



Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association Newsletter

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Welcome to December. Just like Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, the year 2020 will go down in history but not in a good way. Professional sports seasons are still in disarray, with NFL football postponing several games but largely following their normal fall/winter schedule, while the NBA has pushed back the start of their season to December 22nd and the NHL looking like they're going to start in mid-January. The Cardinals have some interesting

free agents to work through, with gold gloves Kolten Wong and Yadier Molina, and pitcher Adam Wainwright on the free agent market. This month, we remember Pearl Harbor on December 7th, Hanukkah runs from December 10th through the 18th, the winter solstice at 7:30 AM on December 21st (e.g., the shortest day of the year), Christmas on the 25th, Kwanzaa runs from December 26th to January 1st, and New Year's Eve is on December 31st.

December Events:

--**Canceled—Annual Holiday Potluck.** Unfortunately, we're canceling the annual holiday potluck this month because of the state-imposed COVID-19 indoor group gathering guidelines. With a vaccine on the horizon, we hope to get back to some type of normal in the coming new year.

--**Friday December 18th, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, PV Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting.** We'll be meeting via Zoom. Because of the slow internet bandwidth at the lake, we are only able to accommodate a small handful of guests virtually. If you're interested in attending, please contact the office to make a reservation.

--**Monday December 21st, 5:30PM to 6:30 PM, Public Water Supply District #1 Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

--**Thursday, December 24th to Sunday, January 3rd, 2020—**Both PVPOA and PWSD (Water/Sewer) offices will be closed for the holidays. Both will reopen on January 6th under whatever COVID restrictions are in place at the time. During the break, PVPOA calls to the office number will be forwarded to a board member. In case of a water or sewer emergency during the break, call the PWSD Operator at 573.789.5051.

PVL Budget Planning

It's that time of year when we start planning our budget for next year. As always, we have a few suggestions from members in addition to ongoing plans, so we'd like to get some feedback on these items as well as solicit any additional ideas you may have. The plans we have so far include the following:



-Continuing with Year 5 of the 7-year road project plan we started a few years ago. That plan includes replacing the decades-old corrugated steel culverts that are principally on the lake roads, and repairing and resurfacing approximately 1.1 mile of road each year. This year's plan is to replace the remaining culverts along Lake Shore Dr. from the lodge down to the bridge at the lower entrance, along with repairing and resurfacing the same section of road.

to replace all the street signs, the signs at the marinas and other common areas, etc.

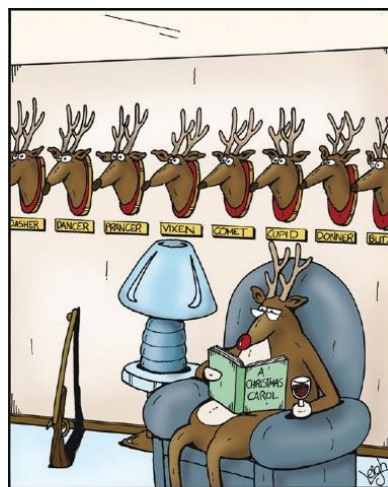
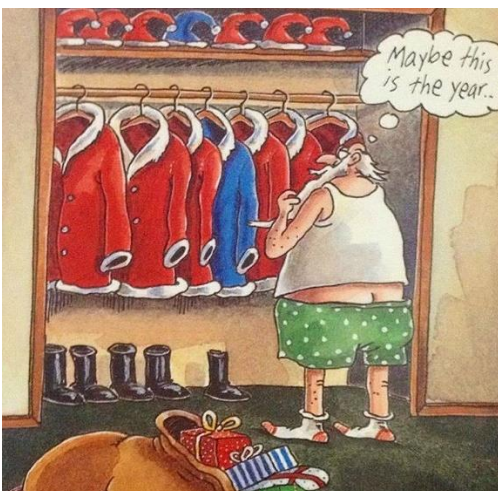
-As reported in last month's newsletter, our biennial dam inspection notes that the "freeboard" of the dam needs to be a few inches higher near the boat ramp, and that we should consider adding some rip rap along the waterside of the dam. A goal for next year is to accomplish these projects as well as inspect the dam for groundhog burrows and fill them before the groundhogs return in the spring. We have a few volunteers already and we're shooting for Saturday, February 20th as the day to find and fill the burrows.

-We plan to restripe the parking areas at the lodge, dam, beach, and other locations. In addition, we plan to repair or replace the fencing atop the seawall at the dam.

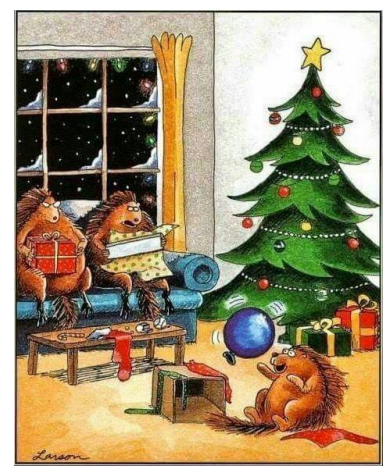
-We plan to repair the concrete patio on the rear of the lodge along with the concrete walkway leading down to the pool.

-We plan to consolidate and/or replace much of the signage around the lake. Many of the signs are sun bleached, damaged, or just plain illegible. We plan

If you have any suggestions, let us know by dropping us an email at peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com or call at 573-437-2605 during our normal business hours.



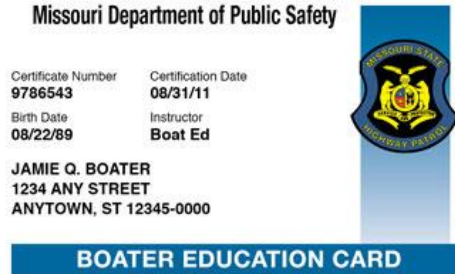
All of the other reindeer used to laugh and call him names.



"Well, this shouldn't last too long."

Mark Your Calendar—Missouri Boater Safety Class at the Lodge Saturday, March 13, 2021

Board member Mark Martinez has arranged with the Missouri State Highway Patrol to host a Boater Safety Class at Peaceful Valley on Saturday, March 13, 2021. The course is free, but we ask for a \$10 per person/\$40/family of 4 or more reservation deposit that can



either be used to pay for snacks, drinks, and lunch that day, or will be returned to you should you not partake of the food and drinks. We'll have more details in the February newsletter.

PVPOA Board of Directors Candidates Wanted



We're in the final quarter of the PVPOA fiscal year and it's time again to solicit candidates for our board of directors. As a reminder, PVPOA has 9 members on the board, each serving a 3-year term, with 3 board seats up for election each year. Per our bylaws, board members can only serve for 6 consecutive years, or a combination of an unexpired term plus a 3-year elected term. This coming year, we have the terms of Carol Eilermann, Kim Burkhardt, and Mark Martinez expiring. Of the three, Kim Burkhardt will be completing her sixth year and is ineligible to run for a seat, Carol and Mark are finishing up unexpired terms and will be eligible to run for a full term if they desire.

Board members are expected to attend board meetings on the third Friday of each month as well as the Annual Membership

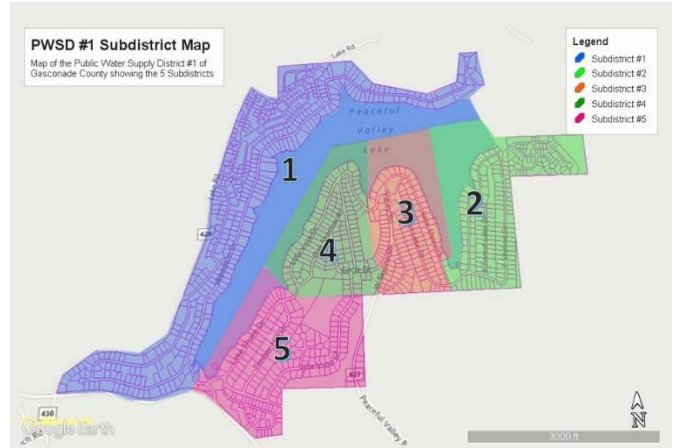
Meeting in April. In addition, board members are expected to participate on one or more committees, each chartered with duties designed to help run the day-to-day activities and planning of the Association. Keep in mind, we are, in essence, a small town with more than 650 member families, 178 homes, a 180-acre lake, a lodge housing two business offices, two pools, a beach, campground, several park areas and two marinas. The board of directors provides the same services as an incorporated town's board of aldermen. Time commitments vary depending on the committees assigned—for example, the committee overseeing maintenance spends 5-10 hours per week on activities, the office/administrative committee dealing with the business office spends 15-20 hours per week during the busy seasons and 5-10 in the off-season, while other committees such as the lake committee spends little or no time during the off-season, but quite a bit of time during the spring and summer. If you would like to find out more, feel free to contact any of the current board members. Their contact information is available at <https://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/board-of-directors--staff.html> or stop by or contact the office at 573-437-2605 to get contact information for the board members.

If you already know that you'd like to run for a board seat, you can pick up a Board of Directors application from the office, or download it at

https://www.peacefulvalleylake.com/uploads/2/4/7/0/24700980/board_of_directors_application_fillable_form.pdf

Public Water Supply District (PWSD) Seeking Board of Director Candidates

The PWSD is seeking Candidates for their Board of Directors to represent subdistricts 3 and 4 in Peaceful Valley. The adjacent map shows the subdistricts. If you are registered to vote in Gasconade County and live in either of these districts, please fill out a Missouri Department of Revenue Form 5120 “Candidates Affidavit of Tax Payments and Bonding Requirements” <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/5120.pdf> and file that with the PWSD Clerk between December 15th 2020 and January 19th 2021. Due to COVID restrictions, please phone the Clerk at 573-437-7808 to make an appointment.



Trapping Success

After many years of searching, we found a trapper to help eliminate some of the pesky destructive critters around the lake. Randy Zelch of Rosebud first came here in late Spring/early Summer to survey the lake. He paddled completely around the lake in his canoe to spot the signs of beaver, muskrat, otters, etc. He advised us then that he would like to wait until the off-season to do the trapping so that there would be fewer people and boats around to disturb the traps. Randy came out over the Thanksgiving weekend and in the short 4-day span was able to trap 3 beavers (2 of which were estimated at 80 pounds or more), 8 raccoons, and 1 muskrat.



We're not done yet, but we need your help to find more of these destructive critters. If you're aware of any beaver, muskrat, groundhog, or other destructive critter activity around the lake, please contact the office at 573=437-2605 or email us at peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com.

