector comes out to your property. You can also speak with an inspector before the inspection is scheduled if you have questions. Bringing your property up to code before the inspection is ideal for both you and the inspector!

Feel free to contact James Overschmidt or Steve Brune if you have any questions at joverschmidt@pacificmissouri.com or sbrune@pacificmissouri.com.

Scan here to go to the “Guide to Occupancy” on the city website.



How Are We Doing?

Recently we have reviewed the accomplishments and status of the relatively new Pacific Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). It was suggested that we check in with the Community and ask, “What do you think?” This is an invite to do just that – let our EM Director know how you perceive the agency’s progress, milestones, program and process changes, subjects you would like to know more about and/or see Pacific start/stop... whatever you’d like to respectfully share regarding emergency management. Comments can be sent to ema@pacificmissouri.com. Thanks in advance for caring and helping us be of service for you. #TogetherSTRONG

Roadwork

Spencer Contracting has been contracted by the City of Pacific to make sidewalk, curb and asphalt improvements to Flier Drive and Lisa Lane. The project consists of new curbing, concrete approaches, sidewalk ADA improvements, asphalt repairs and overlay:

- West Flier Dr from W. Osage St. to Lisa Lane
- Flier Dr. from Cedars Dr. to just east of Indian Warpath Dr.
- Hoven Dr. from West Osage St. to City Hall

The project is scheduled to begin late August and will be completed mid to late November.

Highway N project is underway. We are in the process of replacing and adding culvert pipe and structures. The road will be widened to include a bike path on the East side of the road, installing curb and gutters and then paving the entire length. Streetlights will be added to the West side of the road. With the nice weather we have been having the project could possibly be completed by mid-October, but technically the contractors have until January per their contract.

We would like to remind everyone to slow down, be safe and pay attention to work zone signage.

Cheers to a year of making new memories and celebrating the old ones too!

On August 26, 2023, the doors to the old Red Cedar Inn Restaurant opened once again to the public after being closed for 19 years. This time becoming a Museum, Visitor Center, Children's Museum, and Gift Shop on the old Historic Route 66. It has been heartwarming to be a part of creating new memories for our visitors and celebrating the old memories during the days of the old Red Cedar Inn Restaurant.

Event Statistics

- Public events hosted at Red Cedar Inn: 4
- Private events hosted at Red Cedar Inn: 2
- Community events participated in: 5
- Community events hosted & sponsored: 7
- Events attended outside of Pacific: 4
- Partnered with Riverbend Middle School community service students to assist with clean-up days, event preparation, and creating an exhibit on Women in Pacific at Red Cedar Inn.
- Tourism started a Route 66 Centennial planning team hosting 7 meetings in 2024.

Marketing Statistics

- Received 30 Google reviews with an average 4.9 rating
- Red Cedar Inn was featured on Fox 2 News Traveling with Tim Ezell.
- Pacific, Missouri won one of the 2024 Missouri Humanities Small Town Showcase Awards.
- Pacific, Missouri was featured on a radio show, and podcast, and had a custom video made.
- Facebook Followers: 1,556 followers
- Instagram Followers: 155 followers
- Started a volunteer-run newsletter "The Cedar Log" that has published 8 issues.
- Number of people who have joined the newsletter: 95
- Red Cedar Inn was published in the Route 66 Passport along with 43 other iconic stops.
- Red Cedar Inn has been added to 4 different highway billboards & attraction signage.
- 45 local restaurants, retailers, and other businesses advertise pamphlets at Red Cedar Inn.

Museum Statistics

- Total Attendance to Date: 14,029 visitors
- Number of Continents: 6
- Number of States: 45 states
- Number of Countries: 47 countries
- Items Sold: 1,964 items
- Sales: \$29,997.63
- Local Vendors that sell items in gift shop: 11 vendors
- Local author's books sold in gift shop: 8 authors



Historical Statistics

- Awards: 2024 Preserve Missouri Award & the Small Projects category from the AIA St Louis Design Awards.
- Items Accessioned: 37 artifacts, 47 photos, 2 films
- Research Requests: 17 accepted, 13 completed
- Donations: 48 people have donated items
- Loans: 7 people have provided loans
- Photos Scanned: 784 photos have been digitized
- Interviews: 22 oral history interviews have been completed, 11 are uploaded on YouTube

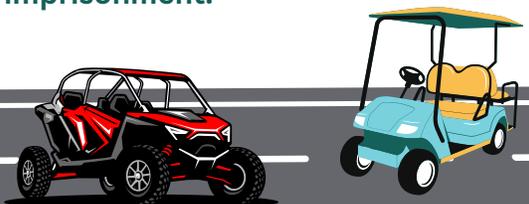
We are so proud of these numbers and accomplishments we have achieved, but truly know that this would NOT have been possible without our amazing staff team, volunteers, and supporters. We know the work does not end here and will continue as we grow and find new ways to support our community!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 6- Sunset on the Rails Concerts, Pacific Partnership
- September 7- Route 66 Vendor Fair, Route 66 Centennial Committee
- September 12- Red Cedar Speaker Series- Joe Sonderman, Rte 66
- September 14- Jimmy Smooth's Creepin' Show, Liberty Field
- September 17- Dinner on St. Louis St., Pacific Chamber
- September 27-28- Iron Horse Rodeo, City of Pacific & Pacific Partnership
- October 12- Fall Festival at Red Cedar Inn, City of Pacific
- October 17- Red Cedar Speaker Series- Ben Brown, Civil War Slang
- October 18- Witches and Warlocks, Pacific Chamber
- October 26- MonsterFest, Pacific Partnership
- November 7- Red Cedar Speaker Series- Jo Schaper, Bluffs, Rocks, and more
- November 9- Pizza, Puzzle, Beer Competition, Pacific Chamber
- December 7- Hometown Christmas & Parade, Pacific Partnership
- Bingo every Friday at Pacific Eagles Hall

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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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 Fall 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 636-257-4553 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!

September 2- Closed for Labor Day
November 11- Closed for Veteran's Day
November 28-29- Closed for Thanksgiving

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 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.

