



Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association, Inc.
Newsletter



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November 2016

Welcome to November. Cubs and Indians are in the World Series—who would have guessed—and one of these two long-suffering franchises will emerge as World Champion for the first time since Truman was president (for the Indians) or Roosevelt (Teddy, not Franklin) for the Cubs. Election Day is November 8th and the most unusual presidential campaign and election in recent history will be decided, along with most state offices, one Missouri Senate seat, several state constitutional amendments and a few local county elections and issues. To find out more about the candidates and issues and to

print out a copy of your choices, check out the excellent website sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch at <http://1wv.thevoterguide.org/v/stlouispd16/build.do> . Put in your address and it will customize the ballot for your location. The Gasconade County candidates for Surveyor, Assessor, Coroner, Public Administrator, and Sheriff are all running unopposed. To see the complete ballot check out the Missouri Secretary of State's site at <https://voteroutreach.sos.mo.gov/PRD/VoterOutreach/VOSearch.aspx>

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

--12-22 November—Deer Hunting Season.

See <http://huntfish.mdc.mo.gov/hunting-trapping/species/deer/deer-seasons-hours> for rules and regulations.

--Friday the 18th, 7:30 PM, Peaceful Valley Property Owners' Association Monthly Board of Directors Meeting. This is the regular monthly meeting.

--Saturday the 19th, 10:00 AM, Public Water Service District #1 of Gasconade County (formerly Peaceful Valley Service Company) Board of Directors Meeting. This is the regular monthly meeting.

Web Site Enhancements

The PV Property Owners' Association Board of Directors portion of the website has been updated to show all the board members and officers along with their contact information and term lengths. In addition, the monthly board meeting minutes are

now up to date with copies available for meetings held in 2015 and 2016.

You'll notice that the Peaceful Valley Service Company references have been changed to reflect the establishment of the Public Water Service District #1 of Gasconade County.

Maintenance Completed in October and November Maintenance Schedule

The maintenance team was busy in October. Because of the warmer weather, grass, weeds and brush have kept growing resulting in continued weed and brush control. A new pool security cover was installed to keep the pool clean during the off-season. Contractors from Washington Pools and Spas drilled 72 holes around the pool to install pegs that hold the spring-tensioned straps in place. After the cover installation, the water level in the pool was lowered just over a foot to just underneath the skimmers and pool-safe anti-freeze added to winterize the pool. The pool cover will keep the water clean of leaves and debris over the winter and make it much easier to open up in the summer.



Work was completed on patching 5 of the worst leaking manholes as part of the drainage system. Contractors from Waterproofing Solutions used a two-step process over a 2-day period. The first step was to inject a polymer into the various cracks that penetrates through the concrete casting and seals it from the outside. They



Before--Note the cracks around the lip of the manhole



After--Note how the lip has been repaired

returned the next day to cover the inside with a concrete-like mixture to seal the inside of the casting. In the case of at least one of the manholes, the concrete lip was severely cracked and had to be repaired. See the before and after pictures to the left. This is one of several steps to help in bringing the lagoon into compliance with EPA guidelines.

In addition, the restrooms at the marina, beach, and campground were cleaned up, winterized, and locked down. The campground is now officially closed until next spring. Planned maintenance for November includes brush hogging the backside of the dam since the weather stayed just wet enough and didn't allow it to happen in October. As the leaves continue to fall, the maintenance team will clean up common areas and monitor ditches and culverts to keep them clear of leaves and branches. The speed bumps will be removed in time for winter to make it easier for the crews to clear the roads when it snows.

Work Day October 22nd.

We held a work day on October 22nd. Probably because of the phenomenal weather, we only had 10 people volunteer to work. Among the things accomplished during the work day was collecting

several bags of trash along the more heavily travelled roads within the development. Also, additional fish cover was added around the lake, and the bigger cracks in the tennis court were filled so the court can be resealed sometime in November.

We started at 9:00 AM and were pretty much done by 12:30. We followed the work day with Burgers,

Hot Dogs, and Chips compliments of Tom Eilermann.

Owensville Senior Center Fishing Day a Success



Don Smith from OSC catches a nice size blue gill

Peaceful Valley hosted about 20 fishermen and women from the Owensville Senior Center and Gasconade Manor Nursing Home on October 12th. They ran into a little bit of rain early, but the rest of the morning ended up with near perfect weather to fish. Fishermen and women caught a variety of blue gill, crappie, and a few of the newly stocked catfish. All were released to catch another day. Special thanks to Dale and the maintenance team for cleaning off the goose “gifts,” bringing down a few more picnic tables, and having the bathroom at the marina spic and span for the use of our guests.

Blast from the Past

Here’s an interesting advertisement from the Friday, August 20th 1965 St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The original developers used a lot of different incentives to get people to visit and buy lots at Peaceful Valley, but this may have been one of the more unusual—a free “saddle-trained Shetland pony” to the first 25 lake view lots sold that weekend. If you or someone you know received one of these Shetland ponies as part of the promotion, we’d like to hear your story and put it into the newsletter. Contact Gary Hacker at 314-809-5118 or email at pvl.gary@gmail.com.



Meet Your Neighbor—Bob, Kelly, Katie, and Nathan Oreskovic



Left to Right: Kelly, Nathan, Katie, and Bob Oreskovic

Bob and Kelly Oreskovic are among the newest members of the Peaceful Valley Lake community. They recently purchased a lakeside house on Lake Shore Drive just up from the beach. Bob and Kelly live full time just outside of Washington, Missouri, where Kelly works with the Washington School District’s Parents as Teachers Program as a parent educator for the last three years and that keeps her busy. In addition to being a volunteer firefighter with the Boles Fire Protection District, Bob is a stay at home dad to Katie, 10, and Nathan 8, for the last 2 years since retiring from the Army as a Colonel. Bob and Kelly’s 12 years of marriage actually started with a blind date in St. Louis 15 years ago—the rest is history.

Katie enjoys animals, horseback riding and volunteers at the Franklin County Humane Society. Nathan loves reading, building things with Legos, and playing the piano. Bob enjoys coaching his kids soccer, football and basketball at the Washington YMCA. All love spending their free time here at the lake boating and especially swimming off their sea wall, down at the beach, or in the swimming pool. 14 year old Molly

is their Chocolate Labrador retriever and she enjoys the lake almost as much as the rest of the family.

So how did they end up at Peaceful Valley? They had been looking for quite a while and wanted something a short distance from their Washington home. They found out about Peaceful Valley through a friend's father who owned property here and started looking at houses for sale and finally bought one. They were able to buy it nearly fully furnished and after a little "TLC" have turned it into a nice getaway. Welcome to the Lake!!

Nearby Restaurant Reviews: Public House Brewery and Tap Room, St. James, MO

November marks the 2nd anniversary of the opening of the Public House Brewery and Tap Room in St. James, MO. Public House started in Rolla as a small brew pub, but through a chance encounter between the owners of the St. James Winery and the two Josh's that started Public House, the two companies entered into a partnership to build the Brewery and Tap Room in St. James. Beginning with craft-brewed beer and a small kitchen, they've since expanded to create a lovely garden that's shared with the winery. The garden has a waterfall, firepit, bocce courts, an out-sized chess board, and cornhole games. Servicing the garden is an outdoor kitchen featuring brick-oven pizza and locally-sourced pub burgers, reubens, Italian sausage, trout fritters, and chicken schnitzel. For lighter fare, they offer meats and cheeses, pretzel bites, quail egg crostini, mac and cheese, chips and dip, hot assorted nuts, and a pickle plate. For sides, they offer German potato salad, a green salad and a "vineyard vegetable of the day." You'll pay a little

bit extra for the locally-sourced organic fare, but it's well worth it as it supports several farms, many of which are our neighbors just a stone's throw from Owensville. On the more spirited side, Public House offers their own craft-brewed beers, ales, and ciders ranging from a lighter hefeweizen, to a stronger IPA, along with their award-winning cream ale. Public House also offers seasonal beers along with the occasional "guest beer" from other Missouri craft beer producers. They carry a complete selection of St. James wines along with a very respectable collection of Bourbons, American Whiskeys, and single-malt and blended Scotch. Public House opens at 11 AM every day and closes at 6 PM Sunday-Tuesday, 10 PM Wednesday and Thursday, and 11 PM on Friday and Saturday. They host live bands, and have a variety of events including Movies in the Vineyards, Sip and Paynt, and Cookin' with Gabe.

Public House gets a 🍷🍷🍷🍷 rating.



"The Garden" at Public House Brewery and St. James Winery in St. James