

## Splash Newsletter, July 2023



### OFFICIAL EVENTS

- **Friday, July 21, 6:00 PM**, monthly association board meeting, Lodge. All welcome.
- **Monday, June 17, 5:00 PM**, Monthly Public Water Supply District meeting, Lodge.
- **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 voting membership. The vote will be open until April 2024.

[Click here to vote](https://secure.electionbuddy.com/m/PVPOA/twothirds)

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### Fireworks schedule for the area!

Firework displays in towns of Gasconade County are being cancelled for drought conditions, so keep an eye on the news for updates starting this weekend, and through the week.

Peaceful Valley Lake events for July 2 and 8 have both been cancelled until September, as is Rosebud's famous event.

So far, Owensville is still on:

- June 30 OWENSVILLE starts off the celebration with PICNIC & FIREWORKS at Memorial Park. Spread your picnic feast after 5 pm and stay for the show. There will be food vendors there for you. Word has it, best place to watch is the hill near Walmart.

These are published dates for other towns, but watch for more information. Usually fireworks start after official sunset, approximately 8:30 these days. Be in place by then:

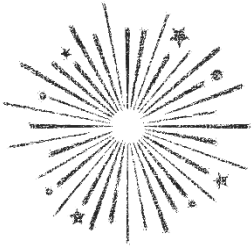
- July 1 BELLE
- July 3 HERMANN
- July 4 VICHY

### Norm Jung Celebration of Life

**From Randy Fuller** – Join us for a Celebration of Life for long-time Peaceful Valley Lake resident and friend, Norm Jung.

It will be held at the Lodge, Saturday, July 29, noon to 6 pm.

Please bring a side dish, dessert or snack to go with provided main course, chicken. Soft drinks and coffee will also be provided.



## Boat Parade on the lake July 2

**From Mark Martinez** -- Join the boat parade! Gather in line at the dam starting at 11 am, and "start your engines" at noon! You'll parade around the lake in your incredibly, patriotically decorated boat. Bring along noise and music to attract attention from the shore audience. There will be prizes for the top 3 boats!

## Get ready for safe fun & sun on the water

*Water Patrol will be out over the first weekend in July, checking for: underage drivers; Safe Boating Course Certification; the 100 foot-from-shore rule; AND NEVER TRAVEL, AT SPEED, BETWEEN THE SHORE AND A BUOY -- ANY BUOY!*

*What follows are reminders to people enjoying the lake community, safety is the primary guiding principle on busy weekends. The following is a list of Memorial Day local Water Patrol observations:*

- TOO FAST & TOO CLOSE -- People were driving wave runners and boats, at speed, too close to the shore, endangering docks. Be sure to observe the new buoys at the main marina to study the 100-foot distance.
- TOO FAST -- Boaters and PWC riders were speeding over 40 mph
- TOO CLOSE -- People moving pontoons in and out from docks also need that 100-foot distance to maneuver. There was a near-miss already with a wave runner rider.
- BUOY RULES (be the Navy) -- Boaters were not observing basic navigation rules regarding buoys at marinas: "No Wake" means idle speed; stay BETWEEN red and green buoys; never travel at speed between a buoy and the shore. Study up if you are uncertain...
- GET YOUR CERT -- For boat and PWC operators 14 to 29 years of age: ***Beginning January 1, 2005, every person born after January 1, 1984, or as required pursuant to section 306.128, who operates a vessel on the lakes of this state shall possess, on the vessel, a boating safety identification card issued by the Water Patrol Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol or its agent.*** This Water Patrol issuance includes people with out-of-state residence. Those under 14 are not considered competent yet to understand the test, so cannot operate any water craft. Go to the state website to [find out about classes](#).
- WRONG WAY -- A few were not observing the counter-clockwise direction of travel
- COURTESY -- If you are entering a "No Wake" zone, please slow down before you get there so you do not push your wake and bow wave into the zone.
- BE THERE FOR FISH -- You may not string jug or trout lines anywhere on the lake, including from your own dock. Hanging hooks are a hazard for other fishermen, small water craft and swimmers.



**FYI, "No Wake" means 5 mph or less**

## Of Lawns & Lakes

*It is nice to see lush green lawns from waterside, but did you ever consider beautifying the landscape in a more environmentally friendly manner? Lawns require fertilizing, chemical weed killing, watering and mowing – work! There are ways to be kinder to nature and to you...*

**FERTILIZING:** First, you should test your soil to see if you even need fertilizer. Then consider what to apply. Lawn products typically include phosphorous that causes algae growth upon seeping into the lake. You can buy products without the “P” component – typically there are content percentages for “P-N-K,” or phosphorous, nitrogen, and potassium. Vigoro, Lesco, and Scotts are good choices, according to the Lake Tishomingo News.

**WEEDS:** (from CountryLiving.com) You can spray VINEGAR directly on weeds, but that only kills the top growth. If you want to get roots, you can use a SALT solution (1 part salt to 3 parts water) and pour directly at base of the plant because it will kill grass and garden plants too. You can use rubbing alcohol (2 TBSP to 4 cups water). You can also use boiling water.

You can dust BAKING POWDER into cracks to keep growth out.

If you are starting with a new or pristine lawn (it does not work on established weed growth), use CORN MEAL. Mixed in the soil, it is both a fertilizer and an herbicide – kills crab grass and dandelion growth according to the Dirt Doctor on U-Tube.

**NOT GRASS:** (from LawnLove.com) There are alternative ground covers that require little or no attention once established – and require no, or little, mowing.

**The star is Carpet Sedum**, or Stonecrop. It is a sun evergreen, pollinator-friendly flowering succulent that thrives in rocky areas and poor soil. It is heat and drought resistant, no fertilizer needed.

**Creeping Thyme** is a fragrant, sun loving perennial that has tiny purple flowers for the bees. It does not require fertilizer, but needs a little water to thrive.

**Corsican Mint** is an aromatic shade lover that, after established, will spread and bloom with lilac-colored flowers. It requires fertilizer and water, but no mowing.

**Wildflower Meadow** is a mix of wildflowers that thrive in sunny, low-traffic areas. Go to the [Missouri Botanical Garden website](#) for ideas (and pictures) of what to plant in central Missouri. Go to [GrowNative.org](#) for places that provide seed mixes. Wildflowers need about three years to establish and require periodic burn-off.

**Buffalo Grass** likes full sun and dry clay soils (not sandy). After a tan winter season, the grass greens up in mid-April. It only grows 4 to 6 inches tall. If you want a manicured look, you only need to mow it about once a month.

### Stocking the lake

Dan Hoemeke spoke with the Missouri Department of Conservation about restocking fish and flora cover to bring back fish and habitat/cover.

For background, the department survey from 2019 said there were an abundance of fish in the lake – a healthy community. Fisherpeople report, however, there are fish to catch, but they are small.

Conservation will do another survey to determine health of the lake next spring.

In the meantime, aquatic plants will go in this month. Fisheries experts and Conservation suggested small fry need cover to grow into bigger fish – a logical start.

Megan Jost spoke with the fishing club about assistance with planting. They will engage the Bass Club, Owensville High School, to help out.

## Update from the Water Works

**From Mike Garlock, President PWSD #1 Board** -- Plans for the new Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) have been completed by our engineering partner, Cochran Engineering. The US Dept of

Agriculture (USDA) is reviewing the plans and when they are approved, Cochran will solicit bids. Upon final contractor approval, construction will be authorized.

We had previously hoped construction would begin this summer, but the review process has taken longer than anticipated. We currently expect to begin construction in the fall.

### Security assistance hired!

Kris Bayless, a long-time resident at the lake, will be helping out with security during busy periods. Don't hesitate to engage him. He has an extensive background in military, law enforcement and emergency response – and probably a few good fish tales to tell.

### New board member

Brian Kinworthy will fill the open board position until the Annual Meeting next April. His great Grandfather bought property at the lake before water. His grandparents, parents and aunt all had houses at the lake where he spent a lot of time skiing and wakeboarding on the water and riding four wheelers, frog giggering, and fishing while growing up.

He, wife Katie (and dog Maverick), are building a home here now, soon to spend more time when he can get away from his shop in Chesterfield. He said, "Being on the board has always seemed to be a part of being down at the lake, so I try to do my best and help when I can and provide the property owners with a fair voice. I think that we have a great community at the lake and we should all work together to continually make it better and preserve what we have for generations to come."



### Golf Tourney Fundraiser is on!

**From Brian Tharp** -- We are on the calendar with the Owensville Golf Course for the Peaceful Valley Lake Fall Golf Scramble!

It will begin on Saturday, October 7th, between 8:00 and 11:00 am. More information to follow as we move forward. This event will be open to everyone.

Contact Brian for more information.

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### Corrections to June news

For fireworks information, official sunset is around 8:30 pm, not that Indiana time published in the mid-month update...

In Board of Directors committees, Jeff Crump is listed for Facilities and Grounds. He is no longer on the board – but I'm sure Julia, Brian and Sherri will miss him...

### Organized fun

**Pickle Ball:** Play with the stars at the Owensville Water Park tennis courts! Join the fun Mondays and Wednesdays 5 to 6:30 pm. If enough people from Peaceful Valley appear to play, the games will move to the Lodge tennis court.

**Pool Aerobics:** Take advantage of exclusive pool time, water exercise to music and great company Mon., Wed., Fri., from 9 to 10 am at the Lodge pool.

**PVL Book Club, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays:** The next gathering will be Tuesday July 25. Meet at 4:30 and discuss by 5:00 pm at the Gazebo or Lodge, depending on weather. The book will be *A Long Way Gone: Memoir of a Boy Soldier*, by Ishmael Beah, a window into a terrifying conflict in Sierra Leon from the perspective of a 12-year-old conscript. If you wish, bring snacks and beverages. Anyone is welcome, whether you have read the book or not! Email [lolle\\_boettcher@yahoo.com](mailto:lolle_boettcher@yahoo.com) for questions.

**From John Kreilick** – Plan on German Fest September 30<sup>th</sup> at the beach and gazebo!