



## **Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association Newsletter**



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**Welcome to July.** Summer's in full swing but lately, it doesn't seem to want to quit raining. Boats, campers, and RVs all seem to be significantly larger than they were back when the roads were built, so the roads seem to be narrower. We bring this up to remind everyone to **slow down** (remember, lake roads are 20 MPH), **share the road** and even pull over and stop when a truck or trailer comes up on you. Also, be considerate when you have friends and family visit-- **don't constrict the roads when you park.** On some roads, it's like running a slalom course with vehicles parked on both sides of the road

leaving only a narrow gap pass through. You can easily avoid getting sideswiped by making sure there's enough room for boats, trailers, and especially fire equipment to get through. We've had a large turnover of members over the last year with new families purchasing lots and houses from long-term empty-nest owners. Many of these newer members have younger children and we're seeing a lot more kids out on the roads walking, riding bicycles, skateboards, and other wheeled vehicles. Please keep an eye out for them, especially when coming around blind turns.

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### **July Events:**

--**Friday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM to 9:30 PM, PV Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

--**Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>,** Gasconade County Threshers Show (see article below)

--**Monday July 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM to 6:30 PM, Public Water Supply District #1 Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

*Note: Both meetings are now open to the membership in accordance with CDC guidelines of fully vaccinated people do not need to wear masks, while unvaccinated people should wear masks and maintain social distance.*

--**Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>,** Gasconade County Fair (see article below)

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### **Pool and Step Project Update**

The baby pool is back to full operations now that we've replaced the pump and redone some of the plumbing. The really good news is that we've now replaced both pool pump motors, with the main pool pump being replaced about the same time 2 years ago, so we're hoping to have another 15-20 years of reliable service from our two new pumps.



The steps project is underway but was hampered by the strange weather pattern we had the last days of June. The old concrete has been removed, the forms have been set up to pour the concrete for the steps, but because of the grass being wet and slippery, the contractors could not safely get the cement trucks and wheelbarrows of gravel up the hill to get the project done before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. The steps finally got poured and are now useable. The walkway from the pool to the west side road should be complete during the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>. We plan to install hand railings on the steps, but the concrete must cure for a few weeks before we can get that complete, so stay tuned for updates. In addition, we've ordered some topsoil to backfill where the old concrete pads were and will seed it and cover it with straw.



## Gasconade County Threshers Show July 16-18 and Gasconade County Fair July 28-31

July marks the return of two events that were severely curtailed because of the COVID-19 lockdown last July. The first is the Gasconade County Threshers Show that runs from Friday, July 16 to Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the Rosebud Community Park located a block south of US Hwy 50 across the street from the American Legion Hall. This event celebrates life on the farm as it used to be, with antique tractors and farm equipment, and giant steam engines, some of which are over 100 years old. There's hay baling and log sawing using

antique baling machines and giant saw blades powered by ancient steam engines. There're games to see how far you can throw a cast iron frying pan,

and how high you can throw a hay bale. There's music, food, clogging, and one of the best shows for antique tractors, small steam engines, and many other activities. There's horse-

drawn tractor pulls where they add weight by having people jump on the skid, along with antique tractor pulls using a more modern approach. Of course, they have the usual food Legion, and homemade ice

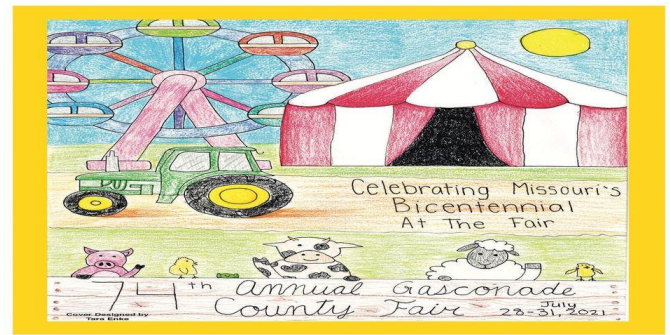




cream. The cost for all three days is \$10, which gets you the admission button plus a program that you'll find contains a comprehensive listing of area business sponsors that is invaluable. Check out <https://gcta.us/thresher-show-2021> for a copy of the event flier with events and schedule.

The Gasconade County Fair kicks off on Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup> at Memorial Park in Owensville. This is a traditional county fair, with 4-H kids showing their livestock, local businesses purchasing winners at auction after the judging, etc., during the day. At night, there's Bull Riding & Barrel Racing, Demo Derby, and Truck and Tractor Pulls on the lower fields and live music and midway rides and amusements on the upper field area. Saturday night's concert is Nashville star Craig Morgan, but check out their website at <http://www.gasconadecountyfair.com/index.php>

for detailed information on events and schedules.



Tickets are \$40 in advance, or \$45 at the gate, or you can get a daily ticket that gets gradually more expensive each day as the entertainment value increases. The ticket includes all the entertainment plus admission to all the carnival rides. You can purchase tickets online at [http://www.gasconadecountyfair.com/buy\\_tickets.php](http://www.gasconadecountyfair.com/buy_tickets.php) or at most area banks, Breaktime, Walmart, Medley Pharmacy and Jost Tire here in Owensville.

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### **Vandalism, Theft and Drugs at Peaceful Valley**

Over the last several weeks, we've had several incidents of vandalism and theft, starting with the theft of traffic cones near the upper entrance, followed by the theft of Stop signs at two locations. These items were returned after we sent an email out alerting the miscreants that we had surveillance video to turn over to the sheriff if they weren't returned. They were returned with a note of apology and we did not file a report with the sheriff. Not more than two days later, the pole containing the street and stop signs at the intersection of Lake Shore and E. Skyline was removed and the street signs stolen. This time, we took the images captured near the dam and shared these with a detective in the Sheriff's office.

A few days later, we captured a video showing a pickup with 4 or 5 individuals pulling into the dam area. The video shows the passenger loading a pipe with either marijuana or meth, then passes the pipe to the driver who, in the still image to the right, is just starting to light up. It's unfortunate that the other young folks in the vehicle are so irresponsible to ride in a vehicle with an impaired driver.



We're sharing this to let you know that we've implemented a zero-tolerance policy with regards to theft, trespassing, or other illegal activities. All such activities will be reported to the sheriff but remember that our surveillance cameras aren't the only eyes and ears here at Peaceful Valley. When you see suspicious activity,

rather than post comments on NextDoor or send the office an email, call the Sheriff's office. The 24-hour dispatch center number is 314-437-7770, or you can dial 911 for an emergency.

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## Road Work in and around Peaceful Valley in July

We all know that summer brings out the orange barrels and cones to your favorite roads and interstates. This summer is no exception here at Peaceful Valley. First, MODOT has a project beginning on July 19<sup>th</sup> to repair Hwy Y between MO Hwy 28 and Hwy A. This stretch of road goes by both entrances to Peaceful Valley, so members will be inconvenienced at some point during the project. According to the district engineer, the project should last between 7 and 10 days and is more than a simple patch job, but not a complete resurfacing. Expected delays will be shutting down a lane of traffic with flaggers directing traffic. Some preliminary work has already been completed which accounts for the newly laid patches you may have already seen.



Lake Shore Dr. between the lodge and the bridge near the lower entrance. As part of the Lake Shore resurfacing, we'll be adding 3 speed humps like the ones in Lake Shore between the beach and the dam. We're also replacing culverts along Lake Shore, which will complete the culvert replacement effort along the lake roads. We have a few remaining culverts on some of the side roads but completing this project will take care of replacing the lion's share of the old corrugated galvanized pipes that have been around for decades. In addition, we should expect the new polyethylene culverts to last for decades to come. The culvert project

commences the week of July 12<sup>th</sup> and is expected to last about two weeks. Lake Shore will be shut down in both directions as they dig out the old culvert, prepare the underlayment, place the new culvert, and cover with gravel. Please be patient as this only happens once every 50 years or so. Shortly after the culvert project is complete, the road contractor will begin their work.

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## Trash Company Changes

If you have trash service at Peaceful Valley, you may have received an email or a letter that Waste Corporation of America has been bought out by GFL Environmental, Inc., a Toronto, Canada-based company. Rather than keep using the old WCA account numbers, GFL has issued new account numbers and asks each customer to set up a new account if you want to pay online. Switching to the new account is relatively easy, however, their online system defaults to Canadian preferences and idioms, so it may cause some momentary confusion as you navigate through the process.



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