

POSITIVELY PECULIAR

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FALL CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 7TH & 8TH

The dates have been set for the annual Fall City Wide Clean-Up. The annual clean-up provides a way for our citizens to get rid of those bulky trash items which can't be put at the curb with regular weekly trash. Hazardous such as wet paint, chemicals, freon and mowers with gas tanks can not be accepted at the site.



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Proof of residency within the city limits will be required at the gate. (Drivers License or recent Water Bill)

The drop site is located on the South East Outer Road just north of the City Sewer Plant. If you need directions contact Diane at City Hall at 779-5212 ext 237.

City Wide Clean-Up schedule:

Friday, November 7th 7:00AM—6:00PM

Saturday, November 8th 8:00AM—4:00PM

Pricing :

- ◆ \$5.00 Per Car
- ◆ \$10.00 Per Small Truck or Small Trailer Under 8'
- ◆ \$15.00 Per Full Size Truck or Trailer Over 8' and Under 16'
- ◆ \$20.00 Per 1 Ton Truck or Larger and Trailers Over 16'
- ◆ \$25.00 Per each Item for White Goods (Dishwasher, Washer, Dryer, Stove, Water Heater.)

Tires will also be accepted and pricing will be as follows:

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|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| ◆ Auto and Light Truck | \$1.50 | On Rim | \$3.50 |
| ◆ Truck Tires | \$5.00 | On Rim | \$15.00 |
| ◆ Farm Tractor Tires | \$20.00 | | |

Contact Diane at City Hall at 779-5212 Ext. 237 for additional tire pricing.

NEWS FROM MAYOR JUNGMEYER



CORNERSTONE CHAPEL & FRIENDSHIP HALL

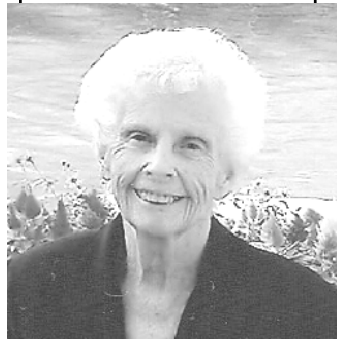
Located at West Center & First Street

Available for Rentals
Weddings
Receptions
Meetings
Special Events

Contact Diane
779-5212 Ext 237
For rental information



Nora Dodge has announced her retirement effective October 1st after 41 years as City Clerk. She will continue working part time as our City Historian.



The Downtown Peculiar Arts and Cultural District has many projects under way. These projects include a sign located in front of the Peculiar Pharmacy and a Broadway Art Walk. Take a look at these projects as they develop. For more information about DPACD log on to their website at www.downtownpeculiar.com

Please make note of the following upcoming events and plan to attend:

Saturday, October 25th
Harvest Moon Festival

November 7th & 8th
City Wide Clean-Up

December 6th
Mayor's Tree Lighting



CHIEF'S CORNER

Our town, for a variety of reasons, has more than it's share of truck traffic. Occasionally, one of these trucks will use compression brakes (Jake Brakes) and if the system is not properly muffled, the result is a loud and disturbing noise.

To address this problem the City is installing

"Noise Ordinances Enforced" signs on all major routes around town. These signs should serve as notice to truckers that our town will not tolerate the excessive noise that accompanies the use of compression brakes that are not properly muffled. Our police officers have been instructed to begin actively enforcing our excessive noise ordinance, which means they will ticket truck drivers that use un-muffled compression brakes within the city limits. Hopefully truckers

using our streets will comply and we can eliminate this disturbing noise.



FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR



CITY ORDINANCE UPDATES

Ordinance 081708

Amends City Ordinance to be consistent with State Statutes pertaining to video (cable) service providers.

Ordinance 080208A

Amends the franchise fee for video service (cable) providers from 3% to 5%. This provides for an equal assessment for all businesses required to pay a franchise fee.

Ordinance 090208

Amends Code to allow Property Code Enforcement Officer the authority to direct a property owner to trim or remove trees or shrubs which create a problem by blocking drivers views at intersections.

Ordinance 091608

Provides a limit on the number of absences allowed as well as requiring notification of an anticipated absence by members of any of the City Boards or Commissions and provides procedures for removal of a member.

At the September 16, 2008 Board of Aldermen meeting the budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 was approved.

Mindful of the current economic downturn, the City of Peculiar continued to position its budget defensively. Last year the City reduced the City operational expenses by 15%. This year's budget again lowered the City expense budget by 3.04%. The Property tax mill levy was lowered resulting in a property tax cut to all property owners of Peculiar. Property owners should see a \$76.00 reduction per \$100,000 dollar value of assessment on property.

However, there will be increases which will impact the next fiscal year. In the enterprise fund consisting of Water, Sewer and Trash revenue, a slight increase was approved. The Water rate was held at the same rate for City residents; however those who are outside the City limits will see an increase. Recently the

City conducted a sewer study that shows our current sewer system must be improved due to the number of customers now on the system. Costs for these improvements are estimated at over 8 million dollars. The City has also seen continual increases from our trash vendor. Therefore, you will see an average of 35 cents per day increase for sewer and trash services combined. Those who receive these services from the City who are outside the City limits will see more of an increase than the City residents. The exact breakdowns of the current charges are in the news letter (pg. 4), and will be reflected on the bills due November 15, 2008.

In 2006, the City conducted a storm water study that concluded 6 million dollars in storm water improvements are needed. The City does not have the funds currently to fund this plan. The Board of Aldermen have directed staff to develop a plan to fund the improvements outlined in the 2006 Storm Water Study. We

are hoping to get the plan completed by early 2009 and bring it to you, the voters, in April 2009.

October 1, 2008 will be the last day for Nora Dodge as City Clerk for Peculiar. She has been the City Clerk for 41 years and the only City Clerk for the City since incorporation. She will be working part-time for the City as the City Historian focusing on the archives of the City. I want to personally thank Mrs. Dodge not only for all she has done for the City over these many years, but mostly over the past 2 years as she has worked with me as City Administrator. She is a jewel of knowledge and I value the honesty and integrity that she displays.

Please remember that both the Mayor and I welcome your questions or concerns. If you are wondering about something City related, please feel free to give us or any City staff a call.



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.

City Hall is located at 600 Schug Avenue.

All meetings are open to the public.

Board of Alderman 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

**NEW RATES FOR UTILITY BILLS
EFFECTIVE FOR BILLS DUE
BEGINNING NOVEMBER 15TH, 2008**

CITY OF PECULIAR UTILITY RATES

Within City Limits:

Water (per 1,000 gallons)

First 1,000	\$12.26
Over 1,000	\$7.11

Sewer (per 1,000 gallons)

First 1,000	\$12.00
Over 1,000	\$6.35

Outside City Limits:

Water (per 1,000 gallons)

First 1,000	\$15.00
Over 1,000	\$7.11

Sewer (per 1,000 gallons)

First 1,000	\$50.00
Over 1,000	\$8.22

Trash Service Per Month

\$10.20



ONLINE BILL PAY & E-BILL AVAILABLE FOR UTILITY BILLS

It's not too late to sign up to pay your utility bill online

Online payments can be made by logging on to the city website at www.cityofpeculiar.com

After logging on to the website click on the City Services tab, select the quick link for "Pay Water Bill Online" and follow the instructions.

For our customers who would like to receive their monthly bill via email, forms are available at City Hall in the utility department.

If you have questions regarding either one of these services contact Trudy at 779-5212 Ext. 222.