



City of Pacific
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Pacific update

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Pacific Float Wins 1st Place out of 68 entries in Franklin County Bicentennial Parade

Pacific's float took first place out of 68 entries in the Franklin County Bicentennial Parade held Sunday June 2nd in Union, MO! The City of Pacific partnered with the Pacific Area Chamber of Commerce to design, build and man the Route 66 themed float that was applauded by the thousands of people lining the parade route.

"This is just another great example of what we can achieve when we come together to make something happen." Mayor Myers said. "We had a lot of fun working on this project. It truly was a team effort!"

The City and Chamber wish to thank all those who helped represent our community so well including Mayor Myers and his wife Lori, Kim Barfield, Chamber Director Tiffany Wilson, Maria Brennan, Rick Presley and Steve Roth.

A special thanks to Steve, Chris and Sarah Unnerstall of Unnerstall Contracting for letting us use their truck and trailer and for being our drivers and to Adam Kraus and Bob Forshee of the Ridge Rodders car club for loaning us the sweet 1932 Ford Roadster!



Mayor Steve Myers, center, and wife Lori are pictured with other members of the group that helped put together the winning float. From left are Steve Roth, Maria Brennan, Tiffany Wilson, Rick Presley and Kim Barfield.

Did you know?

The City of Pacific was first platted as the town of "Franklin, Missouri" in 1852. On July 19, that year, the first train to arrive made its inaugural run from St. Louis to the end of the track here in "Franklin" and was met with a huge celebration. Soon, more people began to settle here. In 1859 the town was officially incorporated and the townspeople voted to change the name to "Pacific" in honor of the Pacific Railroad.

Mark your calendars!

June 29-Pacific Car Show, Fireworks in the evening from Blackburn Park

Park Board, First Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Aldermen meetings, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m

Planning and Zoning, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7p.m.

Coffee with the Mayor, First Friday of each month from 7:30am—8:30:am at Little Ireland

August 24th— Operation Clean Stream

Please go to pacificmissouri.com for a Calendar with City meeting dates and other event information

Question / complaint / comment? Call us!

City Hall 636-271-500. Extensions: Code Enforcement 196; Accounts Payable / Park Rentals 211; City Administrator 213; City Collector 214; Utility Billing and Building 215; City Engineer 216; City Clerk 217; Court Clerk 218; Building Inspector 219; Deputy City Clerk 223.

Residents urged to keep recyclables clean

Waste Connections, the City's contracted residential waste and recyclables hauler, is urging residents to keep their recyclables clean and free of contamination. Residents who repeatedly have trash mixed with their recyclables may have their recycling cart permanently removed. Contaminated recycling loads may be rejected and dumped as regular trash.



A Warm Welcome to...Anna Hodge

New City Engineer Hired

On June 4th, the Board of Aldermen unanimously approved the Mayor's appointment of the newest member of the city's administration team. Anna Hodge will now fill the role of City Engineer for the City of Pacific. She will oversee the Building Department, Planning and Zoning and Code Enforcement activities of the City, and will help coordinate the activities of the Public Works department.

Her main responsibilities will be to manage the building, zoning and development plan permitting processes, and overseeing the City's code enforcement program. The Mayor has also asked Hodge to take the lead in bringing greater organization and ease of operation to the building department by updating our computerization and software.

She holds a B.S. degree with Honors in Engineering with an emphasis in Civil Engineering and a Minor in Soil Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She served in the U.S. Army from 2006—2012 where she achieved the rank of Sergeant and has RCRA and OSHA 30 certifications. She is a past Gateway Chapter President of "Engineers without Borders" has served for two years as Committee Co-Chair of Engineering Center of St. Louis 2013-2015 and is a 7 year volunteer with the St. Louis

Pet Rescue- Foster program.

She previously worked in commercial engineering and has extensive experience with program and project management. Anna is looking forward to working with the city staff to create a state of the art building commission that developers, property owners and citizens consistently have a great experience working with.

"I am confident that Anna will provide the combination of her knowledgeable, friendly face and no nonsense personality that will prove to be a tremendous asset to our city government. Said

Mayor Myers.

Ms. Hodge can be reached at 636-271-0500 ext 216, or by email to ahodge@pacificmissouri.com.



BIGFOOT PLAZA MODEL NOW ON DISPLAY AT CITY HALL

Please stop by City Hall to view a concept display of the proposed "BIGFOOT PLAZA" now being designed to bring more tourism to Pacific. This is a great opportunity for you to provide feedback and suggestions to be considered.



Prop P and Prop S Successful

Voters overwhelmingly approved both of Pacific's sales tax proposals in the election on April 2nd. "Prop-P", a 1/2 cent parks and storm water sales tax received a whopping 74.56 percent "Yes" vote and "Prop-S", a separate 1/2 cent sales tax for street and storm water maintenance received the approval of 71.95 percent of voters! The taxes will generate over \$400,000 each annually.

"This is a huge development for our city and clearly indicates the desire of our citizens that we raise the bar in providing a higher quality street and storm water maintenance plan and better park grounds and facilities for our community." said Mayor Myers " I think most people understand the important role these funds will play in the development of our town. In my opinion, the establishment of these two funding mechanisms may prove to be the most important accomplishment made during my term as Mayor. It will set Pacific on a positive course well into the future and provide the resources necessary to meet the many infrastructure and recreational demands of our growing community. We now have all the signatures needed to dissolve the Viaduct Street CID and are collecting the required signatures needed for the remaining two CIDS."

Collection of the funds will begin in October but will not be received by the city until January of 2020. City leadership has already hired Cochran Engineering to update their evaluation of the city streets and to make recommendations to the board of aldermen on the order of street repairs. Evaluation of the city storm sewer system and park facilities is scheduled to be conducted this summer.

Thank you to Dave Roemer, Rick Presley, Al Baldwin, Pam Manuel, Angie Hardcastle, Mike Gallagher and Jeannie Guffey for serving on the "Citizens for Better Streets and Parks committee!"

'Better Together' Falls Apart

Merger proposal that would have "detached" 1.7 sq. miles of Pacific and annexed it into a new Metro St. Louis government is dead!

Earlier last month, we received news that the leaders of the "Better Together" initiative officially withdrew their request for a statewide vote in 2020 asking Missouri voters to approve the merger of all 88 county municipalities and removal of Pacific's 1.7 square mile annexed portion of St. Louis County. The petition is now dead following months of criticism, including a unanimous resolution against the proposal from the Pacific Board of Alderman and the Mayor who took a strong stance against the measure. Mayor Myers was interviewed by several newspaper and television reporters who shared the negative impact the proposal would have had on the city of Pacific.

"I believe strongly in looking out for the best interests of our community", said Mayor Myers. "I was very concerned at the blatant lack of concern for our city that was demonstrated by the leadership of the better together movement and their total disregard for our interests. Do I believe something needs to be done to help solve the problems of Metro St. Louis? Absolutely! But the solution must not be brought about through the demise of successful communities."

We'll be very vigilant in watching for any further plans that may arise that would impact our community and will keep our citizens informed of developments.

Congratulations

on a successful ribbon cutting ceremony and welcome to Pacific to:

Healthy Balance Chiropractic and Acupuncture

220 North 7th Street, Pacific, MO 63069



First State Community Bank of Pacific

302 West St. Louis Street, Pacific, MO 63069



and...

Pacific "Car Show" June 29th—8:00am—9:00pm

Fireworks Spectacular Following at Dark



The Pacific Partnership will host the 17th Annual Pacific Car Show from 8am-9pm on Saturday June 29th. Cars and Vendors will be setting up as early as 6am. Awards given from 3pm-5pm. Food & Product Vendors and DJ throughout the day. The Jeremiah Johnson Band takes the stage at 7:00pm.

Fireworks following once it is dark. A "kids corner" will also be featured this year. For more information visit:

pacificmissouripartnership.org

Major Sewage Lagoon Repairs Near Completion

The City is nearing completion of a near \$1.6 million project to repair and upgrade facilities and equipment at the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility on Denton Road. The improvements were necessary after the facility was damaged in the 2015 flood. The City is receiving nearly \$1 million in FEMA disaster funding, with the remainder coming from existing sewer revenues.

The work involves replacement of the City's wastewater disinfection and aeration systems. RV Wagner is the general contractor at a total contract amount of \$1,581,040. The City expects to close the project out in July, 2019. The facility has received excellent testing results of the plant discharge since it was first brought online earlier this spring.

Candlewick Lane Project To Start This Summer

The Candlewick Lane improvement project is expected to start this summer, following City acceptance of the low bid for the project in May. Jokerst Paving and Contracting submitted the low bid, \$323,314.00. A total of seven bids were received. The project is being funded with \$214,667 in federal funds, and is also receiving Franklin County Transportation Grant funding.

The project involves replacement of concrete slabs throughout the project limits, as well as storm sewer work and other improvements. Cochran is the project engineer.

Operation Clean Stream August 24th!

Make plans now to join us on August 24th as we join with thousands of volunteers in celebrating 52 years of improving local rivers with the Open Space Council and Missouri Stream Teams! That Saturday, more than 2,000 volunteers will work to remove trash, tires, and metal debris from the Meramec River Watershed to improve water quality and wildlife habitat in our region's open spaces.

Volunteers for both land and water teams are needed. Last year in Pacific alone, 46 volunteers removed 40 cubic yards of trash and debris from the riparian corridor of the Meramec River including 59 tires and 800 pounds of metal objects.

Dumping trash, tires or debris in the river is illegal in Missouri. Law enforcement officials and citizens have been asked to keep a sharp eye out for illegal dumping into the watershed. To report an environmental concern over the phone, please contact the Department of Natural Resources at 800-361-4827 Monday - Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

To register to be an OCS volunteer this year here in Pacific, please send an email to:

OCS 2019 Coordinator Mayor Steve Myers at smyers@pacificmissouri.com.



OCS volunteer Jim Gaither poses with a prize 1973 motorcycle that he worked with others to extract from the river during Operation Clean Stream 2018.

City Recommended For \$1.071 Million Federal Grant To Improve Highway N

A \$1.071 million federal grant project to widen a section of Highway N (Congress) in Pacific has received preliminary approval from East-West Gateway Council of Governments. The project limits run from Candlewick Lane north to Westlake subdivision. The project calls for the roadway to be widened, with new curb and gutter and storm drains on the east side. Street lighting is also planned.

Federal funding will pay 80 percent, with the City obligated for the \$214,392 match.

An open house on all East-West Gateway recommended projects has been scheduled for July 18 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Pacific City Hall.

New City Budget Set To Take Effect July 1

The City's Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget is set to take effect July 1. The Board of Aldermen was expected to take final action on the budget at its regular meeting June 18. The City's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30.

The budget is the City's guiding document for anticipated revenues and expenditures through the fiscal year. The budget was developed by City Administrator Steve Roth in conjunction with City staff and Mayor Steve Myers. The budget has been subject to review and input at multiple meetings of the Board of Aldermen.

A copy of the budget document is posted on the City website, www.pacificmissouri.com.

As required by Missouri law, the budget is balanced in all funds. The City has adequate reserves in most of its major funds, with the approximate \$1.6 million balance in the Contingency Fund being a main source of the City's financial strength. The City has also strong reserves in its Capital Improvements fund and Sewer fund. The Water fund remains the City's weakest fund, and the City has pledged to address this in the coming year.

Main features of the new budget are as follows:

The budget provides for the addition of one full-time law enforcement officer. Funding for this new position was made possible in part by voter approval of the Franklin County "Prop P" initiative in 2018.

The budget provides for the establishment of two new funds, Transportation and Parks & Storm Water. These funds were made possible by voter approval in April, 2019 of two half-cent sales tax initiatives (Prop S and Prop P). The funds will be restricted for transportation purposes (Prop S) and parks and storm water purposes (Prop P). The City expects to receive approximately \$275,000 in each fund in the new fiscal year, and approximately \$400,000 annually in successive years.

The budget includes funding for planning studies for streets and parks and storm water, and this work is expected to begin yet this summer. The budget also includes funding for

mapping and surveying of the City cemeteries, which is also expected to begin this summer. The Parks & Storm budget includes budget for a new "Park Superintendent" position, which is expected to be hired in early 2020.

The budget includes numerous capital improvement projects, including \$350,000 for the Candlewick Lane project; \$350,000 for the first round of the City's planned "Preventive Pavement Maintenance Program," (made possible in part by voter approval of the Prop S); and funding for the Lisa Lane extension project, Hogan Subdivision storm sewer project (Phase 1), and Denton Rd bridge project engineering.

The Sewer budget includes improvements to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility (new blowers for the aeration system) and improvements to three City lift stations. The Water budget includes funding for the Highway 00 water line relocation project, expected to start later this summer. Extension of water and sewer service on Route 66 east is also planned.

The City's numerous vehicle and equipment needs are proposed to be met through a lease-purchase financing plan, which is also in the budget. The plan provides for the purchase of two new police patrol vehicles, two new Public Works dump trucks, and other vehicles and equipment. The total expenditure is budgeted at \$646,000, which is proposed to be paid off over a series of five years at an annual payment budgeted at \$145,000.

Get Informed!

The new City website is up and running, and citizens can sign up 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. Citizens can view the packet online, and sign up to receive a notification when each new packet is posted. The City also posts Planning and Zoning Commission meeting packets, and agendas for other Boards and Commissions.

Can't find what you're looking for? Send an email to

Watch for MOTORCYCLES



saveMOlives.com **ARRIVE ALIVE**

Motorists are reminded to please be watchful of motorcycles this season. Grass clippings on streets and highways are a special hazard; **please do not blow grass clippings onto the street!**

Congratulations to the St. Louis Blues on winning the Stanley Cup!