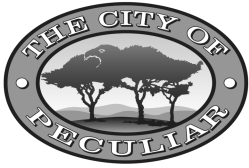


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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

Special Bagged Leaf  
Drop-Off  
Monday, Dec. 7, 2009

Mayor's Christmas  
Tree Lighting  
December 5, 2009  
Chapel/Friendship  
Hall

## Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Saturday, December 5, 2009 6:00pm**  
**Friendship Hall**  
**163 W Center, Peculiar, MO.**

**Please join us inside Friendship Hall for**  
**"Fun, Food and Fellowship"**

**Kids photos taken with Santa Claus**

**The Downtown**  
**Peculiar Arts & Culture District**  
**will have a wonderful selection of**  
**handmade wreaths on display,**  
**available for purchase.**



## SPECIAL BAGGED LEAF DROP-OFF MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009

*The Fall Trash Days event was very successful this year, and your Board of Aldermen decided to extend services to the community for one additional day. This One-Day-Only event will be for bagged leaves and will take place at the City Salt Shed, near the wastewater treatment plant on the east outer road of US 71 Hwy (Same location as Fall Trash Days). Only Bagged leaves will be accepted. There is no charge to City residents for this service.*

*This event will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009 from 8:00am to 7:00pm. For more information, contact Rick McGee at 816-779-5212*



## NEWS FROM MAYOR JUNGMEYER

I was disappointed with the results of the election on November 3. The street issue and the sanitary sewer issue both failed but the problems did not go away. The one penny per gallon fuel tax would have cost the average person who purchased gas in Peculiar only about \$10.00 per YEAR. This is a small cost to our residents for better streets. I feel that both issues were not explained adequately to you.

Remember the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Santa will be there for pictures with your children and treats for them. Cookies, popcorn and hot drinks will be free for all.

I have received complaints about some people blowing leaves onto their neighbor's property, into the street ditches and drainage channels. These are violations of city codes. Please try to dispose of your leaves on your property or bring them to the drop-off location this coming Monday (City Salt Shed on the southeast Outer Road).

This has been a tough year for lots of us. Many have lost their jobs or lost loved ones. Some have lost hope. I believe that 2010 will be better. No matter what our problems, we can all have a good Christmas when we remember the reason for the season. From my family and all the City staff, have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

### CANDIDATE FILING FOR ANNUAL CITY ELECTION

Filing for the annual City Election, Tuesday, April 6, 2010 opens Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. and ends on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., in accordance with Section 115.127.5 RSMo as amended.

On April 6, 2010 there shall be elected:

- A Mayor for a term of two (2) years.
- One (1) member of the Board of Aldermen for Ward #1 for the full term of two (2) years.
- One (1) member of the Board of Aldermen for Ward #2 for the full term of two (2) years.
- One (1) member of the Board of Aldermen for Ward #3 for the full term of two (2) years.

Qualified candidates may file with the City Clerk at Peculiar City Hall, 600 Schug Avenue, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There is a \$10.00 filing fee payable to the City of Peculiar at the time of filing.

To qualify for the office of Mayor, a candidate must be at least 25 years of age and a resident. To qualify for the office of Alderman, a candidate must be at least 21 years of age and a resident of the Ward from which they are to be elected. All candidates must be a US citizen and a resident of the city for at least 1 year prior to the election, must be a registered voter and have paid all city taxes. Candidates must not be in arrears for any city taxes or fees on the last day of filing. RSMo 79..070,.080, 250

**Please note:** Filing opens on December 15, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. and ends on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., City Hall will be closed for business December 25<sup>th</sup> through December 27<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas Holiday and January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year's Day Holiday and January 18<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day.

## PUBLIC MEETING FOR 211TH STREET CORRIDOR

The City of Peculiar is holding an open house public meeting to discuss the improvement strategies for 211th Street. The public meeting will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at Friendship Hall (163 W. Center Street, Peculiar, Missouri 64078).

The City is coordinating with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to conduct a corridor study of 211th Street. The corridor spans approximately five miles from Route J on the east to Route Y on the west and connects to the proposed Route 71/211th Street Interchange. The open house meeting will allow area residents, businesses, and commuters to review detailed project maps and provide comments anytime during the evening. A formal presentation will not be given. City staff along with consultant team members will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues and/or concerns.

The display materials will show the City's progress to date on potential improvement strategies for 211th Street, which will change it from a two-lane road into a three- and four-lane roadway. The strategies are based on the recommendations included in the City's 2008 Comprehensive Plan. 211th Street west of the proposed Route 71/211th Street Interchange is a generally undeveloped portion of the City. The Comprehensive Plan recommends that this length of 211th Street be developed as a landscaped, divided roadway with a median offering ample opportunity for landscaping. 211th Street east of the proposed interchange is already developed with rural residences and the Raymore-Peculiar school complex. Immediately adjacent to Route 71, this segment of 211th Street will one day provide access through a planned destination retail development. Since this section of the corridor is somewhat developed, the Comprehensive Plan states that a median-divided roadway may or may not be appropriate, but should be investigated to coincide with the divided roadway west of Route 71.

The City, MoDOT, and a consultant team will work with both public and private corridor stakeholders and the general public to determine a strategy for the future development of the roadway based on stated issues and opportunities within the corridor. The planning process is anticipated to conclude by mid-2010 with a recommendation for a preferred strategy for 211th Street. For more information, contact City Engineer Bob O'Brien at BO'Brien@cityofpeculiar.com or (816) 779-5212. If you require a sign-language interpreter or other communication aids at the meeting, please call Mr. O'Brien at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.



## CITY ORDINANCE UPDATES



- Ordinance 100609:** Rescinding certain past annexation ordinances which were never completed.
- Ordinance 102009:** Amending Section 110.100 regarding Resolutions and Orders procedures.
- Ordinance 102009A:** Amending Section 110.060 regarding Ordinance-Procedure to enact.
- Ordinance 110309:** Repealing Section 600.110(A)(6) Class F, Non-Intoxicating Beer (3.2%).
- Ordinance 110309A:** Amending Section 300.020 adding a new definition for commercial truck and adopting Chapter 390 to include new Sections 390.010 and .020 prohibiting use of certain streets by trucks.
- Ordinance 111709:** Approving a settlement agreement with AT&T/SBC landline.
- Ordinance 120109:** Adding a new provision to Section 400.130 (39C) to reduce side and rear yard setbacks

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

We were disappointed in the results of the election. However, we understand that the timing is not the best in the current economic environment. Unfortunately the problems, especially with the sewer issues, will not go away. The Board of Aldermen will have to make tough decisions in the near future on these issues. These are not problems that have jumped up over night... But as the old saying goes: putting off years before have come home to roost. However, I believe this community can rise to the challenge.

It is tough times out there, but we can always find ways to be thankful. The scripture says, "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." As you have, I have found my ways of contentment, not defeat. I wish you all Happy Holidays! Again if you hear something that does not sound right about the City, give me a call. I will be more than happy to let you know what is truly going on.

God Bless,  
Brad Ratliff



**CITY MEETINGS**

Board of Alderman  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
Each Month

Planning & Zoning  
Commission  
2nd Thursday  
Each Month

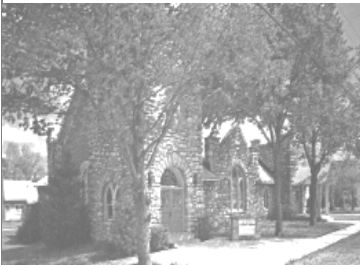
Park Board  
2nd Monday  
Each Month



All meetings are held at City Hall in the Council Chambers & are open to the public. City Hall is located at 600 Schug Avenue.

Board of Aldermen meetings are video taped and are played at 1:00pm Monday through Friday and can be viewed on Comcast Cable Channel 7.

All agendas and minutes from city meetings are available on the City website at [www.cityofpeculiar.com](http://www.cityofpeculiar.com)



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Meetings  
Special Events

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779-5212 Ext 223

**CODES CORNER**

The City Codes department would like to remind everyone that it is a violation of the City's Property Maintenance Code to place leaves or debris in ditches or creeks.

Section 307.2 (15) states that the discharging or causing to be discharged, into the storm water system, any waste materials, mud, lawn clippings, tree limbs, branches or any other substance capable of causing an obstruction to the proper operation of the system.

Please refrain from depositing leaves in the ditch, creek or other body of water.

We will have flooding this coming spring, your neighbors (or yourself) may be affected, and property damaged because of your action.

Violation of this offence can result in a fine of not less than \$50 and no more than \$500 for each day upon which the violation occurs.

**Animal Control**

Animal Licenses are now in for 2010! You must have your animals licensed by January 31st 2010. Any owner that does not license their animals by January 31, 2010 will receive a ticket with a mandatory court date. License fees are \$5.00 if you pet is spayed or neutered and \$10.00 if your pet is not. You must bring with you a current rabies certificate from your veterinarian to verify your animal is current on it's rabies vaccination.

Licenses can be purchased at the Peculiar Police Dept., 224 N Main Street, Monday thru Friday from 9am-5pm.

The winter months are now upon us. Please make sure that if you have an outdoor dog, or your dog is outside for any length of time, you are caring for them properly. This includes adequate housing. All dogs that are kept outdoors must have an appropriate weather proof dog house. It is also strongly suggested that you put hay in and around the dog house to provide extra warmth and insulation. All dogs that are outdoors for any length of time must have water provided for them around the clock. It's easy for water to freeze in the winter time and it's up to you to ensure the water does not freeze by either checking it frequently or using a heated water bowl. Dogs can only be tethered (tied out) for a maximum of four (4) hours at a time with a three (3) hour increment in between that they cannot be tethered. This means your dog cannot be tethered all day and all night.

If the temperature is going to be below freezing please bring your pets indoors.

If you have any questions or would like to report an animal that is being abused or neglected, please call (816) 779-5102.

Amy Nash  
Animal Control Officer

