



Talk Like a Pirate Day,  
Wednesday, Sept 19

## Peaceful Valley Property Owners Association Newsletter



Begins 10:54 PM CDT  
Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>

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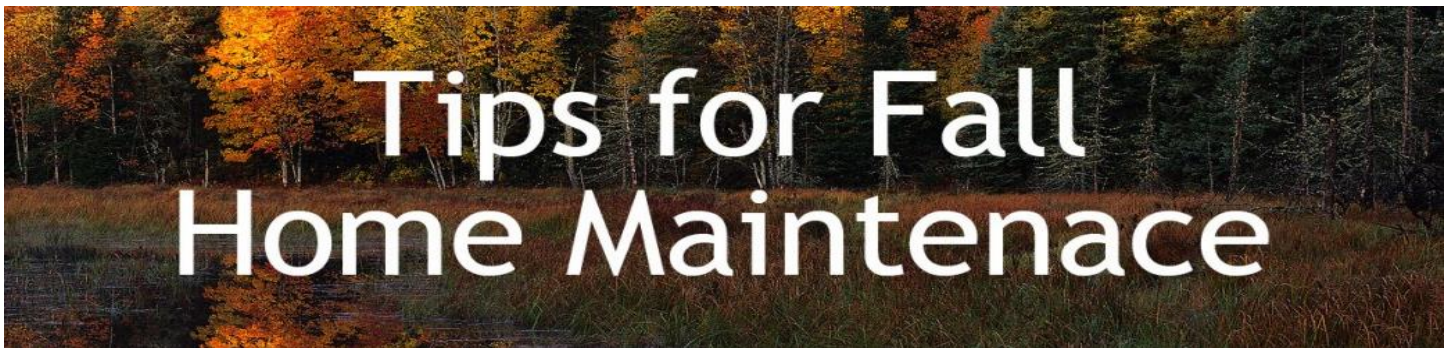
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**Welcome to September.** September marks both the unofficial end of Summer (Labor Day Weekend) and the official Start of Fall (Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:54 PM). The Cardinals are surging with 10 series wins in a row, a return of high school and college football with the Dutchmen off to an 0-2 start and the

Tigers start their season with a 51-14 shellacking of TN-Martin. Dutchgirls softball won their home opener and the revamped Blues begin their pre-season on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget "Talk like a Pirate Day on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. AARRGGHH!!

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

- Wednesday, Sept 19<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 Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30PM to 6:30 PM, Public Water Supply District #1 Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.
- Friday Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30PM to 9:30 PM, PV Property Owner's Association Board of Directors Meeting.** This is the regular monthly meeting.
- Saturday, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5 PM. Happy Hour—**See item below for details



As summer winds down and school is back in session, it's time to start thinking about preparing your home, boats, and cars for the change in seasons. Below are a few tips to consider.

# 10 Things to Do to Prepare Your Home for Fall

(source: <https://www.amidwest.com/10-things-to-do-to-prepare-your-home-for-fall/>)



**Sunset at PVL in Late September 2016**

Fall is the time of year to fix small problems before they become big, and big ones before they become catastrophic. Here are 10 tips to help:

## 1. Look up.

Examine your roof closely. Remove moss, clear debris from your gutters and downspouts, and repair any damage.

## 2. Look down.

Check for signs of animals and insects around your home and garage, including in the basement and crawlspace. Bring in a professional to get rid of unwanted guests.

## 3. Keep things warm.

Heat escapes through leaks around windows and doors, so seal up any drafty areas. Outside, put covers over faucets before temperatures drop.

## 4. Keep things dry.

Drain outdoor hoses, faucets and irrigation systems. Look in the basement and crawlspace for wet spots. And, make sure your water heater or boiler isn't leaking.

## 5. Clear the air (or vents and filters, at least).

When's the last time you checked your dryer vent? You should take a look at attic vents and exhaust ducts, as well. And, change that furnace filter!

## 6. Take a walk.

Cracks in your driveway or walkways will only get bigger, so get them fixed soon. If your deck has signs of wear, make repairs now.

## 7. Get a tune-up.

You or a professional should clean and tune your furnace, boiler and/or water heater, as well as your oven and range.

## 8. Don't play with fire.

Before building your first fireplace fire of the season, check for soot or creosote build-up.

## 9. Don't play with fire extinguishers, either.

But, check them to ensure they still have pressure. Don't have fire extinguishers? Put them on your shopping list, ideally one for each floor.

## 10. Don't forget those smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors.

Replace batteries when needed, and test regularly that alarms are working.

Keeping your home insurance policy in tip-top condition is smart, too. Remember to check in with your insurance company at least once a year to update your policy so you're covered for new remodeling, additions or personal possessions.

# Fall Car Care



(Source: [https://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1087781\\_10-practical-tips-to-get-your-car-ready-for-fall](https://www.thecarconnection.com/news/1087781_10-practical-tips-to-get-your-car-ready-for-fall) )

It won't be long before the weather gets iffy, if that time hasn't already arrived. Driving safely during the fall months requires more than just cautious driver behavior. Your car also needs some attention.

Here are 10 practical tips to help get your car ready for fall.

**Check the brakes and tires.** Inclement weather and associated road conditions and other hazards require good stopping power. That means good brakes and tires. If the tires have wear bars showing, say the experts, you need to replace the tires. Most good brake and tire shops will inspect the brakes and tires at no charge. Also check the tire pressure, as tire pressure drops when the outside temperatures plummet. Keep the pressure at levels recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

**Check the lights.** Walk around the outside of the car and check the operation of all lights: headlights, taillights, parking lights, brake lights and emergency flashers. Replace all broken bulbs and those that have stopped working. Make sure all lights are clean. If you own an older vehicle with sealed-beam headlamps, you might want to pony up for halogen lamps for improved visibility and safer driving.

**Replace wiper blades.** The purpose of wiper blades is to completely clear the windshield. Cracked or worn blades won't do an adequate job. Check the blade's rubber to ensure it is flexible and operate the wipers to see that the blades clear the glass. Replace worn blades.

**Make sure heater/defroster work.** Driving with an improperly working heater isn't fun or safe. Driving with fogged-up windows is an accident waiting to happen. Check front and rear window defrosters to ensure proper working condition. If necessary, have heater and defroster systems repaired.

**Have the battery checked.** A fully charged battery is necessary to start the car in cold weather. Have the battery and charging system inspected by a trained technician who can replace it if required. If you see signs of corrosion on the battery terminals or cable ends or if you spot loose connections, your battery needs attention.

**Inspect under the hood.** Looking under the hood will allow you to identify any obvious signs of wear or items that need replacing or fixing. Look for leaks, cracks or loose clamps in the cooling system and squeeze the hoses and replace any that are spongy-feeling or brittle. Inspect the underside of drive belts for fraying and replace as required. If you've noticed any engine noises, experienced sputtering or other engine problems, have a licensed mechanic thoroughly inspect the engine and make any necessary repairs.

**Change oil and air filter.** If the oil is dirty or you're at your recommended oil change time, change the oil. Also check the air filter to ensure that it is clean enough to allow for proper operation. If you can't see light through it when you hold it up to a 60-watt bulb, it's time to replace the air filter.

**Refill cooling system.** Experts such as AAA recommend checking the coolant level in the overflow tank when the engine is cold. If the level is too low, add a 50/50 solution of water and coolant to allow proper antifreeze capability. It may be necessary to refill the cooling system.

**Check all fluid levels.** This includes washer fluid, along with transmission, brake and power steering fluids. Make sure they are all at or above minimum safe levels and refill as necessary.

**Get a good car wash/detail.** It may sound crazy, spiffing up your car with an extra-special wash or even a detail, but when your vehicle is clean, it's easier to spot any potential problems.

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## Happy Hour

### Saturday, Sept 22th, 2018 5 PM



With the onset of fall and the grape harvest season upon us, we're planning a Saturday afternoon Happy Hour at the Lodge. We'll have some local craft beer and local wine, cheese, sausage, and crackers, and some of the usual bar-type snack food like chips and pretzels. While cleaning up the PVPOA office, we found a karaoke machine sitting in a box, so we'll see about firing that up and see if Peaceful Valley has any Talent ☺ The Cardinals are playing the Giants at 6:15 that night and Mizzou are hosting #3 ranked Georgia Bulldogs with a game time to be announced. We'll plan to have both games on TV.

If you have a favorite beer, wine, or you have the best margarita recipe or other mixed drink recipe in the world that you'd like to share, please bring it, as well as any finger food you'd like to bring.

