

POSITIVELY PECULIAR



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Peculiar City Wide Garage Sale

Saturday, May 14, 2011

Registration Fee \$5.00

**REGISTER NOW THROUGH MAY 10th 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 11TH**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

PTA Spring Festival
Peculiar Elementary
May 7th

Yard Waste PickUp
Town & Country
May 7th



PECULIAR FARMERS' & ARTISANS' MARKET

Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Starting Saturday April 30th

Located along East Broadway Street

Peculiarly Wholesome - Artfully Spun

www.peculiarmarket.com



NEWS FROM MAYOR JUNGMEYER

As most of you are aware, the infrastructure of Peculiar is in dire need of repair and maintenance. Our street pavements, curbs and sidewalks are crumbling. Our streams are increasingly being subject to flooding. Our sanitary sewer system is close to failing. Our water supply is dependent on surrounding Public Water Supply Districts. In my opinion, these problems are a result of improper planning in the past along with an unwillingness by previous city officials to allocate sufficient funds to maintain the infrastructure. The problem is only going to get worse as time goes by.

The City will be taking steps this year to attack this problem. We will be breaking ground on a \$3,000,000 project to improve our sanitary sewer system. This should take care of our system for a few years. We will be resurfacing numerous streets and improving our sidewalks. For the next fiscal year, I will request the Board of Aldermen to allocate 50% more funds to resurface streets and construct and repair sidewalks.

This will not be enough to make much of a dent in fixing our infrastructure, but it will help. The City is always exploring innovative alternate funding solutions, but due to the current economic downturn nearly all funding sources are decreasing.

We need Park Board members. Please pick up an application/questionnaire at City Hall if you are interested in serving on this or any of the city boards. Openings could occur at any time.

I would like to see greater attendance by city residents at the Board of Aldermen work sessions and meetings. We need your input and opinions on the issues we face. If we don't know the problems you face, we cannot work on solutions to them.

Mayor's Thought for the Day - Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. (Albert Einstein)

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

There are many upcoming events in the City; please look at the schedule of events as there will be fun times for families. With all of the economic woes across the country, your City remains solvent and functional. Solvent does not mean we are flush with cash, but we are able to meet basic services and continue to build reserves.

Ed Courton, former City Planner, left us in March and we wish him well in his new venture. The City received 62 applications for the position. Recently we hired Mike Bailey, Peculiar resident, as the City Planner. The City was fortunate that Mike had moved to Peculiar with his family for early retirement. He decided he was too young to retire and saw this position opening. Mike comes to us with close to 18 yrs. experience as a City Planner, as well as 20 yrs. in the private sector in Economic Development. Mike has built and invested for large national chains. Not only does Mike have the experience working for cities on land use issues, but has been on the "other side of the fence" building and investing in communities all across the country.

Bob O'Brien, City Engineer, is also planning to leave our organization. Bob has been here 4 yrs. and has done a great job for the City. We wish him well. The City will be advertising for the City Engineer position and hopefully by the next newsletter we will have a person selected and hard at work for the City of Peculiar.

We hope your upcoming summer is pleasant and full of family cheer. Remember if you hear something about the City that sounds "off", please come down and see us. We are more than happy to discuss any local issue. We have no authority over Federal, State, or County government; however, we try to work with them as partners to have the most for our citizens.

God bless,
Brad Ratliff, City Administrator



CITY MEETINGS

Board of Alderman
1st & 3rd Mondays
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 the City Clerk at
779-5212 Ext 221

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal

Peculiar no longer participates in the MARC Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection program. The yearly membership fee was about \$4,000 and it was eliminated during past budget cuts. **However, Peculiar now offers individual assistance to city residents that wish to take their HHW items to an authorized collection facility.**

There is a year-round HHW facility in Lee's Summit at their "Resource Recovery Park", 2101 SE Hamblen Rd. Call 816.969.1805 to make an appt. to drop off items. You may drop off a max. of 100 lbs. of material per appt. (Note: 1 full gallon of paint weighs about 10 lbs.) You will be charged \$50 for the drop off and each household may have only 1 appt. per day. Go to cityofpls.net for more information. There are also some mobile collection events in Cass Cty. each year (you may call 816.474.8326 or go to recyclespot.org). You will be charged \$75 to drop off HHW items at the mobile events.

On Oct. 1, 2011 (on a first come, first served basis) Peculiar began reimbursing residents a max. of \$50/year toward these fees. An original receipt and proof of residency is required for reimbursement. Contact Bob O'Brien, City Engineer at 816.779.5212, ext. 228 if you are interested in this program. For more information about HHW or items acceptable for drop off, visit

recyclespot.org.



TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL



The Peculiar Park Board will host a MSTPA sanctioned Truck and Tractor pull on Saturday June 18th at 7pm at the 66 acre City Park located on Harper Road south of 222nd St. 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 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 - www.cityofpeculiar.com.



Ticket prices are \$15/adult, \$5/children 5-12 yrs. of age and under 5 are free.



CLASSES



5900# Profield Tractors

6000# Superstock Tractors



9000# Profield Tractors

7400# Modified Tractors



6200# Pro Street 4WD Trucks

6200# Pro Stock 4WD Trucks

6200# 2WD Truck

8000# Diesel Trucks



What to Do During a Tornado

If you are under a tornado WARNING, seek shelter immediately!

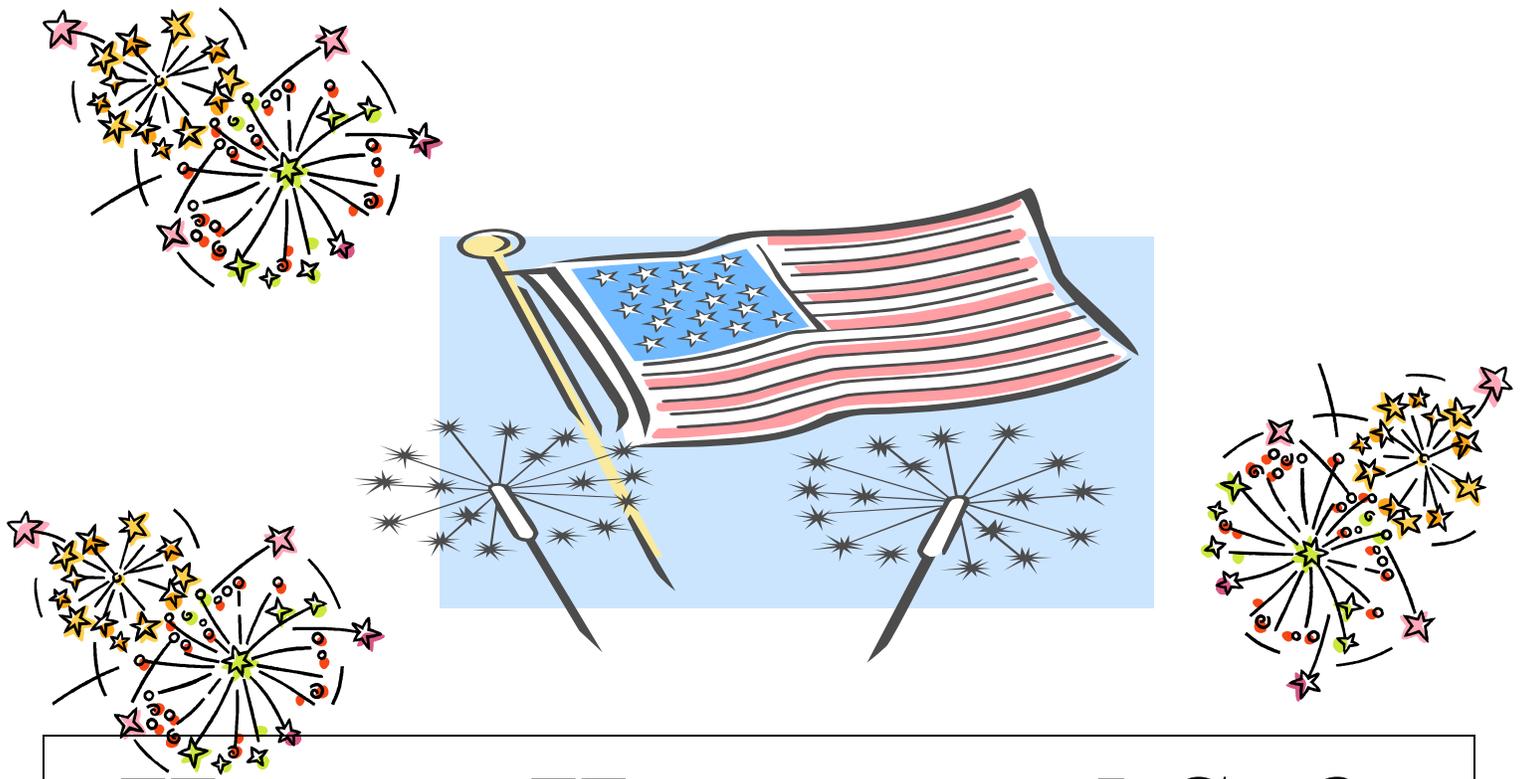
If you are in:	Then:
<p>A structure (e.g. residence, small building, school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building)</p>	<p>Go to a pre-designated shelter area such as a safe room, basement, storm cellar, or the lowest building level. If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck. Do not</p>
<p>A vehicle, trailer, or mobile home</p>	<p>Go out immediately and go to the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, offer little protection from tornadoes.</p>
<p>The outside with no shelter</p>	<p>Lie flat in a nearby ditch or depression and cover your head with your hands. Be aware of the potential for flooding.</p> <p>Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.</p> <p>Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for safe shelter.</p> <p>Watch out for flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.</p>



The Chief's Corner Brought to you by Chief of Police Harry Gurin.

The Chief of Police is also tasked with Emergency Management Duties in our City. Please review the above information as we enter tornado season.

Be alert to changing weather conditions.



Have a Happy and Safe July 4th!



Upcoming City Holidays
Monday, May 30th, 2011 - Memorial Day
Monday, July 4th, 2011 - Independence Day
City Offices Will Be Closed