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SEWAGE: FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND STRAIGHT (SEWAGE) PIPES

What's going on?

We know that streams polluted with raw sewage are not safe for water recreation, like swimming and fishing—for us, or for our children. Right? So, if we want our children to be safe while swimming and fishing, there are some things we need to understand.

Read all about it!

Raw sewage from homes contains tiny organisms, bacteria and viruses, that we can't see. Disease-causing organisms are called "pathogens." Pathogens can cause human illnesses, like diseases of the digestive system, as well as ear, eye, and skin infections.

If our children swim or fish in that water, they can become ill. These pathogens travel from leaking septic systems and through any pipes that carry sewage straight from our homes to our streams.

Did you realize that this kind of stream pollution is a major problem in some regions of Kentucky? And as these streams flow toward larger rivers, they directly affect the health of other water—downstream—where someone else is going to use it. And guess what? We all live downstream!

But, we can make a difference!

For septic systems, maintenance is the key:

- Have the system inspected every year. Your local health department can refer you to a licensed inspector.
- Have the septic tank pumped out every few years, depending on the size. Again, your local or state health departments can help you figure out the best schedule for your system.
- Install filters as advised by your service provider.
- Don't feed your garbage disposal. If you don't, your septic system will have less work to do and your system will not need to be pumped out so frequently.
- Don't use toilets as trash cans! If you do, you'll have to pump out your septic system more frequently.

For straight pipe sewage disposal, check with state or local health departments or environmental agencies about the best options for treating your wastewater before it goes back into the streams. For our children's sake!

Remember: If you have a septic system or a straight sewage pipe, get to the bottom of it!

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OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Annual Audit (for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009) was conducted by McIntyre & Wooldridge, CPA. Mayor Rogers introduced John McIntyre and stated that he did an excellent job on the audit. Mr. McIntyre reported that no internal deficiencies were identified and there were no instances of non-compliance. The Auditor's report will be published in the Oldham Era, copied in its entirety to the Department of Local Governments, and will be available for review at Town Hall.

OPEN COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for open comments.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Mike Losik reported that the city is trying to establish a current list of resident e-mail addresses. With an updated list, he can notify the community of subjects or vehicles wanted by law enforcement. The Chief encourages everyone to take the time and sign up for E-News, as it can be a benefit to all.

In September, the following activity occurred:

Traffic Stops – 36	Citizen Contacts – 81
Calls for Service – 8	Warning Citations – 24
Assist Other Units – 3	Accident Reports – 1
House Watches – 72	Routine Patrol Hours – 132.5
Citations Issued – 6	Hours on Detail – 2.5
Criminal Reports – 1	Signs Removed – 4
Radar Hours – 22.5	

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The PNC Bank, Pewee Valley branch will close in February 2010. The bank is merging with National City and will maintain branches in Forest Springs and Crestwood.

Suzanne Schimpler of the Historical Society presented the Ethel Klosterman Family with the first ever "Award for Design Excellence" in Pewee Valley. The property at 109 Central Avenue has an interesting history. The house on the property had been here for over 100 years and fallen into disrepair. Ethel Klosterman chose to buy the property, raze the remains of the house, and put up a new home in scale and proportion in architectural style to its historic roots. Mrs. Klosterman was 88 years old when construction began; she was very active in the plans and oversaw its construction. Mrs. Klosterman was a great lady and mothered 15 children. Sadly, she passed away the week before moving into the new home. The Pewee Valley Historical Society has since decided to present the following certificate:

Award for Design Excellence

The Klosterman house sensitively references the neighborhood's historic architectural style, proportions, scale, and setback in the highly upgraded landmark property. This well conceived and executed improvement represents both an asset and a credit to the Pewee Valley community.

Signed by: Suzanne Schimpler, Pewee Valley Historical Society and Mayor Bob Rogers

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Filippini (Tree Board): Greg Rose and Jim Brewer are in the process of marking trees for winter removal.

Bethany Major (Town Hall/Festivities): *Yule Log and Summer Festival/Picnic* - The date has been set for the annual Yule Log: December

13th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The 2010 Summer Festival/Picnic date has been pushed back a week (from end of July) to August 7, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Bethany has already booked The Monarchs for this date.)

Pewee Valley Caboose - Bethany reported that she has received a bid for \$4,150 (labor and prep) to paint the Pewee Valley Caboose. The paint has been donated. The work can start this week if approved.

Pewee Valley Resident ID Stickers - Bethany reported at the September 10th meeting that she has received a few requests from residents to reinstate the car stickers for Pewee Valley. The stickers are simply for identification of vehicles belonging to Pewee residents. Bethany has obtained sample sizes and prices (\$700 for 1,000 stickers).

Carol Akers (Public Safety):

Lighting - Carol reported she had a light removed on Rollington that was shining into a resident's home. Another resident expressed concern about the removal and after several conversations, Carol offered to put the light in another location. This, hopefully, will resolve the matter to the resident's satisfaction.

Historical Signs - Carol reported that when she was originally told the process for getting historical signs restored or replaced would take up to a year. She planned to follow up in a couple more months. Mayor Rogers suggested that Carol contact Senator Harris in the meantime.

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

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Amy Johnson (Sidewalks/Communications): *Sidewalks* - Amy reported that Mel Milburn, City Engineer, has filed some of the permits and has met with contractors. We have yet to receive the permit from the state for the sidewalk from Rollington, going up Central.

Communications - Updates to the website continue. The Water Quality page is up and running and contains the Water Quality Hotline number: 241-8343, option 1.

Park - Amy reported only one bid was received from the three solicited. Michael Smiley of Environs (a former resident of Pewee Valley) responded to our bid request. Environs is the company that is responsible for the Barringer Hill project in Cherokee Park; they do a lot of landscape design with native plants, etc. Amy further reported that she would like a group including Bethany and one other to review how to fit the proposal into our budget, get a master plan for the Park, and get some work on it done this year. Mayor Rogers stated that John Maleug came in earlier this evening and said he has worked with this firm before;

they are an excellent firm and thought it was a great idea for us to work with them (Environs also works with grants and know where to look for them). It was mentioned that there is money budgeted for the Park (\$10,000) and Water Quality (\$23,000) that can be used as well. The Park is part of the Water Quality plan. Dick Filippini raised some concern regarding the amount of expense just for design work. (Amy received only one bid---the others who were asked to bid did not respond). Dana Barrette stated that we need to get the smaller group together, work with the architect, and figure how to split the Park into two projects. We have to get something going because of the Water Quality mandate deadlines. When we budgeted, \$10,000 was used as a place holder for the Park because we didn't know how much to budget.

Will Chambers (Waste Management/Mowing): No report given.

Bob Rogers (Police/Roads): The Mayor is meeting with the contractor tomorrow to start work on installing a concrete curb at Elm & Maple. He is also in the process of getting excavation pricing for Cherry. There are several bad spots where there is sub-grade failure. The plan is to put down

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gravel and a base coat of asphalt, let it set through the winter then put the final coat on next Spring. Mayor Rogers reported that the City has plenty of road salt for the winter.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading, Ordinance 10, Series 2009, An Ordinance Setting Certain Standards For Competitive Bidding For Projects In Which Federal Funds Are Used—City Attorney, John Singler presented the ordinance we need in order to do the sidewalk project where federal funds are contributed. The ordinance says that if we use federal funds we will comply with 23CFR 635, which is a contract award procedure. This is a one-time use of federal funds on the sidewalk project. This is a second reading by summary by council. Dick Filippini motioned to accept the ordinance, seconded by Dana Barrette. A roll call vote was taken. All Council Members voted in favor.

Mayor's Night In is scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Oldham County Planning and Development Update: Paul Culbertson reported the Commission met September 22, 2009 with a hearing of a preliminary development plan for Apple Patch Community for 22 yarded homes and 40 apartments (6+ acres) on Highway 329. The Community will retain the land and will get 6 of the units for their own sale and use. The Commission passed the plan 13 to 0.

Other items before the Commission were: road and drainage problems at Springhouse Estates in LaGrange (home owners attended the session and the builder, Mike Monsour agreed to work with the County Engineer to take corrective actions.) Also, the Commission received a request for the extension of two developments (first Heather Green---off of Cedar Point in Buckner; and the second Chapman Townhomes in Crestwood.)

The next Commission Meeting is October 27, 2009. The Commission will review a revised plan for a vet clinic, dog kennel and dog park on Highway 146 in Crestwood (before the 329 by-pass on

left hand side). There will also be a revised preliminary subdivision plan for six lots on 186 acres on Spear Lane in Crestwood.

Speed Humps on Mt. Mercy - The City will be installing temporary speed humps on Mt. Mercy in front of The Little Colonel Playhouse, Norton Medical Associates, and Town Hall. The temporary speed humps can be taken up in winter months to allow for plowing snow. Dick Filippini responded that he walks Mt. Mercy quite a bit and, even though the speed limit was lowered to 15 mph, motorists are still speeding through the area. The Council asked Chief Losik his opinion on the effectiveness of lowering speed limits, speed humps, etc. The Chief responded that he would like to see some type of petition from the residents who will be affected by lower speed limits and speed humps. The City will first place the temporary speed humps on Mt. Mercy, with signs, place the information in The Call of the Pewee and request extra police patrols from the County.

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

OLDHAM COUNTY TRAILS

Thanks to Greenways for Oldham County, we now have a new system of trails going in at Wendell Moore Park!

The first phase includes 1 mile, 1/2 mile and 1/4 mile loop trails accessed from the gravel parking lot off Jones Drive (near Oldham County Animal Control and directly behind the Recycling Center). Work on phases two and three will begin soon.

LETTERS FROM SANTA

The Oldham County Parks and Recreation Department has made arrangements with the North Pole Post Office to have Santa contact your child by mail during the holiday season. Due to Santa's busy holiday schedule, letters can only be mailed December 1-15. Call 225-0655 for info.

RECYCLE SERVICE

ID has now switched from recycle bins to 65 gallon carts. Pewee residents were notified in advance of this change prior to the October 21st implementation date. For those households who currently recycle, if you failed to leave your old bin out on that date, or if you don't currently recycle and wish to do so, contact Customer Service at 638-9000.

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DATE	ACTIVITY	FOR INFORMATION
REGISTER NOW	Adult Men & Coed Volleyball Leagues - Play begins last week of January. Fee of \$150 per team.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Mon, Nov 2	7 pm - Pewee Valley Town Council Meeting.	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Nov 12-15 Nov 20-22	Dinner With Friends - Comedy/drama. Winter of the 2000 Pulitzer Prize. Thursday, Friday, Saturday performances at 8:00 pm. Sundays at 2:30 pm. Adults \$15; Seniors and Students \$12.	Little Colonel Playhouse Reservations 588-1557
Sat, Nov 14	12:30-2:30 pm - Terrarium Workshop - Includes terrarium, 5 plants. \$45 members/\$55 non-members.	Yew Dell Gardens 241-4788
Nov 15-16	7 pm - Little Colonel Auditions - <i>The Night of January 16.</i>	Little Colonel Players 241-9906
Thurs, Nov 19	7 - 9 pm - Concert in the Dell - Harry Pickens Trio (jazz). \$12 members/ \$15 non-members.	Yew Dell Gardens 241-4788
Tues, Nov 24	7 pm - Mayor's Night In.	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343



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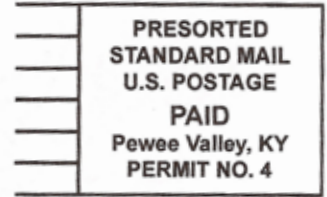
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