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SUMMERFEST 2010

June 19th

MSTPA TRUCK & TRACTOR PULL

Harper Road Park

South of 222nd & Harper Rd

Gates open at 5 pm Event begins at 7 pm

Adults \$ 10.00

Children ages 5-12 \$ 5.00

Children under 5 \$ Free

Parking \$ 5.00

On site concessions include:

Pulled Pork, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Soda and Beer

For additional information, please call:

Jim at 816-779-7229



MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

Clara Brierly
Festival of the Arts
June 11-13, 2010

2010 Summerfest
Tractor Pull
June 19th



CITY ORDINANCE UPDATES



Ordinance #042010	Amending Section 400.430 (2) allowing "Vehicle Sales or Rental"
Ordinance #050410	Amending and Adopting new sections of Chapters 700 & 705 regarding utility services provided by the City
Ordinance #050410A	Solid Waste Ordinance Revisions
Ordinance #050410B	Amending Chapter 600; Alcoholic Beverages, Section 600.110 (A) (9) Class I, regarding a permit for sale of malt liquor
Ordinance #051810	Grant preliminary approval for a Planned Unit Development for residential use
Ordinance #051810A	Amending Municipal code to increase in wall sign size, # of signs, Sign Setbacks and Sandwich signs.

NEWS FROM MAYOR JUNGMEYER



We all want our property to look as good as possible. If my house and my neighbors are well maintained, our property values will increase. Some of the items our codes inspector will be looking for is high grass and weeds (see page 4), vehicles and trailers parked on the front lawn grass, vehicles not licensed and parked on driveways, and trash/debris in yards.

I have received complaints about tree limbs and debris being dumped in our stream ways. This is a problem as downstream culverts get clogged and contribute to flooding. Please do not do this.

Due to the nationwide recession, city revenues continue to decrease. This is forcing the city to cut expenses and employees. Thus far, we are maintaining all basic public services and plan to maintain them in the future. Be understanding if the street potholes are not repaired as fast as you think they should be. Be understanding if you come to city hall and some offices are closed due to furlough. Let all of us work together and get thru the recession.

Summer is here and that means festivals and events. The Clara Brierly Festival Of The Arts will be held on June 11 - 13 and the MSTPA Truck & Tractor Pull will take place on June 19. Good times can be experienced at both of these events. Please support The City Of Peculiar and attend.

Thought For The Day - Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideas. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt: as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear: as young as your hope, as old as your despair. (Douglas MacArthur)

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

One of the largest projects the City is working on is the study being conducted for the new 211th Interchange. The study is looking at taking 211th street over to Y Highway. Many of the routes being studied is one straight from 211th(71) to Y highway and the other is curling 211th down toward YY. The Cass County Commissioners are partners in this project. Cass County is hoping to take a road from the 211th interchange west to Kansas, thus connecting 69 Highway and 71 Highway. There have been preliminary meetings with residents who could be affected in the study area with a new road. The purpose is to gather information.

Unfortunately there have been many rumors and untrue statements being made that I would like to address.

Rumor: The City Administrator wants to run the route toward YY to stay away from his house.

Fact: The City Administrator did not request the area of study to go toward YY. The Cass County Commissioners requested it. They are trying to get State dollars involved, as well as taking the interchange road toward County roads that have been mapped out all the way to the Missouri/Kansas line. This would, in their hopes, bring cost down.

Rumor: Residents east of Knight Road, living along YY, will lose their road access and be cut off.

Fact: It is illegal to cut access to someone's property. The road will remain and the residents will not be affected.

Rumor: This is all said and done. They slipped this in behind our backs.

Fact: This is the very beginning of the process. The first part is trying to get community input. Once input is gathered, then consultants will use that information in their proposals before the BOA and County Commission. The BOA will have two public meetings about the proposals. Nothing will be done behind anyone's back. The studies are not expected to be completed until September 2010.

Rumor: Once this road goes in it will decrease my property values.

Fact: I do not believe there has been any new roads go in where it lowered property values. Every time a new road goes in, it increases the value of the property.

Rumor: Once the City and County have established where the road will go in, I cannot sell my property.

Fact: If the road is going through your property then the City or County will be buying the right-of-way from you. You will certainly be able to sell your property. The only part you cannot sell is what has already been purchased from you for right-of-way.

I respect anyone's opinion when they state, "they do not want this because it will change their rural or country living." It's a quality of life issue; I get that, and respect it. I can even understand someone saying, "I moved away from that type of life to be out away from City life." I will not argue, but respect your feelings. What I don't respect or understand is someone knowingly making statements that are not true. Come to us and we will tell you all that we know. We will give you the facts both good and bad. We are committed to this community and the quality growth of it.

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 pa-

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!



IT'S GARAGE SALE SEASON!



No person shall conduct a garage sale more than Twice in any 1 calendar year; nor shall any garage sale occur more often than twice in any

1 calendar year on the same premises.

Any sale conducted shall be confined to the period between 7am & 8pm and shall not extend in excess of 3 days.

Applications for such a permit shall be made to the City Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the date of sale.

The permit fee is \$5.00.

Contact the City Clerk for sign regulations

816-779-5212 ext. 223

(Per City of Peculiar Municipal Code Chapter 630)

Are you interested in higher education for Cass County? Please fill out the needs survey on line at www.showmecasscounty.com.

UTILITY CUSTOMER NOTICE

Payments for utility services are due on/or before the 15th of each month. Bills not paid in full by the 15th shall be considered delinquent.

If the 15th falls on Saturday, Sunday or a recognized City Holiday, payment must be received in our office before 9:00am the following business day to avoid penalties.

Utility services will be terminated if payments are not made in full prior to the 23rd of the month. For accounts that are disconnected for non-payment an administrative fee will be assessed.

The administrative fee is \$50 unless the account has been delinquent more than 3 times in a 12 month period. At that time the fee shall be \$100.



CITY MEETINGS

Board of Alderman
1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Each Month

Planning & Zoning
Commission
2nd Thursday
Each Month

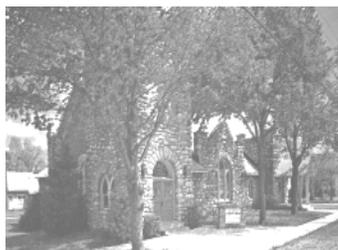
Park Board
2nd Monday
Each Month



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

**THE DOWNTOWN PECULIAR ARTS & CULTURE DISTRICT PRESENTS:
The Clara Brierly Festival of the Arts**

The Clara Brierly Festival of the Arts is a Chautauqua type annual celebration of all forms of art held in the heart of downtown Peculiar, Missouri which will be held June 11 - 13, 2010.

Location will be the on Broadway Street east of Main Street/C Hwy. We have plenty of space for art/food vendor booths. Hours of operation will be Friday June 11, 2010 from 5 pm - 10 pm ; Saturday June 12, 2010 from 10 am - 10 pm and Sunday June 13, 2010 from 12 pm - 4 pm.

**Peculiar Truck and Tractor Pull
June 19th, 2010**

The Peculiar Park Board will host their 4th annual truck and tractor pull as a fund raiser for the Peculiar park system on June 19th at 7PM. It will be held on the 66 acre park land just south of Y hwy on Harper Road. Last year we had the 2nd largest attendance rate of all of the tractor pulls the MSTPA put on. The pull this year will include 3 classes of trucks and 5 classes of tractors and is slated to go until 11:30pm. The Park board will have a concession stand with pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, and misc. snacks available during the event. This year the Downtown Peculiar Arts & Cultural District (DPACD) will be selling beer to benefit the downtown and parks. All proceeds from the tractor pull go to benefit the Peculiar citizens in the form of revitalization of downtown and the parks system. All of the labor and most of the materials needed are donated so the money raised stays in our community. Due to a down-turned economy and a limited resource of volunteers we have had to for go the BBQ contest this year but have the intentions to bring it back next year along with other community activities. The admission is the same as previous years although last year we added a parking charge of \$5.00. This was instead of raising all ticket prices which benefits everyone but particularly families. A family of 4 should be able to come out and have a great evening of entertainment and food for under 50.00. Bleachers are available for seating or bring your own chair or blanket for some down home country fun. Admission is adults \$10.00 - children age 5 - 12 \$5.00 - under 5 free and parking is \$5.00. No alcohol can be carried in and Peculiar police officers will be on site for a safe secure evening.