



**Peaceful Valley Property Owners
Association Newsletter**



Thank you, Veterans!

Veterans' Day Wednesday
November 11



Thanksgiving Day
Thursday November 26

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Welcome to November. COVID-19 continues to play havoc with sports schedules along with weekly cancellations of college and pro football games. The lack of sporting events this time of year is so dismal that ESPN is showing tabletop shuffleboard competition and axe throwing. Great sports in their own right, but seldom seen on national television.

We've had a great string of nice weather days to start the month, but it'll turn colder soon, so make sure to turn off your outside faucets and disconnect those hoses, fog your boat engines, and put gas stabilizer in your gas tanks. Also, get ready to dust off your credit cards for Black Friday (27th), Small Business Saturday (28th), and Cyber Monday (30th).

November Events:

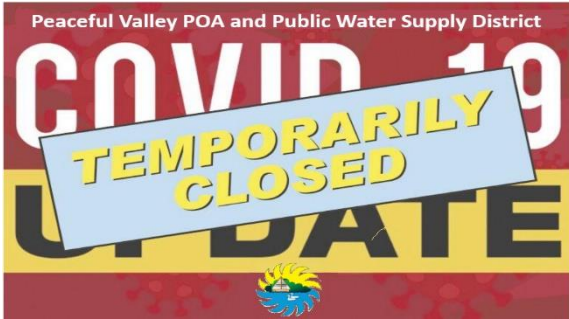
- Wednesday November 11th Veterans' Day.** Note that most federal, state, and local government offices will be closed along with banks and the stock market.
- Monday November 16th, 5:30PM to 6:30 PM, Public Water Supply District #1 Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.
- Friday November 20th, 7:00PM to 9:30 PM, PV Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.
- Thursday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 29th.** PVPOA and PWSD offices closed, as is Owensville R-II School District



Fall Leaves Advisory—The leaves have peaked and are starting to fall off. You can collect your leaves and drop them at the burn pile. We've increased the height of the berm around the pit to help with smoke control and we ask that you place your yard debris at least 5 feet from the back and sides of the pit. Do not blow or dump leaves in the lake as it causes excess sedimentation and depletes the oxygen levels in the lake, which negatively affects the delicate lake ecosystem.

If you choose to burn them in place, be very careful and check out the guidance at <https://smokeybear.com/en/prevention-how-tos/backyard-debris-burning> for safe burning. Remember, do not burn on windy days as embers can float away and easily start fires downwind.

Limited Office Operations for the PVPOA and PWSD Offices



It's definitely not "business as usual" for both the PVPOA and PWSD offices. Both are operating during their normal business hours, but with the increase in COVID cases in the area, the lodge is closed for the foreseeable future. Office personnel are available by phone and if you must visit, please make an appointment and make sure to wear a mask when you visit.

Office Hours for PVPOA are Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM, and for PWSD is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9AM to 2 PM. The phone number for the PVPOA office is 573-437-2605. The number for the PWSD is 573-437-7808.

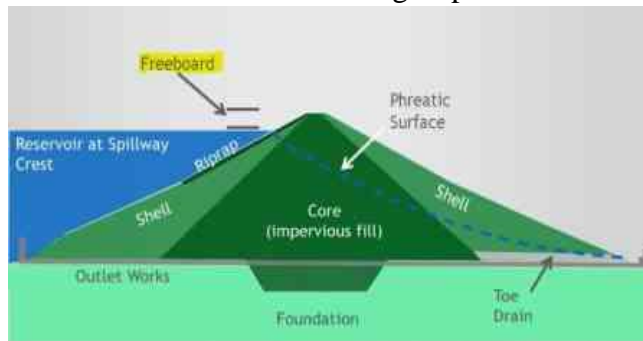
Good Dams and Bad Dams—an Update

On the good dam side, many may not be aware that earthen dams such as the one that impounds Peaceful Valley Lake require an operating permit and that the Missouri State Department of Natural Resources has a staff that does a physical inspection of the dam every two years. Our operational permit is set to expire in February 2021, so the state inspectors were here on election day, November 3rd, to inspect the dam.

The preliminary inspection result is that the dam is in generally good shape. However, we have a few minor problems that we need to address before the next inspection. First, the freeboard, which is the height of the crest of the dam above water level is a few inches short on the south side nearest the boat ramp. The inspectors mentioned that this shortfall could be taken care of by laying down some additional gravel on the road that tops the dam. They also mentioned that we should think about adding some additional rip rap to the front side of the dam.

In addition, we have a problem with groundhogs burrowing on the grassy side of the dam. It's an easy fix the problem by plugging the burrow holes with mud. The inspectors literally flagged the burrows

they observed but noted that we need a more exhaustive search to find all of them. We plan on a grid search of the back side of the dam, which takes a group of about 20 or so volunteers to walk side by side up the back side of the dam to find and flag the burrow holes. We are seeking volunteers to do this at a future date, so if you or members of your family are physically able to walk up the back side of the dam and would like to volunteer to



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help, it shouldn't take more than an hour. Please call us at 573-437-2605 or email peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com to volunteer.

On the bad dam side, beavers have built a large dam on the lake's upper end where one of the creeks feeds into the larger pool. With the help of member Ben Buser and his trackhoe, we've taken out the dam and have temporarily left the debris off the side of the road to dry out. Once dry, we'll move it to the burn pile.

We have engaged the services a trapper to take care of the beavers, muskrats, and groundhogs that can cause serious damage to the dam and shoreline. He will be deploying traps within the next few weeks, so if you see them, leave them alone.