

Splash Newsletter, May 2023



Annual Meeting Summary

For those who could not make it to the get-together April 22nd, following are a few of the highlights

Final vote tallies for the Peaceful Valley Property Association Board of Directors were as follows:

- Julia Baker, current President, 148 votes
- Sherri Durbin, 148 votes
- Brian Tharp, 149 votes

The budget vote, including an increase in dues to \$395 per lot, to cover general inflation for services: Yes, 217 votes; No, 24 votes; Abstentions, 21 votes

The vote for a change in the by-laws/abstract, to allow for 2/3rds of voting members rather than 2/3rds of total association membership, will stay open for a year in order to arrive at a full 2/3rds vote from everyone. [Vote for change in the abstract here.](#)

There was also a discussion and demand vote regarding the new 40 mph speed limit and horsepower limit of 300 for vessels on the lake. Julia explained the reason behind the new limits is driven by insurance requirements and well researched, not an arbitrary decision. When the vote was called, 11 voted to remove the new restrictions and 27 voted to keep them as written.

The security gate project is advancing this year, with concrete work starting in May on the upper entrance. You will see construction for 2-way traffic and a turn around. The area also requires drainage culverts and landscaping. Resurfacing on Peaceful Valley Road will be delayed until early 2024 because heavy equipment will be coming through to build a *new waste water treatment plant. The lower entrance is ready for the next step already. **We still need donations to complete the project**, having committed nearly all collected funds, \$27,000, to advance to this stage.

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OFFICIAL EVENTS

- **Friday, May 19, 6:00 PM**, monthly association board meeting, Lodge. All welcome.
- **Monday, May 22, 5:00 PM**, Monthly Public Water Supply District meeting, Lodge. *(watch for possible change)*

***About that treatment plant,** Public Water Supply District (PWSD) #1, Gasconade County, managing water and sewer systems for the lake, is entering the construction phase for the new wastewater treatment plant.

Mike Garlock, the district Board President, said construction is expected to begin in July. The completion deadline, per the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is the end of 2023. However, if construction needs to continue into early 2024, the PWSD will request a short extension from the DNR.

The plant will be located behind the dam, at the end on the Lake Shore Drive side of the complex. You will see traffic and heavy equipment between the upper entrance and the dam as crews build a new wastewater treatment complex there.

And finally, Karen Hoemeke and Megan Jost (the new board Treasurer) signed people in. Anita Oldfather also helped with registration and was official Election Judge. Cheryl Altemeyer is Auditor. Gary and Ricki Hacker handled logistics for a companionable lunch. Big thank you to them and everyone who pitched in to put all the chairs away at the Lodge.

New Support Staff

Maintenance: Don Gauzy will be joined by Steve Rhyne out and about maintaining community facilities. The Campground opened April 15 already, so they are hard at work keeping infrastructure open and operating there.

Janitorial: Welcome Vicki DeMent, the new Janitorial Worker, whose first task was to clean up the campground facilities after the long winter. She will spend most of her time keeping the Lodge ready for your events through the summer months.

Security: Marie Geisler and Mike Wright will be handling security again this year, using the expanded camera system. You will also see them on watch, driving around and responding to issues. **They could use another person on holiday weekends.** If you are interested in helping out, you will get hourly pay and a fuel allowance. Call the office 573-617-9615 to join the security team on high-traffic weekends.

Pool: Julia Baker is pool facility lead. Marie Geisler manages the staff, Janet Niebruegge, Lori Eden, and Melani Atkinson (new this year), who will be checking you in for fun in the sun. The pool opens the Friday before Memorial Day, May 27, generally noon to 7pm. You may notice the pool cover is already off, but that is for necessary clean-up and maintenance to get ready for the Memorial weekend and the summer season.

PVL Book Club, 4th Tuesdays: The next gathering will be Tuesday May 23, meet at 4:30 and discuss by 5:00 pm at the Lodge. The book will be *Hello Darkness My Old Friend*, by Sanford G. Greenberg. It is a story of a Columbia undergrad who, after losing his eyesight to disease during his junior year, finds the power to break through the darkness and fulfill his vision. If you wish, bring snacks and beverages. Email lolle_boettcher@yahoo.com if you have questions.

And, that's a wrap. Sign up for [delivery to your email every month.](#)
