



Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association, Inc. Newsletter

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Inauguration Day
Jan 20th

January 2017

Welcome to January and 2017!!. By many accounts, almost everyone will be happy to see 2016 in our rearview mirror. “Mr. Wonderful” Stan Kroenke decided that being wealthy in his own right and married to a Walmart heir isn’t enough. He ultimately moved the Rams to Los Angeles, bought the legendary 525,000 acre Waggoner Ranch in Texas and promptly kicked out homesteaders whose families have been living there for over 100 years. Some believe Dr. Seuss modeled the Grinch after Stan. Sportswisely, the Cardinals barely missed the playoffs for the first time since 2010, the Blues fell 2 games short of making it to the Stanley Cup

Finals, and the Owensville Dutchmen Boys Football Team fell in the Quarterfinals to the eventual State Champions from Monett.

2017 is shaping up as a time for significant changes. The nation in general, and Missouri in particular, will experience a major political swing from the left to the right. So far this off-season, the Cardinals have picked up a few pitchers along with their big free agent acquisition, all-star outfielder Dexter Fowler from the (can you believe it?) World Champion Chicago Cubs. The Blues still have some things to work on, and we’ll see how the Dutchmen do later this year. Welcome to 2017!!

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

--Friday Jan 20th, 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.

--Friday Jan 20th, 7:30 PM, **Peaceful Valley Property Owners’ Association Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

--Saturday, Jan 28th, 7:00 PM to ?—**First PVL Trivia Night to Benefit Carl Kurtz Purple Martin House Memorial.** See story below in the newsletter.

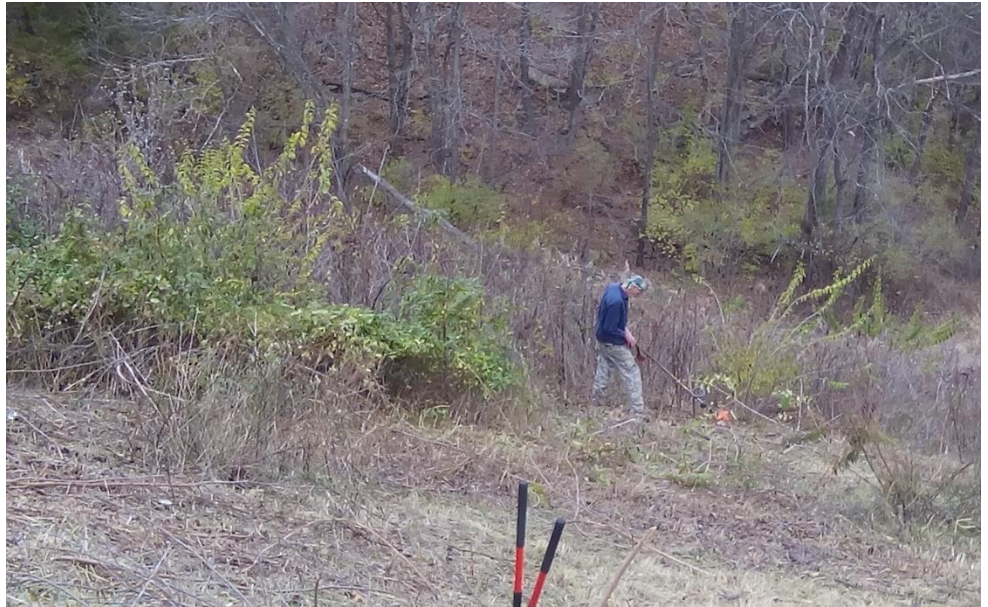
Web Site Enhancements

Only a handful of web site enhancements this month, mostly clean up to some of the older material that was on the site. We updated several of the items on the Member Services page, and the

Owner’s Association and Water Supply District board members and their contact information were updated.

Maintenance Completed in December and January Maintenance Schedule

Work continues to clear the brush on the back of the dam where the contractor's Bobcat couldn't reach. Workers have been literally hacking out the thick brush with chain saws and a variety of trimmers to knock down the brush stems that were as thick as your thumb.



Other maintenance performed in December include changing the Speed Bump Warning signs to signs reminding residents and guests to not park on the roads

during snow events to help speed snow removal. Also, work continued cleaning out the roadside ditches of all the leaves that stubbornly hung onto the trees well into November. We also had the maintenance crew and several volunteers decorate the lodge for the holidays. January maintenance will continue on clearing ditches maintaining common grounds, treating roads and removing snow as necessary, and the usual things that need help in the winter.

Public Water Supply District #1 Update

PWSD #1 recently sent out bills for the quarter which includes an explanation of rate increases as follows:

-Water customer rates will increase from \$28.45 to \$48.45/quarter (a total increase of \$80/year)

-Water spigot rates will increase the same, from \$28.45 to \$48.45

-Water Availability rates will increase from \$7.94 to \$15.00 / quarter (a total increase of \$28.24 per year)

-The \$140 quarterly Lagoon Project Surcharge will stay the same.

Annual Holiday Potluck Draws Nearly 40 Members



December 8th's Annual Holiday Potluck drew 38 members and their families for an evening of good food, comraderie, and surprisingly good singing of Christmas carols. Special thanks to Gary and Geri DeAngelis for organizing the buffet and cleaning up afterwards, the volunteers that helped decoate the lodge and especially the tree you can see in the background in the photo at left, and to all of the attendees that brought dishes and desserts to share.

Nearby Restaurant Reviews: BJ's Restaurant and Lounge in Linn, MO

BJ's Restaurant and Lounge is located across the street from the County Courthouse at 108 The Square, Linn, MO 65051. BJ's is open Monday-Saturday from 7 AM until 1 AM in the morning, and Sundays from 7 AM until 2 in the afternoon. The kitchen does close earlier than the bar. Don't

let the entrance fool you—as soon as you walk in the front door, you're in the bar. It doesn't look much like a restaurant until you walk

through the doorway in the back, right side of the bar and you enter a large seating and kitchen area. BJ's serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, and specializes in your typical American fare, eggs, pancakes, biscuits, bacon and sausage; burgers, fried chicken, steaks, pork chops, and your typical sides and appetizers. The food is reasonably priced and plentiful. During the week, BJ's offers a variety of specials along with monthly specialty nights. We stopped one day just about the time they were switching from breakfast to lunch, so we got a little bit of each. You can basically get anything



you can imagine on an American breakfast menu and have it your way. While we were eating, we noticed there was a booth reserved on the side of the restaurant. As it got closer to 11 AM, the table started getting set up with silverware, condiments, and drinks. We were curious about why there was a

reserved table in such a large restaurant that, at the time we were there, had plenty of seating. The hostess told us this was set up for “the Bank ladies”—employees of

Legends Bank across the street. Apparently, they eat there almost every week day but only get 30 minutes so BJs reserves the table, sets it up and takes their call-in order earlier in the morning to make sure it's waiting for them when they arrive shortly after 11 AM. We had to stay and watch, and sure enough, shortly after 11 AM 4 ladies ranging from mid-30s to mid-60s came walking in single file and sat down to eat. This really endeared BJs to us as a restaurant with first class customer service. BJ's Restaurant and Lounge gets a 🍴🍴🍴 rating.

Trivia Night at Peaceful Valley Lake Lodge, January 28th 2017 at 7 PM.

Shake off the winter blues on Saturday, January 28th at 7 PM at the Peaceful Valley Lake Lodge. If you like the TV show Jeopardy or if you got hooked playing the Trivial Pursuit board game in the 1980s, you'll really like this trivia night. Why? Because in Jeopardy or Trivial Pursuit the contestants are on their own, while during a trivia night, you have 8-10 members on your team and you have a better chance getting the answer correct.

The way the game works is as follows. There are 10 rounds of 10 questions each. Each question is worth 10 points. That means a perfect score would be 1000 points. There are 10 “themes” for questions: for example, some popular themes are Disney Movies, Sports, Movies, TV Shows, Song Lyrics, etc. When the questions begin, the emcee reads the question and repeats it. Teams are given 2-4 minutes to answer the question before

the next question is read. Teams turn their answers in at the end of the round and judges review the answers. While the judges are scoring the rounds, the emcee reads the correct answers for the round. Scores are posted with running totals so you can keep track of your team's progress.

Most trivia nights are fund-raisers for their sponsors and this one is no exception. The difference here is that most other trivia nights charge \$10-15 per person or \$150-\$200 per table. We're going to make this first one a modest \$20 per table or whatever more you're willing to donate. All proceeds are designated for the Carl Kurtz Memorial Purple Martin House Project, which will build, erect, and maintain purple martin houses around the lake.

We have quite a few leftovers from the holiday party (yes it's been frozen so it's ok) that we'll make available, but you're welcome to bring whatever you want to eat or drink., but more on the free menu later. Another tradition at trivia nights is a silent auction for a variety of items, but stay tuned for a list of items.

If you're interested as a team or if you're an individual looking to be placed on a team, please contact Gary or Ricky Hacker at 573-437-2619 (H) or 314-809-5118 (C) or email at pvl.gary@gmail.com

Lastly, here're a few questions that will be typical of the types of questions that will be used at the trivia night. Answers are at the bottom of the page.

1. Category "Hide in Plain Sight"
 - a. What is the street name of Missouri State Highway 28 as it passes through Owensville?
 - b. What is the name of the park where the Gasconade County Fair is held in Owensville?
2. Category "Women in Song"
 - a. What's the woman's name who will "look sweet, upon the seat of a bicycle built for two?"
 - b. Who sang "Oh Ruby, don't take your love to town."



Bald Eagles at Peaceful Valley Lake

If you look closely at the picture to the left taken last fall, you'll notice a Bald Eagle perched in the tree. What makes this unusual is because he landed in a tree in my backyard, not more than 20 feet away from my back deck. I took this through my back window with a cell phone. The metal looking thing in the lower right corner of the photo is the top of an umbrella heater sitting on deck, so you can gauge how close this eagle was to the house.

1.a. Lincoln, 1.b. Owensville Memorial Park, 2.a. Daisy, 2.b. Kenny Rogers, or Kenny Rogers and the First Edition