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Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association

Splash Newsletter

February 2024



A month of anticipation

Fickle February brings a mix of looking backward and forward to spring, wintry blast and budding branches. Some say Valentine's Day was invented to break the icicles around our hibernating hearts, to wake us up to warmer thoughts. Or maybe it really is to sell more stuff — but even that animates!

Actually there are some events to celebrate in February. The following summary is taken from www.almanac.com:

February 2 is Groundhog Day—the day we discover if winter will last six more weeks — or not. Groundhog Day goes beyond Phil. It's rooted in the movement of the Earth around the Sun. In the Northern Hemisphere, this date marks the midpoint between the winter solstice in December and the spring equinox (or vernal equinox) in March.

February 10 is the Lunar New Year. Celebrated widely throughout East Asia, this holiday begins with the first new Moon after the Winter Solstice and is associated with the Chinese Zodiac.

February 12 is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. The 16th president of the United States was born in a one-room, 16x18-foot log cabin with a dirt floor.

February is also Black History Month, linked to the Civil War and The Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 while Lincoln was in the White House.

EVENTS OF NOTE

Friday, Feb. 16, 6:00 PM, monthly association board meeting, Lodge. All are welcome.

Monday, Feb. 19, 5:00 PM, Monthly Public Water Supply District (PWSD) meeting, Lodge. All are welcome.

Save paper and mailing:
[CLICK HERE](#) for PWSD consent form to get bills via email or text.

Covid Tests through the mail again. Go to covidtests.gov or call 1-800-232-0233

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. **You do not need to be present to cast**

February 13 is Mardi Gras (aka "Fat Tuesday" or Shrove Tuesday), which is the final feasting day before the tradition of Lent. The next day is Ash Wednesday, beginning the period of sacrifice leading up to the Christian celebration of Easter.

February 14 is Valentine's Day. The holiday is celebrated with hearts, flowers, and chocolate, but it has darker origins. There was a St. Valentine for whom the day is named, but, as in many Christian traditions, it replaced a pagan fertility celebration.

It was to honor Lupa, the wolf who was said to have suckled Romulus and Remus (who founded the city of Rome in 753 B.C., according to legend). The festival was also dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, thus the season to start sowing seeds and to hope for a fertile year of crops.

The pagan festival itself involved drunken young men running through the streets whipping women with hides of the animals they had just sacrificed. Women believed the rite brought them fertility, so were willing participants.

In legend, the Emperor Claudius II prohibited soldiers to marry. It is said Valentine defied those orders, secretly marrying young couples to spare husbands from war. He was imprisoned, tortured and beheaded. According to another legend, St. Valentine signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness.

February 15 is Susan B. Anthony's Birthday. She was arrested for voting in 1872, before women had the right to vote. Anthony, born in 1820, is best known as an advocate for women's suffrage, but she began her career as an outspoken proponent of temperance. She was not allowed to speak publicly, however, because she was not a man.

February 15 is also National Flag of Canada Day.

February 19 is Presidents' Day, a federal holiday also known as Washington's Birthday, that is celebrated on the third Monday in February to honor both presidents born in this month. (George Washington's actual birthday is February 22) It usually ends a 3-day weekend.

February 29 is the leap of Leap Year 2024!

"February is always a bad month for TV sports. Football is gone, basketball is plodding along in the annual mid-season doldrums, and baseball is not even mentioned." —Hunter S. Thompson

any vote now or in the future. There will always be an online option made available.

VOTE HERE

<https://secure.electionbuddy.com/m/PVPOA/twothirds>

SURVEY HERE

Click to go to the web-based survey. The board hopes to discover member's squeaks, squabbles and pies (in-the-sky, that is). We have a shortlist (well, maybe long!) of projects, but will ask you for future focus starting 2024. Pick up a paper survey at the lodge office. The board will report at the Annual Meeting April 27. See you there!

Three PVL board positions open

CORRECTION: PVL board positions open are are Mark Martinez, Secretary (who has reached term limit), Tony Westermann (abdicating his position for academic endeavor), and Brian Kinworthy who filled a one-year vacancy last year for which he will run again.

Julia Baker and Dan Hoemeke, are current President and Vice President. To plus-up their team, you will vote leading up to or on the date of the **Annual Meeting, April 27, 2024.**

If you are interested in putting your name on the ballot, fill out the [form on the website](#). Return it to the lodge office before Feb. 29.

Water board positions

Spring cleaning now—in winter!

Emergency alert links you should know

REACTION: PWSD board position applications have been

closed out as of December 30.

The Public Water Supply District (PWSD) #1 has 1 to 2 board member openings every year. If there is more than one candidate, there is an election held in April. If there are no candidates and the current candidate(s) are willing to remain in office, no election is required.

The PWSD is comprised of 5 subdistricts. Subdistricts 3 and 4 are the upcoming board member openings.

Candidates should have applied already at the PWSD office (at the PVL lodge). While there is no salary, board members can qualify to receive \$100 for each monthly board meeting they attend. To qualify, board members must complete certification training.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Buck at 573-437-7808 or at the PWSD office in the Lodge.

Donate unwanted items (big and small) for the upcoming PVL

Rummage Sale! 100% of your donations will go toward 2024 completion of the PVL security gates project campaign.

The rummage sale is scheduled for the weekend of Owensville's city-wide garage sale, May 17th, 18th and 19th. It will be held either by the upper guard shack or in town at Jost Tire Company. You'll be notified in plenty of time to discover a few new-old things you can't live without!

To donate smaller items, please contact Jamie Gerloff, property manager, at 573-617-9615, or by email at peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com.

To schedule pickup of larger items, please contact Brian Tharp, PVL Board Member, at 660-787-0058, or by email at brian@prairiebarnwinery.com.

You can drop anything off at the Lodge — as soon as you start spring cleaning in winter!

If you would like weather alerts, including severe storm warnings

and spring-season tornadoes:

1. Get local alerts for the Owensville area, Gasconade County, [HERE](#). You can also go to the county Emergency Management Agency [FaceBook](#) and register to get notified via phone or text. You will have to log in and access "my account" [HERE](#)

2. You can download the FEMA app for personalized weather alerts and resources from Google Play and the Apple Store. It is a free service you can customize to your location.

3. You can also activate Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) on your cell phone in SETTINGS. These FEMA alerts are sent to your mobile device wherever you may be in harm's way, without the need to download an app or subscribe to a service. WEAs do not track your location. They are broadcast from area cell towers to mobile phones within the defined geographic location of the alert.

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BOATER EDUCATION CARD



Boater Safety Class, March 16

Get a boater swag bag! Attend the Boater Safety Class Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Lodge. Mark Martinez has scheduled the Marine Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to get you ready for summer fun at Peaceful Valley Lake. The class is free.

RSVP to the office for lunch provided during the class.

Be aware that everyone born after January 1, 1984 (that's age 39 and under), is required by the State of Missouri to have taken this course. Watercraft operators must carry their certification card with them on the water at all times. Even those who reside out of state need to possess the certification on any body of water in the state.

Water safety concerned citizens will be on the lake this boating season checking for compliance....

Lake Classifieds

Contact the editor to run an ad in Splash: \$5 per month (a monthly publication); \$50 per year; maximum 5 lines in print version of the newsletter, approx. 30 ltrs per line.

Looking for local reel cleaning and repair?

Give me a call. 630/334-6107. **Doug August**
May24

Karen Hoemeke, helping people buy and sell homes for 17 years. Top 5% all MO Coldwell Banker Realtors. I live in PV and specialize in PV. 314-973-1218

Dec24

The newsletter reaches 265 people through direct email, is available to anyone on the PVL website, and paper copies can be picked up at both gates and the Lodge.

Boat slip raffle again 2024!

Put your name in at the lodge before April 20.

Washout areas being worked

Watch for beach dredging. The activity will mitigate flooding of the beach area through better drainage from both sides of the sand, play and picnic areas across the street from the gazebo.

Other parts of the plan are still pending. The engineer is working a comprehensive solution from top of the elevation to the water's edge, all around the lake. Thank you for your patience.

Work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant will begin in March

See the January Mid-Month Newsletter for details. As construction gets closer, there will be more information.

Organized fun

Join the Wednesday dinner club 5:30 Wednesdays: The location changes each week. Randy Fuller (or friend) posts on *Nextdoor* by Wednesday evening where to be the following week. People decide where to meet drawing out of a "hat." All invited!

PVL Book Club, 4thTuesdays (usually): The next gathering is planned for Feb. 26. Meet at 4:30. Discuss by 5:00 pm. at the Lodge. The book will be announced after January 31. 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.

"The February sunshine steeps your boughs and tints the buds and swells the leaves within."

— William C. Bryant

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