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Message from the Mayor

Did you know that all of the city's financial documents, including audits and budgets are available on the city's website? The city's website has lots of valuable information available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Good public policy and service means that information is easily and readily available to anyone who wants to see it. We strive to give as much information as possible to the citizens. If there is anything else that you feel would be helpful to our citizens, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate. Make sure you go over to www.cityofpeculiar.org and check out all of our resources.

Spring is just around the corner, and if you are starting to get cabin fever and are looking for things to do right here in our hometown, please check out the classes being offered by the Downtown Peculiar Arts and Culture District:

Open Studio

Storytime & Book Mobile

Happy Bookers Book Club

Quilting II – Hand Quilting

Quilting III – Machine Quilting

Quilting IV – Binding

Garden Series

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Drawing 1 - Basic Drawing, Basic Colors, Basic Techniques

Drawing 2

Basic Jewelry Making Techniques

Hand Built Pottery

Furniture Repurposing - Chair Project

Found Object Public Art Group Project

Times and Dates for classes are available at www.downtownpeculiar.com

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 available on the City's website.

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

Meter Availability Fee:

What is a Meter Availability Fee? The meter availability fee is the cost that is to be paid for each connection to either the City's water, or sewer infrastructure. The minimum meter availability fee is the amount required to cover the City's principal and interest on the water and sewer bonds (debt) for the utility capital improvements that have been constructed. The debt is required to be paid no matter what volume (gallons) the City buys from Public Water Supply District No. 2 – Cass County and sells to their water customers, or what volume of sanitary sewer conveyed and pumped to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Who established these fees? The meter availability fee was compiled by a private accounting firm, and approved by the Board of Aldermen. The meter availability fee along with all City fees are reviewed annually and adopted with the City's yearly financial budget.

Who will pay for the fees? Current water and sewer customers that are currently paying a utility bill (water, sewer and trash) will not be affected.

The meter availability fee will be paid by water and sewer customers that are connected to the City's water and sewer infrastructure, and have not be using the service more than six (6) months.

Beginning with the seventh (7th) month, these customers will begin receiving a monthly Meter Availability Fee utility bill. All other customers that show zero (0) usage on the monthly meter readings, but less than six (6) months will pay the current monthly minimum utility bill as described below.

The City has invested in the utility infrastructure and has made utility service available to that water meter or sanitary sewer service connection. Once the water meter or sanitary sewer service connection is in place, the meter availability fee is the revenue to pay the principle and interest for the bonds that were borrowed to pay for the construction of water and sewer infrastructure projects; i.e. water and sewer mains, water storage (the ground water storage tank and the elevated tank), lift stations, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and other capital infrastructure improvements. All water meter and/or sanitary connection customer accounts will be billed whether water is used or not.

How much are the Fees? Meter Availability Fee

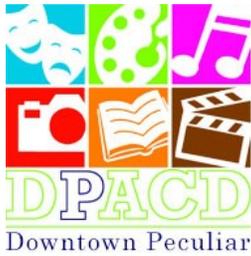
Water - Principal & Interest is \$20.32; Wastewater - Principal & Interest is \$18.48; for a total of \$38.80 a month.

When do these Fees take affect? Customers that will be paying the meter availability fee will be receiving a monthly bill beginning this month (March) and continue until utility services have actively resumed; then the utility costs will revert to the normal utility billing rates.

Monthly Minimum Utility Bill. Customers within the city limits that have not been using the water, sewer and trash service for less than six (6) months will begin receiving the monthly minimum utility bill which is \$63.05. Without trash, the monthly minimum utility bill will be \$48.25.

Outside city limits customers, the monthly minimum utility bill will be the current rate as established by the Board of Aldermen.

For Further Information: Please call or e-mail Carl Brooks, City Engineer at 816-779-2228 or "cbrooks@cityofpeculiar.com" if you have questions.



Eggzibit 2015 will go up April 3rd (weather permitting)

Workshop 1 – for kids ages 5 – 12 March 11 6:00 pm
Brierly Hall – 163 W. Center St. Peculiar, MO

Workshop 2 – for kids ages 5 – 12 March 22 2:00 pm
Brierly Hall – 163 W. Center St. Peculiar, MO

Workshops are free but are on a first come, first served basis. We have a maximum of 15 spaces at each of the kids' workshops. To reserve a place for your young artist or a place at the adult workshop, please email info@downtownpeculiar.com. Please include your name, email and phone number as well as the name/s and age/s of the children you are signing up. A parent or legal guardian must accompany children at kids' workshops.

Be sure to start talking to your young artist about this year's theme, "Don't Bug Me" and help them think about what kind of insect they would like to make! A sweet lady bug, a beetle, a spider, a buzzing fly, a butterfly, bumble bee, praying mantis, mosquito or dragon fly – just to get you started!



CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE SATURDAY, May 30, 2015

Registration Fee \$5.00

Registration will open on
Monday, May 4th 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 Wednesday, May 20th

CITY WIDE SPRING CURBSIDE YARD WASTE EVENT SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

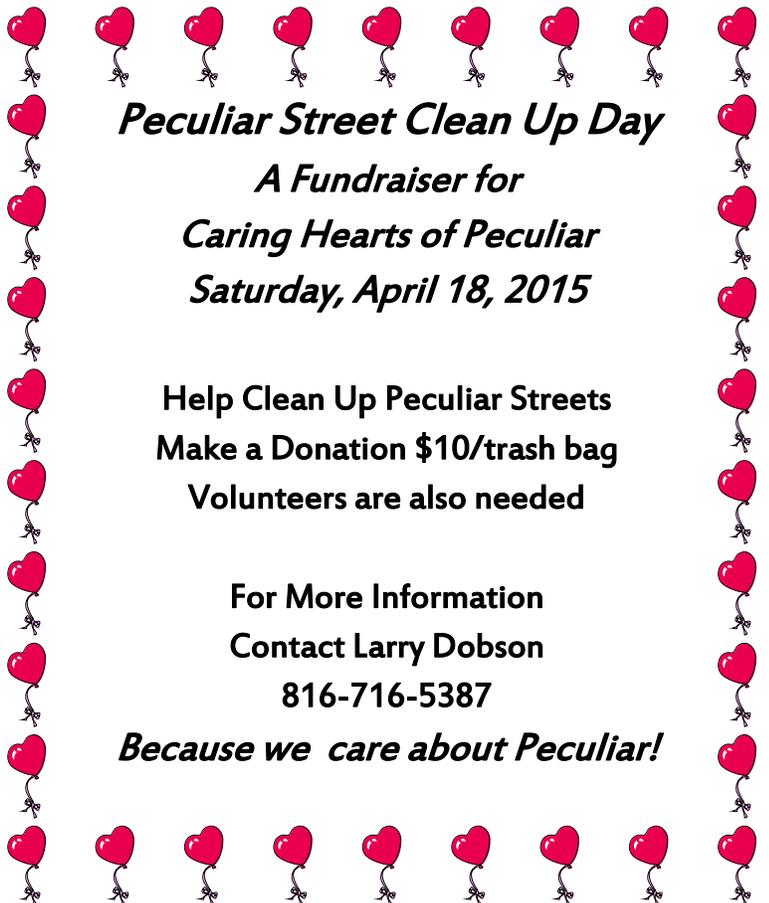
Acceptable items:

- Leaves and grass clippings in Paper bags. Limit 25 bags per house.
- Branches and limbs, bundled no larger than 4 feet in length and 24 inches in diameter wrapped with twine.

Please have your items at the curb

by 7:00 a.m.

For Questions, call City Hall at 779-2222



Peculiar Street Clean Up Day A Fundraiser for Caring Hearts of Peculiar Saturday, April 18, 2015

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!

Election Information

Tract 1 is an “island” property, surrounded on all sides by the City of Peculiar; annexing this property will provide uniform City Services and construction standards for this area.

Tract 2 is bordered on two sides by our City Limits and lies adjacent to the Setter’s Pointe subdivision; annexing this property will both improve the uniformity of the City’s border and ensure any future development meets City guidance.

Tract 1: 21604 S. School Road



Tract 2: 9707 E. State Route YY (KCP&L Substation)



The City of Peculiar will have 2 questions on the April 7, 2015 ballot regarding increasing the terms of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to 4 years. The City feels this is a necessity for long range fiscal planning. If approved the terms would increase for the April 2016 election.

The current terms would not increase.

Candidate List

Ward 1

Veronika Ray

George Lewis

Ward 2

Patrick Roberts

Ward 3

Robert Fines

Matt Hammack

On March 2nd the City received notice (right) from Ward 1 Alderman Candidate George Lewis to withdraw his name from the ballot. Mr. Lewis’ name will still remain on the ballot for the April election as it is too late to have it removed.

March 2, 2015

*City clerk
City of Peculiar, mo.*

*I withdraw my name as a candidate for
alderman in the first ward in Peculiar, Missouri.*

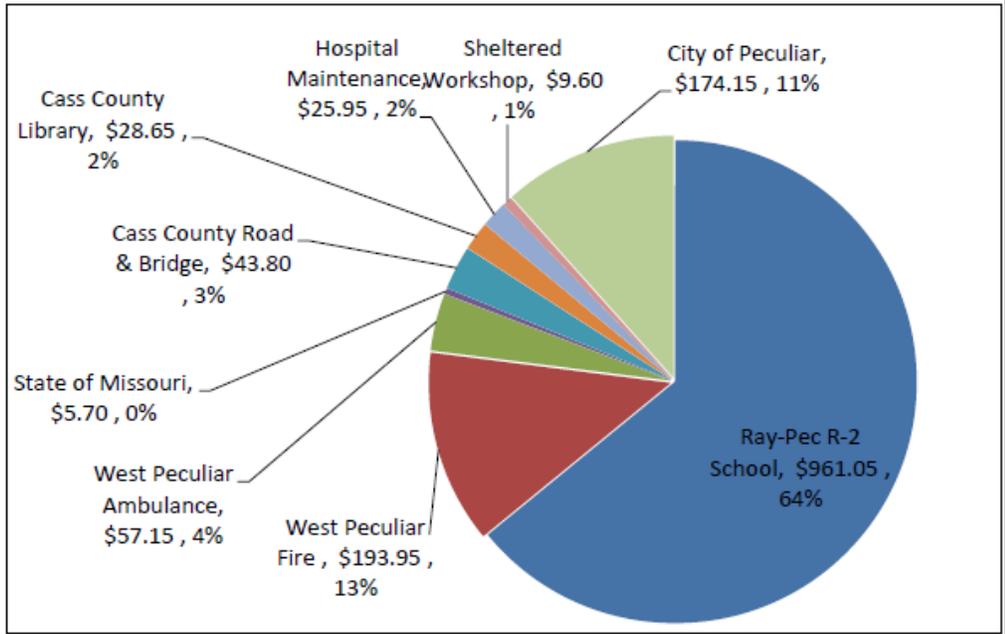
*Please take my name off the ballot for the
April 7, 2015 election.*

Thank you,

George A. Lewis

Tax Breakdown for \$100,000 Market Value Home in Peculiar

Ray-Pec R-2 School	\$	961.05
West Peculiar Fire	\$	193.95
West Peculiar Ambulance	\$	57.15
State of Missouri	\$	5.70
Cass County Road & Bridge	\$	43.80
Cass County Library	\$	28.65
Hospital Maintenance	\$	25.95
Sheltered Workshop	\$	9.60
City of Peculiar	\$	174.15
Total Tax	\$	1,500.00



CURRENT RESIDENT

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STANDARD CLASS MAIL
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PERMIT #10

City of Peculiar
250 S. Main Street
Peculiar, MO 64078

