



# **The World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade**

The Pickled Mansfield Society is a non-profit 501(c)4, all-volunteer organization that was formed in 2012 to produce the World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade & Palooza and promote Mansfield, Texas.

The March 13-14, 2020, event was canceled on March 12 by Gov. Greg Abbott, due to the outbreak of the coronavirus. With the event only hours away from beginning, we were unable to cancel many of our purchases or reclaim deposits. Many of our sponsors have asked for the return of their sponsorship fees and many others did not pay, neither of which has ever happened in the nine years of the event.

Our insurance provider does not consider a pandemic an "act of God," therefore none of our expenses are recoverable.

Since 2012, the World's Only St. Paddy's Pickle Parade & Palooza has become a beloved event in Mansfield, and one of its largest. Many residents and visitors were upset when the event was canceled. Our downtown business owners were shocked since they stock up on inventory for their busiest weekend of the year.

The Pickled Mansfield Society is an all-volunteer board with hundreds more community volunteers. The funds that we raise through sponsors, T-shirt sales, beer sales, run, vendor and parade fees are used to produce the following year's event. We also donate to several charities, but none of the funds that we are seeking will be used for these charities, only to mitigate the severe losses from the cancellation of this year's event.

We appreciate everything that the City of Mansfield has done for the event, which would not happen without the support and cooperation of the City Council and staff.

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