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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .

Electronic Waste  
Collection event  
Sat. Oct. 24th  
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Peculiar Harvest Moon  
Festival  
Sat. Oct. 31

Peculiar Trash Days  
Friday, November 6  
&  
Saturday, November 7

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

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2009

### Question 1

Shall there be a twenty (.20) cent increase in tax levy on each one hundred (100) dollars of valuation to be used to fund sanitary sewer systems construction and maintenance in the City of Peculiar, Missouri?

#### Facts Applicable to Question 1

The City of Peculiar ranks in the top 10 cities in the metropolitan area in growth. On a per capita basis, we actually rank in the top 5 cities. This great growth brings with it many growing pains.

Recently, the City conducted a study of the entire sanitary sewer system. The study revealed that there are areas of our system that are currently at full capacity. The City needs to address the capacity issues as well as significant deferred maintenance problems in the near future. The 20 cents per \$100 of assessed value will generate about \$106,000 per year. This increase will cost a homeowner with an assessed value of \$100,000 approximately \$200.00 per year, which is \$0.55 per day.

### Question 2

Shall the City of Peculiar, Missouri impose a motor vehicle fuel tax, including both gasoline and diesel fuel, at a rate of one cent (\$.01) per gallon to be used to fund the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, repair, signing, lighting, and cleaning roads and streets?

#### Facts Applicable to Question 2

The State of Missouri distributes gasoline tax revenues to the City based on the 2000 census. It is not based on where you purchased your gasoline. Peculiar has doubled its population since 2000, therefore we only receive approximately half of the money collected based on our current population. There is no way to change the State law on how they disburse gasoline taxes without a constitutional amendment. The 1 cent per gallon tax will be specific for gasoline purchased inside the City limits. Current estimates indicate that over 80% of the gasoline sold in Peculiar is to individuals and businesses who reside or are located outside the City. This 1 cent per gallon will be dedicated to the repair and maintenance of City roads only. If passed by the voters, revenue from this tax will positively impact the City's budget and you will see additional road work begin the following year when it is collected.

### Question 3

Shall there be a business license fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year, payable in advance, plus a fee equal to forty (\$0.40) cents per ton for each ton of limestone sold or physically removed from the rock quarry or mine property for any person, firm or corporation who carries on or operates, maintains or engages in the business of operating a rock quarry or mining or extracting rock or other minerals from the ground within the limits of the City of Peculiar, Missouri?

#### Facts Applicable to Question 3

Martin Marietta Materials or now known as Hunt Martin Materials lost their 4 year long lawsuit fighting the annexation in to the City. The fight has been costly, however, the residents voted by 87% to bring them into the City. They are now opposing payment of any business license fees or payment for material extracted and sold from the quarry. This proposition will institute a .40 cent per ton tax as well as an annual \$1,000 business license fee. To license a business such as theirs requires many professional reviews to ensure compliance with Missouri law and City ordinances which are designed to ensure the safety of the quarry and minimize its impact on our community.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen urge every citizen to get out and vote on these important issues on November 3, 2009.