

# POSITIVELY PECULIAR

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## Message from the Mayor

Greetings! We are full swing into the Winter season. The good news is Spring is just around the corner, the days already seem to be getting just a little longer each day. I hope that each and everyone of you had a blessed Holiday season. Projects have continued to progress forward around the city.

We had a very successful Mayor's lighting at the City Hall to kick-off the Christmas Season. It was wonderful to see so many children with their families out at that event. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there to help us celebrate, along with a members of the Ray-Pec High School Band providing fantastic holiday music. Two students who are part of the Foreign Exchange program helped throw the switch to light the City Hall, it was a fun evening. Thank you to everyone that attended and help make that event such a success. If you missed it in 2015, make sure to watch for the date and put it on your calendar for 2016.

Public works projects continue through the City as weather allows. The Peculiar Way Interchange continues to progress, I don't know about you, but it amazes me how quickly they are moving on that project. Every week brings something new to marvel at in spite of the Winter weather.

Parks and recreation continues to add programs and classes to keep you active even during the Winter months. Please see their announcements in this news letter, on the City's website and social media pages. It will also be time for youth league athletic sign ups, so keep your eyes open for that information as well.

It never ceases to amaze me how many good people we have in Peculiar and that is evident by the way the community and business owners work together to make things happen. Downtown business owners pulled together this fall to put on the Peculiar Fall Festival that was a big hit and fun event. Kudos to those business owners for pulling together and working so hard for our community. I'm sure you will see even more great events coming from that group. The Chamber of Commerce has exciting things planned for 2016 too.

Please stay warm and safe for the remainder of the Winter season!

*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

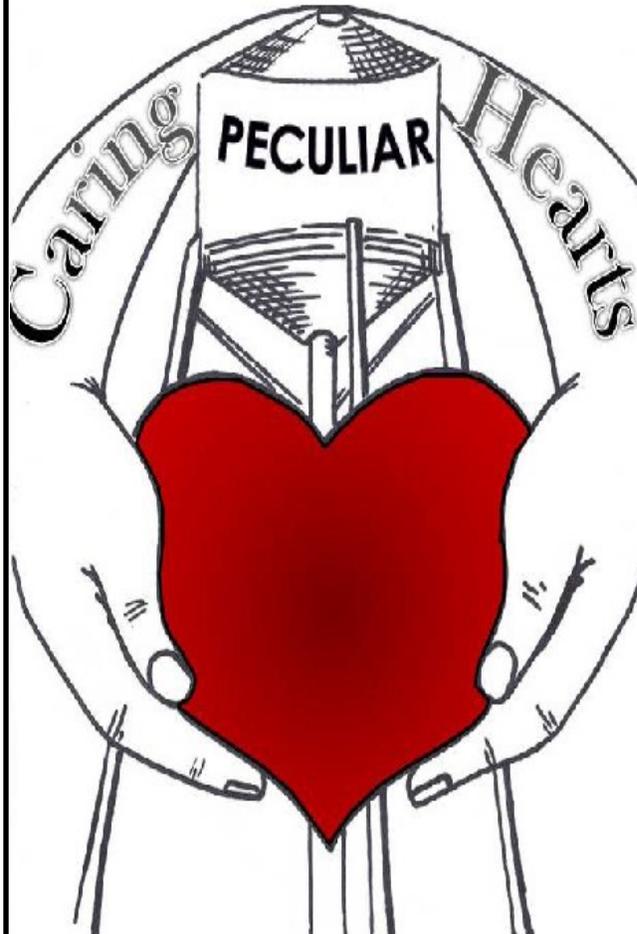
Park Board  
2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Quarterly

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

## Caring Hearts of Peculiar



Caring Hearts of Peculiar would like to thank all those who made a donation by purchasing Angels off the Caring Hearts of Peculiar Angel Tree at Peculiar's Country Mart. The Angel Tree fundraiser was considered a giant success by raising nearly \$2000 for the local social welfare organization. These funds will be distributed to local organizations including Boy Scout Troops 245 and 621, the First Baptist Church of Peculiar Food Pantry, Peculiar United Methodist Church Christmas Store, Hope Haven located in Harrisonville, the Cass County Dental Clinic with offices in Belton and Harrisonville. Other organizations supported by Caring Hearts includes the Peculiar Thrift Store, Peculiar Elementary Back Snack Program, Cass County Young Life and other area organizations. Caring Hearts of Peculiar is a 501 (C) (3) non profit organization making all contributions tax deductible. The next event sponsored by Caring Hearts will be the Peculiar Street Clean Up Day to be held on Saturday, April 16th. Caring Hearts is always seeking volunteers willing to help gather trash on that day. If a person wants to donate to Caring Hearts of Peculiar, go to the website, ([www.caringheartsofpeculiar.org](http://www.caringheartsofpeculiar.org)) print off the donation form and send to: Caring Hearts of Peculiar P.O. Box 371, Peculiar, MO 64078. And again, "Thanks to Peculiar's Country Mart and everyone who contributed to make the 2015 Angel Tree a great success."

# *Peculiar Projects.....All Around Town*

*With the wet and colder winter weather, you have probably noticed construction activities slowing down around town. However, City staff is busy planning the Capital Improvement Plan Projects for 2016. Currently, the projects under contract are about to begin construction. They will include the Route C (Main Street) Sidewalk, McKernan Park Sidewalk Improvements Project and Windmill County Estates Water Meter Replacement Project. Other ongoing projects are the I-49 & Peculiar Way Interchange and Peculiar Way Improvements, the 12-Inch Water Main Replacement along Peculiar Drive and Main Street from Hurley to North Street.*



## [New Interchange taking shape](#)

### [Construction continues at I-49 and Peculiar Way](#)

Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc., Contractor for the new I-49 and Peculiar Way Interchange continues to make excellent progress on the project. This past fall nearly all the grading work and storm water sewer work has been completed, and this winter the bridge walls and the bridge itself is beginning to take shape. This spring the contractor is planning to begin paving and will continue into the summer with an expected completion in the Fall of 2016.



### [12 Inch Water Main Replacements along Peculiar Drive & Main Street from Hurley to North Street](#)

Triple C Underground LLC (contractor) has completed the project to substantial completion. City staff has issued a Work Change Directive to the contractor for the installation of 27 water service connections from an existing 12-inch water main that runs along E. Center Street; thus removing these 27 customers off of an old 2-inch water main.

## [Projects Beginning Soon.....](#)



### [Route C \(Main Street Sidewalk and McKernan Park\) Sidewalk Improvements Project](#)



The project consists of approximately 3,200 L.F. of 5'-0" wide sidewalk located in the MoDOT Right-of-Way along Main Street from City Hall to the west end of the I-49 and C/J bridge. Minor sidewalk improvements are also included in McKernan Park. City staff issued the Notice to Proceed on December 17, 2015.

### [Windmill County Estates Water Meter Replacement Project.](#)

The project consists of the removal and replacement of forty-three (43) water meters from the inside of the home to the outside of the home. The project was advertised and bid. We received two (2) bids. The apparent low bid is in the amount of \$40,275.00 and within budget. The project was awarded to Breit Construction Company in the amount of \$40,275.00. The contractor is collecting the documents for City staff to prepare and assemble the executed contract documents. Residents of the Windmill County Estates HOA will be invited to the pre-construction conference in the very near future.

## Projects completed in 2015

Projects completed last year are the Peculiar Way (formerly 21<sup>st</sup> Street) Water Relocation and Sanitary Sewer Improvement, the Asphalt Street Mill and Overlay Improvements, the Monument Entrance Sign and the Asphalt Street Preservation/Maintenance Improvements.



# YOUTH SPORTS

## YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

This program is for grades 4th—8th interested in learning the fundamentals of volleyball in a 6-game recreational league with a single elimination championship tournament. Practices will be held on week-nights at Ray-Pec School District Facilities near or in Peculiar. All players receive a uniform jersey and participation award. A coaches meeting will be held before practices begin. If interested in coaching, please mark the appropriate section on the registration form.

**\$75 per player**

Register by Feb. 10th for a \$10 discount

**Registration Deadline**

**February 26th**

**3rd—8th grades**

Player First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Player Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Boy: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Girl: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Parent/Guardian (first / last) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian (first / last) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shirt Size: (Circle One) \_\_\_\_\_ YS \_\_\_\_\_ YM \_\_\_\_\_ YL \_\_\_\_\_ AS \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ AL \_\_\_\_\_ AXL (School) \_\_\_\_\_

Player Ability: Please rank your child's ability to play Basketball. It is important that you try to be as honest as possible.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) Very good at all aspects and/or Competitive Ball Player - # of Years \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Can do a little bit of everything, but not great at any one skill
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Average player, does what is asked to do, has a pretty good idea of how to play
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Still working on the skills, likes to play but has a hard time contributing in a game
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) 1<sup>st</sup> year of playing organized Basketball or still learning a lot every time they practice or play games

**Return Form – Mail or Drop-Off**

Peculiar City Hall  
 C/O Parks & Recreation  
 250 S. Main Street  
 Peculiar, MO 64078

My family and I hereby waive and release the City of Peculiar and the Raymore-Peculiar School District from claims for damages and/or injuries incurred while participating in or as a spectator at a City sponsored event. We understand and agree that the School District offers no liability or medical insurance coverage to participants of City-sponsored programs held in School District facilities. I also agree, as a participant, or as the parent of a minor participant, to grant full permission to the City to use my name, photograph, videotape or recording for promotional purposes on activity flyers, newsletters, program guides and recreation related city-owned websites. All photographs, images or video material will be taken with City equipment and stored on City computers/servers. These things I authorize without obligation or liability to me or my family.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**LEAGUE COACHES ARE NEEDED!** Please indicate that you are interested in coaching or assisting by completing the information below.

All Coaches must pass a background check to be eligible to coach in any Peculiar Parks & Recreation League.

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Parks & Recreation Information -

Adult Flag Football League

Where: Raisbeck Park, Peculiar

When: Tuesdays, Starting April 5<sup>th</sup> Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
League Fee: \$250 per team. League will consist of 12 thirty minute games followed by a single elimination tournament.

Little Soccer Kickers

Where: Raisbeck Park, Peculiar

When: Thursday nights, April 14<sup>th</sup> - May 5<sup>th</sup> Time: 6:15 - 7pm

Who: Boys & Girls ages 3 - 4 Entry Fee: \$38 per child

Registration Deadline: Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

Instructional Program designed to introduce your child to the sport of soccer

Recreational Soccer League

Where: Raisbeck Park, Peculiar & Recreation Park, Raymore

When: Saturday games, starting in April. Practices begin in March .

Who: Boys & Girls ages 4 - 11

Divisions: U5, U6, U8, U10, U12

Entry Fee: U5 - U6 \$75 / U8 - U12 \$95

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\*Register by February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for a \$10 discount\*\*\*

Fitness N Fun

Where: Community Room, Peculiar City Hall

When: Tuesdays, Thursdays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday every month, starting January 5<sup>th</sup>

Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Class Fee: \$45 per month, \$7 drop-in fee

Small group exercise class that incorporates interval training with body weight exercises, core and strength training for a full body workout

Yoga Class

Where: Community Room, Peculiar City Hall

When: Tuesdays, Thursdays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday every month starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 5:45 - 6:15pm Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 - 9am Saturday

Class Fee: \$24 per month, \$4 drop-in fee



For questions, please contact Director of Parks & Recreation Grant Purkey, at 816-779-2225.



The City is changing the look of the Utility Bills. We are moving away from the blue postcard bills and going to a full sheet of paper to provide better breakdown of the services the City provides. This is allowable because of the new utility billing software. The change takes effect for the February Billing. Be on the look out for an envelope from the City which will contain your new bill!

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