

# POSITIVELY PECULIAR

June - July - August 2015 Issue



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



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

*WAM Festival* 2

*FarrMart* 3

*Parks & Rec* 3

*2015 Asphalt Mill  
& Overlay Program* 4

## Message from the Mayor

Hopefully, we will have the rainy days of May behind us and better weather will allow our Public Works department to begin street and sidewalk repairs. We are also hoping that the months with mostly rainy days are behind us, as we approach the construction phase for the new 211<sup>th</sup> Street interchange! Yes, it is hard to believe that we are actually getting close to seeing dirt move for this exciting project. The bidding is complete and MODOT has selected an apparent low bidder. That contract is set to be awarded on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a 60 day notice proceed. We are happy to announce that the project bids also came in below the engineer's estimate. The city is making plans that if the project budget stays on track, we will be able to capitalize on some of those savings, mobilization costs of having contractors in the area, and some of the elevation changes required for the interchange, and we will be able to complete a regional detention basin in the area of the new interchange. This should greatly improve the flash flooding that has been an on going issue in the north east part of our city. We are hopeful that the planning and diligence that has been part of this long range project and vision will come together to provide added benefits to the residents.

Peculiar has been blessed to see continued investment in new residential home starts and in some new businesses that have opened here. Please support the businesses that have invested in our community, by considering them and shop local first! It is truly the great residents that make us a great hometown! Pride in Peculiar!

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

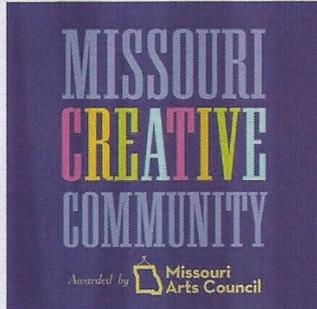
## Code Enforcement

Mowing. In case you haven't noticed, everyone has a bumper crop of grass this year – which needs to be mowed. Peculiar's Property Maintenance Code requires property owners to mow their grass and any adjacent Right-of-way area(s) to maintain a height of ten (10) inches or less. Growth exceeding ten (10) inches in height is in violation and the property owner will receive a "Violation Notice" from the City to mow the property within a few days of receipt. If the property is not mowed, and the responsible party/property owner has received legal notice, the City will abate the problem using a contract mowing company; the property owner will then be billed for the cost.

The Violation Notice and abatement process described above must be followed each and every time, even for a repeat offense property; Peculiar is a Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Class City and our procedures are governed & directed by State Statute. In the past three (3) years over ninety percent (90%) of the Violation Notices issued were resolved without further action. The cost of having the other violations abated by contract mowing was fully recouped; either from billing the responsible party/property owner or by placement of a tax lien upon the property.

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.

**This Says It All**



**Clara Brierly WAM  
2015**

**7th Annual  
Clara Brierly**

**Wine ART Music**

June - July - August 2015  
Issue

**Festival**

**June 12 - 14, 2015**

**Downtown Peculiar, MO**



**Fri 5 pm - 10 pm Saturday 10 am - 10 pm Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm**

**Free Admittance Free Entertainment Free Kids' Area  
Free Wine Tastings**

**Talent Contest Food Jewelry Photography Paintings  
Pottery Mixed Media Metal Art Stained Glass Wood  
Beer Tent Printmaking Wheat Weaving & More!!!**

- Fri 7:30 pm - 10 pm South Town**
- Sat 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Peculiar Talent Contest**
- Sat 1 pm - 3 pm Bluegrass Professor**
- Sat 4 pm - 6 pm National Country Music Talent Search**
- Sat 7:30 - 10 pm Eisel & Hoover**
- Sun 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Chad Vaughn**
- Sun 2:30 pm - 4 pm Elvis!**

**Details - [www.downtownpeculiar.com](http://www.downtownpeculiar.com)**



Peculiar Farmers' & Artists' Market

The Downtown Peculiar Arts & Culture District Announces

## FarMart Farmers' & Artists' Market Opening Day

The Downtown Peculiar Arts & Culture District (DPACD) announces the opening of the 2015 FarMart Farmers' & Artists' Market Wednesday, May 27, 2015! DPACD, a not for profit organization, presents this unique opportunity for farmers, gardeners, bakers, artists, craftspeople and performance artists. All products offered at the market must be grown, hand produced or hand created within a 100-mile radius of Peculiar, MO. While the number of vendors fluctuates throughout the season based on growing season and vendor obligations, we are starting out this year with fourteen vendors and that number will grow as the season gets into full swing. We will be offering produce, baked goods, plants, flavored cheese spread, handmade greetings cards, jewelry, fabric crafts, handmade candles, beauty and bath products, album crafts, kettle corn, fudge and garden decorations to start.

FarMart will be held on Wednesday nights beginning May 29 through early October. Hours will be from 4 pm – 7 pm. Open air location will be in the Municipal Court parking lot located at West Center Street and C Highway in Downtown Peculiar, MO (use 163 W. Center Street, Peculiar, MO to GPS).

If you are interested in a vendor booth, please access the application and rules at [www.downtownpeculiar.com](http://www.downtownpeculiar.com) or via email request – Brenda@downtownpeculiar.com . Questions? 816-806-3698.

### City Lake Fire Pit

Peculiar Parks and Recreation has added a new fire pit feature to the **park** at City Lake. The fire pit is surrounded by four all natural cut wood benches. Creating an ideal area where guests can gather around for warmth and light of a fire and good conversation among friends.

### Rent a Shelter

Open-air shelters make an excellent setting for functions – from casual BBQs to wedding receptions, birthday parties to family reunions. Shelters are located in beautiful, natural settings and come with tables, grills and mowed play areas. By making advanced reservations, your group will be guaranteed use of the site.

All reservations are for the entire day. Reservations can be made Monday through Friday, during regular business hours at Peculiar City Hall located at 250 South Main.

We encourage you to call in advance at 816-779-2225 or check availability online at [cityofpeculiar.com](http://cityofpeculiar.com). An official reservation form accompanied by the full rental fee must be submitted to schedule a reservation. Reservation forms are available at City Hall.

### Raisbeck Nature Trail

Nestled in the midst of a large and established urban forest and surrounded by the South Grand River, Raisbeck Nature Trail has the look and feel of a being in the woods, with an all-natural surface and a split rail fencing border along the river, the trail will stay in line with the natural aesthetics of the park and provide safety, beauty and access to nature by walking under large mature walnuts, oaks, hickory's and many other Missouri natives.

Raisbeck Nature Trail measures .75 miles within the City's largest developed park and offers many recreational opportunities for seniors, stay-home moms, home school educators, public school field trips, residents who enjoy walking their pets, avid runners and local business men and women exercising during their lunch breaks.

Raisbeck Park is located next to the Peculiar Park Place RV Park. Raisbeck Park is open from dawn to dusk.



**2015 Curb Replacement Program**

The Peculiar Board of Aldermen approved \$217,271 for curb & gutter replacement and sidewalks. This year's curb & gutter project includes curb repairs in the Bridle Trail subdivision. City staff has developed a numerical rating system to evaluate the severity of curb defects. Assigning numerical ratings provides a method to quantify and describe the quality of curb. A Curb Condition Rating of 1 indicates failure is likely to occur in one to three years due to cracking and pop outs, while a Curb Condition Rating of 2 is designated for a cracked curb with pop outs, a piece missing or is vertically displaced. When a curb features a combination of any two conditions from Rating 2, the Curb Condition Rating of 3 applies. This year's curb repair program will replace an estimated 2,900 lineal feet of curb. The program will focus on replacing curbs with a rating of 3. In addition to just replacing the curb, the City is using a durable concrete mixture made from a strong aggregate and cement to reduce cracking and the effects of weathering in the future.

Curb & Gutter, Bridal Trail Subdivision  
Bridal Trial Lane  
Morgan Dr.

**2015 Street Preservation Program**

The City's annual Street Preservation program has a budget of \$215,900 for the mill and overlay application to a total of three (3) city streets. Streets scheduled to receive mill and overlay work as part of this year's program include:

Asphalt Mill and Overlay  
Glengera Drive from Shishir Rd north to Elm Street  
Shishir Rd, from Glengera Dr. to Hurley St.  
North Main St., from E. Summerskill Road to Entrance of Bradley's Crossing

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. This roadway upkeep occurs in various locations around the city and is approved annually by the Board of Aldermen. Streets scheduled to receive maintenance sealing repairs this year include:

**CRF Restorative Seal (Maintenance)**

Knight Rd. from YY Hwy to W. 215<sup>th</sup> Street  
E. 233<sup>rd</sup> St. from C Hwy to City limits

**Reclamite Preservative Seal (Maintenance)**

Maple Ave, from Peculiar Dr. to Soryl Ave.  
Soryl Ave., from Maple Ave. to Hillcrest St.  
Clairmont Street, from north cul-de-sac to south cul-de-sac  
Hillcrest St. from Peculiar Dr. to Soryl Ave.  
Schug Ave, from Summerskill to C Hwy

**2015 Sidewalk Replacement Program**

The City's annual Sidewalk program has a budget of \$162,271 for the following sidewalks.

Concrete Sidewalk  
City Hall ( 250 S. Main St to C Hwy and I-49 Interstate bridge, along C Hwy/Main Street  
McKernon Park  
Monument Sign at Bradley's crossing

CURRENT RESIDENT

PRESORT  
STANDARD CLASS MAIL  
U S POSTAGE PAID  
PECULIAR, MO  
PERMIT #10

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

