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Nature's Beauty (aka Nature's Beast)



Our good town again realized the wrath of Mother Nature's fury – the third devastating weather-related event in less than a year – in the form of an ice storm that began on January 27. A layer of snow, followed by ice, followed by another layer of snow was more than our trees and power lines could handle . . . again! The City of Pewee Valley lost power, along with approximately 700,000 others across the state.

On February 5th, Governor Steve Beshear received word from the White House that President Barack Obama has granted the governor's request for a major disaster declaration for the commonwealth of Kentucky. According to a press release issued by the Governor's Office, "under a major disaster declaration, the federal government typically reimburses 75 percent of local and

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JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on January 5, 2009. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Will Chambers, Carol Akers, Bethany Major, Dick Filippini, Amy Johnson and Dana Barrette. Also in attendance were City Attorney John Singler and City Clerk Donna Schroeder.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dana Barrette reported that he has asked City Treasurer Stan Clark to break out the reserve figures each month in the monthly budget report.

OPEN COMMENTS

Resident Harry Hoffer reported that St. Aloysius is marking their parking lot for lighting and he wants to know if the city has pre-approved the lighting plan. Resident Beach Craigmyle said the agreement between the City and the church says they can install acorn lights.

Craigmyle expressed concern about the light in the Presbyterian Church lot. He thinks they need to shield their light. Resident Paul Culbertson is a member of the Church and says he will address this issue with the church.

POLICE REPORT

No report given.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk Donna Schroeder is resigning and the City is now looking for her replacement. Mayor Rogers also reported that the civil defense siren has been re-mounted and better located.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Filippini (Tree Board): Bids for the winter tree work were opened and Councilman Filippini announced that Beechwood Trees won the bid. The Tree Board only covers trees in the City

right-of-ways. Any other tree work must come out of other budgets. No word yet from FEMA, however, Mayor Rogers fully expects that Pewee Valley will get FEMA money to pay for September storm costs. It is expected that FEMA will pay 80% of the reported costs.

Bethany Major (Town Hall/Festivities): Councilwoman Major thanked everyone for a successful Yule Log event. New Council member, Amy Johnson, will be assisting Major with the Morris property use. Prices for demolishing or rebuilding the garage will be presented for vote at the next meeting.

Carol Akers (Public Safety): No report given.

Dana Barrette (Storm Water/Insurance/Finance): No report given.

Amy Johnson (Sidewalks/Communications): No report given.

Will Chambers (Waste Management/Mowing): The fire pit from Yule Log Celebration has been cleaned.

Bob Rogers (Police/Roads): All road resurfacing has been delayed until spring. Mayor Rogers wishes to thank Glenn Rowland for his work on the roads.

OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Amendment Ordinance - Before City Attorney Singler imparts a second reading of the Zoning Amendment Ordinance, Mayor Rogers wanted to make sure that Council Members have read it thoroughly. Pewee Valley does not have to approve the language change; it can still operate under the old language if that's what the Council decides is best for Pewee Valley. Councilman Dick Filippini suggested that the Council table the second reading of the ordinance until the next meeting, with the promise that everyone will read the changes carefully and decipher how the changes could affect the city.

Storm Water Ordinance - At the December meeting, City Attorney Singler presented a basic Storm Water Ordinance for its first reading, realizing there was more work to be done before the second reading. The fee structure has not been decided and the City is still talking to the Louisville Water Company about fee collection.

At tonight's meeting, Singler presented a first draft for the legislative piece of the Storm Water Ordinance. He has worked with City Engineer Mel Milburn and Stantec Consulting to address regulation and enforcement issues. For residential properties, there would be a set fee and, for the approximate 40 non-residential parcels, the fee would be based on impervious surface runoff. Singler also submitted the response from the Attorney General's office regarding Pewee setting up its own storm water permit, as well as Stantec's timetable and proposed work flow chart. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has asked to be a co-permittee on Pewee Valley's permit application because of the state roads running through the community.

At February's meeting Singler expects to have a first reading on the legislative part of the Storm Water Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rogers made a proposal to re-appoint Joe McWilliams to the Planning Commission. Mr. McWilliams said he has been proud to represent Pewee Valley for the past three years and will be glad to continue to do so. Councilman Dick Filippini had questions about issues that come before the Planning Commission that pertain to Pewee Valley. It was pointed out that Commission Members have to remain objective in all matters. The meetings are open to the public and by law, the agenda is published in the Oldham Era the week preceding the meeting. A motion was made to re-appoint McWilliams, seconded and passed with no opposition.

Councilman Dick Filippini suggested that Pewee have recycling bins set up for all festivals. Councilman Will Chambers will discuss this with ID.

Upon approval of payment of outstanding bills, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on February 2, 2009. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Dick Filippini, Bethany Major, Amy Johnson, Dana Barrette, Will Chambers and Carol Akers. Also in attendance were City Attorney John Singler, Clerk (in training) Laura Eichenberger and Robin O'Bryan, Acting Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No report given.

OPEN COMMENTS

Resident John Van Lenten of Mt. Mercy Place submitted a Resident Request for Action Form regarding the lot lights installed on the lot line at St. Aloysius. Mr. Van Lenten requested that City Attorney John Singler look at the lights first-hand to determine if they are within the restrictions of the current lighting ordinance, and speak to the church staff as well. The lights are 30 feet high (ordinance maximum is 25 foot), 400 watt high pressure sodium bulbs, that put out 50,000 lumens. The lights are not shielded. The impact of the lights on Mr. Van Lenten's yard is significant.

Resident Bob Baskett of Mt. Mercy Place, noted that his yard is also directly affected. Mr. Baskett requested that the Council Members drive through the area at night. Mr. Baskett informed the Council that he has attempted to contact Father Jack and has not received a direct response. They are installed on the backside of the stone church (the old chapel) and are literally just a couple of feet from Mr. Baskett's backyard.

John Singler informed the Council that the Agreement with St. Aloysius contains very minimal language about the lighting. Mr. Singler read from a copy of the Agreement, portions stating: "... there is no improvement to the field permanent and temporary such as lighting permanency beyond the soccer field itself. . . . the defendant further contracts and agrees that the parking lot lighting shall be shoebox type or acorn type." There are no lights shown on the site plan that was part of the settlement Agreement.

The discussion regarding the problem lights ended with the understanding that John Singler will investigate the lights and their compliance to the current lighting ordinance.

Resident Stan Fitch wished to thank Mayor Rogers and Glen Rowland for their response and work in cutting trees, directing traffic, plowing the roads, etc., during and after last week's snow and ice storm. Mr. Fitch noted that the City is lucky to have residents like Mayor Rogers, stating, "there is no one who cares about this city like Bob." The Council Members and residents present showed their support with a round of applause.

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Resident Doc Stuedle reported that he does not have the Farmer's Market information yet. He will contact the Farmer's Market organizers and provide dates and the correct forms to the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Clerk Position – Mayor Rogers introduced Laura Eichenberger as the new Clerk-in-Training. The Mayor also thanked Robin O'Bryan for returning as the Acting Clerk in the interim and providing the training for the new Clerk.

Update on Snow/Ice Storm January 2009 – The Mayor declared the City of Pewee Valley in a state of emergency on Wednesday, January 31, 2009, at 12:00 noon. The City will qualify for FEMA aid if the county reaches the minimum qualification requirements.

Mayor Rogers publicly thanked Glen Rowland, the contractors with LG&E – workers who came in from Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama – and acknowledged that considering the scope of the disaster, all involved did a great job. Mayor Rogers also publicly thanked the residents of the community for their cooperation and patience. The Mayor expressed gratitude to George Farmer and his daughter, Lori Farmer, of Fox 41 News, who informed the Mayor of the incoming snow and ice. This advance information allowed for the timely rental of the tractor/plow.

The Major announced that Oldham County will provide a chipper service to the residents of Pewee Valley to discard storm debris.

Council Member Will Chambers stated he had just spoken with Industrial Disposal (ID) and they will resume garbage, recycle and junk pick up on Wednesday, February 4, 2009. Residents were asked to make sure storm debris does not block access to the pickup sites.

Next Council Meeting – Mayor Rogers noted that the next City Council Meeting will be long requiring the review of multiple ordinances.

POLICE REPORT

No report given.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report given.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Filippini (Tree Board): Beechwood Trees was awarded the contract for winter clean up and has already begun work. Payment will not be paid until all the work is completed. Mayor Rogers asked Councilman Filippini to make sure the work from the September storm is completed by March 15th. The FEMA deadline for work to be completed is April 1, 2009. Council Member Amy Johnson noted that the tree topping on Highway 146 makes them vulnerable to storm damage. Perhaps the Council could look into smaller trees.

Bethany Major (Town Hall/Festivities): Ms. Major is currently working on projects that had previously been put on hold. A report will be made at the next Council Meeting.

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Carol Akers (Public Safety): One of the Council Members was called regarding the Christmas lights being left on. Ms. Akers came by, unplugged the lights and took the timers home. LG&E has not been contacted yet about replacing street lights, noting that a contract is needed. The lights are, however, on order.

Dana Barrette (Storm Water/Insurance/Finance): Dana Barrette introduced John Malueg from Stan-Tec, who has been working on the storm water program. John Singler made it known the Storm Water Program will not be a separate entity. It will be a function the City undertakes under its municipal powers. Council Members need to determine if the day-to-day operation will be taken on by the City or by committee. Barrette suggested that Mr. Malueg give a short update at the next Council Meeting. He added that the Water Company meeting scheduled last week was cancelled due to the storm.

Amy Johnson (Sidewalks/Communications): Council Member Johnson is working on reviving the City history project and possibly getting it onto the City's website.

Stan Fitch from the Sidewalk Committee reported the Highway 146 project is ongoing and awaiting reimbursement from the state for the first section. Mayor Rogers noted that we have just received an estimate and reached an agreement with PNC Bank for an easement to run the sidewalk through the bank's property.

Ms. Johnson discussed making the Morris property a low impact park with easy maintenance, vegetation, and green space. Mayor Rogers added that the green space would help with the storm waters mandate.

Will Chambers (Waste Management/Mowing): Chambers stated that ID will make a real effort to pick up garbage and recycle items that have backed up due to the storm. He also asked that the items placed out for the chipper are not in the way of the garbage pick-up.

Bob Rogers (Police/Roads): Mayor Rogers noted that salt was ordered Monday morning and arrived by noon the same day.

NEW BUSINESS

New Ordinance – City Attorney John Singler presented the first reading of the Ordinance Regulation for the Control of Construction Site Runoff of Pollutants and Sediment to the Streams and Waterways of Pewee Valley, Kentucky. The corrections and comments from the first draft are included. There are three parts to the ordinance: the first attempts to set up funding structure; the second deals with runoff and erosion control from construction; and the third addresses how to deal with discharges - usually in waterways (this part has not been drafted yet).

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state governmental expenditures on a range of items, such as overtime for workers, debris removal equipment and the local purchase of generators, among other things. Gov. Beshear requested the federal government pick up 100 percent of the costs for expenses incurred during the first seven days of the storm. According to FEMA, the governor's request for 100 percent reimbursement is still under consideration at this time, but the major disaster declaration granted today by the President clears the way for reimbursement of expenses already incurred by state and local government for debris removal and storm recovery efforts at the 75 percent rate. If 100 percent reimbursement is subsequently approved, those reimbursements will be amended."

This declaration paves the way for immediate federal recovery efforts and Pewee will again be reimbursed for a majority, if not all, of the expenses related to this most recent weather-related emergency.



WINTER STORM DEBRIS CLEANUP PROCEDURE

If the County hasn't been by to pick up your twigs and branches yet, residents are asked to place storm debris at the edge of the road making it easier for the crews to pick up and place in wood chippers. There will be no schedule for pick-ups. Multiple passes will be made through the county. The Road Department will continue to pick up debris until it has all been removed. Pick up on county roads (unincorporated) will be given first priority, followed by city roads (if necessary), and state roads will be cleared last. Your patience is greatly appreciated during this clean-up effort!

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- NEVER use generators in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, or other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.
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- Test CO alarms often and replace batteries when needed.

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- Keep the generator dry. Operate on a dry surface under an open, canopy-like structure.
- Dry your hands before touching the generator.
- Plug appliances directly into generator or use a heavy-duty outdoor-rated extension cord. Make sure entire extension cord is free of cuts or tears and the plug has all 3 prongs, especially a grounding pin.
- NEVER plug the generator into a wall outlet. This practice, known as backfeeding, can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same utility transformer.
- If necessary to connect generator to house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install appropriate equipment. Or, your utility company may be able to install an appropriate transfer switch.

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Our trees have taken quite a beating in the past six months. What wasn't lost last September as a result of Hurricane Ike, may not have made it through the recent ice storm. Once spring arrives and the leaves start to fill in, we'll all have to step back and assess the true damage to our landscapes.

Before you start to fill in your bare spots, you may want to consider trees that are more resistant to ice storms. Remember: the USDA Hardiness Zone for Pewee Valley is Zone 6-7. I have not checked this list of ice storm resistant trees for their hardiness zone, so be sure and check with a local arborist, landscaper or gardening center before planting.

- Arborvitae
- Amur maple
- Baldcypress
- Balsam fir
- Bitternut hickory
- Black walnut
- Blackgum
- Blue beech
- Bur oak
- Catalpa
- Colorado blue spruce
- Crabapple
- Eastern hemlock
- Eastern red cedar
- European larch
- Ginkgo
- Hophornbeam
- Horsechestnut
- Ironwood
- Kentucky coffee tree
- Littleleaf linden
- Mountain ash
- Northern white cedar
- Norway maple
- Norway spruce
- Ohio buckeye
- Pignut hickory
- Shagbark hickory
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- Swamp white oak
- Sweetgum
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The four-week program is open to both members (\$60) and non-members (\$90). Classes have filled up quickly, but more classes will be scheduled as long as there’s a demand. For more information, call 222-9358.

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NEW CLERK

Pewee Valley’s new City Clerk comes to us with over 16 years of administrative experience and 5 years as a small business owner. Laura Eichenberger, an Oldham County resident, was employed by the Presbyterian Church USA before running her own state-certified childcare business in LaGrange.

Laura will be staffing Pewee Valley’s Town Hall Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

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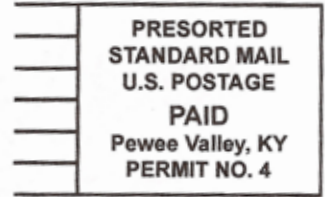
PEWEE VALLEY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	ACTIVITY	FOR INFORMATION
REGISTER NOW	Dance Team Prep Classes - Beginning in March for girls wanting to try out for middle school dance teams.	The Dancer's Pointe 243-2522
REGISTER NOW	Yoga/Tai Chi Blend Classes - Friday mornings 9:30 - 10:30	The Dancer's Pointe 243-2522
REGISTER NOW	Adult Spring Softball Leagues - Men's, Women's and Co-ed Play begins in April. Fee \$375 per team for 8-week schedule.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
REGISTER NOW	VIP (Very Important Preschoolers) - For ages 2 to 5 and their parents or guardians. Meets Monday mornings for 6 weeks. Cost \$35 per child. Registration deadline March 16.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
REGISTER NOW	Beginning Youth Golf League - Six week program for ages 6-12. Clinic meets once a week starting in May.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
REGISTER NOW	Beginning Youth Tennis Lessons - Ages 6-15. Sessions start in late May at various O.C. Parks.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
REGISTER NOW	Adult Tennis Lessons - Six-week classes start in late May.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Sun, Mar 1	1 - 5 pm - Oldham County Wedding Show - Booths set up by various wedding-related services.	John W. Black Comm. Ctr. 225-0655
Mon, Mar 2	7 pm - Pewee Valley Town Council Meeting.	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Mon, Mar 2	6:00 pm - Chamber Music Concert	O.C. Schools Arts Center 241-6018
Mar 4-13	All-County Middle School Art Show - Open for viewing daily, during regular business hours. Free to the public.	O.C. Schools Arts Center 241-6018
Sat, March 7	10 - 11:30 am - Fabulous Wildflowers Presentation - \$15 members; \$25 non-members.	Yew Dell Gardens 241-4788
Sun, Mar 8	2-4 pm - Intro Bellydancing Workshop.	The Dancer's Pointe 243-2522
Mar 12-15 Mar 20-22	Over the River and Through the Woods - Family comedy. Thursday, Friday, Saturday performances at 8:00 pm. Sundays at 2:30 pm. Adults \$12; Seniors and Students \$10.	Little Colonel Playhouse Reservations 588-1557
Mar 15-16	7 pm - Little Colonel Auditions - I Do, I Do - Delightful musical that ran for 560 performances on Broadway.	Little Colonel Players 241-9906
Thurs, Mar 19	6:30 pm - Clover Leaf 10K Run - Run will start and end in Briar Hill Park. Early registration \$15.00.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Sat, March 21	10 - noon - Pruning Class with Arborist Robert Rollins - \$15 members; \$25 non-members.	Yew Dell Gardens 241-4788

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