



**Peaceful Valley Property Owners  
Association Newsletter**



Thank you, Veterans!

Veterans' Day Saturday  
November 11



Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday November 23

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**Welcome to November.** Time to start winterizing as our unusually warm early October led to a more temperate late October. The Blues are off to one of their best starts in their history, and the Cardinals are making some off-season moves with their coaching staff, notably the return of Jose “The Secret Weapon” Oquendo as their 3<sup>rd</sup> base coach, and Red Bird Hall of Famer Willie McGee as a coach instead of an advisor. The Dutchgirls volleyball made a great run but lost in their district championship final in October, while the Owensville Dutchmen boy’s football team is going for the district championship in early November and hopefully another run at a state championship. The boys and girls cross-

country teams are also looking to compete well in the state championships coming up the first week of the month after sweeping the Four Rivers Conference meet in mid-October. November marks our 63<sup>rd</sup> Veteran’s Day, which had previously been known as Armistice Day from 1919-1954. It’s a day to honor our veterans, both living and deceased. We’ve also got Thanksgiving coming up later in the month. Get ready to rake the leaves as they’ll be coming down in droves and be sure to turn off your outside faucets and disconnect those hoses, fog your boat engines, and put Stabil in your gas tanks. Also, get ready to open your credit cards for Black Friday (24<sup>th</sup>), Small Business Saturday (25<sup>th</sup>), and Cyber Monday (27<sup>th</sup>).

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

--**Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2 AM. Daylight Savings Time Ends.** Make sure to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Remember, “spring forward, fall back”

--**Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> Veterans’ Day (Observed) and Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans’ Day.** Note that most federal, state, and local government offices will be closed on Friday, along with banks and the stock market.

--**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 9 AM—Noon. Tech Support Day at PVL.** Gary Hacker will be at the lodge basement from 9 to noon to help with any technical issues—computer, phone, popular software, etc.

--**Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30PM to 6:30 PM, Public Water Supply District #1 Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.

--**Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30PM to 9:30 PM, PV Property Owner’s Association Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.



--Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM--? Chili Cook-Off and Sunday Night at the Movies—See item below for details

--Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thanksgiving Day. Owensville R-II School District is off on Thursday and Friday

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## Chili Cook Off and Sunday Night at the Movies

### November 19<sup>th</sup> 5 PM

So, you think you've got the best chili recipe? Do you want to verify that with some of your neighbors and friends? Then join us for a chili cook-off on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 5 PM. Bring a small pot or crock pot of your favorite recipe, and



we'll provide the bowls, spoons, chopped onions, shredded cheese, and a few hot sauce varieties for judges to flavor to their taste, but only after they've done a taste test and selected the winner. Don't worry if you don't have a chili recipe—come anyway and be one of the judges!! At about 6 PM, we'll use a new screen and set up the projector to watch *Grumpy Old Men*, considered by many to be one of the best movies to watch around Thanksgiving. The

1993 “buddy movie” stars Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau in their 6<sup>th</sup> movie pairing and adds Ann-Margret to the mix. In the movie, John Gustafson (Lemmon) and Max Goldman (Matthau) are two curmudgeonly neighbors who have been at each other's throats for years. The rivalry of the former friends intensifies when Ariel (Ann-Margret) moves in across the street and quickly becomes a love interest for both. When Max finds out that John is experiencing family troubles and owes the IRS a significant amount in back taxes, he steps in to help then further cements their bond when John suffers through a health scare and Max makes a magnanimous gesture on behalf of his longtime friend/rival.



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## Clean-up of the Trailer/Camper/Boat Storage Area

It's time again to clean out the storage yard. In the next few weeks, we'll be contacting owners to validate their ownership of trailers, boats, campers, and other assorted materials that are being kept in the storage yard. The primary reason is that we're running out of space, so it's time to get rid of some of the stuff that's been sitting up there for years. Look at the two Google Earth images below, one from October 2014 and the other from November 2016. The circled items have been unmoved over the last 3 years if not longer—in fact, there are currently items with license plate tags or boat registrations dating to 1987.



October 2014 (from Google Earth)



November 2016 (from Google Earth)

Our goal is to eliminate the abandoned junk that's taking up space so we can free it up for active members. About 2/3rds of the items have membership numbers on them, but given the age of some of the items, we're not sure these things belong to the current owners with those numbers. Over the next several weeks we're going to contact members about the items with their membership number affixed to verify that (1) it's their property and (2) they wish to keep it in the lot. What we've found in the past is that some members have either forgotten that the item was there and no longer want it, or that it's a previous owner's property and they had no idea it was there.

For those items with no member numbers, we need to go through some legal notices (beginning with this newsletter), a website posting, and then publishing notice in the local paper to show we've made a good faith effort to locate the owners. If no one claims the items, we'll sell it if it has value, or scrap it if it doesn't. Stay

tuned for further details on the website, and for those of you that have items in the lot, expect to see a letter in the near future.

## Property Owners Association Board Approves Dredging of Two Lake Tributaries

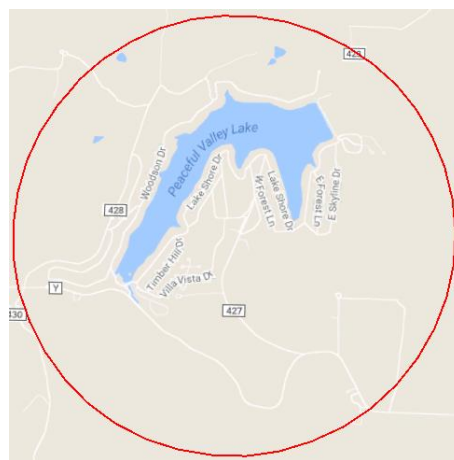
The creeks and runs that drain the highlands around the lake bring with it leaves, gravel, sticks, silt and soil that work their way downhill eventually depositing in the lake. The debris-laden water rushes down the narrow and steep slopes but as soon as it reaches the entrance to the wider and flatter portions of the lake, the water slows down, allowing the debris to settle out to the bottom of the lake. There's a specific way items settle out, however, and it has to do with gravity and the speed of the water. When the water is moving fast, it can carry quite a large load, but as it slows down, the bigger/heavier items settle out first, while the lighter materials tend to stay in suspension and move out farther into the lake. The effect is that the wider/flatter areas at the tributary's confluence with the lake silts up first, becoming shallower over time and eventually rising to a point where it begins to constrict the drainage causing additional problems.



Thus, every 5-7 years we need to dredge out these areas of the lake. The map above shows the two areas labeled **Dredge Area 1** and **Dredge Area 2**. Dredge Area 1 is on the east side of the beach area, to the east of the peninsula where the swans nest every spring. Dredge Area 2 is at the upper end of the lake, alongside the entrance from Hwy Y at the lower entrance to the development. Fortunately, the areas are accessible using a shore-based track hoe so this is not the “whole lake” dredging that we did a few years ago where everyone got a special assessment. The good news is we will be able to manage this dredging out of our regular operating budget, but will split the two projects between this fiscal year and next fiscal year, with Area 1 scheduled first.

## Warning Siren to be Installed Near Maintenance Sheds at Peaceful Valley Lake

Through the initiative of Randy Fuller and the generosity of an anonymous member donating a significant amount of money to cover the installation, PVL will soon have a Warning Siren to provide residents and guests of severe weather alerts. Randy discovered that Owensville was going to replace their existing sirens with new ones and subsequently worked for several months with the mayor and the city



council to have the old ones turned over to Peaceful Valley. He also contacted the siren company, Three Rivers Electric, and several other entities to determine costs to install and operate the sirens. As it stands, PVL will receive two of the sirens and will install one and use the other for spare parts. The range of the siren is about 1 mile. The map at left shows the effective coverage.