

# POSITIVELY PECULIAR

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## Message from the Mayor

*It's summertime and that means building season! The city has issued 51 building permits since the first of the year. It seems everywhere you look in town there is something going on. Work continues ahead of schedule on the Peculiar Way interchange. Public works have been working diligently to improve and raise manholes along the creek in the northeast part of the city, this is part of the city's ongoing effort to reduce rainwater in-flow into our lines and at the England Waste Water treatment facility.*

*The city is always looking for ways to ensure the safety of residents. The Peculiar Police Department have set up a Safe Trade Zone at the Police Station. This will allow for anyone completing a sale or trade, to do so in a safe environment. The board of aldermen recently voted to work with Ray-Pec schools to place a second Peculiar Police officer at the main Ray-Pec school campus. This second School Resource Officer will help keep students and faculty safe as well.*

*The board of aldermen will also be looking at winter averaging of sewer bills. This is something residents have asked for many times. Residents for many years have asked why they have to pay sewer bills on outside watering of landscaping and such that increase in the summer, when that water isn't going to the sewer treatment plant. And the board of alderman have agreed that we don't want to penalize residents for watering lawns and landscaping and keeping our city beautiful, one lawn at a time. With the recent upgrades to the city's software system, we can now track this better. City staff will be bringing a proposal to the board of alderman to see if we can make this work for our next fiscal year. Please watch for more information in the future.*

*Enjoy the rest of your summer and enjoy some of the great recreational opportunities offered by the Peculiar Parks and Recreation. We have made great strides in creating programs aimed at residents in every age group!*

*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).



### Where can I park my Vehicle, Boat, Trailer or RV at my house?

The Board of Aldermen recently amended Peculiar's Property Maintenance Code which regulates parking of Boats, Trailers, Vehicles & RV's in a residential neighborhood.

1. Parking in the side yard of a property is prohibited on Lots smaller than 1/3 of an Acre (14,520 Sq.Ft.).
  - a. Parking between the front of the house and the street is permitted on a paved surface (driveway).
  - b. Parking is permitted behind the rear of the house, however a 5 Ft. clearance is required between the Vehicle, Boat, Trailer or RV and the side & rear property line.
  - c. All Vehicles must be licensed, and operable, if stored outside.
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### Tall Grass

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.

### Code Enforcement Information

If you are wondering if the City has issued violation notices on a property, then you can look on the City's website under, "Codes Enforcement," and click on the link, "Current Code Enforcement Violations." If you do not see the property on there then please feel free to contact us through our website on, "Report a Concern." This list is updated weekly on Monday's.



Continued Progress -



The Monument Sign

A new street light, parking lot, sidewalk, curb & gutter and lighting fixtures at the monument sign are welcome amenities' to the project that began last summer and continued through the fall. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the project is planned in the new future.

Coming Soon -

Lights at the Monument Sign is about to begin!

If you have any questions about the projects, please contact the City Engineer's office at 816-779-2228.



**SafeTrade**

**The Peculiar Police Department joins SafeTrade - A national safety initiative for completing online transactions safely when meeting in person.**

SafeTrade is a simple program for police and sheriff's departments to encourage transactions at their facilities; for classified sites to strengthen their safety and security initiatives, and for users to insist on "SafeTrade" by conducting their transactions only at a local police or sheriff's office.

In the past few months, a number of U.S. police departments have offered to host online transactions, most of them referring to Craigslist as the reason. Participating police departments can now post banners or use logos referring to their facilities as SafeTrade Stations. Additional information is available at [www.safetradestations.com](http://www.safetradestations.com).

Residents may utilize the Peculiar Police Departments parking lot, which is monitored by security cameras, to conduct Safe Trade transactions. While the parking lot is continuously monitored, the Department ask that trades be conducted between 8 am and 7 pm, 7 days a week. Although not required, citizens should notify the officer on duty that they are there to conduct a Safe Trade transaction.

If a citizen would like for an officer to be present at the time of trade, they will need to contact the Police Department at 816-779-5102, to request an officer be present. However, due to the nature of policing, the department is not able to guarantee that an officer will be available when requested and ask the citizens to keep this in mind when requesting an officer's presence.

Stay safe and use our Safe Trade Zone to complete your online transactions. The Safe Trade Zone is located at the Peculiar Police Department 224 N Main St. Peculiar, MO 64078.

*Chief Harry Gurin, Peculiar Police Department*

What you should do if the weather is extremely hot:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for critical updates from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Never leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
- Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
- Stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine if air conditioning is not available.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.



- Consider spending the warmest part of the day in public buildings such as libraries, schools, movie theaters, shopping malls, and other community facilities. Circulating air can cool the body by increasing the perspiration rate of evaporation.
- Eat well-balanced, light, and regular meals. Avoid using salt tablets unless directed to do so by a physician.
- Drink plenty of water; even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Persons who have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restricted diets; or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake.
- Limit intake of alcoholic beverages.
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Protect face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat.
- Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.
- Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Go to a designated public shelter if your home loses power during periods of extreme heat. Text **SHELTER** + your ZIP code to **43362** (4FEMA) to find the nearest shelter in you area (example: *shelter 64078*).



**Parks & Recreation Information -**



**Peculiar Farmers and Artist Market**

Wednesdays 3pm - 7pm  
Located at the corner of Center Street  
and Main Street



**Little Tikes Football**

When: Thursdays, October 6<sup>th</sup> - October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Entry Fee: \$38 per player  
Registration Deadline: September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Who: Boys and Girls ages 3 - 4  
Where: Raisbeck Park



**Little Soccer Kickers**

When: Thursdays, September 1<sup>st</sup> - September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Entry Fee: \$38 per player  
Registration Deadline: August 23<sup>rd</sup>



**Recreation Soccer League**

When: Saturdays starting late August early September  
Entry Fee: U5 - U6 \$75 / U8 - U12 \$95  
Registration Deadline: July 29<sup>th</sup>  
Who: Boys & Girls ages 4 - 11  
Where: Games will be played at Raisbeck Park  
in Peculiar and Recreation Park in Raymore.  
Divisions: U5, U6, U8, U10 and U12



**Youth Flag Football League**

When: starts mid-August, games are played  
during the week (Mon - Thurs)  
Entry Fee: \$75 per player  
Registration Deadline: July 29<sup>th</sup>  
Who: Boys and Girls grades K - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Home games will be played at Raisbeck Park  
and away games at nearby South Metro Parks.  
Divisions: K, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>



**Fitness-N-Fun**

When: Tuesdays, Thursdays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday of the month  
Class Fee: \$45 per month, \$7 drop-in fee  
Where: Community Room, Peculiar City Hall  
Time: 6:15pm - 7:15pm Tuesdays and  
Thursdays, 9am - 10am Saturdays



**Youth Volleyball League**

When: Saturdays starting  
in September  
Entry Fee: \$75 per player  
Registration Deadline: August 19<sup>th</sup>  
Who: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Where: Games will be played at Ray-Pec School District Facilities.



**Yoga Mind & Body Fitness Class**

When: Tuesdays, Thursdays and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday of the month  
Class Fee: \$24 per month, \$4 drop-in fee  
Where: Community Room, Peculiar City Hall  
Time: 5:45pm - 6:15pm Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
8:30am - 9am Saturday

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