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## Septic Systems What to Do after the Flood

Spring showers oftentimes bring more than spring flowers. While Pewee Valley has fortunately escaped major flooding, many of us have experienced a pooling of water in low areas on our property. This article, from the Environmental Protection Agency, provides tips on what to do with regards to your septic system, after flooding.

Once floodwaters have receded, there are several things homeowners should remember:

- Do not drink well water until it is tested. Contact your local health department.
- Do not use the sewage system until water in the soil absorption field is lower than the water level around the house.
- Have your septic tank professionally inspected and serviced if you suspect damage. Signs of damage include settling or an inability to accept water. Most septic tanks are not damaged by flooding since they are below ground and completely covered. However, septic tanks and pump chambers can fill with silt and debris, and must be professionally cleaned. If the soil absorption field is clogged with silt, a new system may have to be installed.
- Only trained specialists should clean or repair septic tanks because tanks may contain dangerous gases. Contact your health department for a list of septic system contractors who work in your area.
- If sewage has backed up into the basement, clean the area and disinfect the floor. Use chlorine solution

of a half cup of chlorine bleach to each gallon of water to disinfect the area thoroughly.

- Pump the septic system as soon as possible after the flood. Be sure to pump both the tank and lift station. This will remove silt and debris that may have washed into the system. Do not pump the tank during flooded or saturated drainfield conditions. At best, pumping the tank is only a temporary solution. Under worst conditions, pumping it out could cause the tank to try to float out of the ground and may damage the inlet and outlet pipes.
- Do not compact the soil over the soil absorption field by driving or operating equipment in the area. Saturated soil is especially susceptible to compaction, which can reduce the soil absorption field's ability to treat wastewater and lead to system failure.
- Examine all electrical connections for damage before restoring electricity.
- Be sure the septic tank's manhole cover is secure and that inspection ports have not been blocked or damaged.
- Check the vegetation over your septic tank and soil absorption field. Repair erosion damage and sod or reseed areas as necessary to provide turf grass cover.

*This article is a reprint from the [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov) website. Please contact your local health department for additional advice and assistance.*

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## APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, April 8, 2013. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Henry Walser, Rex Florence, Will Chambers, Bethany Major, Dick Filippini, and Norman Schippert. Also in attendance were John Singler, City Attorney and Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The Profit Loss Year-to-Date Actual and Comparison reports and Balance Sheet through March 2013 from the City Treasurer were distributed to Council Members.

## OPEN COMMENTS

Jim Allison asked the Council about a skateboarding ordinance (possibly from 20 years ago). John Singler will check the most current Ordinance Code.

Dr. Manta Loster from the Pewee Valley Veterinary Center asked what is being done about parking in the curve on Central Avenue. The State's placement of the no parking signs has made the issue even worse. Dr. Loster stated that drivers are coming around the curve at speeds higher than they should.

Mayor Rogers responded that Chief Larimore is in contact with the State to review the sign placements and other options (painting fog lines, stop bars, etc.). Drivers are now parking further up into the curve and making it even more dangerous. The City is asking the State to lower the speed limit on Central from the railroad crossing to Rosswood Drive. The residents of this community have made it clear they do not like speeders and the danger to pedestrians it brings.

Chief Larimore is setting up an appointment with the KYTC to address the signs and speed limit. He has done an informal speed survey at the location and found very few people are going 40 mph---most slow down because of the curve.

Bethany Major requested the State also consider stop bars at the Rosswood and Peace Lane stop signs on Central.

Dr. Loster also inquired about the drainage across Highway 146 in front of the old bank building. The State cleaned out the pipe a couple of years ago, however, the pipe is too small to drain the amount of water that comes from that area properly. This is a State right-of-way.

## POLICE REPORT

*Chief Larimore* - There was a burglary last week off Ash Avenue (just outside the City limits). Everyone is reminded to be watchful of surroundings. Chief Larimore is offering home security surveys to Pewee Valley residents. Contact Chief Larimore (640-9664 or 241-8343) if you would like to schedule an appointment for him to survey your home, check locks, and offer suggestions for improving security.

We are continuing to provide assistance with signing up for Code Red to residents without a home computer or internet access. Code Red is a valuable resource for emergency alerts to your home and cell phone numbers. If you have not signed-up with Code Red, you can follow the link from the City's webpage ([www.peweevalleyky.org](http://www.peweevalleyky.org)). Contact Chief Larimore or Town Hall (241-8343) if you need assistance.

The Code Red alert system is activated by the National Weather Service when there is a tornado warning. There were some concerns of residents hearing the sirens in eastern Jefferson County, but not in Pewee Valley. The NWS now uses com-

puter models and databases to more accurately predict the path as well as the distance of a tornado. They can now project out what they think the scope of the storm will be, and continually alert sirens if the storm grows.

In March, the following activity occurred:

Traffic Stops – 145	Criminal Invest. – 4
Complaints – 29	Accident Invest. – 2
Motorist Assist – 13	Warnings – 88
Citations – 60	School Patrol – 48
Code Enforcement – 19	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are at the start of tornado season. Everyone should have a week's worth of food and water, flashlight, fresh batteries, and a list of medications with someone at another location.

## PWV FIRE DISTRICT REPORT

There will be an election for a resident Board member on Saturday, June 22nd, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Fire Station 1, 8607 Foley Avenue.

With regard to the Special Taxing Districts, Dick Filippini stated that these districts are required to present their budget to the Magistrates. The County Magistrates do not have authority over



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the budget, but it does have to be presented. The budget and the audit are public documents and have to be published.

### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

**Dick Filippini** (Tree Board): The Arbor Day Celebration will be held Friday, April 26th, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in front of Town Hall.

**Rex Florence** (Insurance/Water Quality): The 2012 Annual Stormwater Report to the Kentucky Division of Water has been completed and submitted.

**Henry Walser** (Public Safety/Communication/Website): Henry reported there are poles on Highway 146 and Central that need to be taken down. He also wanted to remind everyone that the County-Wide Burn Ban begins May 1st.

**Bethany Major** (Festivities/Town Hall/Park): The cobblestone pathway edgers for the park walkway have been received. The contractor bids

for the walkway construction are due Wednesday, April 10th.

A Movie in the Park, is on the calendar for June 1st.

**Norman Schippert** (Sidewalks): Repairs to the sidewalk on Ash Avenue have been completed.

**Will Chambers** (Waste Management/Mowing): Everything is working well with Industrial Disposal services.

**Bob Rogers** (Police/Roads): Houston Lane will be repaved this summer. The next project will probably be Rebel or Mt. Mercy. Norman Schippert noted that Muirs Lane is rough again, with several large pot-holes. Mayor Rogers will look into bridging the pot-holes and asphaltting over those sections.

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## OLD BUSINESS

### *Ordinance Addressing Abandoned Properties*

– Laura Eichenberger will provide copies of the Oldham County ordinance(s) to the City Council and the Planning & Development Comprehensive Plan meeting date and times. The Council will review and discuss again at the May 6th meeting.

*1st Reading: Ordinance 3, Series 2013, FY 2012/2013 Budget Amendment*—John Singler presented the second reading by summary. Under “Revenue,” “Grants” increased \$10,000, and “Total Funds” increased \$10,000. Under “Expenditures,” “Central Park” increased \$10,000, “Environmental Improvements” increased \$6,000, “Police” increased \$27,000, and “Estimated Reserves Year End” decreased \$33,000.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance 3, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Amendment. A roll call vote was taken, with all Council Members voting in favor.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Rogers recited the Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming Friday, April 26th, 2013 Arbor Day in the City of Pewee Valley. An Arbor Day Celebration will be held Friday, April 26th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in front of Town Hall.

*Sign Permit Application* - An application was submitted for the St. Aloysius Woman’s Club Arts & Crafts Fair on October 26, 2013. A motion was made and seconded, with all Council Members voting in favor.

*1st Reading Ordinance 4, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget* - John Singler presented the first reading of Ordinance 4 by summary. Total Revenue Funds: \$997,510. Total Expenditures: \$997,510. A motion to approve the introduction of Ordinance 4, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Budget was made and seconded, with all Council Members voting in favor.

*1st Reading Ordinance 5, Series 2013, Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Property Tax Rate* - John Singler presented the first reading of Ordinance 5 by sum-

mary. The ad valorem and personal property tax rates for the fiscal year 2013/2014 is fixed at the rate of \$0.1439 per \$100 valuation of property as assessed for taxation. Said tax shall be due as follows: through October 31st, 2013, face amount less 5% discount for early payment; from November 1st to 30th, face amount of bill. After December 1st, 2013, face amount of bill plus seven percent penalty, plus continuing interest thereon at the rate of one percent per month beginning January 1st, 2014 until paid in full.

Dick Filippini stated that when the reserves are back up, he would like the discount rate reinstated.

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# CREATING AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

A sampling of items to consider in preparing your own kit.

√ Check off items as you add them to your emergency preparedness home kit or mobile kit

	Home Kit	Mobile Kit
<b>STARTER KIT – These items* are included in the Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Kit – at redcross.org. They are great mobile kits and can be used as starter kits for home preparedness.</b>		
*Nylon backpack		
*Personal First Aid Kit (with instructions)		
*Battery powered flashlight (batteries included)		
*Battery powered radio (batteries included)		
*Emergency blanket		
*Work gloves		
*Rain poncho		
*Breathing mask		
*Whistle		
*12-hour light sticks (3)		
*Moist towelettes (6)		
*Plastic sheeting (9' X 12')		
*Roll of duct tape		
*Water (2 qts)		
*Water container (2.5 gal)		
*Food bars (4800 calories total)		
<b>BASIC NEEDS</b>		
Light air-tight container(s) to store supplies		
Airtight plastic bags		
Candles/Matches/Lighter (stored in waterproof bag)		
Compact multi-tool (Gerber brand recommended)		
Fire extinguisher		
Additional batteries		
Blankets/sleeping bags/pillows		
<b>PERSONAL/HYGIENE</b>		
Towels/washcloths		
Toilet paper		
5-gallon buckets (with air-tight lids)		
Soap		
Unscented bleach		

	Home Kit	Mobile Kit
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS - INFANTS/TODDLERS</b>		
Diapers		
Bottles/formula		
Baby foods		
Medicines		
Pacifiers		
Toys		
Bed/carrier seat/playpen		
Identification		
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS - ELDERLY</b>		
Walkers/canes		
Hearing aids		
Medicines		
Other personal/medical necessities:		
Special medical instructions:		
Special foods		
Identification		
<b>SPECIAL NEEDS - PETS</b>		
Food		
Water bowls		
Treats		
Medication		
Leash		
Play toys		
Pet carrier		
Scooper for waste		
Bed		
Identification		



A motion was made to approve the introduction of Ordinance 5, Series 2013, An Ordinance Establishing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014. The motion was seconded, with all Council Members voted in favor.

### OPEN COMMENTS

The remaining Study Review Committee meetings for updating the Oldham County Comprehensive Plan are Thursday, April 18th, 5:00 p.m., and Thursday, April 23rd, 9:00 a.m. at the Fiscal Court Building in LaGrange. Harry Hoffer is the Pewee Valley representative. Anyone may attend the meetings and speak. Following the April 23rd meeting, the draft Plan will go to Fiscal Court and cities to adopt.

Magistrate Logsdon stated he is committed to getting the sidewalk along Highway 146 from Foley Avenue to the Oldham/Jefferson County line.

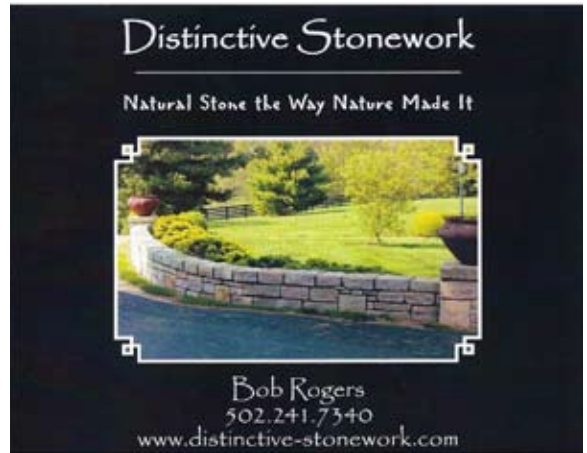
Upon approval of payment of outstanding bills, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

### LOST & FOUND

A set of keys on a silver medallion was found on Mt. Mercy in the area near Norton's, Town Hall, Little Colonel. The owner can call Town Hall and identify what type of vehicle key it is.

### FAMILY FUN & FITNESS FAIR

The South Oldham Rotary Club, Baptist Health Lagrange and Norton Healthcare are sponsoring a Family Fun & Fitness Fair on May 11th 10-2 pm at Crestwood Elementary School, 6500 W. Hwy 146, Crestwood. This FREE fun-filled, educational festival is intended to promote healthy living and fitness among youth and their families. Children will participate in various physical activities to test their skills and be introduced to new ones. Contact Dave Lindsey 502.262.5938 to ask about participation. More info [www.southoldhamrotary.org](http://www.southoldhamrotary.org) or facebook.



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The shelter can always use: dog, kitten and cat food, kitty litter, hard chew toys like Nylabones and Kongs, Adam's flea spray, Frontline, Revolution or Topspot for flea control, laundry detergent, dish detergent, Clorox or bleach, air fresheners/deodorizers. Contact the Oldham County Animal Shelter at 222-7387 to help.



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DATE	ACTIVITY	FOR INFORMATION
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SIGN UP NOW	<b>Youth Golf &amp; Tennis Lessons</b> - Summer 2013 classes forming now.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
SIGN UP NOW	<b>Adult Co-Ed Kickball League</b> - Registration for summer league has begun. Friday evening games begin May 31 at Wendell Moore Park and includes a 7 game schedule plus single-elimination tournament. \$150 for team of 10 players.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
SIGN UP NOW	<b>USSA Softball League</b> - Registration for summer men's and coed softball leagues has begun. Season includes a 10 game schedule plus single-elimination tournament. \$425/team.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Mon, Wed & Thurs	6:30 -7:30 pm - <b>Zumba Fitness Class</b> - JW Black Center, \$4 per class drop-in; \$3 each with purchase of 10 classes.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Tuesdays & Thursdays	9:30 am – <b>Silver Sneakers</b> – Senior citizen muscular strength & range of movement aerobic style classes at John W. Black Community Center.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Sat, May 4	10 am - <b>Wildflower Hikes</b> - Free educational hike at the Morgan Conservation Park.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Mon, May 6	7 pm - <b>Pewee Valley Town Council Meeting.</b>	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Mon, May 20	7 pm - <b>Pewee Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting</b> - 8607 Foley Ave, Pewee Valley	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Tues, May 28	7 pm - <b>Mayor's Night In</b>	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Sat, June 1 Sun, June 2	<b>Kids Fishing Derby</b> - Spend the day fishing with your kids at Wendell Moore Park. Free fishing weekend for the kids - they will not need a fishing license. Parks & Recreation has a few poles - first come, first served. Prize for largest fish caught.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655

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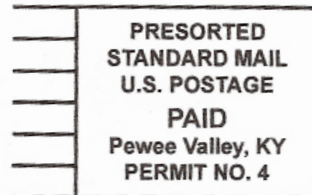
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