

# POSITIVELY PECULIAR

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

- Election April 2nd
- Breakfast w/ Easter Bunny April 7th
- Peculiar Street Clean Up Day April 13th
- Yard Waste Event April 27th
- City Wide Garage Sale May 25th

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Please VOTE on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. This is your right. One Alderman for each ward will be elected for a 2 year term. The annexation of parcels of land surrounding the new 211th Street Interchange will also be on the ballot. In my opinion, it is very important for these properties to be in the city limits. This will allow the city to have some control on future development and will allow this future development to help pay for infrastructure improvements. See the map and accompanying article in this newsletter for additional information.

Wellington Wine & Cheese and Lucille's Diner are new businesses in Peculiar. Please support these and all Peculiar businesses. BUY PECULIAR when you can.

Exciting times are ahead for the Peculiar Parks & Recreation Department as we improve our parks and begin new recreation activities for residents. Plans include soccer and football leagues this coming fall. See page 4 of this newsletter for details.

Snow Removal - From February 20-26th, we received about 24" of snow from two storms. City employees did an excellent job of removing this snow. They met my goal of 95% of the streets having one lane plowed within 12 hours of the end of heavy snow fall. This compares to other cities goals of 24 hours or more.

Thank you for your support as we continue to improve Peculiar for the benefit of all residents.

Ernest Jungmeyer



## Peculiar United Methodist Church

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30th, 2013

10:00 a.m.

## Peculiar United Methodist Church

20521 S. School Road

Peculiar, Mo 64078

(816) 779-5777

### Free Pancake Breakfast

Activities/Games/WPFPD Trucks

Easter Egg Hunt (10,000+ eggs!)



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# **PROPOSITION 1**

The City is proposing to annex five (5) parcels of land into the City along East 211<sup>th</sup> Street on each side of Highway 71 (Interstate 49). These properties (see Map 1) will directly benefit from the East 211<sup>th</sup> Street & I-49 Interchange jointly funded by the City of Peculiar and the Missouri Department of Transportation, which is currently under design and scheduled for construction in 2015. The City believes it in the best interest of our citizens, and future development, if these properties are within City Limits to ensure development is consistent with our Comprehensive Plan and that construction meets City building codes.

The proposed annexation cannot become effective until approved by a 2/3 (two-thirds) or 66.67% majority of the voters at a municipal general election. This annexation shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Peculiar, Mo. for their approval, at the General Election to be held in the City on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

*The ballot will be similar to the following EXAMPLE:*

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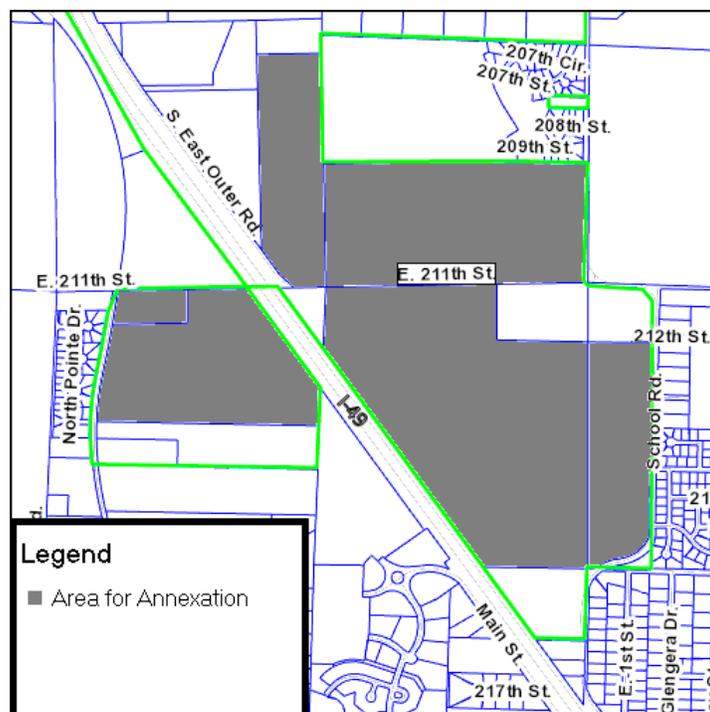
**Shall the city limits of the City of Peculiar, in the County of Cass, State of Missouri, be extended so as to embrace and include all the unincorporated areas lying within the following boundary lines and found in the County of Cass:**

*(What will follow is a very lengthy legal description of all five (5) properties proposed for annexation, this is required by State Law. At the end of the legal descriptions will be the following ballot boxes):*

**YES**

**NO**

**If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "YES". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "NO".**

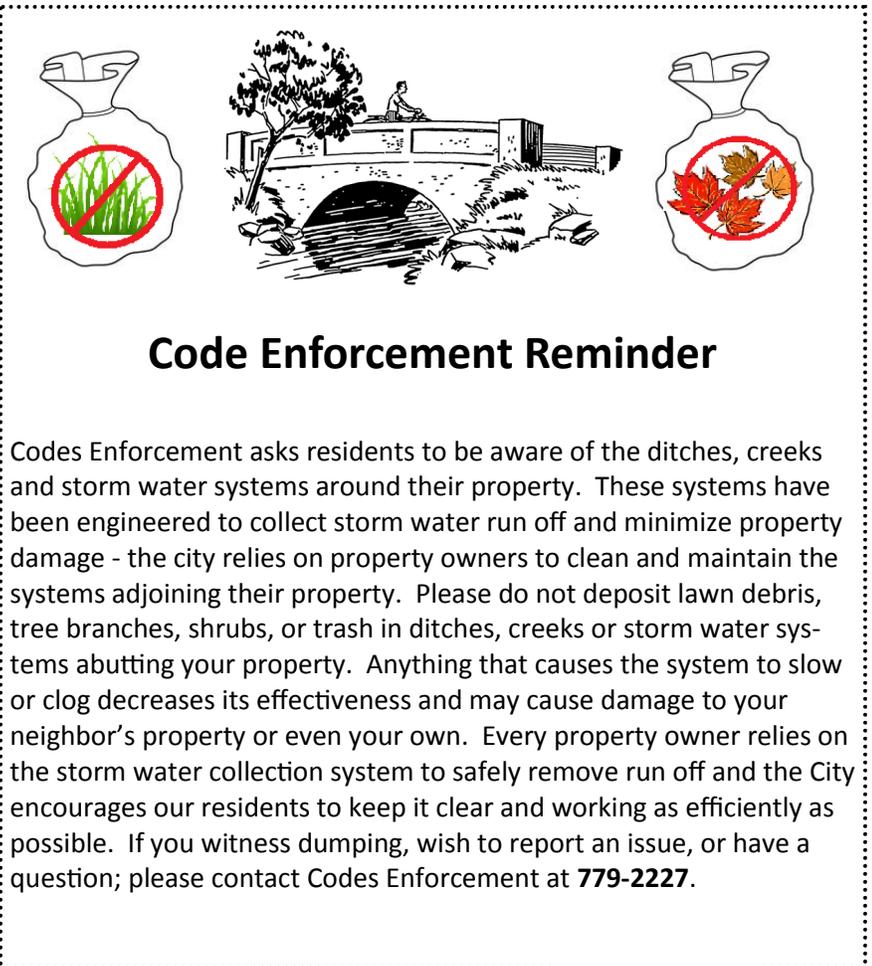


**TOWN AND COUNTRY  
SPRING  
YARD WASTE EVENT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 27,  
2013**

**Please have your items at  
the curb**

**by 7:00 a.m.**

**For Questions, call City Hall at 779-  
2222**



**Code Enforcement Reminder**

Codes Enforcement asks residents to be aware of the ditches, creeks and storm water systems around their property. These systems have been engineered to collect storm water run off and minimize property damage - the city relies on property owners to clean and maintain the systems adjoining their property. Please do not deposit lawn debris, tree branches, shrubs, or trash in ditches, creeks or storm water systems abutting your property. Anything that causes the system to slow or clog decreases its effectiveness and may cause damage to your neighbor's property or even your own. Every property owner relies on the storm water collection system to safely remove run off and the City encourages our residents to keep it clear and working as efficiently as possible. If you witness dumping, wish to report an issue, or have a question; please contact Codes Enforcement at 779-2227.



**CITY MEETINGS**

Board of Alderman  
1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.  
Each Month

Planning and Zoning Commission  
2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m.  
Each Month

Park Board  
2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Each Month

All meetings are held at City Hall in the Council Chambers and are open to the public. City Hall is located at 250 S. Main Street.

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.org](http://www.cityofpeculiar.org).



**CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE  
SATURDAY, May 25, 2013**

**Registration Fee \$5.00**

**Registration will open on  
Tuesday, May 1st at City Hall  
to have your address included on the  
garage sale map**

**Maps will be available at various city  
businesses and at City Hall  
Beginning Monday, May 20th**

## Peculiar Parks & Recreation - A New Beginning



The Peculiar Park system has been maintained over the years by a volunteer park advisory board, coordination of the Public Works Department, and serviced by privatized maintenance staff. But, in November of 2012, the City of Peculiar, with the recommendation of Peculiar's Park Board, hired the community's first ever Parks and Recreation Director, Nathan Musteen.

With the establishment of the new position, the goal is that the city's park system will change from a passive park system to an active parks & recreation program for years to come. The city has begun working towards providing recreation programs by focusing its attention on the renovation of Raisbeck Park.

Raisbeck Park, located on the outer-road south of the Flying J, has many years of history as a baseball park, but two glaring issues continue to keep the baseball complex from becoming a great facility in the Cass County area, flooding and aging infrastructure. City staff has done extensive research on how to maximize the potential of Raisbeck Park and what it will take to make this a vibrant, fun and active park for residents to enjoy.

In January, work began for the renovation of Raisbeck from a baseball/softball facility into a multi-sport athletic complex hosting youth soccer, football and other open turf sports. In addition, long range plans for Raisbeck include a nature trail, arboretum, and picnic shelters available to reserve for parties.

This is an exciting time for the City of Peculiar as we begin building the future of the Peculiar Parks & Recreation Department and providing opportunities for many years of creating memories in a great place to call home. Be checking our web-site at [www.cityofpeculiar.org](http://www.cityofpeculiar.org) through the summer on the progress at Raisbeck Park and upcoming recreation programs.

### Natural Gas Meter Safety

Snow can cause problems with natural gas delivery if the meter regulator's outlet should become blocked with ice or snow.

"Keep the vent dry and clear of snow and ice at all times to avoid the potential for dangerous indoor natural gas buildup. In the photo, the arrow points to the meter's gas pressure regulator vent.

The vent can become plugged when ice and snow melt during the day and refreeze at night.



We recommend keeping the entire meter assembly clear of snow and ice as well. Accumulated snow can prevent the meter from operating properly by stopping the flow of natural gas. Gently remove snow or ice from the natural gas meter and any associated piping.

Carefully shovel around a meter and move snow away from it. Avoid using a snow blower near a meter. Always keep a clear path to your gas meter to allow quick access in an emergency. A snow-covered meter, in addition to being potentially dangerous, can also lead to a loss of service and freezing of inside pipes as a result of lost heat.

We strongly recommend that you check your gas meter regularly to ensure it is free of ice and snow, especially if the meter is exposed to melting precipitation.

If you notice ice on your meter or are concerned the meter's regulator vent may be blocked, please call your natural gas provider.

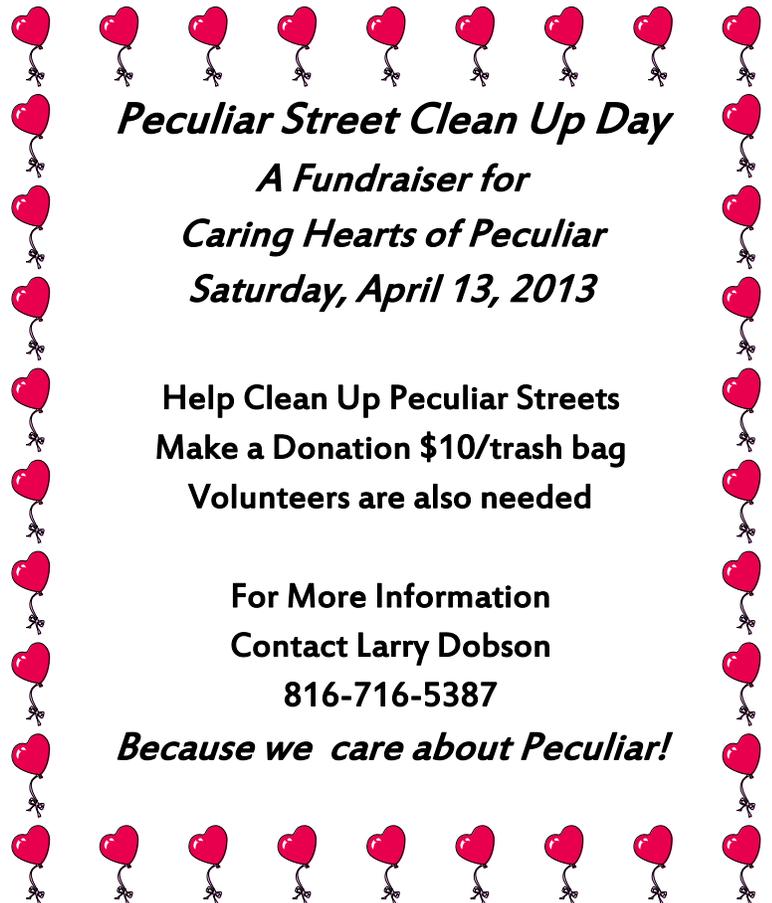
MGE's Customer Service Number is 800-582-1234.

## Peculiar Street Clean Up Day A Fundraiser for Caring Hearts of Peculiar Saturday, April 13, 2013

Help Clean Up Peculiar Streets  
Make a Donation \$10/trash bag  
Volunteers are also needed

For More Information  
Contact Larry Dobson  
816-716-5387

**Because we care about Peculiar!**





### Downtown Peculiar Arts and Culture District

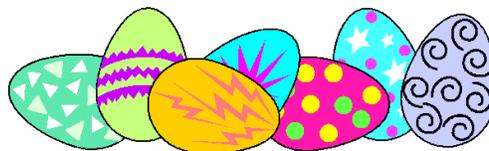
#### CALL FOR ARTISTS

Local artists are encouraged to apply to be part of the Clara Brierly Festival of the Arts, June 7 through June 9, 2013 in Downtown Peculiar.

Our festival is a smaller, friendlier venue where artists and patrons have more face to face time and the feel is hometown. The artist vendors are juried into our show so you can always expect high quality offerings. In the past, offerings have ranged from chainsaw sculptures to silversmith work, metal artists to oil painters, potters to poets and almost everything in between.

Because we want our vendors to be successful and we want our patrons to experience variety, we do not accept artists whose work is similar; e.g. we may accept three painters but one may be a realist, one may do abstract work and one may specialize in rattle can paintings; we may have three jewelry vendors but one may do lamp work, one may do wire work and one may do polymer work.

Please visit [http://www.downtownpeculiar.com/clara\\_brierly.cfm](http://www.downtownpeculiar.com/clara_brierly.cfm) to access information and applications (you can also find us on Zapplication). Or, call 816-806-3698 to have an application mailed to you.



### EGGCITING EGGZIBIT RETURNS!

The Downtown Peculiar Arts & Culture District (DPACD) eggcitedly announces the opening of Eggzibit '13. This is the 7th year for this temporary public art exhibit which goes up around Easter each year in downtown Peculiar. Like Peculiar, this event is one of a kind!! Watch for upcoming announcements for FREE Egg Arting Workshops coming in March ([www.downtownpeculiar.com](http://www.downtownpeculiar.com)). The workshops are free but preregistration will be required this year.

The exhibit will go up the week before Easter and be up for a few weeks. Be sure to make time to stroll or drive along the eggceptional pieces of egg sculpture. We invite the artists, young and young at heart, to take a picture with the egg you created as a keepsake. The eggs go back to their baskets after the event to rest until next year - creating a bigger exhibit each year.

*Businesses located in Downtown are encouraged to contact DPACD to secure an egg to create themed to their business which they can display by their store front or with the other eggs along C Hwy. 816-806-3698.*

### BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

SATURDAY, March 23rd

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

LION'S CLUB BUILDING

\$5.00 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT

PANCAKES & SAUSAGE

Sponsored by





# Snow Info and Tips



As you read this article and as you know from the blizzard of 2013, winter is here and that means dealing with snow accumulation and slippery surfaces. While shoveling your driveway can be a hassle – especially after last week’s winter’s snow – imagine being responsible for clearing the nearly 40 lane miles of city streets during a snow event.

That’s what Peculiar’s Public Works’ Street and Water Utility Divisions are tasked with whenever snowfall accumulates more than an a ½ of an inch, working 12-hour shifts (or longer) around-the-clock (when necessary) to keep the city’s roadways traversable. Even before a snow event begins, crews are often out applying salt/sand to roadways to aid in clearing streets of forecasted snow and ice.

Once the main roadways have been cleared, road crews will move on to plowing secondary priority collector streets and progressing through the route priorities in order, with the lowest traveled residential streets and cul-de-sacs seeing service last. The City’s goal is to clear all priority routes within 24 hours after the snow has stopped.

City Staff may not plow any private driveway or private street under any circumstance.

## Peculiar Public Works offers these tips to help expedite snow removal and ensure public safety:

*If possible, park vehicles off of the street and don't allow your vehicles to hang into the road from the driveway.*

*Shovel the snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street. This will lessen the amount of snow windrows left at the mouth of the driveway when the snowplows come by.*

*Stay back at least 50 feet from the rear of the plow truck so the driver can see you. Remember, if you can't see the driver in his mirrors, he can't see you.*



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