



National Emergency Alert test!

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be testing the National Emergency Alert System October 4, 2023, 1:20 pm, Central Time. Since the Siren at Peaceful Valley Lake (PVL) is defunct, we will discover if cellphones, TVs and radios will reach us in the event of a catastrophic event -- think severe storms, tornadoes, earthquakes, etc.

The national alert system has roots from cold war nuclear threats, 1950s. It has evolved, but the most recent test in 2011 was considered inadequate. Since then, FEMA is working with all private and public communication entities, leveraging their infrastructure to reach everyone in the nation. There will be two parts to the test:

- **For Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)** to consumers, the message that appears on phones will read: "THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed."
- **The Emergency Alert System (EAS)**, the more familiar test we are accustomed to, will last about a minute through radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers and wireless video providers.

WEA alerts are created and sent by authorized federal, state, local, tribal and territorial government agencies to participating wireless providers, who deliver the alerts to compatible handsets in **geo-targeted areas**. To help ensure that these alerts are accessible to the entire public, including people with disabilities, the alerts include a unique tone and vibration.

In case the Oct. 4 test is postponed due to widespread severe weather or other significant events, the back-up testing date is Oct. 11.

OFFICIAL EVENTS

- **Friday, Sep.15, 6:00 PM**, monthly association board meeting, Lodge. All are welcome.
- **Monday, Sep.21, 5:00 PM**, Monthly Public Water Supply District meeting, Lodge. All are welcome.
- **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/two-thirds)

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...Lake Emergency Alert Siren is no more

The siren located at the maintenance shed near the upper entrance was struck by lightning. Outdoor Warning Consulting was unable to fix the existing system. The board, meanwhile, is working on a long-term solution, including applying for grants for a new warning siren.

In the meantime, for local foul weather alerts, you can go to <https://www.facebook.com/GasconadeCountyEMA/>

Also explore free alerts sent out through Federal agencies that will work like AMBER alerts. You can discover a menu of those alerts and turn them on (or off) in "settings" on your personal cell phone. *NOTE article on page 1, you should get that Oct. 4 Emergency Alert test in any case.*

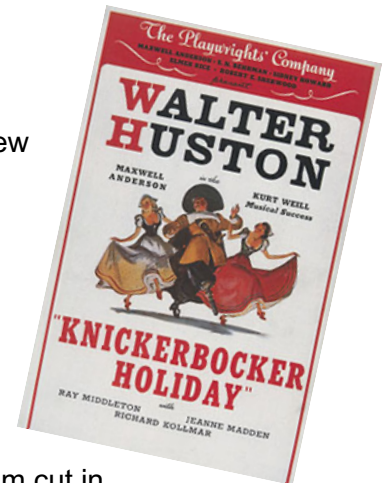
FREE ALERT APPS

- FEMA App
- NOAA Weather Radar
- LiveCodeRED Mobile Alert
- Red Cross Tornado App
- The Weather Channel App
- **You can purchase a weather radio for about \$40 to hear broadcasts from the National Weather Service.**

September Songs

The original September song was a solo in the musical *Knickerbocker Holiday*, 1938. Walter Huston played the aged, rather corrupt, governor of New Netherland, Peter Stuyvesant. Huston requested the solo so Kurt Weill and Maxwell Anderson wrote the song for his gruff voice and limited vocal range. The sadness in the song comes from the classic triangle of a young woman forced to marry an older man (Huston) while being in love with another.

"But it's a long, long while / From May to September / And the days grow short / When you reach September / And I have lost one tooth / And I walk a little lame / And I haven't got time / For the waiting game..."



Frank Sinatra put his spin on it in 1946 and Sarah Vaughn sang it for an album cut in 1954. Willie Nelson also cut an album with the song in 1978 – the same year Earth, Wind & Fire released their original lyrics with the same title. It starts, *"Do you remember / the twenty first night of September? / Love was changin' the minds of pretenders / while chasin' the clouds away..."*

In 2017 John Paul Cooper, an English singer, debuted the album *Raised Under Grey Skies* with a song of the same title *September Song*, written by Cooper, Jon Hume, Alex Bunker and Mr Hudson. The song made #7 in England and held top 10 in Ireland and Sweden. One stanza lyrics are *"You were my September Song / Summer lasted too long / Time moves so slowly / When you're only fifteen..."*

Though the Earth, Wind & Fire version is a little more up-beat, all the lyrics lament or celebrate September as of some end or loss – maybe life, maybe love, maybe time, maybe fun on the lake!

Attention boaters and road drivers!

HEADS UP FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND: Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2 to 4, is the last-chance long-weekend for summer fun here. Expect more traffic on roads and on the lake. That means safety will be important. Water Patrol and the Security team will be out checking for Certification Cards, underage

drivers, water and road vehicle numbers and stickers, speeding and reckless driving. Don't forget counterclockwise travel on the lake, too.

Everyone have a good time and go home singing after a great summer here!

One important note, especially if the weather is perfect into the evening. Any watercraft out after sunset must have all running lights on. Also according to Missouri State law, you cannot run over 30 mph. That is anywhere on the lake after about 7:30 pm. The law applies to both fishing and recreational watercraft. No personal watercraft operation (jet skis), skiing or tubing is legal after sunset.

Water drainage work on-going



The board has engaged an engineer, Rob Conoway, to make long-term solution recommendations. The board is prioritizing the most serious issues to mitigate further damage from heavy rain events. Mr. Conoway, with in-depth experience in community infrastructure, will present a plan soon for review and implementation.

The maintenance team has been hard at work cleaning up roads, ditches, and public areas (beach debris thanks to Julia and kiddos!). Please give Don, Steve and Chris high fives for great effort to bring the lake area back from flood damage in time for Labor Day!

In the meantime, the clean-up and mitigation are big projects that will be solved with studied cooperative effort to improve everyone's environment at the lake.

*** You can help by clearing culverts under driveways enough for a basketball to go through! That will keep water from backing up into the street, finding new ways downhill.**

Update from the Water Works

From Mike Garlock, President PWS #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. The plans are still under review.

Look Up – The Green Comet, called “Comet Nishimura” officially, is approaching a fly-by of Earth. It could be visible to the naked eye in September. Hope for clear dark nights.

September 22nd, the seasons officially change. The September Equinox – called the “autumnal equinox” in the northern hemisphere and the “vernal equinox” in the southern hemisphere – signal the point where earth experiences roughly equal lengths of day and night.

Flora and fauna



The Missouri state fruit tree, as of 2019, is the pawpaw. If you can identify and locate the tree, you may be rewarded with sweet fruits! The trees grow in colonies that resembles large shrubs. Trunks are slender with a large crown of broad leaves.



Hunting season ramps up this month in Missouri. Archery season for both deer and turkey starts Sept. 15. Deer firearms kick off with a new antlerless season Oct 6 to 8. Turkey firearms start Oct. 1. The rest of the deer season, including youth weekend, starts late October and early November.

Soy bean tires are on police cars in Missouri. Gasconade is not one of the test counties. The tires are a Goodyear soy-based line. 60% of the tire's petroleum content is replaced with renewable soybean oil. Soybean farmers are always excited about new innovative products using Missouri's top crop.

Organized fun

From John Kreilik – Plan for **Oktoberfest** September 30th at the beach and gazebo! It will be as German as he (and gang) can make it, complete with brats, beer, pretzels, potato salad and anything else you want to bring, including oompa music!

Join the Wednesday dinner club: There is a PVL group that gets together at 5:30 Wednesdays. The location changes each week. Randy Fuller usually posts on Nextdoor.com Wednesday evening where the club will be the following week. People decide where to meet the next week by drawing out of a "hat." All PVL members are welcome to join the group. While the people are usually the "older" generation and typically don't have little ones, ALL are welcome, including the little ones.

PVL Book Club, 4th Tuesdays: The next gathering will be Tuesday, September 26. Meet at 4:30 and discuss by 5:00 pm at the Gazebo or Lodge, depending on weather. The book will be *Daughters of Yalta*, by Catherine Grace Katz. It is the untold story of three young women who accompanied their famous fathers to the Yalta Conference, February 1945, and of the conference's fateful reverberations in the waning days of World War II. If you wish, bring snacks and beverages. Anyone is welcome, whether you have read the book or not! Email lolle_boettcher@yahoo.com for questions.



Golf Scramble 9-hole Tourney news!

From Brian Tharp -- Peaceful Valley Lake Presents:

Community Golf Scramble 9 Hole Tournament of Fun!

Saturday, October 7th, 2023
★ 8 AM to 11 AM Tee Offs

Register Online at
<http://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/pv-l-golf-scramble-oct-7-2023.html>

Or contact Brian at 660-787-0058,
brian@prairiebarnwinery.com

Owensville Golf Course
702 N Maple St, Owensville
(Rain Date: 10/14)

★ Tournament Prizes,
Refreshments, Fun and Food!

★ \$55 Per Person / \$200 Foursome

Sponsors would be greatly appreciated. We intend to make this an annual community event, so your participation to help make it grow is very important.

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PS: The shelter at the end of the lake, lower entrance, is almost like new again! Thank you, Steve!