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Peculiar City Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Registration Fee \$5.00

**REGISTER NOW THROUGH MAY 14th AT CITY HALL
AND YOUR ADDRESS WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE
GARAGE SALE MAP.**

**MAPS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS BUSINESSES
IN PECULIAR BEGINNING WEDNESDAY MAY 18TH**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

Election Day
April 6

**Summerfest
Truck & Tractor Pull**
June 18th & 19th



CITY ORDINANCE UPDATES



ORDINANCE NO. 021610

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI ADOPTING CHAPTER 119 OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE: RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF SPECIFIC RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE MUNICIPAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

ORDINANCE NO. 021610A

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF PECULIAR, MISSOURI ADOPTING CHAPTER 145 OF THE CITY OF PECULIAR MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT



NEWS FROM MAYOR JUNGMEYER

On April 6, you will elect a Mayor and three Aldermen to represent you. Numerous tax issues will also be decided. Please VOTE ON APRIL 6 to make your positions count.

After many months of negotiations, the City has signed a contract with Public Water Supply District No. 2 to supply our water for the next 25 years. I believe this contract is fair to both parties and will take care of our water needs at a reasonable rate. The City will work to keep your water rates as low as possible while maintaining and improving our supply system.

We are working with a developer to bring 34 residential units to the city. These will be for those at least 55 years old and will be located at the corner of Summerskill and Main. Construction may start by fall.

City finances are still tight and expected to remain tight for the next few years. This is caused by the country wide recession. We are examining all expenditures to make sure they are needed and have put a hold on all capital improvements. We are also maintaining the 10% furlough policy for City Staff for as long as it is needed. Hopefully, we can get through this recession without additional staff cuts.

Please contact me by email (jungmeyer@fairpoint.net) with your complaints and questions. My goal is to get back to you within 72 hours.

Thought For The Day - The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it. (Michelangelo)

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

We are happy to see spring finally arrive after this long and hard winter. The City is aware of the many pot holes around town as a result of the cold temperatures, scraping and salting of the roads. As the temperature improves, so will be the amount of hours devoted by Public Works to filling pot holes.

Due to the extreme amount of snow this winter the ground is very saturated. As the spring rains arrive, please do not dump any grass clippings, branches around or in the creek. This causes culverts to be plugged and worsens the condition for extreme flooding.

The City is on Facebook and we try to send out messages to inform the public on events or news. At the time of this news letter we have over 460 fans. We will answer questions or concerns; however, we will not entertain rude or abusive comments. This is a positive tool to get the correct information on all City operations to our residents.

As you can see in the news across the Country, the economic conditions have not improved. The City has implemented several cuts to adjust to the down turn. I heard again recently; "The City is spending more now than ever." That is not a factual statement. We can show that over the past three years we have been cutting the budget and spending greatly. To give you an example, the City's budget in 2006-2007 was 4.6 million. The current budget we passed in 2009-2010 is 3.6 million. Each year it shows that we have been cutting expenses all along. It's tough everywhere and we have been doing our best to ensure services while not raising taxes.

Have a blessed and Happy Easter. There are several events coming up this spring and summer; hope to see you!



Spring "Trash Days" Cancelled

The City's Public Works Department normally hosts city-wide clean-up events in mid-May and early November of each year. There is an expense incurred by the City for these events. For 2010, The Board of Aldermen has made the difficult decision to host only one event. That event will be in November. Due to downturns in City revenue over the past two years, we are forced to look for areas in which to cut costs. We will maintain a "wait and see" approach for the clean-up events for 2011, and hopefully will be able to resume normal operations. There are other facilities in Cass County for disposal of bulky items and yard waste if residents are not able to wait for the November event. Learn more about solid waste disposal sites and recycling sites at the Mid-America Regional Council website (www.marc.org) or at the "Recycle Spot" (www.recyclespot.org). Thank you for your patience during these difficult times

GLASS RECYCLING NOW AVAILABLE IN PECULIAR

Ripple Glass, LLC has made it possible to recycle your glass food and beverage containers in the city limits of Peculiar. Their drop-off site is in the parking lot of the Peculiar United Methodist Church at 20521 S. School Road (just north of Ray-Pec High School). Glass of all different colors is accepted and you do not have to separate the colors. You do not have to remove labels, but the containers should be rinsed. They do not accept plate glass (windows), mirrors, Pyrex, Corning ware, ceramics or dishes. Look for the large, purple "Ripple Glass" bin. For more information, visit their website at rippleglasskc.com.

Thanks for recycling!

Patriot 5k Run/Walk 2010 Peculiar, MO

On May 1st as part of the Spring Festival, there will be a 5K run through our city. The run will start at 8:00 a.m. and begin and end near the Peculiar Elementary School.

There will be police officers or traffic control personnel at each major intersection along the route. Residents most affected by this event will be those living on Broadway from 3rd Street to Main (C Highway). Hopefully any inconvenience will involve a momentary delay in leaving your house. The majority of runners should pass through the Broadway corridor within ten to fifteen minutes.

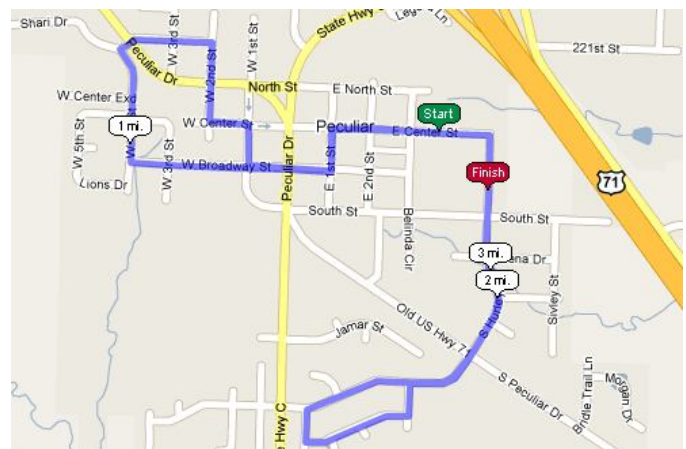
Saturday, May 1st

- 7:00 -8:00am Registration and Packet Pick-Up
- 8:00am 5k Run/Walk Starts
- Pancake Breakfast at the finish**
- 9:00am Festival opens
- 9:15am Awards Ceremony

Entry Fees & Deadlines:

| | <u>Received by 4/30</u> | <u>5/1</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 5k Run/Walk | \$20 | \$25 |
| Kids 12 & under | \$15 | \$20 |

Online Registration will be at www.runkansascity.com





CITY MEETINGS

Board of Alderman
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Each Month

Planning & Zoning
Commission
2nd Thursday
Each Month

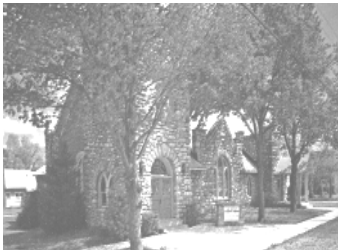
Park Board
2nd Monday
Each Month



All meetings are held at City Hall in the Council Chambers & are open to the public. City Hall is located at 600 Schug Avenue.

Board of Aldermen meetings are video taped and are played at 1:00pm Monday through Friday and can be viewed on Comcast Cable Channel 7.

All agendas and minutes from city meetings are available on the City website at www.cityofpeculiar.com



CORNERSTONE CHAPEL & FRIENDSHIP HALL

Located at West Center & First Street

Available for Rentals
Weddings
Receptions
Meetings
Special Events

For rental information
Contact Terri at
779-5212 Ext 223

A REMINDER FROM THE CODES DEPARTMENT . . .

Spring has sprung along with grass and weeds! Please remember that your grass or weeds cannot be taller than 10 inches. If your grass or weeds exceed 10 inches you will be given a warning notice allowing 5 days to mow. If you do not mow within the 5 days the city will have the property mowed, assess you the cost of mowing and you will receive a ticket with a mandatory court appearance.



Ty Erickson
Municipal Codes Officer



Animal Control



Temperatures will only be rising in the next few months so please make sure your dog has adequate water provided to them **at all times** through the spring and summer. If your dog likes to knock their bowl over it's your responsibility to secure the bowl so that does not happen. Also make sure that your dog has appropriate shelter (a dog house or shed) if they are left outside during the day and/or night time. Often times in the spring and early summer we will have storms and leaving your dog outside without appropriate shelter is not acceptable. Failure to provide water, food and shelter is considered animal abuse/neglect and you will received a citation requiring a mandatory court appearance.

Amy Nash, Animal Control Officer



SUMMERFEST TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL

Summer fest will be held June 18th and 19th at the 66 acre park which is on Harper Road and south of YY Highway. The Peculiar Park Board will host a MSTPA sanctioned Truck and Tractor pull on Saturday the 19th at 7pm. This is the 2nd largest attended tractor pull the MSTPA puts on. Concessions are available at the tractor pull so pack up the family and head out for some family fun. All revenue collected at summer fest is used by the park board to help build and maintain our park system. We receive no money from the city budget and are entirely a volunteer board. To volunteer to help or become a park board member contact any park board member listed on the city web site – cityofpeculiar.com.



From the Office of Emergency Management

The National Weather Service, Pleasant Hill is conducting 2 weather spotter training classes.

#1 April 5, Monday, 7 to 9:30 pm @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Johnston Pkwy & 58 hwy, Raymore

#2 April 15, Thursday, 7 – 9:30 pm @ Pleasant Hill High School, in the auditorium