

## **Splash Newsletter, June 2023**



### **Welcome back for the summer!**

Memorial Day Weekend is the official start of “the season” here at Peaceful Valley. It will be nice to see the community come alive with people from near and far to enjoy the lake and sunshine.

### **All facilities are opening to welcome you:**

- **The pool** will open Friday, May 26, from 12 noon to 7pm. Daily times are also 12 noon to 7pm
- **The beach and play area** will be cleaned up, detailed and open before the holiday weekend
- **The campground** is already open, as of April 15. Remember reservations are required through the Lodge office. People who own property with no residence have priority. After that, get your request in as soon as possible to reserve one camp area per lot owner. There is a new fee of \$50 per night, for an immediate-family guest site, to cover utilities and maintenance
- **The tennis court**, with newly painted fences, is open
- **Speed bumps** will be put back in before the holiday weekend – so watch your 20!
- **The marinas** are open as they are all year, but you will see old refurbished and new buoys marking entrance and exit points on the water. Notice new “No-Wake” wording (and lights) and that the buoys are placed 100 feet from the shore around marinas. That will give you an idea of what 100 feet looks like so you can observe it



### **OFFICIAL EVENTS**

- **Friday, June 16, 6:00 PM**, monthly association board meeting, Lodge. All welcome.
- **Monday, June 19, 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>

on the main channel as well. The distance is designed to protect floating docks from damage.

- **And construction at the gates** is complete until next year when Peaceful Valley Road (upper gate) will be paved all the way down the hill. To protect the roadbed at the entrance, chip-and-seal will be laid for summer traffic. We are anticipating heavy equipment traffic while construction commences on the new waste water treatment plant – more on that in the July issue of Splash.

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## Safety on the water

*These are just a few reminders for experienced lake navigators and a heads up for those enjoying new water recreation experiences on the lake:*

**Guest boats are never authorized** on the lake. All boats (including jet skis, canoes and kayaks) on the water and in marinas must have current stickers, on the hull, just forward of the stern, both sides.

**Direction around the main channel** is counter clockwise, meaning toward the dam on the Lake Shore Rd. shore and away from the dam on the Woodson Dr. shore. This is a safety measure when traffic grows dense on holidays. Be sure to observe the 100-foot rule unless you are approaching or leaving a dock.

**On the water:** Remember if any person (or pet) is in the water near your watercraft, you must raise a red flag so other watercraft will cut speed in your vicinity. This rule includes jet skis, both losing a passenger and if a red flag is out in or near your path. Do not approach unless you are hailed since you do not know who/what/where is in the water.

**Guests cannot operate any watercraft** without the registered owner/property owner/member on board. The association member does not have to be driving or rowing or awake (just kidding).

**Speed limit:** The board and community voted for a speed limit of 40 MPH for any watercraft in the main channel, starting this year, 2023. In parallel, horsepower is a recommended 250 and no more than 300 HP is allowed as guideline if you are purchasing a boat. Wake boats are not allowed since July, 2021. Restrictions were voted in by the community to comply with insurance requirements.

**Dark sailing:** Watercraft on the water before official sunrise and after official sunset must have standard navigation lights, red starboard, green port, and clear at the stern.



FYI, "No Wake" means 5 mph or less

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## People you might know

The board voted May 19 to keep officers in place as before. That is, Julia Baker, President, Don Hoemeke, Vice President, and Mark Martinez, Secretary. Megan Jost is the new Treasurer. Other board members include Tony Westerman, Sherri Durban and Brian Tharp. Joan Strong will replace Jeff Crump, who is unable to continue service on the board, for 2 years.

**Nominate a board member:** There will be a board position open to fill Bob Oreskovic's slot for 11 months. If you want to see things happen, this is a good short-term rock & roll! Register your nominations at the administrative office before June 12 for a board vote at the next meeting, June 16.

**Volunteer to help the security team:** We are still looking for weekend and holiday assistance for security duties. You will get hourly pay and a fuel allowance if you use your own vehicle. Marie Geisler would be happy to have you on call for busy times. Contact the administrative office if you want to be an active helper for all your neighbors.

And, we can all help –

**SEE SOMETHING, SAY**

**SOMETHING:** Marie says people can contact her for concerns until 10 pm, 573-421-7470.

**After 10pm,** call the sheriff's office: If you need an officer for non-emergency police matters call 573-437-7770.

For emergencies dial 911. Email [police@cityofowensville.com](mailto:police@cityofowensville.com)



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## Trash news again

The board is unable to negotiate a contract with Swinger Sanitation until next year. Residents had signed up independently for service, at a rural price that seems high in comparison to Owensville city rates. Many in the community went ahead with the Swinger weekly service.

In the meantime, another sanitation service advertised on FaceBook, through NextDoor, in mid May, offering a reduced rate. The board decided not to manage a competing service, with little track record, when the board is already working with Swinger for dumpster service.

Any member is welcome to work with another sanitation service independently. The association will continue to contract for dumpster service through Swinger, but will not be involved in your residential service arrangements.

The newly advertised service is RTS of Belle, MO. Currently, with no contract, they are offering: \$20 w/your cans; \$25 w/1 RTS can; \$30 w/2 RTS cans. Call 573-859-3242

**BTW, please do not use the dumpsters** for your personal household trash. The one at the maintenance shed is filling up much faster than normal, becoming more costly to the association every time we call to empty. A camera there might help to discover who may be making deposits.

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## Water lines contact advisory

**If you are building** along the water and sewer system, well in advance of your connection, go to the Public Water Supply District [website for information](#). You can also go to the office at the Lodge to pick up a construction checklist. Laura Buck, Administrator, is there MWF 9 am to 2 pm, or call her 573-437-7808. If you/your contactor has a technical problem, call Don Burrows, Operator, at 573-789-5051. If you cannot resolve your issue, you are welcome to attend the PWSD board meeting every third Monday, 5 pm, at the Lodge.

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## Committees, or the Ozes behind the curtain:

There are six standing committees on the board that watch over different facets of community life and infrastructure. Following are committee titles and roughly who is responsible (everyone is on call for everything!), in case you would like to volunteer to assist or address an issue:

**Facilities and Grounds Committee** includes the Lodge, Campground, shelters, playgrounds, Tennis Court, Gazebo, Burn Pit, Storage Yard, public bathrooms, and guard houses: Julia Baker, Jeff Crump, Brian Tharp, and Sherri Durbin

**Lake Committee** includes the marinas (boat slips and ramps), Dam/Spillway, fish (stocking and habitat structures), dredging, weed control on association shorelines and structures, Beach, and trapping: Mark Martinez and Dan Hoemeke

**Security Committee** includes manning, gates, security cameras, local law enforcement communication, Lake Patrol (boating rules and regulations), and coordination with seasonal security staff: Julia Baker and Mark Martinez

**Pool Committee** includes maintenance, equipment and supplies, water chemistry maintenance, daily operations, and staffing/managing Pool Monitors: Julia Baker

**Maintenance Committee** includes roads, water erosion control, lawn care, landscaping/beautification, trash, snow removal, PVL vehicles and equipment, Maintenance Shed, tree trimming, signage, and coordination with maintenance employees: Mark Martinez, Dan Hoemeke, and Joan Strong

**Member Engagement Committee** includes Social Media (Facebook, Nextdoor), website, Splash Newsletter, bulk member emails, social events/functions, and review of insurance policies: Julia Baker, Megan Jost, and Joan Strong

*\* You are always welcome to attend board meetings, every third Friday, 6 pm. We usually have guests speak first so you don't have to stay long on such an important weekend evening! OR, you can go to the website to register a concern or idea or even complement on [Complaint/Comment Form](#).*

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## 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. Program starts the Monday after Memorial Day weekend and goes until it gets too cold to swim.

**PVL Book Club, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays:** The next gathering will be Tuesday June 27. Meet at 4:30 and discuss by 5:00 pm at the Lodge. The book will be *Solito: a Memoir*, by Javier Zamora. It is a story of his own travels and travails from El Salvador to the US at 9 years old. 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) if you have questions.

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And, that's a wrap. Sign up for [delivery to your email every month](#).



### Gate progress and fund raising to complete it

Since progress is getting to be obvious on the security gates, we are still hoping people will donate to the cause. We are probably needing about \$55,000 more to complete the task for you.

In that spirit, Brian Tharp, the new board member you voted in, is planning to organize a Golf Tournament for late summer. If you would like to join the effort, please contact:

[Brian@PrairieBarnWinery.com](mailto:Brian@PrairieBarnWinery.com), or call 660-787-0058

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