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Message from the Mayor

As we change seasons to Fall, you will be seeing lots of changes around Peculiar. Work has begun on the new Peculiar Way Interchange at 211th Street and I-49. It is exciting to see the construction moving forward and with a lot of the clearing done, you can really see how close this is to the Ray-Pec School Campus. It is obvious what a help with traffic congestion this will be.

You may also have noticed at the end of North Main Street on the west side of I-49 the construction of a new Welcome to Peculiar monument sign. This project was funded by MODOT many years ago, but has had number a of roadblocks to completion. We are excited to finally see it coming to fruition. It will be a nice way to bring attention to our city from the heavily traveled interstate.

Work has also begun on the water line improvements through the Downtown area along C Highway and Peculiar Drive areas. This water transmission line has been the subject of many water breaks and has needed to be upgraded for a number of years. This project has been part of the city's Capitol Improvement Plan and in the works for a while.

As the weather changes, the city encourages and invites you to get out and make use of parks and trails system. The Parks Department has spent the better part of the summer making improvements, so that the parks are more user friendly for our residents. You will also see in the coming months, the continuation of the High Line trail downtown, all the way up to YY Hwy. The eventual plan will be to connect that trail system all the way to the new Peculiar Way interchange. Also, you will begin to see work on new sidewalks from the Peculiar City Hall through downtown connecting to the current C/J Highway interchange.

Please keep watch for more information on upcoming community events. A Peculiar Fall Festival is being hosted on October 31st by a group of business owners. Including a costume parade for kids and pets! The Mayors Christmas Tree Lighting will be on December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at Peculiar City Hall !!!

Mayor, Holly Stark

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.
Quarterly

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.

A PECULIAR FALL FESTIVAL



Come out to A Peculiar Fall Festival!!

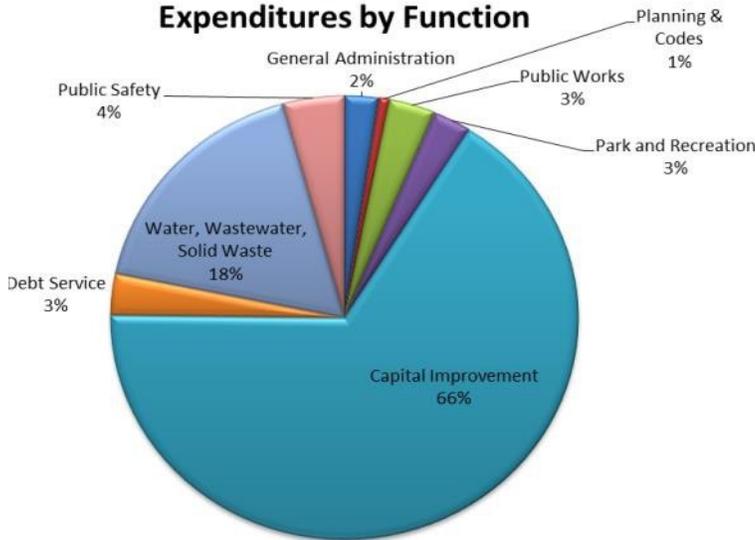
Downtown Peculiar

Saturday, October 31st

10:00am to 4:00pm

Bring your whole family out for a FUN TIME! A costume parade for the kids, entertainment, food and craft booths, games, prizes Also bring your dog in its very best costume.

2016 Budget All-Funds Expenditures by Function



2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget:

The Board of Alderman approved the fiscal October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 budget. **Here are a few highlights but we encourage everyone to go to the City’s website to get all the detailed information. There is great detail on every fund and every capital project there for anyone in the public to review.** Overall the city’s proposed budget is \$22,024,600. Taking out the major capital expenditures, such as the new interchange, the operating portion of the budget is \$7,420,958. This results in a 2.79% increase from the 2014-2015 amended budget of \$7,219,619.

Debt Service Funds

These funds account for the collection and repayment of the City’s voter approved 1999,

2012 and 2015 general obligation bonds as well as the 2012 and 2013 COPs. The addition of the bond payments for the voter approved 2015 general obligation bonds (New Interchange) result in an increase of the tax levy to 0.9639 from 0.4577 for the debt service fund. There was no mill levy increase for the operating levy, only the voter approved debt levy.

General Fund

Revenues within the general fund is a modest 1.7% higher than last year. The primary driver behind the increase continues to be sales tax revenue.

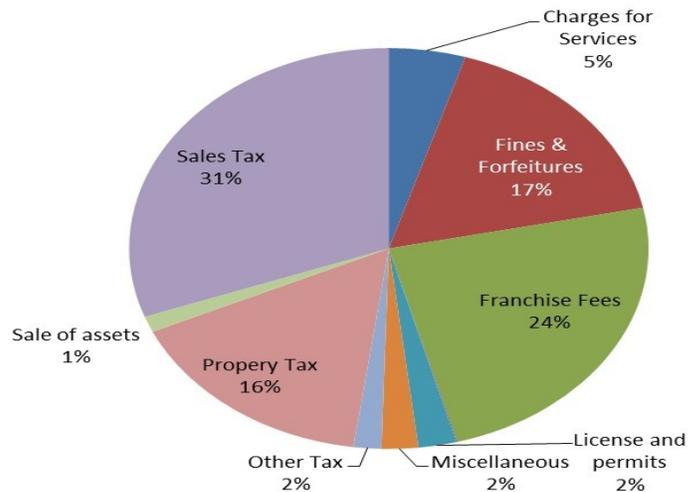
Water Enterprise Fund

The 2016 budget proposes a \$1.25 increase reduced from the previously anticipated \$2.00 in the original water study performed in 2013 and updated annually with the budget. This increase continues the city’s progression toward a long-term lower cost source of water for all our customers.

Sewer Fund

The sewer fund’s 2016 budget contains a \$0.25 increase reduced from the previously anticipated \$.55 increase as discussed in the sewer rate study from last year. These annual increases affords the City to keep up with the inflation being realized on certain operating costs in addition to taking advantage of future economic development opportunities and improvements to the system.

2016 Proposed General Fund Revenue



Capital Expenditures

The City’s 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Projects Plan (CIP) totals \$29,643,955 over the 5 year period. The breakout of capital projects include transportation, facility/equipment, parks, and utility projects and discussed further in this document. Fund for the CIP includes a mix of cash and bond funding for the same period.

A Final Note:

We often hear many things around the community that are simply not true. The City of Peculiar puts everything on our website from the audits to detailed documents for your review. We will never claim that we are perfect and never make mistakes as we are human. But we will say, we strive to be the best and when mistakes happen we correct them quickly and institute policy to minimize those mistakes from happening again. The City of Peculiar is being recognized throughout the metro for its positive direction and successes. This year you will begin to see the prior years of hard work and planning happening before your eyes. Again, please stay current by following the City’s website, City’s Facebook site and the City’s twitter.

City tackles a New Interchange, Streets, Water and Sanitary Sewer Mains & the Monument Entrance Sign

As you have probably noticed there is a lot of construction around town with all of the Capital Improvement Plan projects underway. The City is hard at work on the list of projects in its 2015 Capital Improvement Plan. Currently, the projects under construction or recently finished will include Peculiar Way (formerly 211th Street) Water Relocation and Sanitary Sewer Improvements, I-49 & Peculiar Way Interchange and Peculiar Way Improvements, the Monument Entrance Sign, Asphalt Street Mill and Overlay Improvements, 12-Inch Water Main Replacement along Peculiar Drive and Main Street from Hurley to North Street, and the Asphalt Street Preservation/Maintenance Improvements.



Construction Begins for the New Interchange at I-49 & Peculiar Way

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot) in coordination with the City of Peculiar and Cass County, has selected Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. to be the contractor for the new I-49 and Peculiar Way Interchange. The total construction bid is approximately \$9.2 million. The city received a cost share grant from MoDot in the amount of \$8.1 M for the design and construction of the interchange and a \$1.1 M grant from Mid-America Regional Council/MoDot for the design and construction of Peculiar Way. The project will add a second major highway access point into Peculiar from I-49 and accommodate the transportation needs of motorist, cyclist, and pedestrians. This Construction is anticipated to conclude during the fall of next year.



Peculiar Way (formerly 211th Street) Water Relocation and Sanitary Sewer Improvements

The Project consists of installation of approximately 4,800 lineal feet of 12-inch PVC waterline, three road crossings, stream crossing, approximately 470 lineal feet of 4-inch PVC sewer line, approximately 350 lineal feet of 10-inch PVC sewer line, approximately 400 lineal feet of 12-inch DIP sewer line, four manholes, 770 lineal feet of PVC Conduit, related appurtenances and restoration.



Asphalt Street Mill & Overlay Improvements

This year, the City was able to partner with the cities of Belton, Raymore and Pleasant to receive better prices on asphalt overlaying. This is a prime example of cities cooperating together in order to be the best stewards of the tax payers money. The mill and overlay process involves removing two inches of the pavement surface and replacing it with new asphalt pavement. Areas that have experienced base failure will be removed full depth and replaced prior to the new surface asphalt. The streets overlaid this year are North Main Street from Summerskill Road to Bradley's Parkway, South Sivley from South Street to Buckaroo, Glengera from Elm Street to Shishir and Shishir from Glengera to Hurley.

Asphalt Street Preservation/Maintenance Improvements

The City has always been looking at new ways to lengthen the life of the existing road infrastructure. The City contracted with Corrective Asphalt Materials to apply Reclamite rejuvenator to Maple Avenue, South Soryl Avenue, Hillcrest, Clairmont and Schug Avenue. These roads were all milled and asphalt overlaid in 2011. The Reclamite will soak into these streets to help preserve and extend the useful life of the pavement. On 233rd Street CRF rejuvenator oil was applied. The oil contains 11% asphalt which will help bind and hold the asphalt street millings together to prevent further degradation. The City's Pavement Management System outlines a regular maintenance schedule for the street network in order to maintain the network in "good" condition or better.



Progress is all over town !!!!





Main Street & Peculiar Dr. Water Main Project

A new 12-inch water main is currently being installed along Main Street and Peculiar Dr. to replace aging and failing 2-inch and 4-inch water mains. The 12-inch water main is part of the City's arterial water main design that will help provide and move water throughout the City while providing fire protection to the businesses and residents in the area, if it is ever needed. The Project consists of the installation of approximately 3,500 lineal feet of 12-inch waterline, approximately 450 of 8-inch waterline, road crossings, service re-connections, sidewalk repairs, related appurtenances and restoration. The Contractor began working on Tuesday, September 29th.



Peculiar Monument Entrance Sign

The proposed work includes the installation of a masonry sign, letters, trees, shrubs, seeding, earthwork and cleanup. The sign will be visible from both directions along I-49 and the sign will read "Welcome to the City of Peculiar, Missouri". The contract was awarded to Gunter Construction Company, with a low bid of \$113,095.50. The city received a grant from MoDot in the amount of \$92,000.00 for the design and construction of the sign.

**If you have any questions about a project, please contact the
City Engineer's Office at 816-779-2228.**



Emergency Management Communication Checklist

Make sure you have at least one of the following in case there is a power failure:

- Cell phone, portable charger and extra batteries.
- Battery-powered radio, with extra batteries, for listening to local emergency instructions.
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio receiver for listening to National Weather Service broadcasts. Learn more about NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards.

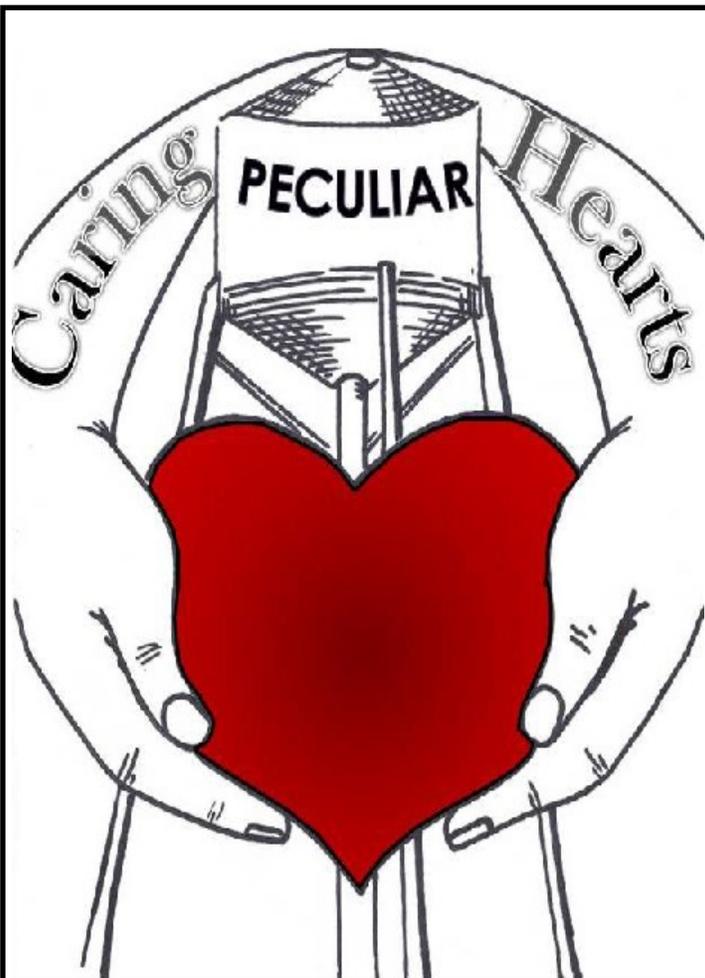
Find out how your community warns the public about severe weather:

- Siren
- Radio
- Television
- Local Public health and emergency management websites.
- Listen to emergency broadcasts.
- Make a Family Communication Plan. Your family may not be together during an extreme winter event, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do during an emergency.
- Be sure to check on older neighbors and family members; assist as necessary.

Know what winter storm warning terms mean:

- Winter Weather Advisory:** Expect winter weather condition (e.g., accumulation of snow, freezing rain and sleet) that could cause severe inconvenience and life-threatening hazards.
 - Frost/Freeze Warning:** Expect below-freezing temperatures.
 - Winter Storm Watch:** Be alert; a storm is likely.
 - Winter Storm Warning:** Take action; the storm is in or entering the area.
 - Blizzard Warning:** Seek refuge immediately! Snow and strong winds, near-zero visibility, deep snow drifts and life-threatening wind chill.
- Other terms are available from NOAA.**





Caring Hearts of Peculiar

Caring Hearts of Peculiar will again be sponsoring the Angel Tree fund raising event at Peculiar's Country Mart from November 10 through the end of December. Caring Hearts of Peculiar, Peculiar's social welfare organization is a 501 (C)(3) organization which means your contribution will be tax deductible. Caring Hearts of Peculiar supports the local community by paying the monthly rent at the local Peculiar Thrift Store as well as other contributions to the Thrift Store. They also contribute to the two Boy Scout Troops in Peculiar, Troops 621 and 245. This Peculiar based organization contributes to the Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church or Peculiar and the Christmas Store at the Peculiar United Methodist Church. In addition, Caring Hearts contributes to Hope Haven, The Cass County Dental Clinic and Cass County Young Life.

So, stop by Peculiar's Country Mart after Nov. 10th and make your contribution by selecting an Angel from the Christmas Tree and make a donation of \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20. Any donation is appreciated and you know the funds are staying within Cass County and helping locally those that are in need of assistance.

Caring Hearts of Peculiar will also sponsor the Peculiar Street Clean Up Day in April by picking up trash from the highways entering Peculiar. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated to clean up the highways before the mowers make the trash a worse mess. If you have interest in volunteering to help this worthy organization, then feel free to contact, Larry Dobson, President at 816-716-5387. Because working together, we can make a difference in Peculiar .

Peculiar Parks and Recreation Fall / Winter Leagues & Programs



YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

WHERE: Ray-Pec School Facilities

WHEN: Saturday games, starting January / practices begin in December

WHO: Boys & Girls 4th —8th grades



ENTRY FEE: \$85 per child

ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, Nov. 13th

****Register Oct. 30th by 5pm for a \$10 discount****

registration form at teamsideline.com/peculiar

- All players receive a game jersey and participation award
- Teams will paly an 8 game regular season schedule
- Practices will be held on week-nights at Ray-Pec School District Facilities near or in Peculiar

Little Tikes Football

WHERE: Raisbeck Park, Peculiar

WHEN: Thursday nights, starting October 15th, 6:15 —7pm

WHO: Boys & Girls ages 3 & 4



ENTRY FEE: \$38 per child

ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday, Sept. 30th
registration form at teamsideline.com/peculiar

- Little Tikes Football is a 4 week Instructional program that is designed to teach children how to punt, kick, throw, run and other football skills
- All classes focus on developing each child's football skills and instilling self-confidence in a non-competitive atmosphere.
- Each player will receive a football shirt and participation award.



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MAYOR'S TREE LIGHTING
CITY OF PECULIAR

December 3
5:30pm
City Hall

Entertainment by the
Raymore-Peculiar Band
Pictures with
SANTA



Sweet Treats and Holiday Joy

*Mayor Stark invites
you to the
"Annual Tree Lighting Event"
Peculiar, MO - December 3rd*

You are invited to Peculiar City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 3 to celebrate the Mayor's Tree Lighting. Entertainment will be provided by the Raymore-Peculiar Band and there will be an opportunity for pictures with Santa. Hot Chocolate, cookies and a holiday craft for kids will also be available. Donations of canned or boxed food will be collected for local food pantry.

Log onto www.cityofpeculiar.org or check it out on the City of Peculiar's Facebook page.



**TOWN & COUNTRY DISPOSAL
FALL YARD WASTE EVENT**

SATURDAY, November 7, 2015

Please have your items at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

For Questions, call City Hall at 779-5212, ext. 222

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