



Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association, Inc.
Newsletter



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December 2016

Welcome to December. November was full of surprises—the Cubs won the World Series after a 108 year gap, the Republicans stunned the pollsters, the media, and especially the Democrats by winning the Presidency, the Missouri Senate race, most state offices and, for the first time since 2008, a governing “trifecta” of a Republican Governor & Lieutenant Governor, and Republican-controlled state Senate and House chambers. November’s weather set several new records for daily highs, extending the boating season but also allowing the grass to keep growing while leaves, acorns, and

walnuts keep dropping making a big mess, especially in the common areas. The Owensville Dutchmen Boys Football team set a new high school record, going undefeated in 12 games before losing to eventual state champion Monett in the quarterfinals, and the OHS Cross Country team ended up 10th in state. Coming up are holidays sacred to several religions, notably Christmas on December 25th, Hanukah from December 24th to January 1st, and Kwanzaa from December 26th to January 1st, and don’t forget ringing in the new year on December 31st.

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

--Saturday, December 10th, 5:30 PM to ?—Peaceful Valley Lake Estates Annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner and Social. Come join your neighbors and friends at the annual PVL Holiday Pot Luck Dinner. We will provide meat, condiments, plates, and utensils, and we’d ask you to bring a dish to share. Come join us for some holiday cheer!!

--Friday the 16th, 5:30PM to 7:00PM, Public Water Supply District #1 of Gasconade County (formerly Peaceful Valley Service Company) Board of Directors Meeting. This is the regular monthly meeting—*Please note that the meeting day and time has changed from the 3rd Saturday of the month in the morning, to the third Friday of the month at 5:30 PM, occurring right before the monthly Property Owners’ Association Board Meeting..*

--Friday the 16th, 7:30 PM, Peaceful Valley Property Owners’ Association Monthly Board of Directors Meeting. This is the regular monthly meeting.

Web Site Enhancements

We've added a new page showing the Plat Map of Peaceful Valley Lake. This map shows property ownership current as of August 2014 according to the Gasconade County Surveyor and Assessor. It's a work in progress as the records have to be updated to reflect ownership changes since 2014, but the intention is to use this base map to show different information to include property for sale, lots with houses, vacant lots, PVPOA-owned property, water/sewer services used, etc. The map is a customized version of Google Maps known as a

“mash up” that benefits from using the same tools and interfaces available from Google.

Here's the link:

<http://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/peaceful-valley-plat-map.html>

If you have suggestions or recommendations for things you'd like to see with the map, please email or call Gary Hacker at pvl.gary@gmail.com or 573-437-2619.

Maintenance Completed in November and December Maintenance Schedule

The maintenance team and the sewer system “smoke chasers” were busy in November. The unseasonably warm weather along with the falling leaves kept the crew busy keeping the common areas mowed and the ditches clear. In mid-November several volunteers from the Public Water Supply District (formerly PVSC) did smoke testing around the lake to find any leaks in the sewage system that need repair. This is part of the continued effort to repair the sewage system in order to bring the lagoon into compliance with regulations. Note that of the 8-10 people that gave up their weekends to do this testing, only 2 were paid members of the maintenance team—the rest were volunteers who continue to work to save the rest of the property owners as much money as possible on this project.



Bobcat bush hogging the back side of the dam

Other maintenance performed in November include removing the speed bumps for the winter to make it easier for the crews to clear the roads when it snows, and the brush hogging of the back side of the dam. The dam project was contracted out to Checkered Flag Excavators, who over a two-day period used a tracked Bobcat with a brush hogging attachment to cut through the thick, sometimes 6 foot tall weeds and brush. Towards the spillway side of the dam, there was a depression in the dam wall where the bobcat couldn't traverse, and the maintenance team completed the rest of the work. The brush hogging is something that has to be done to support a State dam inspection expected in early 2017.

Annual Bonfire a “Roaring” Success

The Annual Bonfire on Oct 29th was another great success. Sixty-plus people showed up and the weather was extremely cooperative. We had a great support from our volunteers and maintenance crew who set up the event, built the log pile, started and maintained the fire, did the cooking, and cleaned up after the event.



Mike with Lady and Adrian (Rocky was camera shy)

Meet Your Neighbor—Mike Albano

Mike has been a full-time resident on Lake Shore Dr. of Peaceful Valley Lake since 2005, when he moved here from Mt. Zion, Illinois where he had worked as for 30+ years for Pittsburgh Plate Glass. Originally from Crystal City, MO, Mike is a US Navy veteran serving aboard the fleet oiler USS Caloosahatchee from 1954-57. He was married to Irene for 30 years until her passing in 1998. Mike has 3 daughters, Gail, Sue, and Donna, all living within an hour or so drive of Owensville.

Mike loves to fish and has been a great mentor to novice anglers. He enjoys watching movies, Cardinal baseball and really likes boxing—which may explain why his two cats are named Rocky and Adrian. In addition to the cats, Mike has a golden retriever named Lady, who sometimes thinks she is a lap dog.

Mike suffered a stroke in 1998, leaving him with a fully functioning mind, but partial paralysis on his right side and a slight case of aphasia, which causes him to know exactly what he wants to say, but sometimes the words just won't come. When you talk to Mike and he gets stuck on a word, simply start suggesting possible words and he'll let you know when you get the right one. During the week, Mike visits the Owensville Senior Center 4-5 times a week for lunch and social activities, exercises regularly at the gym at Frene Valley, and only misses Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church when the weather is bad. Mike is well known to the staff at the Panda Café and JnL2 going to one or both places almost every weekend.

So how did Mike end up at Peaceful Valley? After retiring from PPG in 1998, Mike stayed in Mt. Zion where he had lived since 1972, but his daughters wanted to get him closer to their homes outside of St. Louis. Donna eventually found the house for sale at Peaceful Valley and in 2005 Mike moved permanently to Peaceful Valley, where his daughters and their families are frequent visitors.

Nearby Restaurant Reviews: The Deli's at the Schaeperkoetter General Store in Mount Sterling, and the Deutsches Heim General Store in Linn

This month you get a “twofer”—two nearby General Stores that have deli's making great sandwiches and more. The first one is Schaeperkoetter Store at 2718 State Hwy A, Mt.



Schaeperkoetter Store, MO Hwy A at US 50

Sterling, MO. I'm sure long-term residents from the area are very familiar with Schaeperkoetter's as it's been in Mt. Sterling ever since the store was set up to help service the ferry across the Gasconade River long before the state built the highway 50 bridge in 1925. The current version of the store is reminiscent of a 1940's vintage General Store, with hardware and dry goods on the left side of the store, groceries on the right side, a US Post Office in the back left corner, and the center part housing a deli, lunch counter, and cash register. The deli is open when the store is open but closes ½ hour before the

store closes. The sandwiches are simple but generous—you go to the deli counter, pick your bread (white, wheat, rye or hoagie bun) and then pick a deli meat such as ham, corned beef, pickle or olive loaf, or regular or German bologna (and more) from Kretschmar and Mayrose. Add cheese, your choice of whatever fresh produce—and I mean fresh—such as onions, peppers, tomatoes, and lettuce, and the usual condiments and you have a generous and tasty sandwich. You can get it to go, or pick up a bag of chips and a soda from the cooler and sit at the counter to eat. They also have ready-made or made-to-order salads and a daily hot lunch special. If you come in at lunchtime, most (if not all) of the 8 stools at the lunch counter will be occupied, but not for long as the local work crews that frequent the place get in and out quickly. The basic sandwich is under \$4.00. Chips and soda are regular market prices. If the store gives you a bit of nostalgia, make sure to stop by the fully restored Mt. Sterling one-room schoolhouse. To get there from the store, head south on Hwy A for less than a quarter mile and turn left on Mt. Sterling Road which is the first gravel road on your left. Down



Mt. Sterling One-Room Schoolhouse (1896-1963)

about 1.25 miles on the left is the old school house. The school was restored a few years ago, and

several statues of kids playing are scattered around the grounds. There’s also a gazebo near the creek. The school is privately owned but you can walk around the buildings and peek inside to see what school was like in the old days. Schaeperkoetter Store gets a 🦢🦢🦢 rating for food quality and ambiance.



Deutsches Heim, on Hwy CC just south of US 50 east of Linn, MO

Deutsches Heim, just east of Linn and a long block south of US 50 on Hwy CC, is an Amish General Store in modern facility specializing in beautiful custom made furniture, bulk foods, and a wonderful deli using almost exclusively Troyer’s Amish meats and cheeses.. Similar to Schaeperkoetter’s you go to the deli counter near the back of the store and select your bread, meat, cheese, produce and condiments. Some of their breads are home baked, others are store-bought. Their pricing is based on the number of meats you get on your sandwich—1, 2, or 3 and the servings are huge. Also, like Schaeperkoetter’s, the produce is really fresh. You can also pick up a bag of chips, soda, or other side items, and because it’s an Amish store, there’re plenty of things you don’t find in other stores, such as birch beer and cheese curds. There’s only a small table that seats up to 4 so you may want to grab something to go.

Deutsches Heim gets a 🦢🦢🦢 rating.