



Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association,
Inc. Newsletter



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March 2018

Welcome to March. Get ready for spring! Temperatures are warming, days are getting longer, and the much awaited “spring cleaning” time has come. The Blues are in the home stretch of the hockey season and the Cardinals are in Jupiter, FL starting their spring training. For the first time ever, St. Louis is hosting two March Madness college basketball conference championships, the Missouri Valley Conference Championship March 1-4, and the SEC Basketball Championship from March 7-11. Daylight Savings Time starts on March 11th,



Spring officially begins at 11:15 AM on March 20th. Speaking of college, most have their spring break scheduled for the last week of March to coincide with Easter on April 2nd, so be happy we’re not Florida, the Gulf Coast, or

any of the other storied spring break hangouts. Owensville schools have their spring break from 29/30 March.

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

- Saturday March 10th, Missouri State Highway Patrol Boating Safety Class, 9 AM to 4 PM**—See details below for more information.
- Sunday, March 11 2:00 AM—Daylight Savings Time Begins:** Don’t forget to set your clocks forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time!!
- Wednesday, March 21st, 9 AM to Noon-- Tech Support Day at PVL.** A new service being offered to members of PVL. See story below.
- Friday March 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.
- Friday March 16th, 7:30 PM, Peaceful Valley Property Owners’ Association Monthly Board of Directors Meeting.** This: is the regular monthly meeting.

Owensville Library Events for March 2018

Jill Colley brought it to my attention that there are several free or inexpensive events sponsored by the Scenic Regional Library Owensville Branch. First,

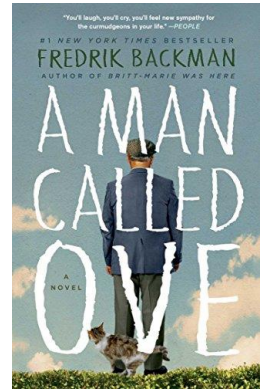


the library hosts a movie night the first Friday of the month at 7 PM. This month, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, they're showing "The Quiet Man" starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. The multiple Oscar-winning movie was shot on location in Ireland and the cinematography provides a charming snapshot into life in the Irish countryside in the middle of the 20th Century.

Another event scheduled for March 15th at 2:00 PM at Gasconade Manor, Dr. Howard Wight Marshall will discuss the tradition of fiddle playing in the early 20th century Missouri. Through his new book

"Fiddler's Dream" he will cover radio fiddlers, early jazz, opera, and early bluegrass music in Missouri.

Another event scheduled the third Wednesday of every month is the "Time Traveler's Book Club" hosted by the library. This month's club meeting is on March 21st at 6:30 PM to discuss A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. This New York Times Best Seller out of Sweden is a feel-good story in the spirit of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.



Nearby Restaurant Reviews: Country Belle Café, Belle MO

Country Belle Café, located at 305 Alvarado in Belle, MO, is a wonderful Greek and Mediterranean island in a sea of comfort food restaurants in and around Owensville. This small café, aka "That Greek Place" features Greek and Middle Eastern food such as Hummus, Gyros, Souvlaki, and of course Baklava. This is a place we've been wanting to go for awhile, but I found out while we were there that my wife was a little reluctant. She's OK with experimenting with different restaurants as long as she's familiar with the types of food on the menu, but not so much when it's a more international cuisine that she's unfamiliar with. The only thing on the menu that



looked appealing to her was the Gyro Melt, but she'd never had Gyro meat before. The owner shaved off a couple of strips for her to taste and explained that it's pretty much a meatloaf make

from beef and lamb and spices. She tasted the strips, along with their homemade creamy tzatziki sauce (made with yogurt, cucumbers, and other spices). She liked it and went ahead and ordered the Gyro Melt. The owner told us that the melt came about one day when they were featuring a Philly Cheese Steak special and ran out of beef. They offered customers the option for gyro meat instead of beef and voila—a new menu hit. The melt comes with gyro meat, peppers, onions, and mushrooms, covered with a combination of mozzarella and provolone cheese. I got the Souvlaki—marinated chicken, pork, or lamb chunks mixed

with vegetables sprinkled with feta cheese and served on a warm pita. The menu is not very extensive but what they do they do extremely well. In addition to the menu, they have one or two daily specials. Hours are Wed-Friday 4PM to 8 PM, Saturday 11 AM to 8 PM, and Sunday 11 AM to 7 PM. If you want to see more, check out the YouTube video about the restaurant by Rural Missourian at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPwe5LK1EmU>

Country Belle gets a 🍴🍴🍴🍴 rating.

Some Spring Cleaning Tips from Home and Garden TV

Source: <http://www.hgtv.com/design/decorating/clean-and-organize/7-spring-cleaning-tips>

If spring is in the air, don't let a musty house spoil it. Here are seven tips for giving the season the welcome it deserves.

1. The best refrigerator cleaner is a combination of salt and soda water. The bubbling action of the soda water combines with the abrasive texture of the salt to make a great cleaner.
2. The best way to get rid of lime buildup around the faucet is to lay paper towels over the fixture, soak it with vinegar and let it set for an hour. The deposits will soften and become easier to remove.
3. Clean screens with a scrap of carpeting. It makes a powerful brush that removes all the dirt.
4. Clean windows with a rag and soapy water, and then dry them with another rag. You can also go



to an auto-parts store and buy a windshield squeegee, which cleans very well.

5. If drapes are looking drab, take them out of the window, remove the hooks and run them through the air-fluff cycle in the dryer along with a wet towel (to draw off the dust) for 15 minutes. Hang them back in the windows immediately.
6. Clean the blades of a ceiling fan by covering them with a coat of furniture polish. Wipe off the excess and lightly buff.
7. Sometimes comforters, blankets and pillows don't need to be cleaned, but they do need to be aired out after a long winter in your closed-up home. Take them outside and hang them on a clothesline for a day.

What to Plant in March

Source: <https://www.ufseeds.com/learning/what-to-plant-in-march/>

March is the perfect time to get those tomato and pepper seeds started indoors ready for an early spring planting! Also, a great time to start planting those cool weather vegetables that can withstand those last frost days of March and April. A great time to try a Garden Shot!

Beets--Sow beets now for a fast, early summer treat. --Suggested variety: Detroit Dark Red

Cabbage--one of the easier plants to grow in the garden. Be sure to fertilize and water when cabbage head begins to form. --Suggested variety: Premium Late Flat Dutch, Golden Acre, Michihili

Corn--One of the most rewarding and fast-growing crops to grow. Corn is delicious when cooked only minutes after being pulled off the stalk. Try a small plot of corn, working your way to a large field of several varieties. --Suggested variety: Peaches and Cream, Incredible, Sugar Buns

Cucumbers--Fast growing vine or bush cucumber plants can produce an abundance of cucumber fruits. Be careful to pick a variety for the space you have in your garden. Vine cucumbers can be the best tasting but need far more space than bush varieties.--Suggest variety: Spacemaster 80, Muncher, Marketmore 76

Herbs--Plant heat-loving herbs like basil, oregano, thyme and sage.--Suggested varieties: Italian Basil, Greek Oregano, Dill

Lettuce--Start a crop of salad mix greens that gets bright sun but not all day. Great for late summer and early fall crops.--Suggested Varieties: Buttercrunch, Mesclun Mix, Black Seeded Simpson

Melons-- A staple for summer picnics and family fun.--Suggested variety: Sugar Baby, Crimson Sweet, Hales Best

Onions--Get those onion seeds growing. Be careful to select an onion variety appropriate for your garden zone. Suggested variety: Sweet White Walla, Red Creole, Yellow Spanish

Peas--Green and sugar peas are good to plant in July, and will produce a moderate fall harvest.--Suggested variety: Sugar Ann, Oregon Giant

Peppers-- take up little space and can produce high yields when planted close together. Plant as many different varieties as possible. They come small, big, hot, mild, and an array of different colors. Suggested variety: California Wonder, Early Jalapeno, Sweet Banana, Super Chili

Spinach-- a cool weather vegetable will produce until hot weather of summer. Planting in early March will ensure you have plenty of harvest.--Suggested variety: Bloomsdale, Samish

Summer Squash--Yum! Summer squash sowing in June will lead to fresh squash and zucchini in July and August.--Suggested Varieties: Cocolle, Waltham Butternut

Tomatoes--The most popular garden vegetable. Growing tomatoes is not only fun but treats you to some of the best tasting fruits in the world. Tomatoes come in many colors, shapes, taste, and sizes. Grow a few varieties every year to find your favorites!--Suggested variety: Brandywine, Cherokee Purple, Roma, Sweetie, Heirloom Blend.