



Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association
Newsletter



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Welcome to October. The chill is in the air, trees are turning, leaves are falling, the Cardinals took it down to the wire, but failed to make the post-season for a 3rd year in a row. The Blues made some off-season free agent acquisitions and are entering the new season with these new players and a pen full of young talent that many think will help make a good Stanley Cup run. Owensville Football is 2 and 4,

while the Dutchgirls' Softball is 6 and 10 and Volleyball is 11 and 5. Mizzou Football is 3-1 and is playing what is perhaps their toughest schedule since joining the SEC having to play the top 2 ranked teams. For those of you that still care, the LA Rams are 4-0 for the first time since 2001. Get out those mums and pumpkins, Fall is here for sure!!

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

- Wednesday, October 17th 9 AM—Noon. **Tech Support Day at PVL.** Gary Hacker will be at the lodge from 9 to noon to help with any technical issues—computer, phone, popular software, etc.
- Friday October 19th, 5:30PM to 6:30 PM, **Public Water Supply District #1 Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.
- Friday October 19th, 7:30PM to 9:30 PM, **PV Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.
- Saturday, October 20th, 5:00 PM-? **Annual Bonfire at the Beach**—See item below for details

Annual Bonfire October 20th, 2017 5:00 PM-?

It's October, and the days are getting shorter, trees are starting to show their fall colors, stores are stocking Halloween costumes and candy, and that means one thing-- it's time for our annual bonfire at the beach. This annual gathering usually draws one of the biggest crowds of the year. As in previous years, Peaceful Valley will be providing burgers, hot dogs, and fixin's, along with paper goods and water and soft drinks. The rest is pot luck, so please bring something to share and your own adult beverages. We'll have picnic tables moved to the beach, but you may also want to bring a folding chair. So, mark your calendar, and we'll see you there!!



10 October 21, 2017--Members enjoying a picnic lunch shortly after the bonfire was lit.

The Ladies of Summer Water Aerobics Invite You to Join them for “Sweatin’ to the Oldies” Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00-10:45 AM at the Lodge

The water aerobics ladies have talked about it for the last two years, and now they’ve finally doing it—extending their morning exercise routine to the off-season and guess what? They’re inviting you to join them. Every Monday and Wednesday from 10:00-10:45 they’ll be “Sweatin’ to the Oldies” at the lodge. We’ve dusted off some old DVDs featuring a much younger Richard Simmons leading a low-impact workout while listening to your favorite oldies from the 50’s and 60’s. There is no charge for this, just show up.



New Internet Service Provider Seeking Interest at Peaceful Valley

Most of you know that here in the 21st century, internet service is almost as necessary as electricity and water. If you live in St. Louis, you have a choice of Spectrum or Charter both boasting internet speeds of up to 200 Megabits per second (MBPS). In Kansas City, one of the handful of cities in the US where Google has installed “Google Fiber” you can get speeds up to 1000 MBPS. If you’re fortunate enough to have a good 4G LTE cell service, then you could use your mobile hotspot for 10 to 50 MBPS. At these speeds, people are able to cut the cord—e.g., save money by not having landlines, or streaming video rather than paying for 250 cable channels you don’t watch. Unfortunately, Peaceful Valley, along with most of rural America, is in a vast digital wasteland. We have horrid cell service so most of us can’t use the mobile hot spot for internet access. Our choices for internet service are limited to the local phone service or satellite delivery. Fidelity Communications provides customers with Direct Subscriber Line (DSL) service with average speeds of about 6 MBPS but you also have to subscribe to

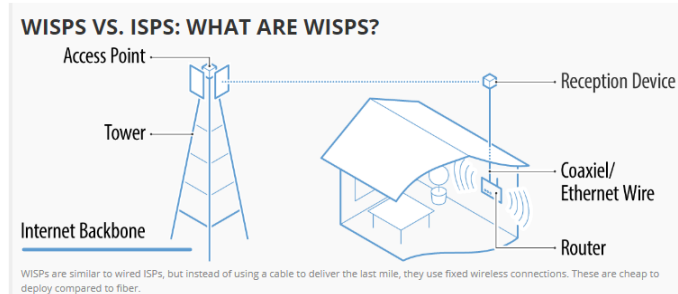
landline phone service you don’t want or need. Satellite internet companies Exede and HugesNet, now offer speeds up to 25 MBPS with technology that uses radio frequency to move data to and from your house, but it can be an expensive option if you run over your data limit and you can lose service during heavy rain or when your dish ices over in the winter.

Needless to say, many of us are not very happy with our lack of choice in internet service providers, but now we may have an alternative.



BlueBit Networks is a new local company out of Bourbon, MO. They recently contacted us to gauge our interest in their service. BlueBit uses a different technology than the rural phone companies or satellite providers. Their technology is a hybrid between wired internet the phone company offers and wireless that the satellite companies provide.

Their technology is called WISP (Wireless Internet Service Provider) which taps into a nearby fiber optic network, then connects it to transmitters on 100' tall towers that sends a line-of-sight signal to your house. Much like satellite service, your house needs an antenna that receives the signal and inside the house



you'll need a modem that converts the radio signal into an internet signal. The result is higher speed internet than the phone company offers, and an unlimited and more reliable service than the satellite providers offer at a price cheaper than the phone company and satellite providers offer. Their initial pricing is as follows (before taxes):

- \$200 one-time installation fee
- 10 MBPS download / 2 MBPS upload for \$50/month
- 25 MBPS download / 5 MBPS upload for \$75/month
- 50 MBPS download / 10 MBPS upload for \$100/month

To compare, HughesNet runs \$60/month for 25 MBPS with a 10 GB data limit or \$70 per month for a 20 GB limit. Fidelity runs \$47 per month for 6

MPBS, \$60 for 16 MPBS, and \$90 for 30 MBPS, with each plan requiring a \$23 per month telephone subscription.

Before BlueBit makes the investment in building the towers and doing an installation at Peaceful Valley, they would like to get an idea of how many members would be interested in subscribing to their service. If you're interested in this service, go to <http://www.bluebitnetworks.com/sign-up.html> to pre-register to show your interest. There is no obligation and it will cost you nothing until they set up the infrastructure and you officially sign up for service. Also, if you pre-register, BlueBit will knock \$100 off the installation fee should there be enough interest for them to set up service at Peaceful Valley.

Lastly, since we have a large number of property owners that are not full-time residents, such as weekenders, day users, or snowbirds, we're working with BlueBit to see about setting up a "pay as you go" internet service, similar to what the airlines offer, at common use areas such as the campground, marinas, and beach, and establishing rate plans that accommodate less than full time users.

For more about the technology and a comparison to phone company and satellite internet, see the article at <https://broadbandnow.com/report/wisps-real-heroes-bridging-digital-divide/> For more on BlueBit, check out their website at <http://www.bluebitnetworks.com/>

New PVPOA Office Hours--Monday-Thursday 9 AM- 2 PM



Thursday. Note: The Public Water Supply District's hours are unchanged and will continue to be M/W/F from 9 AM to 1 PM. In addition, we've installed a VOIP phone at the office and switched our service to MagicJack. This means that we no longer pay for long distance phone calls and we've eliminated one of our monthly phone

charges from Fidelity, saving you about \$50-60 per month. We were able to keep our 573-437-2605 office number, but if you call this from Owensville, you'll need to add the area code in order to get through.

Peaceful Valley Lots for Sale

Peaceful Valley has several lots that have been turned over to us over the years upon which we've been paying property taxes and in most cases, paying the water company for water availability. Rather than continue to pay over \$1000 per year in taxes and water availability, the board has decided to sell the properties. The lots will be sold for \$1,500 each and will include dues paid through June 30, 2019 and Peaceful Valley will pay the property transfer costs of creating a quit claim deed and having them recorded with the county. As per our rules, we will first contact the adjoining property owners to see if they're interested in purchasing the neighboring lot. If the adjacent property owners are not interested, we will be listing these on our website for sale. The "lollipops" on the map below show the locations of the properties. If you or anyone you know is interested in buying a property, please call or stop by the PVPOA office at 573-437-2605 or send us an email at peacefulvalleylake@gmail.com.

