

Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association

Splash Newsletter, April 2023

OFFICIAL EVENTS

- * **Saturday, April 22, 10:00 AM,**
PVPOA Annual Meeting, Lodge
- * **Friday, April 21, 6:00 PM,** monthly association board meeting, Lodge
- * **Monday, April 17, 5:00 PM,** Monthly Public Water Supply District meeting, Lodge



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be Saturday, APRIL 22ND, 10:00 AM, at the Lodge. The purposes of the meeting are: to update members on plans for the next year; approve a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st; and certify the election of board members. A minimum of 30 members must be present to constitute a quorum. We plan to “Zoom” the meeting for those who cannot attend in person. Those logging in will count toward the 30-member quorum.

One item, for which you have or will be voting, is a change to association by-laws. As currently written, any change to the by-laws requires approval of 2/3 of total membership. This translates into 314 of 470 members, a difficult task to contact enough members every time an update is needed. The proposal will allow for 2/3 of votes received by the Annual Meeting to make a change. But to do so we need 2/3 of our total membership approval. [Vote for change in the abstract here.](#)

PVL Board Election

The lake association is governed by a nine-person board. The board, along with a part-time office manager, part-time maintenance worker/s, seasonal custodian, seasonal security, seasonal pool monitors, and contracted services, keep our lake community operating. That’s approximately 185 homes and about 400 additional lot owners

Every year three board positions come up for election. Terms are for three years and no board member can serve for more than two consecutive terms – six years. Duties and responsibilities of the board include attending monthly meetings and active participation/involvement in association operations.

This year one current board member (Gary Hacker) is term limited. There are two other positions up for re-election, President, Julia Black, and one other. Voting for the three open positions is being held on-line and by mail prior to the final Saturday vote. Hard-copy ballots are in the mail as of March 27. [Vote for Board of Directors here.](#)

Help Wanted

Our lake association is seeking a second part-time maintenance worker to supplement our year-round part-time worker, Don Gauzy. The position's workload and hours are very flexible, but generally about 15 hours a week from spring to fall, geared more toward weekends. Starting pay will be in the \$15/hour range. Duties include upkeep of facilities, road maintenance, and some landscaping. The perfect candidate is a member looking to earn extra income while helping to maintain our lake community.

In addition, the association is seeking a part-time custodial worker. This position works 1 to 2 hours a week during the off season and 3 to 5 hours per week while the pool is open. They keep the lodge community areas and offices clean. Starting pay for this position is \$13/hour and perfect for a resident looking for some extra income.

IF INTERESTED, visit, call, or email the office manager: Jamie (573-617-9615), peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com.

New Trash Removal Service Provider

The Peaceful Valley community's previous trash removal provider sent out notices mid-March that they were terminating service to the lake (and the area). The board was notified almost simultaneously with letters that went out to clients, so there was little time to recover save for assurance that trash removal would continue until the end of the month.

Jamie Gerloff, Administrator, and Julia Baker, Board President, jumped on the problem and scrambled up a solution for everyone that promised uninterrupted service starting April 3. The only other alternative would have been a dumpster for everyone to share, but even that was a dead end – no dumpsters available.

Swinger Sanitation is the new provider, picking up Mondays. They are charging what looks like rural rates, causing some consternation among residents. The board is working to bring down the cost. In the meantime, all residents are encouraged to contact Swinger to set up accounts at 573-885-7596.

You can purchase an generic industrial trash can for \$45 – there will be 7 available next week through the office or call Gary Hacker 314-809-5118. That way you can negotiate for the lower price until the board works something out with Swinger. Negotiations are ongoing. More information soon.

Owensville Rural Fire Protective Association (ORFPA)

PVL non-ambulance emergency service is provided by the Owensville Volunteer Fire Department. This all-volunteer department does not receive tax funding outside the city limits of Owensville, so membership is required for the lake community.

The annual dues are \$58. If a fire department response is required, to include vehicle accidents, and you are not a member, cost is \$100 per call and \$500 per hour. Homeowners should have received a letter from the ORFPA. If not, contact Cheryl at 573-437-4308.

Burn Pit Evolving to Composting

The burn area will re-open as the new **Compost Area** next **Monday, April 3**. Mr. Gauzy is in the process of making signs that direct compost, such as leaves and grass clippings, to one side and brush/limbs to the other side. Separation will aid the composting effort that should be an environmentally friendly bonus for everyone.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has been in communication with our association regarding the burn pit. They instruct that no centralized burning of yard vegetation can be done if any homes are within 200 yards. Please **DO NOT** place any yard waste (leaves and tree limbs) at the burn pit area if the chain is up.

IF YOU LIGHT A FIRE in the burn area, you risk MO DNR levying a fine against the PVPOA. The burn pit is monitored with a security camera. Residents may continue to burn their own yard waste on their own property. If you do, please apply common sense and be safety conscious.

Marina Boat Slip Leasing

PVL boat owners are able to dock their boats for up to 48 hours at the main Lake Shore marina, Woodson marina, or along the dam. The reason for the 48-hour rule is because there are far more boat owner members than boat slips available. Because our members respect the 48-hour rule, there has always been dock space available, even on our busy weekends.

Last year the Board decided to lease out 4 of the 16 main Lake Shore marina slips. This season we will lease out SIX slips.

Cost will be \$100 for the season (May 1st to November 30th). Signs will be placed identifying the reserved slips. If interested in a slip please email or call our office manager, Jamie Gerloff, to get your name put on the list. **There will be a lottery drawing at the annual meeting in April.**



Boater Safety

Missouri law requires all motorized boat and personal water craft operators born 1984 and later (39 years old and younger) to pass a state boater safety course. A course can be taken on-line at **www.boat-ed.com/missouri** for a small fee. Students can be as young as 13.

REMINDER: Guests may use member watercraft, but the member must be present and the guest operator must meet the Missouri State boat safety course standards. This includes jet skis. Last summer we experienced unsafe watercraft operation: Boats too close to shore (100 foot minimum) while at speed; jet skiers too close to boat wakes; and movement not in keeping with the counterclockwise rule. Lake speed limit is 40 mph. Safety of all our members and their guests is our top priority.

PVL Book Club

The next gathering will be Tuesday, April 18st, 5:00 PM at the Lodge. The book will be *Empty Mansions*, by Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell Jr. It tells of the mysterious life of Huguette Clark and the spending of a great American fortune at end of the Gilded Age. If you wish, bring snacks and beverages. Email Lolle lolle_boettcher@yahoo.com if you have questions.



Last year's little swans, two colors, about mid-summer. We are anticipating the new little ones this spring. Keep an eye out for the hatchlings trailing behind mama...

