



## Peaceful Valley Property Owners' Association, Inc. Newsletter

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May 2021

**Welcome to May.** We're slowly but surely getting back to what we expect will be a largely normal spring and summer season at Peaceful Valley. We anticipate some lingering COVID restrictions as we start our busy summer season, so check our website and Facebook page for updates as we go along. The Blues have been hit by the injury bug in their COVID-reduced 56-game schedule but with only a handful of games left in the regular season, it looks like they will make the playoffs. Major League

Baseball will have a regular 162-game schedule, and with the blockbuster trade for All-Star third baseman, Nolan Arenado, the Cardinals are currently sitting atop the National League Central Division standings. The next two issues of the Splash are devoted to highlighting some changes made over the last year by the board and reminding members and their guests about the rules, regulations, and practices that we follow in order to keep PVL a safe, clean, and above-all neighborly place to live, camp, and visit.

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### May Events:

- Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM to 7:00PM, Public Water Supply District #1 of Gasconade County Board of Directors Meeting. This is the regular monthly meeting.
- Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, PV Property Owners' Association Board of Directors Meeting. This is the regular monthly meeting—**Note:** Board of Directors Officer Elections and Committee Assignments will be the first order of business and will be done in Executive Session, so the regular meeting will begin after the Executive Session concludes.
- Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>, Pool Opens for the Summer!!
- Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>, Memorial Day. PVPOA and PWSD#1 Offices are closed

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### Storage Lot Rules

Peaceful Valley has a first-come, first-serve storage area where members can store their boats, trailers, campers, etc. We've recently expanded the area and have added numbers to indicate storage locations. There is no charge for members to store their boats or trailers there, but we do ask that you register what you're storing and the location with our office. You can call us during business hours at 573-437-2605, or email us at [peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com) to pass along that information. Also, make sure your membership number is on your boat or trailer. We recommend you place your membership number on your boat trailer on the winch post, and if it's a camper put the number next to the door, much like an address on your home.

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## Campground Rules



Last year due to COVID restrictions, we delayed opening the season, and then only allowed self-contained RVs and trailers using every other campsite. We also left the restrooms and showers closed all season and implemented a reservation-only system. This season we anticipate there will be almost no restrictions as CDC guidelines are allowing us to return to normal. About the only restriction left in place is that campers from different campsites continue to social distance from other campers until the social distancing requirement is no longer in place. One thing that worked really well last season was the reservation system, so we're going to keep that in place as a permanent change. With our reservation system, we ask you to contact the PVPOA office at 573-437-2605 or email us at [peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com) to make your reservation. Also, just like state park campsites, we'll set aside 2 sites for drop-in camping unless we have reservations for all the sites, which typically happens on holiday weekend. A reminder, members are entitled to 7 nights camping at no charge each season, with extra nights incurring a \$5 per night charge. The restrooms and shower facilities will only be opened when campers are present and will be locked at all other times.

The campground is open from April 15 to October 15. The rules are summarized below, but you can see the rules on page 9 of the PVL Rules and Regulations at <http://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/rules-and-regulations.html>

- All campers (defined as travel trailer, RV, motor home, pop-up, tent, or the like) must be registered with the Association. Motorized vehicles need a current PVL sticker on the windshield. Trailers need to have the membership numbers clearly visible.
- No guest campers are allowed in Peaceful Valley Lake Estates.
- Only one (1) camping space per property owner is allowed.
- Property owners must sign in at the campground sign-in sheet on arrival.
- Usage is on a daily basis.
- Campers cannot be left for more than 48 hours on the campground without being used on a daily basis.
- No camper may occupy campground sites for more than 14 consecutive days. After 14 days, the camper must be removed for a minimum of 14 days before returning.
- If an infraction occurs, the violator's property will be towed to a storage area by a commercial towing company, at the owner's expense.
- 7 nights of camping per season per member are included as part of the annual membership benefits. Days 8 and beyond incur a \$5 nightly charge.

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### Pool Set to Open Saturday, May 29, 2021 (Memorial Day Weekend)

We believe it will be a near-normal pool experience this summer, but we anticipate we'll still be under some social distancing guidelines during the early part of summer. Check our website and Facebook page for details as we get closer to opening. As in past years, we'll have pool monitors instead of lifeguards staffing the pool. The pool monitors are not lifeguards nor babysitters—they are there to ensure that only members and their guests are allowed entry to the pool and to remind swimmers of the safety rules—especially no children under 14 in the pool without adult supervision (someone 18 or over) inside the pool fence. This is a restriction put in place by our insurance carrier if we're to keep the pool open without a lifeguard.



Operating hours will vary during the year as temperatures get warmer and days get longer, so check the website and Facebook page for updated hours, but for the Memorial Day weekend we'll open on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from noon to 7 PM, then closed from Tuesday-Thursday, then open again on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon-7 PM.

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### Pet Rules

- Except for service animals, no animal or pet of any type can be on the **BEACH**, in the **PICNIC AREA**, in the **LODGE**, or the **SWIMMING POOL**.
- **All dogs must wear collars with owner identification tags**
- **Pets must be restrained by leash or other means** when off owner's property.
- **Dogs, cats, or pets of any type are not allowed to run at large** within PVPOA boundaries.
- **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET!!** When off their own property, pet owners shall clean up after their pet and properly dispose of the feces.
- **STRAY DOGS WILL BE IMPOUNDED and OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL COSTS**



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### Burn Pit

PVL has a burn pit available for members to dispose of tree limbs, leaves, and other burnable yard waste. The burn pit is not to be used for things like mattresses, rugs, or furniture, nor is it a convenient dump. Surveillance cameras are in place 24/7 and violators caught leaving anything other than tree limbs, leaves, or yard waste will be contacted to remove the items, and if they refuse will be assessed the costs of having to dispose of the item or items. Also, do not place anything inside the burn pit itself--place it in front of the pit for the maintenance team to burn at the proper time as (1) we don't want you to risk being burned or singed, and (2) we're trying to burn only when winds and conditions are favorable for efficient burning. See picture where "X" marks the spot for where to place limbs, leaves, or other burnable yard waste.



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### A reminder about speed limits and rules of the road within Peaceful Valley:

A reminder--the speed limit for all vehicles (cars, trucks, ATVs, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, etc.) on Peaceful Valley Lake roads is **20 MPH**. Also, please stay to the right when passing oncoming cars and especially when cresting hills. If you don't already have one, please install a rear-view mirror on your golf cart and consider installing lights.

One disturbing trend lately is seeing golf carts, ATVs, or side by sides with 4 or



more young kids tooling around the complex oftentimes with other kids hanging off the back like firemen on the back of a fire engine. What's most disturbing about this trend is that it seems to happen more frequently on nice weather weekends when traffic around the complex is at its peak. I've personally witnessed a near collision between a vehicle pulling a boat out of the boat ramp area and a 13 or so year-old kid driving a golf cart with 5

other kids literally hanging off the cart. Both drivers had to lock their brakes, narrowly avoiding what could have been a bad situation, especially for the golf cart and their riders who do not have seatbelts, helmets, or other protective gear.

Lastly, when parking on PVL roads, it's critical that there's at least a 20' wide path for emergency equipment to pass through. Please, either park on the same side of the road, or make sure that there's

enough space for large vehicles such as a fire truck or UPS delivery van to get through. Also, Lake Shore Dr. between the entrance and the boat ramp sees most of the boat trailer and RV traffic, especially on weekends. If you park on Lake Shore Dr., please be aware of this increased traffic and park in a manner that allows these vehicles and trailers enough room to pass.

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### Annual Meeting Highlights

The annual meeting was held on April 17th and we had some 35 members and guests in attendance. One of the first orders of business was the election of 3 members to the Board of Directors. We had 3 candidates for 3 positions and accepted write-in votes. Out of 93 votes cast, the results were:

- Mark Martinez. ....86
- Bob Oreskovic .....85
- Tony Westermann .....85
- Abstentions .....5
- Write-in Candidates
  - Matt Jost.....3
  - 3 others.....1 each

First, we want to thank everyone that showed up for the annual meeting and followed the social distancing guidelines for the church. Next, we want to thank Pastor Stephanie DeLong and the St. Peters UCC Consistory for allowing us to use the church for our meeting. Everything worked great and we appreciate their hospitality.

To recap the meeting, the board provided an overview of what was accomplished last year and plans for this year. Next, we covered the reasons why the board recommended a dues increase to \$348/year, notably the raise in minimum wage from \$7.70 in 2018 to \$11.15 in January and the increase in the cost of road resurfacing and building materials. The attendees approved the proposal by a vote of 34-1.

Next, we covered the greenspace discussion, whereby the board was seeking approval to swap Association-owned taxed property for untaxed Association-owned property next to a member's existing property and allow that member to buy that property. The proposal was approved with the following conditions.

A greenspace property:

- can only be sold to an existing member
- must be adjacent to or across the street from the existing member's property,
- be on a paved road
- sold at market cost
- lot owners of property adjacent to subject greenspace property have the right to approve or reject the sale.
- A PVPOA-owned taxable lot must be placed into greenspace for every greenspace lot sold to a member.

This measure was passed unanimously.

Lastly, for those of you with houses, we have the opportunity to purchase a reflective address plate with the Peaceful Valley logo as reported at the meeting for under \$25.00 The actual price is \$20. The signs are 18' tall by 6" wide and is printed on both sides with highly reflective numbers. If you'd like to order one, please contact the PVPOA office

## Using Credit Cards or Bank Transfers to Pay Annual Dues



For the last few years, we've been accepting dues payments via credit or debit cards. Assessments are due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Credit card

companies charge a processing fee for each transaction, which ends up being about \$11.25 per \$348 lot assessment, but bank transfers are free. From a security perspective, these payments are processed through Intuit, the makers of QuickBooks and TurboTax, which has a reputation for world-class online security. If you pay online, we never see or retain your credit card or banking information. If you pay in person, we have a card chip reader at the office, or we can take payments over the phone.

To make it easier for those on fixed budgets, we accept monthly or quarterly payments. Please contact Kim at the business office at 573-437-2605 or via email at [peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com) if you're interested in setting up these kind of recurring payments. There is a small service fee from the credit card company for setting up these types of payments.

***Note: All invoices sent out either electronically or by US Postal Service will show an \$11.25 fee. If you're paying with cash or check, you only need to pay \$348/lot. If you mistakenly pay the fee, it will be a credit on your next year's dues.***

## Lodge and Gazebo Areas are Available for Rent Again

The lodge and gazebo across from the beach are available for rental. Current social distancing guidelines still have a 25 person or fewer limit on the lodge, while the outdoor gazebo area only requires 6' social distancing. These restrictions may change quickly, so call or email the office to see what, if any, restrictions there may be.

Both rentals require a \$200 security deposit, which is refunded if the lodge or gazebo area is returned to the same condition you found it in. In another change, we request the \$75 payment upon reservation, but you do not need to provide the \$200 deposit until about a week before the event.

## Little Library Available in the Lodge Lower Level

A reminder that the Little Library, established and maintained by the Oreskovic family, is available on the lower level in the Lodge. Currently, there are hardcover, paperback, and audiobooks available for a variety of ages and tastes. The rules are if you take a book, either leave a book or return it in a reasonable time.

## Boating Safety Checklist

Source: <https://help.coastguardfoundation.org/boating-safety-download/>

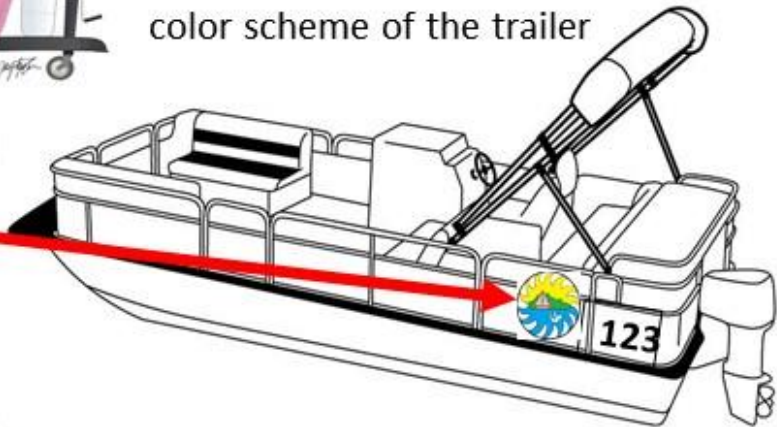
- Missouri Boater Education Card
- Boat or PWC registration
- Life jacket suitable for each person on board, readily accessible, in good condition.
- Throwable floatation aid immediately available.
- Fire extinguishers conveniently placed, fully charged, in good condition.
- Horn working.
- Anchor and anchor line. The deepest part of the lake is about 60'.
- Boat hook, Paddles or oars.
- Mooring lines and fenders in good condition.
- Tool kit and spare parts (including light bulbs, fuses).
- Bilge free of fuel vapors and excess water. Fuel supply full.
- Fuel system free of leaks.
- Engine oil and transmission fluid levels correct.
- Battery fully charged, fluid level full. Electronic gear in good condition.
- All navigation lights working.
- Steering and shift mechanisms in good condition.
- Outboard motor mountings tight (if appropriate).
- Grab rails, lifelines in good condition.

# Membership Number and Sticker Placement



Trailers only need a membership number. Place it as if it were an address on a home. Please use 3" tall numbers that contrast with the color scheme of the trailer

Boats should have 3" tall membership number and annual sticker on **both sides** of the aft side of the boat. If you have a trailer, place membership numbers on the tongue or winch post on the front of the trailer



Annual Sticker should be placed on lower front windshield on the drivers side of your car, truck, or RV.



Golf carts and ATVs need member numbers on **both sides** of the rear fender area

