



**Peaceful Valley Property Owners' Association**  
**Newsletter**

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**Welcome to February.** January was one to forget—the lake froze over twice for the first time in several years, and the snow fall from late December stuck around for weeks. In fact, 15 days during January never had a high above freezing! Cold and flu season has arrived with a vengeance with schools and businesses closing briefly because of all the

illness. The good news is that with the Winter solstice, the days are now getting longer again. For being the shortest month, February packs a lot of events—Valentine's Day, President's Day, Mardi Gras, National Margarita Day, and Groundhog Day. Let's hope that Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow and we get an early Spring!

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**February Events:** (see the PVL Things to do calendar at <http://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/things-to-do-calendar.html> )

**--Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Groundhog Day**

**--Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 4-? PM—Monthly Social Event—Super Bowl Party at the Lodge.** See details below

**--Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day**

**--Friday Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM to 6:30 PM, Public Water Supply District #1 Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

**--Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM to 9:30 PM, PV Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

**--Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, Cut-off date for accepting applications for Board of Directors Candidates** (see below)

**--Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Presidents Day.** Banks, Post Office, Federal and State offices closed.

**--Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 9 AM—Noon. Tech Support Day at PVL.** Gary Hacker will be at the lodge basement from 9 to noon to help with any technical issues—computer, phone, popular software, etc.

**--Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Cut-off date for registering for March 10<sup>th</sup> Boating Safety Course** (see below)

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## Wanted: A Few Good Men and Women to Run for PVPOA Board of Directors

In line with our Property Owners' Association's Bylaws, we have a board of directors consisting of 9 members. Since we're a private, membership-only association, the board of directors is our equivalent of a small town's mayor, board of aldermen, and city manager, charged with the day-to-day operations and management of PVL as well as the long-range planning for improvements and capital expenditures.



### Board of Directors Election

Every year, 3 of the board members' terms expire, meaning that members must vote for candidates to fill these positions. We know we have at least one retiring board member, so we need candidates who are willing and able to serve. To qualify, you must be a member of PVPOA, and current with your annual membership dues. Duties and responsibilities of board members include:

- Representing the interests of the membership of PVL
- Willingness to help with critical decisions affecting the lake and amenities
- Deciding on prudent use of membership dues
- Attendance at monthly board meetings
- Participation as an officer or on one or more committees

Board members are elected for a 3-year term on a rotating cycle. Meetings are the third Friday of the month, with an additional annual membership meeting in April. If you're interesting in running for a board position, please click on the link at [https://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/uploads/2/4/7/0/24700980/board\\_of\\_directors\\_application.pdf](https://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/uploads/2/4/7/0/24700980/board_of_directors_application.pdf) to download an application or stop by the office to get a copy. You can either send or drop it by the office, but make sure it's in before the February 19th, 2018 cut-off date. Ballots will be sent out several weeks in advance of the April 21st, 2018 Annual Membership Meeting, when the new board will be announced.

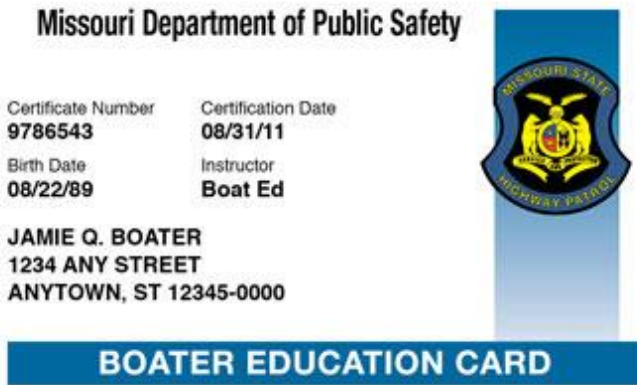
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### Mark Your Calendar: Boating Safety Course at Peaceful Valley Lake Lodge, March 10, 2018 9 AM to 4 PM

We've arranged with the Missouri State Highway Patrol to come onsite at Peaceful Valley on Saturday, March 10th, 2018 from 9 AM to 4 PM for their boating safety course. I know what you're saying—"I've been boating for years, so why do I need to take a boating safety course?" Well, for one thing, it's a state law: if you were born after January 1st, 1984 and 14 or older, you need to carry a boating safety certificate and picture ID when operating a boat. Second, there's an economic advantage--most boat insurance companies give discounts for clients who complete boating safety certificates. Third, it's great to do a refresher if you took the course when you were 14 and you're now 61, like me.



The course covers a variety of topics such as Missouri boating laws, boat and PWC safety, navigation, use of lights and flags during operations, etc. See the Missouri Boating Handbook at [https://www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/mo\\_handbook\\_entire.pdf](https://www.boat-ed.com/assets/pdf/handbook/mo_handbook_entire.pdf) for additional details and the Highway Patrol suggests checking out the study guide at <https://www.boat-ed.com/missouri/> Why check out the study guides? Because at the end of the course, participants take a test which qualifies them for a lifetime Missouri Boater Education Card. The Highway Patrol will score them that day, but you'll need to apply for a card online or by mail for a \$15 fee.



The course is free, but since seating is limited to 50 participants, we've set up a self-service online reservation system at

<https://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/boating-safety-class-registration.html> or you can contact Gary Hacker at (573) 437-2619 (home) or (314) 809-5118 or via email at [gary.a.hacker@gmail.com](mailto:gary.a.hacker@gmail.com). We're requesting a \$5 refundable deposit per seat or \$20 per family. You can cancel your reservations for a refund up to 3 days before the event (Wednesday, March 7), but if you do not show up for the event, you'll forfeit the deposit.

Since this is an all-day event, we'll be providing Subway sandwiches, chips, and soda and water for lunch, so when you sign in the day of the course, you can choose either a \$5 lunch voucher or have your deposit refunded.

The Highway Patrol has asked us to provide names of attendees by February 24<sup>th</sup> so please make your reservations by then. Questions or comments can be directed to Gary Hacker at 314-809-51118 (text/cell) or via email at [gary.a.hacker@gmail.com](mailto:gary.a.hacker@gmail.com).

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## Super Bowl Party at Lodge, Sunday February 4, 2018 4 PM-?

Join us for a Super Bowl Party featuring an appetizer/finger food pot luck. So far, we have Gene and Jeanie Rademacher bringing homemade pizzas, Loretta Heckelmann is bringing chicken wings, and the Hackers are bringing Rotel Cheese dip and chips, and chicken teriyaki bites. We'll have some adult beverages, but please bring an appetizer to share and whatever you'd like to drink. We'll set up the big screen and we've looking at making it an appetizer graze-fest starting around 4 PM with game time at 5:30 PM.





Ice forming on the lake on Groundhog Day 2018--Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow in Pennsylvania and would have seen it here, so it looks like we have 6 more weeks of winter!

### Recent Board of Directors Changes and Approvals

The Board recently made a change to the rules and regulations affecting how far a dock can extend into the lake. The previous restriction was 24 feet. Because the lake is becoming shallower in certain areas around the lake, and boats that are getting larger, the board approved a change to allow docks

to extend 32 feet into the lake. This will allow docks to be pushed out farther away from the shore to deeper water and allows those with 22-24 foot-long pontoons to get docks that will cover the entire boat and motor.

