



Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association
Newsletter



National Hot
Fudge Sundae Day
July 25



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July-August 2020

Welcome to July. We're now 4 months into the "new normal" of wearing masks, carrying bottles of hand sanitizer, and staying 6 feet from others. Each nice weekend so far this summer seems like the 4th of July as members get out of town to come and fish,

swim and boat. We've opened up the pool and campground along with some restrictions—make sure you check the website at www.peacefulvalleylake.com for updates throughout the summer if restrictions change.

July 4th Fireworks at Peaceful Valley



It was an unusual 4th, with many municipalities canceling or scaling back their celebrations. Fortunately, we have the Lang family here at Peaceful Valley that for the last several years have put on a fireworks show that rivals most small-town events. This year was no different and we thank them for literally bringing some bright lights to a very strange summer and we thank them. If you enjoyed the show and would like to contribute to next year's event, please either drop by or send it to the PVPOA office and we'll make sure the Langs get the money. Every dollar they get turns

into more fireworks.

A thank you from the Langs: We hope you enjoyed the fireworks display. We appreciate your support. A special thank you to those who contributed. *Ed & Dottie Lang and Family*

Primary Election August 4th. Contested Positions

The upcoming Republican primary election on August 4th is important in Gasconade County, as the winner of the primary is the de facto winner of nearly all the county-wide offices as the Republican winner will run unopposed in the November general election. There are 2 candidates each for Sheriff and the County Public Administrator. We asked candidates for these offices a simple question: Why should voters in Peaceful Valley vote for you? Their answers are below.

Sheriff Candidates:

Scott Eiler Response:

Thank you for reaching out to me! To answer your question, I think the main reason why your residents should vote for me on August 4th is because I am the only Sheriff candidate that has over 15 years of experience, knowledge and relationships built *right here* in Gasconade County. When I decided to get into law enforcement, I set a goal to become the Sheriff of Gasconade County. From there, I knew I wanted to serve the citizens of in my community. I started my career in 2003 with the Owensville Police Department. From there, I served as a Sheriff's Deputy with the Gasconade County Sheriff's Office for 13 years. During the last 5 years with the Sheriff's Office, I served as a supervisor with the rank of Sergeant. I have continued my career to this day; currently serving with the Hermann Police Department and Rosebud Police Department. Working for almost every agency in the County gave me the experience and knowledge of what the citizens deserve and expect out of a Sheriff.

With my experience working in Gasconade County, I also have come to know what the *Peaceful Valley Property Owner's Association and its residents* expects out of the Sheriff's Office. I have personally worked cases for several of the residents and am very familiar with the families, properties, and their concerns. Being from Owensville myself, I consider a lot of these individuals my friends and neighbors. If elected, I will work along with the Association to increase patrols throughout the area and work with the security staff as requested.

Shawn Mayberry Response:

To the residents of Peaceful Valley,

My name is Shawn Mayberry and I hope to be your next sheriff. I reside in Hermann, MO, with my wife, Becky. We've been married 17 years and have two daughters.

I've been in law enforcement 25 years and served as Military Police in the Missouri Army National Guard. I serve as a volunteer with the Hermann Volunteer Fire Dept., and I am a member of St Paul United Church of Christ in Hermann.

I have met with many of you already and have been informed of trespassing, theft and the use of illegal substances at the boat ramp. There are many communities like yours in Gasconade County with these same issues. You all deserve law enforcement presence. Since your community is private, some things cannot be enforced, however, the things mentioned above are enforceable.

I would like to hold a forum with all residents of your community to better inform you of how to protect your property and valuables, and what to look for in suspicious activity. Though increased law enforcement presence is a deterrent, it is not a cure. When citizens are equipped with information and knowledge of how to spot illegal activity and report it, prosecution and suspect identification are greatly increased. These informative forums will not be a one-time deal. I plan to have many of them, as well as, visit the communities and its leaders myself to learn what concerns they may have.

There are many issues I want to address in Gasconade County, such as positive interaction with youth, domestic violence awareness and resources, stronger drug enforcement, and increased visibility of the department as a whole. My job is to protect the Constitutional rights of everyone I encounter.

When electing a sheriff, you are choosing a leader. When uncertainty, chaos or natural disaster occur in a community, a good leader must step in and guide the citizens. They will be wanting information, direction, instructions on what to do and where to go, and a calming presence to help get them back to their normal lives. Through my many years of experience and training, I have the ability to lead my community, and I look forward to serving you and making our community even better.

Your support and vote will be greatly appreciated on August 4, 2020.

Thank you and God speed!

Public Administrator Candidates:

Kathy Meyer Response

Hello, I am Kathy Meyer and a candidate for Gasconade County Public Administrator. My husband, Kevin and I celebrated 40 years of marriage on July 12th. We have two wonderful daughters and with their families they have given us four terrific grand-children.

I like to think of the Office of Public Administrator as I do each of my grands, individual; with varying interests and characteristics. I make it a priority to adapt individualized activities and time spent with me to their desires. While one is interested in construction building, another is consumed with any type of vehicle and how it works. One of my grands has an exceptionally right brained and enjoys anything artsy, such as cooking, painting, cleaning, etc. The eldest is the confident care-taker of the group and is always looking for things to be orderly and well cared for.

The Public Administrator, in my personal opinion, should exemplify this grandparent analogy and be adaptive and humble while leading with servitude for each individual client in his/her care. This person must be considerate of each client as an individual and not presume that all should be treated in the same manner.

While out visiting in the community it became apparent that many do not understand the duties of the Public Administrator. I would like to share some basics of the office:

1. The office requires good administrative duties, record-keeping, and an ability to work with varying entities such as hospitals, long term care facilities, hospices, lawyers, and court officials as well as other agencies.
2. The Public Administrator is “on call” 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
3. The Office handles clients that have been given them by a court ruling. The clients will typically have no family or friends that are able or willing to serve as their Guardian or Conservator. A guardian appointment would individualize the physical care of the client and see that the needs are met with legal oversight. A Conservator-ship would handle the financial obligations of the client with legal oversight.
4. In some cases, the Conservator will arrange for a proper burial of a client, close out the decedent’s estate, finalize billings, and see that the final taxes are paid.

In 2019, the Public Administrator worked with between 35 - 40 client cases.

Prior to owning and operating Hardee’s for 20 years, I have 20 years of service in the Health Care field as well as working with Gasconade County R-1 School District as an Administrative Secretary. Prior to working as Manager of the local Hardee’s, I was elected to the office of Gasconade County Public Administrator and served in that role from January 1996-December 1999. I loved the position and was saddened that I was not able to fill another term due to the demands required with opening of the restaurant. With the closure of our restaurant in June 2019, my heart went immediately to becoming a candidate again for the position which will be vacated on January 1, 2021 by Faye Owsley.

Understanding the compassionate servant's heart needed to fill this position, I humbly ask for your vote on August 4th.

Kelly "Brehe" Thomas Response

Hi, my name is Kelly "Brehe" Thomas. I was pleased to receive your request to share about myself and my campaign for Gasconade County Public Administrator.

I am a lifetime resident of Gasconade County along with my husband of 28 years and our two grown children. I reside in my childhood home where I cared for the physical needs as well as managing the financial accounts of my parents for 13 years. In addition, I managed multiple farm and non for profit organization accounts including local 4-H

clubs/councils and project graduation. I have 20+ years experience running my own business as well as 20+ years managing my father's auction service. My volunteer services span through 4-H, the Gasconade County Fair, church and school.

I am currently working from home and have been performing duties similar to that of public administrator for two elderly gentlemen for the last 2 years.

Aside from my accounting degree, my experience and accountability to all my past and current responsibilities shows that my focus will be committed service to the needs of our county's current and future clients.

Thank you for your consideration.

New No-Wake Distance Rules for Peaceful Valley

There's been a change to Peaceful Valley's no-wake rules. Our rules previously specified a 55-foot no wake clearance from the shoreline, but a recently enacted Missouri Statute (RSMo 306.125) establishes a minimum slow-no wake distance of 100' from "any dock, pier, occupied anchored boat, or buoyed restrictive area on any lake." A good rule of thumb is 100' is about 4 average pontoon boat lengths. One disturbing trend we're noticing is PWCs using the no wake buoys as if they were barrels in barrel racing. Not only is this illegal, but it's unsafe and we ask those of you that are doing this to stop. Also, avoid "plowing" when near shore or docks. This phenomenon occurs when boats with planing, deep-v or flat-bottom hulls travel at speeds higher than no-wake, but not fast enough to plane off, thus creating a maximum wake. PWC's also put out large wakes when doing sharp turns and circling or zigzagging. We ask that if you're going to do this type of boating that you stay as far away from shore and docks as practicable to allow the wake to dissipate before it hits shore and docks.

