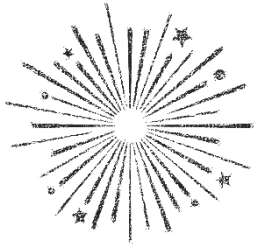




Splash Newsletter, August 2023



Boat Parade winners!

There were 13 boats all together that circled the lake celebrating July 4th. Winners got \$25 gift certificates. They were the Fosses, the

Pellegrins, and the Oldfathers, who all were very patriotic in costume, boat decor and cheer leading July 2, 2023.

All about the August night sky

[From the Almanac](#) – August's first full moon, the **Sturgeon Moon**, reaches its peak the night of Tuesday, August 1. It is called "Sturgeon" because the giant sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain were most readily caught during this part of summer. The name comes from a number of peoples, including Native Americans, Colonial Americans, and Europeans. It's also one of the four [supermoons](#) of 2023.

More Moons: You'll see another full moon this month. Wednesday, August 30, the once-in-a Blue Moon and, at the same time, largest supermoon of the year – 8 percent larger and 16 percent brighter than a normal full moon; and then the dark-of-the-moon in between, August 16.

Perseid Meteor Shower: August is show time for stargazing. The [Perseid meteor shower](#), one of the most prolific "shooting star" shows, reaches its maximum between August 11 and 13. You can still see the Perseids even if they're not at their peak. The shower lasts from about July 23 to August 22. Look for it especially on the 16th during the new moon -- they are best seen on moonless, cloudless nights.

OFFICIAL EVENTS

- **Friday, Aug. 18, 6:00 PM**, monthly association board meeting, Lodge. All are welcome.
- **Monday, Aug. 21, 5:00 PM**, Monthly Public Water Supply District meeting, Lodge.
- **VOTE** on the 2/3rd change to the bylaws: the initiative is to change requirement from 2/3rds of entire membership to 2/3rds of voting membership. The vote will be open until April 2024.

[Click here to vote](#)

<https://secure.electionbuddy.com/m/PVPOA/two-thirds>

Attention boaters and road drivers!

Water Patrol is out, especially on weekends, checking for: underage drivers; Safe Boating Course certification cards on the craft; the 100 foot-from-shore rule; life jackets; speed, around buoys in particular; and PVL stickers and/or numbers on all watercraft.

Security has an eye out on lake road protocols: 20 mph everywhere, all vehicles; underage drivers on ATVs and UTVs (Missouri law is 16 years old and up); helmet wear on ATVs and UTVs (required by MO law if under 18 years old); and reckless handling.



A buoy was damaged from propeller strike in July. Said boater might not have been going slow enough to manage the stern. Odd. Buoys are not slalom markers...

The Emergency Warning siren system



The siren located at the maintenance shed near the upper entrance was apparently struck by lightning (witnesses say it was pretty spectacular!). Three Rivers Electric Coop, Chris Bayless (below left) and Randy Fuller (right) worked last week to bring the emergency alert system back up in plenty of time for foul fall weather. They both were in on the original installation 4 or 5 years ago.



Randy said a new system would have cost \$18,000 at the time. So he was able to pull the package together from two old units donated by the city of Owensville. Three Rivers found a pole for free. Chris Bayless, siren professional maintainer for Owensville, was in on the actual installation. Karl Kloster donated \$3500 for the total cost of installing it.

FYI, “No Wake” means 5 mph or less

Thanks to their efforts back then, the lake had robust weather warning on signal from the local Emergency Management Agency weather watchers.

This time the vintage system cannot be resurrected, even with the 1980s spare parts. Cost for an updated system is prohibitive for now, but people are still working on a solution. In the mean time you can opt in for personal alerts to your cell phone from Gasconade County EMA.

Click this link if you would like to get personal notices — go to <https://www.facebook.com/GasconadeCountyEMA/>

Update from the Water Works

From Mike Garlock, President PWSD #1 Board -- Plans for the new Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) have been completed by our engineering partner, Cochran Engineering. The US Dept of Agriculture (USDA) is reviewing the plans and when they are approved, Cochran will solicit bids. Nothing has moved since last month.



Gardening thoughts

In the Northern Hemisphere, August is the last month of summer and the hottest month of the year. How hot? [See August weather outlook](#).

It is typically harvest time, too. Farmers are uncharacteristically grateful for dry weather so they can get out into fields with heavy equipment. That would especially be true if they got enough rain and cool nights earlier to grow good crops, of course.

Bugs and small critters seem to attack garden plants with more persistence in the fall to prepare for winter. You can keep squirrels and chipmunks away with coffee grounds. Black and red pepper repel many small animals and some bugs (ants). A mix of crushed garlic, water, and dish soap repels Japanese beetles. If it does rain, re-apply.

It is also time for late bloomers like goldenrod, daisies and black-eyed Susans that you may see along byways. They are key butterfly flowers during dry fall days.

One constant is grass throughout the summer, into fall, that might need to be cut – at least before it succumbs to the heat. Botanists say the smell of fresh-cut green grass is actually pheromones plants release when stressed. That said, animals like that smell too – so are equally guilty of reveling in the aroma when the rain falls. If you time it correctly, it's better to leave your grass long for winter – what's above the ground reflects the root system below, meaning good strong roots make happy grass.

Trash again

Please do not use community dumpsters for your personal household daily/weekly trash. You are costing the entire community rather than taking care of yourself.



Flooding and drainage issues from July rains

The board is working to survey and solve water runoff problems throughout the valley. They are seeking professional assistance to place terraces, ditches and curbs since issues uphill are creating damage way downhill from the source.

The one good thing for all the rain is that drainage problems became very obvious and traceable. Expert advice to mitigate the damage should address multiple problems between the sources of run-off and the lake itself.

Organized fun

Join the Wednesday dinner club: There is a PVL group that gets together at 5:30 Wednesdays. The location changes each week. Randy Fuller usually posts on Nextdoor.com Wednesday evening where the club will be the following week. People decide where to meet the next week by drawing out of a "hat." All PVL members are welcome to join the group. While the people are usually the "older" generation and typically don't have little ones, ALL are welcome, including the little ones.

Pickle Ball: Play with the stars at the Owensville Water Park tennis courts! Join the fun Mondays and Wednesdays 5 to 6:30 pm. If enough people from Peaceful Valley appear to play, the games will move to the Lodge tennis court.

Pool Aerobics: Take advantage of exclusive pool time, water exercise to music and great company Mon., Wed., Fri., from 10 to 11 am at the Lodge pool.

PVL Book Club, 4th Tuesdays: The next gathering will be Tuesday, August 29. Meet at 4:30 and discuss by 5:00 pm at the Gazebo or Lodge, depending on weather. The book will be *The Four Winds*, by Kristen Hannah, about a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself, when millions were out of work and even the land seemed to have turned against them. If you wish, bring snacks and beverages. Anyone is welcome, whether you have read the book or not! Email lolle_boettcher@yahoo.com for questions.

From John Kreilick – Plan for Oktoberfest September 30th at the beach and gazebo! It will be as German as he (and gang) can make it, complete with brats, beer, pretzels, potato salad and anything else you want to bring, including oompa music!



Golf Tourney Fundraiser is on!

From Brian Tharp -- We are on the calendar with the Owensville Golf Course for the Peaceful Valley Lake Fall Golf Scramble!

It will begin Saturday, October 7th, between 8:00 and 11:00 am. More information to follow as we move forward. This event will be open to everyone.

Contact Brian for more information.

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From the Martins at the lower entrance – They will be gone south by the end of August. Purple Martin chatter and bug-chasing acrobatics will leave behind eerie silence over that end of the lake. They winter far away in the Amazon Basin, South America. Thank you to whoever put their little hotels up for the summer – another nice legacy from the founding families!

Corrections to July news

The editor spelled Sierra Leone wrong in the Book Club description. The original Portuguese name was Serra Lyoa, translating to "Lion Mountains," describing the mountains surrounding the port, now the capitol, Freetown. The name dates way before the British colony on the African continent was formally declared in 1808. The country itself gained independent in 1961. Government has been in a state of upheaval since 1967 and only regained civilian elections in the early 2000s.