



Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association Newsletter



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Welcome to August. Well, it's been an incredibly dry summer so far. As we wind up summer, soon the kids will be back in school, Labor Day is just around the corner, and we'll be reverting back to a fall

schedule around the lake. August is National Catfish Month (who would have guessed?) and since firing Mike Matheny last month, the Redbirds have won 5 straight series—could we have a repeat of 2011?

August Events: (see the PVL Things to do calendar at <http://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/things-to-do-calendar.html>)

--**Wednesday, Aug 15th 9 AM—Noon. Tech Support Day at PVL.** Gary Hacker will be at the lodge from 9 to noon to help with any technical issues—computer, phone, popular software, etc.

--**Friday August 17th, 5:30PM to 6:30 PM, Public Water Supply District #1 Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

--**Friday August 17th, 7:30PM to 9:30 PM, PV Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

Meet Jessi Sheel, the PVPOA Office Manager



Jessi and Ginger, one of her Quarter Horses.

Many of you have not had the opportunity to meet the PVPOA Office Manager, Jessi Sheel. Jessi took over the duties at the end of May, right in the middle of one of our busiest times here at Peaceful Valley, when the annual membership dues come rolling in. To say she hit the ground running would be an understatement. Now that we have a bit of a breather, we'd like to provide some more information about Jessi so you can get to know her better. Jessi's got strong local roots—her mom

is from Belle, her dad is from Compton, CA, and they moved to Cuba, MO in 1981. Jessi matriculated through the Cuba public school system and graduated from Cuba High School. She's got two daughters, Leah Marie (23) and Emma Rae (18) and a granddaughter Autry, who'll be 2 in Sept. Her husband of the last 5 years is Mark, and they live in Redbird, MO just a few miles from Peaceful Valley. Her grandfather introduced her to horse riding at a young age and she's been in love with horses ever since. Mark and Jessi have horses (big ones—Percherons) and together they raise mules with a new foal that just arrived last week. Make sure to stop by and say hi!

Pool Hours for the Rest of the 2018 Season

With school starting on Wednesday, August 15th, we're going to modify the pool hours again as summer starts to wind down. From now until Tuesday, August 14th, the pool is open from 2-7:45 PM Weekdays, and Noon to 7:45 on Weekends. Starting on August 15th, the pool will be closed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. It'll open from 4 PM to 7:30 PM on Thursday and Friday, then 2 PM to 7:30 PM on weekends (including Labor Day). We appreciate your understanding and hope you enjoy the rest of the summer!!



Water Aerobics to Continue until the pool closes



The last few years, several PVL members got together and started doing water aerobics on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at the PVL Pool. With the exceptionally dry summer, the water aerobics participants have had a few extra days to tone their muscles and tan their skin (at least shoulders and above) in these summer workouts. There's been as many as 12 or more and as few as 2, mostly women but occasionally some men, but this completely voluntary activity is done at no charge to the participants. It's just neighbors being neighborly, led by Louise Baker who organizes this activity. Louise normally brings her boom box and a selection of water aerobics workout tapes and CDs

with the common goal of helping each other stay healthy. If you'd like to participate, just show up and bring an empty milk or juice jug for specific exercises. Times are 9:15-10:15 AM, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There're only a few weeks left before the pool closes.

Salute to Volunteers

Peaceful Valley wouldn't be half as nicely maintained if it wasn't for the many volunteers that go about, unpaid, on their own time, working to keep the development up and running. There are only a handful of paid employees, and all of them are part time. Members may be surprised to learn that the only paid employees include the PVPOA Office Secretary, 3 maintenance personnel (depending on the season), the cleaning service, the security personnel, and the lifeguards and pool monitors. On the PWSD side the clerk and the operations manager and deputy are compensated. All the rest are volunteers starting with the Boards of Directors of

both the Property Owners Association and Public Water Supply District #1.

I want to give credit where credit is due, and I know that I will miss a few as I'm doing this from memory, so if I miss giving you a shout out below, please forgive me but let me know so I can make good on letting our members know your good deeds.

Some examples of unsung volunteer work this year include overseeing the modifications to the campground, which brought additional water spigots and 50-amp electric service to several sites, the filling of a small ditch to make our first drive-through site, and the leveling and extension of two of the

most popular sites. Thanks to Tom Bush for the planning and overseeing this activity.

The spring floating algae with the lake and the late summer algae blooms needed a lot of attention this year. Several of the people involved in spraying liquid algaecide or spreading copper sulfate several times during the season are Tom and Carol Eilermann, Charlie Kinworthy, Jr., Mike Garlock, Gary Hacker, and Tim Edwards.

Randy Fuller spearheaded the effort to bring a warning siren to Peaceful Valley. Through Randy's efforts and that of an anonymous member who donated the majority of funding needed, we got two old sirens from the City of Owensville, refurbished one of the sirens using parts from the other and a few new parts, Three Rivers Electric donated and installed the pole and volunteer members Jackie Duga and Scott Frey assisted Randy in digging the trench from the pole to the maintenance shed to run the electricity. For those of you that were here at 11 AM on Monday, August 6th, you probably heard the successful test of the siren during the normal first Monday of the month testing of the system.

Tom Bush also picks up trash around the facility several times a day. One thing he's been doing lately is separating the aluminum cans, cashing them in, and donating the proceeds to the Central Missouri Honor Flight, which transports WWII, Korean, and Viet Nam veterans from St. Louis to Washington DC for a day of tours and visits to the various memorials. A Marine veteran, Tom went on an Honor Flight several months ago and digging through trash for your cans is one way he's paying it forward.

We have many volunteers that help the PVPOA office during peak periods and I must apologize in advance for not having their names. I took a picture of them and my phone got toasted so I lost the pix. So, to the special volunteers who helped Alma fold, stuff, address, and stamp the over 600 envelopes that were sent to each member in advance of the annual membership meeting, thank you. Many of these same volunteers also helped check people in at the

annual meeting and helped with the set up and clean-up of the post meeting party. Other helped with counting the votes for the board of director candidates.

Similarly, we have a lot of volunteers that help keep the place pretty. Our maintenance crew typically takes care of cutting the grass, weed whacking, leaf clearing, etc., but our volunteers take care of watering the trees and flowers, weeding the landscaped areas, and in general keeping Peaceful Valley attractive. We've mentioned Bonnie Lynn in an earlier newsletter who takes care of the planter areas near the beach, and Jill Colley takes care of watering the landscaping in front of the guard shack at the lower entrance, but the rest of the volunteers are like gnomes who go about very quietly and take care of business tidying up around the common areas, so for these unnamed volunteers, thanks!!

Many of you know that the beach area is heavily used over the summer, especially on weekends. Tom Bush, Carol Eilermann, and Charlie Kinworthy, Sr. do a lot to keep the beach area nice for swimmers and picnickers. Tom locks the bathrooms up at night and reopens them in the morning to keep vandals from damaging the area. Tom and Carol have been raking out the aquatic vegetation, and with the swans relocation from the beach area, the Canada geese are no longer afraid to hang out on the beach doing what geese do best—poop. Tom and Carol have been tag teaming with Tom scaring the geese away at night and Carol cleaning up the poop in daylight. Charlie uses his 4 x 4 to rake the beach every week to make it nice for the weekends.

As we wrap up the summer, many of the volunteers that helped take off the pool cover in the spring (Gary DeAngelis, Tom Eilermann, Mike Garlock, Glenn Boettcher, Gary Hacker, Charlie Kinworthy, Jr., and Ray Oldfather) will be putting it back on in a few weeks. To all our volunteers: THANKS!!!

