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Educating the Public Impervious surface/NPS pollution.

Only 10% of the nation's waters are polluted by "point sources," such as discharge from industrial plants and wastewater treatment facilities. Most waters are polluted by "nonpoint sources," the contaminants that rain washes off land, pavement and roofs and are carried into streams.

The percentage of land covered by impervious surfaces – which are any surfaces that prevent water from soaking down into the soil – is a reliable indicator of water quality. With less than 10% impervious surface, water quality is usually good. Impervious surface between 10% and 25% has a noticeable impact on water quality. With more than 25% impervious surface, water quality is seriously degraded.

Paved roads, parking lots, roofs, sidewalks, driveways, patios, basketball, and tennis courts are all impervious surfaces.

Pervious surfaces permit the soil to process contaminants naturally, as water seeps through the ground. Impervious surfaces tend to collect contaminants on the surface and release them when it rains. This effect is best illustrated by observing road conditions during a rain after a long dry spell. During the first half hour of the rain, most of the oils and contaminants are washed off, and, while wet, the pavement is can be very slippery.

Undeveloped land has little or no impervious surface, and about 10% of the rain that falls on these areas runs off.



Suburban areas range from 25% to 50% impervious surface. About 55% of the rain that falls on suburban land runs off.

Urban areas can have up to 95% or more impervious surface. Most of the rain that falls on urban land runs off.



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JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on the alternate meeting date, Wednesday, January 4, 2012, due to the New Year's Holiday. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Henry Walser, Otis "Rex" Florence, Will Chambers, Norman Schippert, Bethany Major, and Dick Filippini. Also in attendance were John Singler, City Attorney and Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Rex Florence reported that the bank accounts are balanced.

OPEN COMMENTS

Zack Logan reported a Block Watch meeting was held with Deputy Meece of the Oldham County Sheriff's Office giving the presentation. The organizers of the Block Watch are in contact with about 75% of the residents within the Block Watch streets, and request four "Block Watch" signs to be placed at each end/corner of Maple and Colonel, Cherry and Rebel; and a total of 100 "Block Watch" residential stickers (two per residence). The Block Watch group is requesting the cost for the signs and stickers be covered by the City. (Deputy Meece noted that a roll of 50 stickers is approximately \$14.00.) Bethany Major and Henry Walser both offered to pay for the cost of the stickers from one of their budgets (Public Safety or Town Hall).

Leslie Lamp thanked the Council for the Yule Log Celebration. The event was fun and well attended.

David Kozal reported one of the two "Limited Vision" signs on Houston Lane is missing. He requested the sign be replaced. Mr. Kozal also asked about adding another sign on the north end of Houston Lane.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report given.

POLICE REPORT

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. Now as we take the decorations down it's time to focus on the year ahead. Although it's been mild to this point, we still have a lot of winter in front of us. Be careful in the snow and ice while walking or driving. Take time to check on your neighbors to be sure they are okay. If you use fireplaces or other various types of heaters for supplemental warmth be sure to follow all safety instructions. Let's make 2012 a good year for each and every one of us.

In December, the following activity occurred:

Traffic Stops – 50	Warning Citations – 15
House Watches – 45	Accident Reports – 1
Citations Issued – 18	Routine Patrol Hours – 156.5
Criminal Reports – 2	Arrests – 2
Radar Hours – 19	Signs Removed – 1
Citizen Contacts – 94	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Break-ins are up substantially in Oldham County. The extra police patrols in the City are helping.

Chief Losik was asked by the Pewee Valley Woman's Club to give a presentation at the January meeting on ideas on how to protect homes and property while away. There were further questions and discussion regarding regular Block Watch informational meetings for the whole community. For a Block Watch to be successful, it requires the cooperation and dedication of residents to be the eyes for the police. Bethany Major requested that information be included in *The Call of the Pewee*.

Oldham County Recycling Center: After Christmas Special, Saturday, January 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 3943 Jones Drive, Buckner. Residents are encouraged to recycle obsolete electronics including: computers, cameras, scanners, game systems, TVs, cell phones, VCRs, and DVD players.

Friendship Manor has decided not to pursue their sign permit request.

Stantec, Inc., an engineering firm for storm water (water quality), is working on an application from the City of a \$40,000 grant for pervious parking in Town Square. The application deadline is January 31, 2012.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Dick Filippini (Tree Board): The Tree Board awarded the winter tree removal contract to Beechwood Tree & Garden (the low bidder). Beechwood has begun working throughout the City. Peter Barber with the Kentucky Division of Forestry assisted the Tree Board with identifying and prioritizing trees to be removed. (Trees are marked throughout the City with a yellow "X".)

Dick Filippini asked Norman Schippert to talk with Beechwood about removing trees now for the North Central Avenue sidewalk continuation; expected to resume in the spring. The City may get a better price on the tree removal if it is included with the winter tree removals.

Henry Walser (Public Safety/Communication): The utilities have been removed from the poles



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that will come down. Mayor Rogers asked Henry to follow-up about getting those poles removed and to follow-up with resident Carol Akers regarding LG&E lines added to a pole in front of her property.

Henry and Bethany will work together on updating the City's website.

Bethany Major (Festivities/Town Hall/Park): Bethany thanked everyone for a great Yule Log. The event worked out well—even when the Fire Department had to go on two runs. The next festivity is the 2012 Summer Picnic, Saturday, July 28, 2012, 6 to 10 p.m.

Mayor Rogers thanked Bethany for doing such a great job with the Yule Log.

Rex Florence (Insurance/Water Quality): The City's insurance is current and paid. Nothing has changed with the water quality program other than the grant application mentioned under Announcements.

Norman Schippert (Sidewalks): No report.

Will Chambers (Waste Management/Mowing): The current contract expires this year.

Bethany asked about including holiday dates for garbage pick-up on the City's website.

Bob Rogers (Police/Roads): Mayor Rogers thanked Glenn Rowland for being out to clear the roads Monday night when the snowstorm came through Pewee Valley. He noted that the City has not had to use salt yet this winter season.

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NEW BUSINESS

First Reading, Ordinance 8, Series 2012, FY 2011/2012 Budget Amendment—John Singler. City Attorney, John Singler, presented the first reading by summary. The budget amendment is to add \$5,000 from the grant awarded to the City from the Kentucky State Forestry Division to the general fund. The Tree Board budget is increased \$5,000.

A motion was made to accept the first reading of Ordinance 8, Series 2012, An Ordinance Amending the budget for the City of Pewee Valley for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 and Ending June 30, 2012, seconded with all Council members voting in favor.

Authorization to Sign Extension Agreements Regarding Franchise Extension Insight Cable via Jefferson County Cable Commission—John Singler. The Jefferson County Cable Commission is an organization that collectively negotiates the franchise agreement(s) with cable providers. The JCCC is negotiating with Insight Cable to extend the current Agreement for another year.



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A motion to authorize the signing of Franchise Extension Agreements with Insight Cable via the Jefferson County Cable Commission was made and seconded with all Council members voting in favor.

Oldham County Dollars for Scholars. The City of Pewee Valley participated in the Dollars for Scholars program in 2011. Participation for 2012 was not included in the City's budget for the current fiscal year (2011/2012). Bethany Major will meet with Laura Eichenberger regarding the OCDS notification received. The issue was tabled until the February Council Meeting.

Speeding on Mt. Mercy—Dick Filippini. Dick Filippini raised concern over the safety of pedestrians (walkers, runners) and bicyclists on Mt. Mercy Drive. He noted vehicle traffic speeding down Mt. Mercy is worse during the school year. The posted speed limit on Mt. Mercy is 15 mph and Chief Losik reported that the average speed seems to be 23 mph. The Chief also noted that approximately 65% of speeding citations in Pewee Valley are for residents. Dick noted that

the temporary speed hump on Mt. Mercy in front of Town Hall has helped to slow cars down. Mayor Rogers suggested concentrating radar on Mt. Mercy and if that doesn't work, then the Council will consider installing speed humps.

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

PEWEE PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- James and Tina Marquardt to Christopher and Eliabeth Piper, 205 Rebel Drive, \$226,000
- Federal National Mortgage Assn to Tim and Dianne Sublette, 111 Sedley Court, \$375,000

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Pewee resident Mary Wright passed away on December 17th in The Villages, Florida. A member of St. James Episcopal Church, Mary was a former member of the Pewee Valley Women's Club. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to her family.

IRISH GARDEN TOUR

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The club will meet to discuss the following books:

- February 11: "Shadows on Society Hill: An Addy Mystery"
- March 10: "Meet Josephina"
- April 28: American Girl Book Club wrap party and fashion show

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DATE	ACTIVITY	FOR INFORMATION
SIGN UP NOW	Adult Co-Ed Kickball League - League play begins June 1st at Wendell Moore Park. \$150 for a team of ten players. 7 games plus single elimination tournament.	O.C. Parks & Recreation 225-0655
Mon, Feb 6	7 pm - Pewee Valley Town Council Meeting.	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Feb 9-11 Feb 17-18	Something to Hide - British thriller set in a charming English country house. 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, Feb 11	6:30 - 10:30 pm - Valentines Sweetheart Dance - Pewee Valley Presbyterian Church. Dinner Dancing, Door Prizes and Silent Auction. \$25 per person. Childcare is available.	Pewee Valley Pres. Church 241-4326
Wed, Feb 15	Pewee Valley Women's Club - Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month throughout the school year. 9:30 coffee; 10:00 business meeting; with a speaker and lunch following.	PWV Women's Club 241-4857
Mon, Feb 19	7 pm - Pewee Valley Fire District Board Meeting - 8607 Foley Avenue	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-0025
Tues, Feb 28	7 pm - Mayor's Night In	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343

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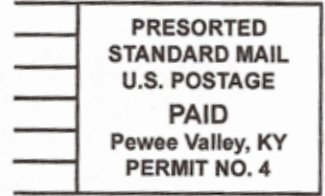
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