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## SEPTIC SYSTEM FAILURES

Pouring household and home improvement chemicals down your drains, flushing garbage down toilets, excessive water use, and failure to provide proper maintenance aren't the only culprits for septic system failure. Take note of these additional causes of septic failure:

### *Hot tubs*

Hot tubs may be a great way to relax, but when it comes to emptying them, your septic system should be avoided. Emptying a hot tub into your septic system stirs the solids in the tank, pushing them into the drainfield, causing it to clog and fail.

Drain cooled hot tub water onto turf or landscaped areas far away from your septic tank and drainfield, and in accordance with local regulations. Use the same caution when draining swimming pools.

### *Water purification and softening systems*

Some freshwater purification systems, including water softeners, unnecessarily pump water into septic systems. Such systems can send hundreds of gallons of water to septic tanks, causing agitation of solids and excess flow to drainfields. When researching water purification and softening systems, check with a licensed plumbing professional about alternative routing for such treatment systems.

### *Garbage disposals*

Consider eliminating or limit the use of garbage disposals. While convenient, frequent use of garbage disposals significantly increases the accumulation of sludge and scum in septic tanks, resulting in the need for more frequent pumping.

### *Improper design or installation*

The proper design and installation of a septic system is essential for it to correctly function. A home's groundwater table, soil composition, and a properly leveled drainfield are just a few factors to ensure a well-functioning septic system. Be sure to do your research when hiring septic professionals.

### ***Failure symptoms: Mind the signs!***

A foul odor isn't always the first sign of a malfunctioning septic system. Call a septic professional if you notice any of the following:

- Wastewater backing up into household drains.
- Bright green, spongy grass on the drainfield, even during dry weather.
- Pooling water or muddy soil around your septic system or in your basement.
- A strong odor around the septic tank and drainfield.

Mind the signs of a failing system. One call to a septic professional could save you thousands of dollars!

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## JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council of Pewee Valley, Kentucky was held on Monday, January 4, 2016. In attendance were Mayor Bob Rogers, Council Members Henry Walser, Rex Florence, Norman Schippert, Bethany Major, and Dick Filippini. Also in attendance were John Singler, City Attorney and Laura Eichenberger, City Clerk.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The Profit & Loss vs. Actual, and Balance Sheet through January 2, 2016 reports from the Treasurer were distributed in the Council Member meeting packets.

### OPEN COMMENTS

Carolyn Smither, CASA Director, presented a plaque to the City of Pewee Valley, thanking the community for hosting the annual CASA Super Hero 5K Run on Halloween morning. Throughout the year, Pewee Valley residents have donated food, clothing, coats, hats, and bicycles to children in crisis.

### POLICE REPORT

Chief Larimore reported things are going well in Pewee Valley. There have been no major issues throughout the month.

#### Total police activity for November:

Traffic Stops – 239	Code Enforcement – 12
Complaints – 16	Criminal Invest. – 4
Motorist Assist – 5	Warnings – 197
Citations – 48	School Patrols – 46
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rogers thanked the Head Trust Fund for awarding a grant for the 2016 Concert in the Park Series.

## COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

**Dick Fillippini**(Public Safety): No report

**Henry Walser** (Communication/Website): No report.

**Norman Schippert** (Sidewalks): No report.


**Rex Florence** (Finance/Insurance/Storm Water): No report.

**Bethany Major** (Town Hall/Festivities/Park): Bethany thanked everyone for the Yule Log. It was a great night.

Mayor Rogers stated the City is reserving a booth for the 2016 Oldham County Day, Saturday, July 16, 2016. Volunteers are needed for the booth. Bethany Major and Norman Schippert agreed to volunteer.

**Bob Rogers** (Roads & Drainage/Tree Board): Mayor Rogers reported after the heavy amount of rain last week, Town Hall did not flood. The City has plenty of salt for any ice and snow weather for the season.

**Tracey Williams** (Environmental Board): No report.



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## OLD BUSINESS

*Sign Permit Application: Herdt Motor "Coca Cola" sign:* Following discussion and further review of the permit application last month, John Singler determined that the "Coca Cola" sign falls under the Oldham County Outdoor Sales Area section of the land development code. A City sign permit is not necessary.

## NEW BUSINESS

Included in the Council's packet is a list of roads in Pewee Valley that LG&E will be performing pole replacement, tree trimming, and maintenance. The timeframe of the work has not yet been determined.

*Discussion Regarding Alcohol Sales In Oldham County and How It Pertains to Pewee Valley:* Mayor Rogers stated the election for alcohol sales in Oldham County passed. Out of the 47,862 registered Oldham County voters, about 12% voted. In the Pewee Valley precinct, 142 voted in favor and 89 against.

He has already received an inquiry about selling alcohol in the City. City Attorney, John Singler is looking into what can be done. The



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property in question is already zoned allowing for liquor sales.

The County will appoint a board to grant liquor licenses and locations. Control for Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) regulations is the local administrator, who by default, is the County Judge Executive.

John Singler stated that Pewee Valley may not have enough population to have its own local administrator, which would allow the City to regulate alcohol sales through appropriate ordinance.

John Singler will further research the issue and discussion will continue at the February 1st Council Meeting.

## OPEN COMMENTS

There was no response to the call for open comments.

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

## VEHICLE BREAK-INS

Since the last Town Council Meeting, there has been a rash of vehicle break-ins County-wide and now in Pewee Valley and surrounding areas. All of the break-ins involved were of UNLOCKED VEHICLES. Please take the time to lock your vehicles. Keep valuables in a secure location.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Whiskey Bent Valley Boys will perform in the Park, Sunday, May 15th, 5 to 8 pm, and Sunday, September 25th, 5 to 8 pm.

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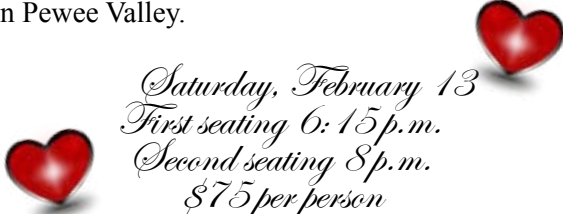
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## HEART AND HOPE VALENTINE'S DINNER IN PEWEE VALLEY

Come dine in the heart of Pewee Valley and enjoy a spectacular culinary experience prepared by one of Louisville's premier chefs.

A private Valentine's Dinner to benefit Hope for the Children of Haiti will be held at 314 Exchange, 314 Mt. Mercy Drive (next to Town Hall) in Pewee Valley.



*Saturday, February 13  
First seating 6:15 p.m.  
Second seating 8 p.m.  
\$75 per person  
includes four-course dinner  
and wine pairing*

The dinner will be specially prepared by Chef Jason Jones of Sublime Cuisine. Entree choices are Pan Roasted Chilean Sea Bass or Braised Angus Beef Short Ribs.

**Hope for the Children of Haiti's** primary mission is to care for the 70 children in its orphanage and to serve the surrounding community by providing a high-quality education and hot meals to more than 400 students. But our commitment to these children goes beyond providing basic necessities. We strive to show God's love through a caring and nurturing environment. To learn how you can support their ministry, visit [www.hfchaiti.org](http://www.hfchaiti.org).

For information and reservations contact Mary Smith at [msmith@grinsteadgroup.com](mailto:msmith@grinsteadgroup.com) or 502-930-1535.

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## HISTORICAL HOME

The Oldham County Historical Society is honoring The Beeches by having a transportation marker placed on the property. There is a ceremony scheduled for July.

## OPEN BURNING

From Feb. 15 - Apr. 30, and Oct. 1 - Dec. 15, burning within 150 feet of any wood-land area is allowed only between 6 p.m. & 6 a.m.

Keep up with what's going on in Pewee Valley.



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The Oldham County Cooperative Extension Service is offering the following classes at its office on Dispatcher's Way in Buckner. Please call Lauren at 502-222-9453 to RSVP for any class you wish to attend.

**STRAW BALE VEGETABLE GARDENING** - Monday, February 8 @ 10:00 – 11:00 am. Learn about a new growing method at this free seminar given by Master Gardener Nanette Dietmeyer.

**DIY BEESWAX & HONEY BATH & BODY PRODUCTS** - Friday, February 12 @ 8:00 pm. Learn how to make bath and body products using beeswax and honey. Demonstration by Lauren Pulz of Single Barrel Soaps. This free demonstration will follow the Oldham Co. Beekeepers 7:00 pm meeting.

**GOOD AG PRACTICES FOR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION** (video training) - Wednesday, February 24 @ 1:30 – 4:30 pm. This video provides participants with information on proper handling, sanitation, and storage for vegetable crops. This free training is required for participation in some farmers markets.

**FARMERS MARKET SCALE CERTIFICATION** - Monday, March 7 @ 9:00 am – 12 noon. Bring in your scales and have them checked for accuracy before the Farmers Market season begins. This is a free service of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

**MASTER GARDENER CLASSES** - Tuesdays, March 15 – May 24 @ 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Cost is \$100. Applications for this program are available in the Extension office. This volunteer training program will give you extensive gardening knowledge to use in your community. A limited number of participants from surrounding counties will be accepted into our program, provided there is agreement to complete certification/volunteer hours in Oldham County.

**SPRING VEGETABLE GARDENING WORKSHOP** - Saturday, March 19 @ 10:00 am – 12 noon. This is a free workshop. Learn about Interpreting Soil Test Reports; Using Soil Amendments, Spring Vegetable Crops; and Growing Your Own Transplants.

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The Conservation District shared this information on scholarships:

**George Crafton Memorial Scholarship** - Awarded to any high school senior that is enrolled to attend college and intends to major in the fields of agriculture or conservation of natural resources. The scholarship is for \$1,000.00

**State Soil Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship** - Awarded to any student enrolled in college who has a declared major in the fields of agriculture or conservation of natural resources. The scholarship is for \$1,000.00

**State Soil Conservation of Natural Resources Scholarship - Betty Barrick / Non-Traditional Students** - Awarded to any student that is at least 25 years old and pursuing an undergraduate degree in agriculture or related natural resources field. The scholarship is for \$1,000.00.

Scholarship applications are available on the Kentucky Division of Conservation Website: <http://conservation.ky.gov/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

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Check out the following 2016 Summer Intern positions:

- The Kentucky Department of Agriculture is offering internships in the hopes of inspiring more young people to explore employment opportunities in the field of agriculture. Resume, cover letter and three references to [jay.hall@ky.gov](mailto:jay.hall@ky.gov) by Friday, February 12th. Call 502-782-4112 for info.
- Foxhollow is seeking two dynamic interns to assist with growing, harvesting and selling market garden products, assisting with events, and making value added products. Phone: (Office) 502-241-9674 or email: [melodie@foxhollow.com](mailto:melodie@foxhollow.com)

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DATE	ACTIVITY	FOR INFORMATION
Mon, Feb 1	7 pm - Pewee Valley Town Council Meeting.	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Mon, Feb 15	7 pm - Pewee Valley Fire Protection District Board Meeting - 8607 Foley Ave, Pewee Valley	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343
Tues, Feb 23	7 pm - Mayor's Night In	Pewee Valley Town Hall 241-8343

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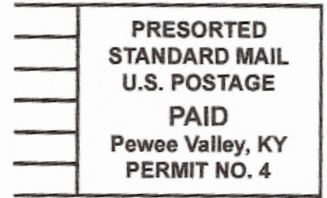
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