

# POSITIVELY PECULIAR



February-March 2010 Issue

**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON APRIL 6 TH**



**April 6, 2010**

**Election Candidates**

**Mayor - 2 year term**

Ernest W. Jungmeyer-Incumbent

Harry Lee Davis

**Ward I Alderman – 2 year term**

Steven E. Smith – Incumbent

Homer LeRoy Dunsworth

**Ward II Alderman – 2 year term**

Donald Turner

**Ward III – 2 year term**

Jim Antonides-Incumbent

Roger K. Dougherty

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR . . .**

**Municipal Election  
Tuesday, April 6**

**Baseball/Softball  
Sign-ups  
Feb. 17-Mar. 6**



## CITY ORDINANCE UPDATES



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|--------------------|--|
| Ordinance #11910   | amending Section 400.390 E 1-2 & 400.400 E 1-3 minimum lot size                      |
| Ordinance #011910A | amending Section 415.020 & adding a new Section 415.020E P&Z                         |
| Ordinance #20210   | amending Section 210.180 regarding the prohibiting of pornography                    |
| Ordinance #020210A | amending Section 210.190 regarding prohibiting pornographic materials to minors      |
| Ordinance #020210B | amending Sections 210.260 G 7: unlawful use of weapons regarding alcoholic beverages |
| Ordinance #020210C | amending Section 340.110 regarding regulations for bicycles                          |
| Ordinance #020210D | amending Section 385.170 regarding loads which might become dislodged to be secured. |

## NEWS FROM MAYOR JUNGMEYER



The City's budget is tight like nearly all government entities. We are doing monthly financial reviews to stay on top of revenues and expenditures. The cost cutting we started last fall seems to be working and keeping our budget nearly balanced. This included a 10% payroll decrease for all city departments and putting a hold on all capital improvements. The rumors circulating that the city is broke, ARE NOT TRUE! The budget for the city is available for all to look at.

The City is nearing completion of negotiations with Public Water Supply District No. 2 on a water purchasing contract. Our current 25 year contract with them expires in March. Our goal is to negotiate a better contract for residents which will take care of our water needs for the next 10 years.

On November 3, 2009 voters did NOT want to finance needed sanitary sewer and street improvements. The problems have not gone away and will need to be dealt with in the near future. Our sanitary sewer system needs many improvements to meet Missouri Department Of Natural Resources regulations. We are investigating methods of financing these improvements. As for the deplorable condition of our streets, I cannot understand why voters did not approve a \$0.01 per gallon fuel tax to repair our streets. This tax would have been paid 80% by non-residents and would have cost the average Peculiar driver less than \$10.00 per year. This is a small amount to pay for better roads.

If you have any complaints about city services or employees or any questions about the way the City is run, please contact me by email at [Jungmeyer@Fairpoint.net](mailto:Jungmeyer@Fairpoint.net). I will try to reply within 72 hours. I need your input.

Thought For The Day - Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same.  
(Ronald Reagan)

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Currently the City has budgeted \$30,000 for Winter and Summer Supplies in which we have spent \$10,000 in supplies. The complete amount of cost of the snow storms including labor, overtime, material and supplies is \$25,000. Of course, as the winter continues grind on so will the cost go up.

The City is now on Facebook! We will try to keep this updated with news of upcoming events and needful information to the public. You can always check the news section of our website for any updates or announcements.

We continue to submit our needed projects in the community to County, State and Federal funding programs. Currently the County has been very supportive and has paid all cost required for the 211th Interchange studies. In Jeff City, our representatives currently have a bill that would allow us to go to the voters on public safety issues. On the Federal level, the City of Peculiar was the number one transportation project submitted by Congressman Cleaver for 2010 for the Cass County area of his district.

The City works hard on having good working relationships with all other levels of government. Having partnerships on all levels of government benefits our community. We have wonderful residents in our community, we have wonderful local organizations that work to better our community. Lets all work together for the benefit of our community, the quality of life for our children and the bright future for our grandchildren.



**ROTATIONAL MOBILE RECYCLING COMES TO PECULIAR!**

**Where: Ray-Pec School Freshman Center  
21001 S. School Rd (Parking Lot, West End)**

**When: The 2nd full weekend of each month**

**Hours: 8:00am to 4:00pm**



Materials Accepted: (No need to sort)

- ▶ Aluminum & Steel (tin) Cans
- ▶ Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc)
- ▶ Shredded Paper in Paper Bags
- ▶ Paperback & Hardback Books
- ▶ Corrugated Cardboard (flattened)
- ▶ Plastics: (Items accepted must have 1,2,3,4,5,6 or 7 stamped on the bottom.)
- ▶ Newspaper
- ▶ Magazines & Catalogs
- ▶ Telephone Books
- ▶ Office Paper & Junk Mail

- Sorry, glass is not accepted at this time.
- All food containers must be rinsed.
- No containers from automotive products or acids
- All lids must be removed.
- Boxes must be flattened.
- No household hazardous material.

**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](http://rippleglasskc.com).

Thanks for recycling!

**Chief’s Corner-”No Free Lunch”**

Milton Friedman said “there’s no free lunch” which means that there is a very high probability that you can’t get something for nothing. This is a thought to keep in mind when you receive an email or snail mail from someone notifying you that you have won a giant sweepstake or a valuable prize or an inheritance or IRS refund. The only thing you have to do is send money or provide personal information, and that big check will be on its way.

Every few weeks someone will call or come by the Police Department with one of these letters. And every few months someone will report that he or she sent money, oftentimes lots of money and can’t understand why that big check hasn’t come in the mail. These are scams.

There are dozens of variations to these scams, and many are very convincing. They originate outside the United States and are very difficult and expensive to investigate. If you become a victim you probably will not get your money back.

So remember, any legitimate organization that is writing to tell you that you won something will not require you to send a check or provide them with your social security number. If you receive mail of this nature, trash it.



**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](http://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 . . .**

The Codes Department would like all home owners to take a look at their foundation drain system in your house. Please make sure that your sump pump does not discharge into the City's sewer system. Section 400.1710 of the Peculiar Municipal Code, and Section 1807.4.3 of the 2003 IBC states that all sump pumps should drain to an "approved storm water system" and should discharge away from the foundation, avoiding the concentration of water into ponds, or low lying areas. Furthermore, discharges should not trespass across lot lines or cause a nuisance. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ILLEGAL SANITARY SEWER CONNECTIONS**

Section 705.050.H of the City's Code reads as follows: "No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, interior and exterior foundation drains, areaway drains, or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer."

The City's sewer system does not have the capacity to carry storm water or groundwater. There have been instances of sewage backing-up into homes as a result of these flows. If your home or business has one of the illegal connections described above, please consider how it might affect your fellow citizens and the environment. Please modify your system such that storm water and groundwater are discharged onto the ground or into a nearby drainage course. Thank you.



**Animal Control**



All dog and cats should have been licensed by January 31, 2010. If you have not yet licensed your pets please do so immediately to avoid receiving a ticket. Licenses can be obtained at the Peculiar Police Dept. between the hours of 9-5 Monday through Friday. The City of Peculiar has a leash law applicable to all pets. If your dog or cat is found to be running loose you will receive a fine as well as a ticket resulting in a mandatory court date. Please keep your pets contained at all times. Spring is just around the corner and with that wildlife will be out and about looking for food. The easiest way to prevent raccoons, opossums or skunks from setting up residence at your house is to make sure they don't have a food source. Keep all trash in covered containers that are not left outdoors and do not leave any cat food (or any other food) out for them to eat. If you are interested in getting your pets spayed or neutered and need financial assistance please contact Peculiar Animal Control for information Monday through Friday 9-2 at 816-779-7423.

**WATER RATES TO INCREASE**

Due to another increase from our supplier, Water District #2, there will be an increase in the water rates. The new rates will appear on your March bill.

**CITY OF PECULIAR WATER RATES**

<b><u>Within City Limits:</u></b> (per 1,000 gallons)		
\$12.26	First 1,000	
\$7.82	Over 1,000	
<b><u>Outside City Limits:</u></b> (per 1,000 gallons)		
\$15.00	First 1,000	
\$8.82	Over 1,000	

Reminder: Any service that has been disconnected for non-payment will not be restored until all outstanding charges and a reconnection fee is paid in full. If service has been disconnected 3 times, your reconnection fee will be \$150.00. The City of Peculiar is not responsible for mail delivery of payments or cash deposited in our drop box.

**2010**

**PECULIAR RECREATIONAL  
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL  
SIGNUPS**

**Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm to 8:00pm

**Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am to 2:00pm

**Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm to 8:00pm

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

10:00am to 2:00pm

**Signups at Friendship Hall**

**(Old Methodist Church)**

**163 W. Center Street, Peculiar, MO**

For additional information call  
Tim Eshleman at 816-779-4525