



PACIFIC UPDATE

December 2025



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www.pacificmo.gov

Message From Mayor Filley



As we near the close of 2025, it is the perfect opportunity to pause and reflect on how far Pacific has come over the years and where it is headed. For me personally, it is bittersweet knowing this term as mayor is coming to a close.

A Year of Growth

Pacific continues to grow – new businesses are setting up shop, families are moving in, and our community is as vibrant as ever. What is even better is that we are growing the right way. Every improvement, every investment has been made with care for history and small-town character that make Pacific feel like home.

Resilience That Defines Us

We have weathered our share of challenges this year, but true to form, Pacific pulled together. Whether it was neighbors helping neighbors during tough times or volunteers stepping up to make sure local events went off without a hitch, this community showed once again what it means to be resilient. That is something no storm, setback, or roadblock can ever take from us.

Harmony in Our Hometown

One of the best things about Pacific is how we come together – at the park on a summer night, downtown during the holidays, or just sharing a smile at the local diner. The spirit of cooperation and kindness that runs through our town is what keeps Pacific special. It is that sense of harmony that turns a collection of streets and buildings into a true hometown.

Looking Down the Road – to Route 66 and Beyond

Next year is shaping up to be a big one. We will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the legendary Route 66 – the road that helped put towns like ours on the map. Pacific's history is intertwined with that iconic highway, and we are planning to make the centennial something special.

In addition to events for the birthday of the “mother road”, 2026 will see a return of many favorites. Parades, holiday events, music gatherings, BBQ festival and much more. I am looking forward to the new year and new undertakings.

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Your Mayor,
Heather



Pictured is Tourism Director Kelly O'Malley accepting the Innovator Award at the 2025 Missouri Governor's Conference on Tourism. This prestigious award honors a small tourism organization or individual who achieves significant results on a modest budget. Congratulations to Kelly!



Christmas on 66

Saturday, December 13

10 am–2 pm

Holiday magic is returning to Pacific as we celebrate the 2nd Annual Christmas on 66 at the historic Red Cedar Inn! This festive family event takes place on Saturday, December 13 from 10 am to 2 pm – and everything is happening right here in Pacific just off historic Route 66.

Visitors can enjoy free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and families are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the moment. Children will love the face painting, bouncy house, holiday crafts, and a special goodie bag from Santa for kids 12 and under.

Throughout the event, guests can browse a mini-Christmas market with local vendors, enjoy treats from Cosmic Doughnuts, and grab lunch from the Pacific Lions Club, who will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. The fun continues with character visits from the Grinch, Buddy the Elf, Cindy Lou Who, and others, along with a model train display and even baby goats to pet.

This free community celebration brings together Route 66 charm and holiday cheer – a perfect way to enjoy the season with friends, family, and neighbors. We look forward to seeing you at Christmas on 66 and spreading festive joy throughout Pacific!

Help Shape the Future of Route 66 in Pacific!

Tourism's Route 66 Centennial Committee has been hard at work bringing exciting ideas to life—and we want to hear from you! So far this year, we've rolled out Hometown Hero banners, a 12-foot interactive Route 66 sign, fun photo ops, and the Route 66 BBQ Battle & Bluegrass Festival. We also created a music video celebrating Pacific and U.S. Silica added a brand-new Route 66 mural. We will be adding Route 66-themed stencils and rolling out the Route 66 Quilt Trail soon!

And there's more coming—in 2026, we'll be launching a Pacific Passport to help guide visitors through our historic town during the Centennial year! With travelers from across the globe already stopping in—and many more expected for 2026—we want to make sure our stretch of Route 66 is unforgettable.

Tourism's Route 66 Centennial Committee would like your ideas and thoughts as we get ready to celebrate 100 years of The Mother Road! Contact Tourism Director O'Malley at komalley@pacificmo.gov or 636-271-0500 ext. 222.

Vote in our Holiday Decorating Contest!



It's the 4th year of our annual Holiday Decorating Contest, and the City is aglow with Christmas spirit! Residents and businesses have gone all out, decorating their homes and buildings to create dazzling displays that light up Pacific.

Now it's your turn to join the fun! Vote for your favorite decorated home and business—these participants are proud of their hard work, and your vote can help encourage their holiday creativity. Simply scan the QR code below or visit the Red Cedar Inn & Tourism Facebook page to find the voting link.

Let's keep the festive holiday feeling going strong! And if you know someone who didn't enter this year, be sure to encourage them to join in the competition next year.

Help us celebrate the season and recognize those who make our community shine! [Scan here to vote for your favorite!](#)



Get Ready for a Fun-Filled 2026 in Pacific!

2026 is shaping up to be an unforgettable year in Pacific, and we want to make sure you can get a head start on marking your calendars! The first half of the year is already packed with community favorites, annual traditions, and a few special celebrations you won't want to miss.

March kicks things off with two of our most popular spring events:

- Teen Egg Hunt – Friday, March 27
- Adult Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 28
- City-Wide Garage Sale – Saturday, May 9
- Route 66 BBQ Battle & Bluegrass Festival – May 29–31- Now in its second year, this signature event returns bigger and better with mouthwatering BBQ, live music, vendors, activities, and Route 66 charm all weekend long!

On July 4, Pacific will host a **one-time special parade** to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. The parade will begin at 9:00 a.m., giving everyone time to enjoy the festivities before heading off to their holiday plans. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event, and we can't wait to celebrate our nation's milestone together.

There are many more events in the works for 2026, but we wanted to make sure you have these important dates early. Stay tuned for more announcements, updates, and details as we get closer.

Warm Up This Winter at the Red Cedar Inn Museum & Children's Museum!

The Red Cedar Inn is open all winter long:
Wednesday–Saturday from 10 AM–4 PM
Sunday from 12 PM–4 PM

Inside, you'll discover a wonderful mix of history, hands-on fun, and Route 66 nostalgia for all ages:

BIGFOOT 4x4 Exhibit – Don't miss this exciting exhibit celebrating 50 years of BIGFOOT 4x4 and its Pacific, Missouri roots. Visitors can explore rare memorabilia, read fun facts, and learn how BIGFOOT 4x4 became a global icon. This exhibit will remain on display through June 2026 before we make room for a brand-new rotating exhibit – so stop by while it's still here!

Red Cedar & Route 66 History – Walk through time as you learn the story of the Red Cedar Inn, the Smith brothers, and Pacific's important place on the Mother Road. Travelers from around the world stop here – come see why!

Children's Museum – A winter favorite for families! Kids can learn and play with the animated sand table, draw alive interactive screen, train table, mega tiles, log cabin building toys, and so much more!

Whether you're escaping the cold, entertaining out-of-town guests, or simply looking for a delightful afternoon activity, Red Cedar Inn is the perfect stop. Come explore, learn, and make memories this winter – right here in Pacific, Missouri.

Red Cedar Museum pictured below with the Children's Museum pictured on the right.



Historic First Baptist Church Proclamation

After seven years of restoration, the Historic First Baptist Church reopened for service on October 19. Mayor Heather Filley read the city proclamation during the November 4 Board of Alderman meeting.



Pictured from left – Deacon Loyed Pruitt, Police Chief James Klingler, Alderman James Cleeve, Tami Pruitt, Alderman Debbie Kelley, Mayor Heather Filley, Stephanie Brooks, Alderman Scott Lesh, Alderman Tyler Hoven, Alderman Karla Stewart, and Carol Johnson, restoration committee.

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



Cornerstone Furniture & Mattress

Rich's Famous Burgers



CITY OF PACIFIC NOTICE OF FILING FOR APRIL 2026 ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Pacific will hold the annual election on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, for the purpose of electing the following:

- One Alderman for Ward One - Two-year term
- One Alderman for Ward One - Unexpired term of one year
- One Alderman for Ward Two - Two-year term
- One Alderman for Ward Three - Two-year term
- City Mayor - Four-year term
- City Marshal - Four-year term
- City Collector - Four-year term

Filing for said offices opens Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 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. Office will be closed December 24 & 25, 2025, for Christmas.

Filing will close Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Public Notice: Weeds and Grass Cutting

Property owners are responsible for mowing / maintaining lawn and grass areas right up to the curb/gutter or street. The city may have mowed some of these areas as a courtesy in the past, but that will no longer be done. Section 225.255 of the code states:

Whenever private property abuts a public right-of-way or easement belonging to the City, or any public entity, and there exists in such right-of-way or easement a tree lawn or grassy area between the private property line and the midline of said right-of-way or easement, then such tree lawn or grassy area shall be considered, for purposes of this Section requiring cutting of weeds or rank vegetation, to be a part of the private lot which abuts the right-of-way or easement, and it shall be the duty of those responsible under this Section for the maintenance of the private lot to equally maintain the tree lawn or grassy area within the abutting right-of-way or easement, and all of the provisions of this Section shall apply with equal force and effect to said tree lawn or grassy area.

You can check out the full code on the city website at pacificmo.gov.

Permit Needed

If you plan on doing a project at your home or business, it is your responsibility to find out if a permit is needed. Below are some things to ask before starting a project:

1. Does my contractor have a City of Pacific business license?
2. Are permits needed for the project? Who will be applying (you or your contractor)?
3. Is the project being completed to code?

Decks, fences, and accessory buildings are examples of projects that require a permit. If a project is started without a permit, double fees and stop work orders may be applied until the project is brought into compliance.



Contact the City Building Department with any questions you may have about code and requirements.

abaguess@pacificmo.gov
636-271-0500 ext 221

The City of Pacific would like to give a shout out and thanks to PHS DECA students for cleaning up Pacific City Park and Brush Creek in October. This initiative was part of operation Missouri Stream Team.



Pacific Volunteer Response Team (VRT)

We have formed a local, emergency “volunteers in action” team. The Pacific VRT is comprised of area residents, business leaders, 1st Responders, and other civic minded people who desire to serve our community for both planned and unplanned events.

Disasters can strike at any time! Having a pre-arranged group of trained people who would be able to respond in real-time is proven to yield immediate benefits and contribute to shortening recovery periods. Both enhance our overall resiliency and strengthen our community bonds. We offer free training and opportunity for you to obtain personal growth and new life-long skills. Join us in serving our community when it matters most.

Contact ema@pacificmo.gov for further information.

Test your smoke and CO2 detectors  1	Decorate safely, e.g. electric cords, candles.  2	Ensure your house facilities are maintained, e.g. furnace filter, dryer lint vent, clean gutters.  3	Store mixed chemicals and household cleaning products per manufacturer recommendations.  4
THE 12 DAYS OF WINTER SAFETY		Stay hydrated, dry, warm and active in the cold weather.  5	Inspect your vehicle for fluids, lights, wipers, brakes, tires and more.  6
Prepare for inclement weather at home and when travelling, e.g. electric outages, snow/ice storms, excessive cold weather, dress for conditions. 7	Winterize outside hoses and spigots to prevent freezing and breaking  8	Prevent slips, trips and fall, e.g. outdoor footwear, keep driveways and sidewalks clear  9	
Avoid injuries when working outside, e.g. snow shoveling techniques and snow blower maintenance.  10	Trim trees by power lines and your house  11	Know the symptoms of heart attacks, strokes, frostbite and hypothermia  12	



Pictured Mayor Heather Filley speaking at the Tri County Senior Center Veteran's Day Celebration.



City crews are ready when Old Man Winter comes to call

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. First 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 nonemergency issues.

Employee Spotlights

City Administrator
Lee Litterell



The city is excited to welcome Lee Litterell as the city administrator. Lee comes to us with a background in municipal government and business administration. Lee and his wife are previously from Oklahoma, so they are settling into Missouri weather. In his spare time Lee enjoys his time golfing and their two dogs. He can be reached at llitterell@pacificmo.gov, or feel free to stop by city hall.

THE GREAT FALL DUCK HUNT OF 2025



Pacific PD would like to say thank you to all of the hunters who helped get the ducks back safe before winter.



Teamwork makes the dream work!

Do you love community events? Enjoy planning, organizing, or simply helping make great things happen in Pacific? We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our event committees or assist during upcoming events!

Whether you prefer behind-the-scenes planning or helping on event day, there is a place for you!

If you'd like more information about any of our committees or want to learn how you can get involved, please email komalley@pacificmo.gov.

Your time and talent can help make Pacific's events even more extraordinary – we'd love to have you on the team!



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 6- Winter Wonderland & Parade- Pacific Partnership
- December 11- Christmas Awards Banquet- Pacific Chamber
- December 13- Christmas on Rt 66- Red Cedar Inn & Tourism
- January 31- Pianos For A Purpose- Pacific Chamber
- March 14- St. Patrick's Day Parade- Pacific Partnership
- Bingo every Friday at Pacific Eagles Hall



Pacific Emergency Management Agency



636-271-0500 x285



ema@pacificmo.gov



<https://www.pacificmo.gov/285/Emergency-Management>

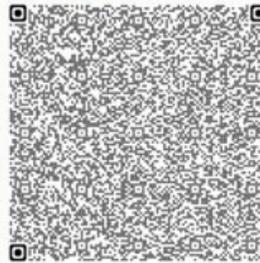


<https://www.facebook.com/PacificMO.EMA>

Ask about becoming a volunteer



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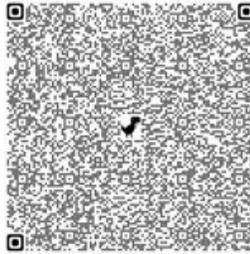
Our free, emergency mass notification system



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City Account Portal Sign-up



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Emergency 9-1-1, Other 636-257-2424



pacificpd@pacificmo.gov



<https://www.pacificmo.gov/152/Police>



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Need help? Contact Tiffany ext. 216



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 the departments tab on the city website at: www.pacificmo.gov



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.



PAYING YOUR

WATER BILL ONLINE



Go to: www.pacificmo.gov 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. 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



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Mark your calendars!

December 24-25- Closed Christmas
January 1- Closed New Years
January 19- Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 16- Closed Presidents 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@pacificmo.gov and let us know!

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