



Splash Newsletter, October 2023



*Oktoberfest at the lake was Sept. 30 in keeping with German tradition for start of the festivities! *Hope you were there and carried on into the first day of October...*

Why is Oktoberfest in September?

The festival originated Oct. 12, 1810, to celebrate the marriage of the crown prince of Bavaria (who later became King Louis I) to Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. It all started in Munich, Germany, ending October 17 with a horse race in a field outside the city known as "Theresienwiese" after the new queen. Many Germans just refer to the festival as "Wiesn," or "Meadow."

The celebrations were repeated to mark the couple's anniversary. Over the years the festival grew and horse races went out of focus. Carousels and other carnival trappings appeared. The first beer stands arrived circa 1818. Beer tents and halls popped up in 1896 and eventually evolved into beer buildings, beer gardens, and beer fields well beyond Munich. Beer wagons replaced race horses and no one looked back.

Eventually, it became a tradition for the mayor of Munich to tap the first keg to open the festival, and events started earlier and earlier in the fall so people could take advantage of the longer daylight in the evenings and warmer weather. Nowadays in Munich it is held over a two-week period, ending the first Sunday in October -- to keep with tradition. *And there you have the PVL opportunity to keep the spirit of German tradition!

It's also the time of year when U.S. aficionados turn to maltier beers -- "the cooler, fall weather doesn't really bring to mind hoppy IPA's... Two quintessential German-fest beers found in the U.S. are Ayinger Oktober Fest-Märzen from Ayinger Privatbrauerei and Spaten Oktoberfest Ur-Märzen from Spaten-Franziskaner-Bräu." (*says zacharoobrew.com, beer blogger*)

NOTES: Why is a beer named after March (Märzen) served at a September event named after October, you ask? That's when the beer was historically brewed to be ready in time for the older versions of Oktoberfest; One German, "yungsausage" blogger, says the whole event starts in September because "To be early is to be on time, and we like to be on time."

OFFICIAL EVENTS

- **Friday, Oct. 20, 6:00 PM,** monthly association board meeting, Lodge. All are welcome.
- **Monday, Oct. 23, 5:00 PM,** Monthly Public Water Supply District (PWSD) meeting, Lodge. All are welcome.
- *Campground closes Oct .15*
- *FEMA National Emergency Alert System Test, October 4, 2023, 1:20 pm, CST*
- **VOTE on the 2/3rd change to the bylaws:** the initiative is to change requirement from 2/3rds of entire membership to 2/3rds of actively voting membership.

The vote will be open until April 2024.

[Click here to vote](#)

Attention boaters and jet ski operators!

When weather is perfect into the evening and early morning, any watercraft must have all running lights on. Do not run over no-wake speed, about 5 mph, in the dark. That is anywhere on the lake after official sunset or before official sunrise (check your weather app or almanac/calendar for official times, each day of the year). These conditions apply to both fishing and recreational watercraft.

No personal watercraft operation (jet skis), skiing or tubing after sunset according to Missouri State law.

Mark your calendar: *Safe Boating Course* will be held in March 2024 so you can learn to be a proper certified captain of your ship. **Also be aware current stickers** are required on the lake. Water patrol will first send a letter, then a fine assessment, and then you're off the lake on 3rd strike.

Update from the Water Works

From Mike Garlock, President PWSD #1 Board -- Plans for the new Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) have been completed. The US Dept of Agriculture (USDA) is still in the review process. When the department returns the plan, PWSD expects to proceed, through the winter months, into 2024.

Organized fun

Join the Wednesday dinner club 5:30 Wednesdays: The location changes each week. Randy Fuller posts on *Nextdoor.com* by Wednesday evening where the club will be the following week. People decide where to meet drawing out of a "hat." All PVL members are welcome to join.

PVL Book Club, 4th Tuesdays (usually): The next gathering is Monday, Oct. 30. Meet at 4:30. Discuss by 5:00 pm at the Lodge. The book is *'Til We Have Faces: A Myth Retold*, by C.S.Lewis. It is a retelling of *Cupid and Psyche*, and Lewis' last book, written in 1956, with wife, Joy Davidson. If you wish, bring snacks and beverages. Anyone is welcome, whether you have read the book or not! Email lolle_boettcher@yahoo.com for questions.

Homecoming is October 13 in Owensville: You can join the football mania or just be aware of high traffic for the tailgating, game, and junior/senior festivities that evening at Owensville High, Hwy. 19 near the Hwy. 28 junction.

...Or take the younger folk to a movie in the park: The Owensville Parks Department will be showing the last "Flicks in the Park" October 13, 6:45 pm. Bring your picnic, rumble seats, side cars, and blankets for movie "Cars."

Hunting: There's a new deer Firearms Antlerless Portion, Oct 6 to 8 (open areas only); Early Youth Portion (age 6-15) Oct 28-29; other portions start November, including a new CWD Portion 22 to 26. Deer Archery Portion started Sept. 15, breaks Nov. 10-22, and goes until Jan. 15, 2024. Go to MDC.MO.gov.

Golf Scramble 9-hole Tourney



Peaceful Valley Lake Presents:

Community Golf Scramble
9 Hole Tournament of Fun!

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

★ 8 AM to 11 AM Tee Offs

Register Online at

<http://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/pv-golf-scramble-oct-7-2023.html>

Or contact Brian at 660-787-0058,
brian@prairiebarnwinery.com

Owensville Golf Course

702 N Maple St, Owensville
(Rain Date: 10/14)

★ Tournament Prizes,
Refreshments, Fun and Food!

★ \$55 Per Person / \$200 Foursome

Go to the lake website to discover event [sponsors](#)

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PS: The board is considering sending out a customer satisfaction survey to discover member's squeaks, squabbles and pies (in-the-sky, that is). We have a short list (well, maybe long!) of projects, but will ask you for future focus starting 2024.